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Columbus, Ohio, boasts of a man who sleeps but sixteen hours out of the 168 in a week.

It used to be that the chief difficulty for the courts in passing upon a divorce case was who was to get the children and who should support them.

The doubt expressed by the allies is not because of any unbelief in the claim that it is a "made in Germany" revolution.

The junk business ought to be pretty good around the capitals of Germany and Austria.

It's rather difficult for a person to change his habits after they once get fixed.

There is now talk of arresting Hindenburg and bringing him to trial before some allied court.

Old customs are not so hard to break as it might seem on first thought.

It used to be that the man who received a salary had the idea that he was just a little bit larger toad in the puddle than the man who got wages.

RENEWALS

The subscriptions of those who became subscribers with the first issue of The Commoner, and have renewed at the close of each year expire with the January (1919) issue.

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Secretary McAdoo says that one-billion a year will pay the interest on the national debt, even if it is increased from sixteen and one-half billions to nearly twenty-five before we return to normal conditions.

In like manner Great Britain, France, Italy, and even Germany, can reduce the burden of their war debts, and at the same time increase the physical strength, the mental energy and the moral welfare of their people.

Wall street, says a Washington dispatch, is looking for a lively and long discussion in congress this winter over the question of continued government operation or ownership of railroads.

The baseball leagues are again poking their heads out of the greensward, and we are informed that we will again have a chance to witness real baseball games next year.

Our offhand opinion is that those eminent gentlemen who are contending that the surest guarantee of a permanent peace lies in a scheme of preparedness for war that embraces universal military training and compulsory military service will not call Germany and France to the stand as the first witnesses in support of their case.

Massachusetts has adopted the initiative and referendum, a device for lodging in the hands of the people the right to initiate or disapprove of legislation.

There is really no need for any committee of the senate to go to France so that it may be available for giving advice in the making of the treaty of peace.

OUT WHERE THE WEST BEGINS

Out where the handclasp's a little stronger, Out where the smile dwells a little longer, That's were the west begins.

NATION GOES BONE DRY ON JULY 1, 1919

A Washington, D. C., dispatch, dated Nov. 20, says: The United States will be bone dry after June 30 next until the termination of demobilization of America's fighting forces is proclaimed by the President of the United States.

This tremendous victory for prohibition of the liquor traffic was accomplished late yesterday when President Wilson signed the food production stimulation bill containing the Jones nationwide prohibition rider.

The effect of the law is as follows: After May 1, 1919, until the conclusion of the present war and thereafter until the termination of demobilization, the date of which shall be determined and proclaimed by the President of the United States, no grain, cereals, fruits, or other products shall be used in the manufacture or production of beer, wine, or other intoxicating malt or vinous liquor for beverage purposes.

After June 30, 1919, until the conclusion of the present war and thereafter until the termination of demobilization, the date of which shall be determined and proclaimed by the President of the United States, no beer, wine, or other intoxicating malt or vinous liquor shall be sold for beverage purposes except for export.

The provision further directs: The commissioner of internal revenue is hereby authorized and directed to prescribe rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the secretary of the treasury, in regard to the manufacture and sale of distilled spirits and removal of distilled spirits held in bond as of June 30, 1919, until this act shall cease to operate.

After the approval of this act no distilled, malt, vinous or other intoxicating liquors shall be imported into the United States during the continuance of the present war and period of demobilization except wines, which may be imported until May 1, 1919, provided that this provision against importation shall not apply to shipments enroute to the United States at the time of the passage of this act.

Reluctant as we may be to admit the fact the result of the election in November indicates very clearly that the republicans don't know how to take a joke.

Colonel Roosevelt, taking him by and large, is a man of considerable influence, and he certainly can combine words and phrases, but no newspaper seemed to have been able to have landed him a position as correspondent with the Wilson peace party.

THE LOST RETURNED



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