Rhode Island Intervenes.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

The state of Rhode Island, by direction of its legislature, has directed suit to be brought to prevent enforcement of the national prohibition amendment within that state. As already stated in these columns, we can see no way by which the supreme court can prevent the execution throughout the entire nation of this recent declaration of the will of the people constitutionally expressed. Nevertheless, the points which will presumably be raised by the state of Rhode Island are of great importance and justify serious consideration from the stand-

points of ethics and statesmanship if not of law.

The 18th amendment deprives every state of the union of the exclusive control of a portion of the police power theretofore possessed by each. Rhode Island will presumably claim that the first 10 amendments, by which many rights of the states were intended to be reserved, constituted a sacred pact, which the nation cannot honorably break, or break at all except by superior

force equivalent to conquest. The essential facts are in substance as follows: Desperate as were the conditions of the states of the confederacy, the constitution as submitted by the convention never had a chance of ratification by the necessary nine states without changes, intended effectually to protect the states in respect to various matters which all desired to withhold from federal jurisdiction. When this situation was disclosed it was considered impracticable to recall the convention, but there was concluded something in the nature of a "gentlemen's agreement" among statesmen, in a situation to control, that if the states would ratify the first congress would propose amendments reserving certain rights to the states and more effectively safeguarding individual liberty.

The agreement was kept and the first congress proposed 11 amendments, of which all but one were adopted at the same time and appear as amendments

Rhode Island, by reason of its small size, was afraid to go into the deal lest its big brothers should misuse it. That state did not even send delegates to the convention. It promptly rejected the constitution as offered and did not sign up-and then only by a majority of two-until 1790, when it was apparent that the amendments protective of the states had been or surely would be

We assume that Rhode Island will set up that the first 10 amendments constitute an inviolable pact. A technical defense might be that if it were, Rhode Island had no right to invoke it because she was not a party to it and only came in after the amendments were adopted, thereby accepting the constitution "as is."

Good News From Vailey Falls.

From the Kansas City Star.

The Congregationalists at Valley Falls, Kan., have sold their church. They have no more use for it. The Valley Falls Congregationalists have united with the Methodist. For the past four years the Congregationalists and the Methodists have been walking the straight and narrow path together, and they have found it profitable. But all the time the Congregationalists have kept their church building, perhaps with the lingering suspicion that if the Methodists should show any signs of regretting the union the Congregationalists could go "back home."

The four years' experience, however, has brought the two congregations into one body, and for the life of you it is not possible now to distinguish between a Methodist and a Congregationalist in Valley

For that reason the Congregationalists have decided to "cast aside every weight" that bound them to the old factional life and sell their church building. That means they have burned their bridge behind them. They will dwell in the Methodist fold and pasture with the Methodist flock. "The experiment was such a success," the news dispatch from Valley Falls says, "It was decided to sell the extra church and set an example to other congregations in the hope that all protestant churches in small communities would combine and make one strong organization.'

It is a fine example, too, of Christian grace and religious efficiency that the Methodists and Congregationalists of Valley Falls have set for the churches of small communities. The definite action of the Congregationalists in selling their church building, as a result of the success of the movement, is an eloquent tribute also to the fact that church federation in the small towns is possible, and it is a testimony not to be scorned by the outside world to the fact that there is something in "the faith once delivered to the saints" aside from denominational zeal. While the choir sings;

let other weak and struggling churches in the rural districts come forward and give each other the right hand of fellowship, declaring by that act their intention to lay aside their denominational partisanship and unite to build up one strong church in each community.

wheels are not striped right. Bert has

denied his great gift and engaged in worldly pursuits, but art still calls him.

Pick Cotton, Bolls And All.

By the simple process of picking cot-

ton in the boll, incubating the crop thus gathered, and then extracting the fibre

by machine, the inventor of a new system promises a practical metamorphosis of the whole cotton industry. A \$150,000

plant already has proved the practicabil-ity of the idea. The success of the method rests on the discovery that cotton ma-tures as much as three weeks before the hull opens, and actually deteriorates from

the time the boll first cracks. One machine unit produces one bale an hour, requiring 20 hp. to run, 20 lb. of steam, and

two attendants. Cotton so picked is de-clared to be cleaner, brighter, stronger,

and longer fibered than the staple as

Watching Grass Grow.

From the Christian Science Monitor.

The time has come, apparently, when one can see the grass grow, thanks to Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose, of India; at any rate, Sir Jagadis, the other day, exhibited the growth of a plant to a British audi-

ence gathered in the council chamber of the India office in London, and presuma-bly his invention for transforming that

natural process into a visible and moving spot of light on a screen in a darkened

room would apply as well to the growth of a blade of grass. The crescrograph, as the Indian savant's invention is called.

uses such things as a magnetic lever, and

a static needle, and a small mirror, to such

invention, one can observe what retards the growth and what accelerates it, and

Iceland's Undeveloped Power. From the Christian Science Monitor.

successful effort to initiate a project for

setting the glacial rivers and rapids of

agriculture is expected to profit.

handled at present.

From Popular Mechanics

What Russia Must Do.

And thus he pursues his profitable and useful life in the capital, far from the haunts of his youth. It is only now and then that he is seen to start and look pained. At such times one is sure to see a buggy rolling past which calls for an application of his genius because its wheels are not stringd right. Bert has From the New York World. It is evident from Lloyd George's speech to the house of commons that the allies have adopted toward Russia the same policy that President Wilson adopted to-ward Huerta in Mexico. In explaining that it was impossible to make peace with Russia because of the civil war existing there, the prime minister said that "if the bolshevists want to speak for Russia they can do so by summoning a national

assembly, freely elected."

This is the one thing that the bolshevist dictatorship has manifested no disposition to do. Having destroyed the na-tional assembly, it refuses to permit another to convene. Nobody can deny the right of the Russian people to establish a bolshevist government if they prefer, but if there are to be diplomatic relations between Russia and the rest of the world. there must be conclusive proof that this bolshevist government is the work of the Russian people and that it is responsible to them.

Just a Little Patience.

From the Springfield Republican. Mexico is to have a new president in a year and, whoever the new president may be, he is sure not to be Mr. Carranza. Our government should try hard to worry along with Carranza until his successor arrives in the hope that the next administration will show less suspicion, fear and possibly hatred of this country. It is not impossible that a better atmosphere in Mexico can be created by Carranza's successor and that the relations between the two countries will thereafter improve. Pertness and even defiance to Uncle Sam yields popularity dividends to Mexican politicians, doubtless, as much as twisting the British lion's tail did formark. the United States to our own politicians.
The Mexican people do not love us; they never did. But after Carranza it is possi-ble to hope for better things if our interventionists can meanwhile be restrained.

From the Minneapolis Tribune.

Lambert St. Clair is now a member of the war loan association, but he used to be the best buggy painter in Petersburg.

Ind. He was not an ordinary buggy times foot the plant going on the painter. No indeed! He was not an ordinary buggy er. No indeed! He is still remempainter. No indeed! He is still remem-bered there for painting a honeysuckle on a buggy so natural looking that a hum-ming bird broke his bill on it.

"But where is Petersburg?"
If you look at a man of Indiana you ill see a small dot about 60 miles west of Indianapolis. That is Petersburg, home of 1,700 souls. It had 1,700 of yore, and it has 1,700 today. When the handle factory moved away, the brick yard moved in. Life in Petersburg is always undisturbed. knowledge and financial help, in an un-The town is as well balanced as a dumb bell. At least it is doing as well as could be expected without its prize citizen, Bert, that little country to work generating

the buggy painter.

Bert was loaned to the government by lectricity and providing light, heat and power to make his native land more "liveable." Other Icelanders, it seems, the war. He has written miles of advertising copy for the war loans with rementator points out, the dream is being tising copy for the war loans with rementator points out, the dream is being markable success. It was probably because of him that you bought that extra boud. It is his boast that he has never spent 3 cent to have his pants pressed, and it is his hobby never to buy a cigar. business callers.

ho lifts them all from his friends and to be little likelinoss that its rivers will be utilized.

CYCLONE BLOWS DOWN A VILLAGE IN IOWA



Nashua, lowa, as the cyclone left it.

A cyclone following close on the heels of a recent snow storm al-most completely razed the town of

Nashua, Iowa. No lives were lost, but a number of persons were in-jured and barely a half dozen

houses in the town were left un-scathed. The photos illustrate how thoroughly the wind did its work.

GIANT HEROES OF THE WAR ARE DEMOBILIZED IN SIAM



Troop of elephants disembarking.

Elephants, known as engines of great strength in heavy hauling and lifting, were used to great advantage by the British forces dur- 1

ing the war. They pulled cannon and supplies through roads impassable to motor trucks and horses. These big brutes were shipped from East Africa and

Siam to France. Recently those who survived the war were shipped back home and demobilized just as the horses and dogs and other mute heroes have been.

WILL DIVE FOR TREASURE WITH NEW ARMOR DIVING SUIT



Diver John F. Turner in new suit, and Turner being lowered into the water.

A newly invented diving suit of armo., in which Diver John F. Turner of Philadelphia recently set a world's record by going down 360 feet into the ocean, is to be used to recover \$30,000,000 worth of gold bullion sunk during the war. The suit was invented by Charles H. Jackson, a colored mechanic of Cleveland. Being constructed of

metal it relieves the pressure against the body and, consequent-ly, the air pressure. Turner made the record depth near Graves Light, near Boston.

Insures Hen for \$5,000.

From the Portland Oregonian. It isn't every hen that can carry around a \$5,000 life insurance policy, but that is

must be insured for \$5,000. Not Shown Yet.

From the Milwaukee Journal.

Congress met last spring and Mr. Lentonthe hens at the recent poultry show.

This hen is a White Leghorn, owned by Doctor Tancred, of Kent, Wash. She set a world's record for production by laying 300 eggs in 365 days, ended September 16. This is about four times the production of the average hen, so her value in the poultry world can easily be seen.

Her owner consented to allow her to be placed on exhibition by one of the poultry good thing the world did not come to an feed companies, but stipulated that she leads to the majority in congress. It's a good thing the world did not come to an mah: I don't even know her."

Not For Him.

"Here's just the thing for your new mansion." said the art dealer. "Daubleigh's famous canvas, The Portrait of a Lady."

"How much is it wuth?" asked the man who had recently grown rich in the off fields.

"Only \$100,000."

"What! A hundred thousand backs, Tos the picture of a lady! Great Christophes man: I don't even know her." From the Milwaukee Journal

end last Wednesday. The president's burden of responsibility is great enough without that.

THE LARGEST LAKE.

From the Christian Science Monitor. In these days of demand for increased supplies of wheat, how many people know that one of the most important factors in produc-ing that supply is the largest body of fresh water in existence? This of fresh water in existence? This lake contains no fish, has no steam-ships floating on its surface, and has never been seen, for it is en-tirely underground. In many local-ities the first 100 feet of earth con-tain enough water to make a lake over the entire area 17 feet deep, or about seven years' rainfall. By capillary attraction, or by long roots, plants draw on this reservoir, reducing the level by only a few inches, which is restored during the rainy season. The importance of conserving this supply of water is evident, as the indiscriminate driv-ing of railroad cuts, ditches, and wells, through the water bearing area, results in draining the pre-clous contents of this invaluable supply. So much is this the case, indeed, that the state of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigas, and the Dakotas have already found a serious reduction in the level of the underground water, due to these causes, with a consequent diminution in the crop production, and legislation is being enacted to prevent this continuing.

Government Spending.

From the New York Sun.

If any ordinary citizen were asked how much a young unmarried woman in good health and spirits ought to have to spend on amusements he might says as much on amusements he might says as much as she could get, or that he had no notion about it. A government mathematician, or a corps of them, does better. In the "Tentative Quantity and Cost Budget Necessary to Maintain a Single Woman in the Clerical Service of the Government in Washington in Health and Decency," emited by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor, the sum is fixed at a figure between 38 cents and 39 cents a rigure between 33 cents and 39 cents a week. In the crude precincts of unofficial life a rough and ready thinker might have said, "Well, make it 40 cents." This would not do in a public document. These grave publications seek half the awe their authors hope to inspire in the fact that authors hope to inspire in the fact that they never deal in round numbers. Fractions and decimals betoken their thoroughgoing quality.

Our single woman in the clerical service is to eat luncheon outside her boarding house 313 days a year, at 25 cents a day; her clothing is to cost not \$240, nor yet \$241, but exactly \$240.15 annually. Her contribution to "religious organization," contribution to "religious organization," is set at 10 cents a week, which is ridiculously low, as every woman interested in church work knows, and "labor organizations," whatever that may mean, are to get 20 cents a year less. For 600 rides to and from work at a nickel a ride \$30 is set aside and 14 other rides at the same unit price are allowed. Ten dollars a year must cover "tollet supplies;" what does perfume cost on ounce in Washington?
We don't know whether the amusement

We don't know whether the amusement allowance of between 38 and 39 cents a week or the odd 15 cents in the allowweek of the odd is cents in the allow-ance for dress in this survey is more im-pressive of thoroughness and system in its compilation. How much did Uncle Sam take from his sweating taxpayers to get it up and to publish and distribute it?

Beating Them to It. From Blighty, London

"Why don't you marry me?" "Because I don't love you."
"Why need that matter? We'd simply have a five year start on half the people

A Casualty. From the Baltimore American.

"Do you notice the distressed look on that man's face? He was gassed."

"Was he gassed fighting on the front in

No; he was listening to a congressional debate on the peace treaty. Hard Work. From the Houstoin Post.
"Philip, I think you married me for

"Well, dear, I believe I earned it, don't Division of Talent. From the New York Post.
Friend-How long did it take you to
write your new book?
Author-I completed it in just 23 daysbut the ad writer worked six months on

the selling campaign for it. Had a Seagoing Look. From the Youngstown Telegram. Gerty Giddigad called the new maid and

said tartly: "If you don't improve, Marie, I shall have to dispense with your services." "But I do my best," Marie insisted. "Yesterday afternoon you insulted a friend of mine."

"Why, I never even—"
"When Uriah Umson called for me with his golf outfit he said you slammed the in his face." 'Was that a golf bag he had?"

"I'm sorry, miss, but I thought he was an umbrella mender."

Conflicting Accounts.

From the Boston franscript. Little Helen-Mama, the minister told me today that God gave me to you. Mother-Well, He did, my dear. Helen-Then somebody isn't telling the truth. I heard auntie telling Mrs. Brown

that the court gave me to you.

Yes, the Check! One evening Miss Muffet, alone in a Bought drinks that she never could pay Along came A. Snider and sat down beside her-Now guess what she allowed him to stay

-From Cartoons Magazine.

Senators Hear From Home. From the New York World. The American people are beginning to take a hand in the treaty controversy. That is the explanation of the change that has suddenly come over the Senate.

"Extravagant Christmas buying has spread to all classes," says London. In attempting to account for the unprecedented shopping fever, storekeepers have attributed it to everything from postwar extravagance to the increased number of overseas friendships.

The Trouble.

From the Dallas News. It has just about gotten so in this country that more people would rather monkey with a buzzsaw than operate a bucksaw.

Accomplished.

From Blighty, London,
Professor of Languages (to hostess who
has been extelling her daughtes's linguistic accomplishments)—I suppose she
doesn't speak Esperanto?
Hostess—Ob, yes, she does—just like a