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WATERWAYS LOOKING BETTER.

Congressman Sears has proposed a drainage district to include in its boundaries the area between the Alleghanies and the Rockies, to be administered as a unit in applying federal development of waterways. Here is a really constructive proposal, not so much for the reason as set out, that the rivers of the interior have been neglected because of lack of political influence, as for the greater reason that other demands have seemed more urgent.

Coastal harbors have been given the greater attention, because the coastwise shipping of the United States has been developed while the shipping on the river decayed. Before the war the coastwise commerce of the United States was fully equal to the overseas trade, and it was carried exclusively by American vessels. Such an important branch of the carrying trade could not be neglected, and, as the cry of "pork barrel" rose higher, the money set apart for. river and harbor improvement dwindled, until there was scarcely enough available to care for the coastal harbors and nothing for the rivers.

Railroads have reaped a rich harvest because the rivers have not been improved, but even the railroad men now admit the need of the service that can be had from the great systems of which the Mississippi river is the main stem. Organizing a great drainage district, as is suggested by Congressman Sears, should have the effect of bringing to bear on the general topic the force of a systematically arranged program. Work on the rivers will no longer be piecemeal, but every step that is taken will be part of a well considered whole, the end of which will provide a co-ordinated service of river transporta-

The president favors this in his message. It is not to be brought about all at once, but little by little, until in the future the whole will have been achieved, and at no great cost to the country, cheap in fact when compared to its service. The Sears plan will aid in carrying out the Coolidge idea.

THE HUMAN EQUATION. .

The recent disaster on the New York Central calls renewed attention to the human equation in the railroad problem. Millions spent on safety devices and block signals, and men drilled for years in safety first, but despite all these devices the failure of the human equation at the critical time results in the death of many and the wounding of more. Automatic signals may be errorless, safety devices may work without fail, but men will go to sleep, will grow careless, will forget. The insensate machine may work perfectly, but the human mathine is prone to fail at critical moments.

It would seem that the great railroads of the

DEBTS AND NATIONAL HONOR. Coming along with the announcement that the

United States will permit American experts to sit in on the economic inquiry that is to be made into German affairs is the equally important news that Secretary Mellon intends to urge that France make some gesture in the direction of paying the debt it From the Salt Lake Tribune: owes the United States. This has been one of the little issues that has cropped up in the popular mind every time a new turn on the screw has been made by the French in their occupancy of the Ruhr.

President Coolidge explicitly explains that the presence of the American experts on the inquiry commission will be entirely unofficial. Their action does not bind the United States government to any course of action. What is sought, however, and earnestly, is some way whereby German conditions can be stabilized. The restoration of industry and commerce, the ordinary life of the nation, demands that some steps be taken, first, to find out exactly what conditions are, and then to determine the nature of the remedy and apply it until a cure has been effected. It is admitted that Germany can not recover without some outside help; the disposition of the German people to help themselves will be admitted, even if the way they take does not meet the approval of everybody. But they will not recover until some of the bonds that now hold them back are released.

As to the French debt, it should be kept in mind always that it has no relation whatever to the situation in Germany. Money was loaned to the republic of France, by the United States, not on the uncertain security of any prospect France might have of collecting indemnity from Germany, but on the security of the honor of France. We should not lose sight of this pertinent fact, nor do we believe that France has forgotten it. Poincare, shrewd and energetic politician, has kept to the foreground the implication that America's bill would necessarily have to await any settlement that might be made with Germany.

On the other hand, the government at Washington has steadily held to the opposite view. No matter what the adjustment between France and Germany may be, our claim is just, is past due, and it is highly desirable that some attention be paid to it at Paris. Terms that were acceptable to England are offered all who are indebted to this country, and a movement in the direction of settlement might not be disapproved by any. There never was any support here for the proposal that all debts be proportionately scaled, or that any be forgiven. Payment of these enormous sums of money may not forever prevent war, but the course proposed will certainly tend to postpone conflict, for no nation can fight long without money, and a bankrupt has difficulty in getting means wherewith to carry on profligacy.

Several hundred students of a Michigan high school went out on strike because one of their number had been suspended. According to the press reports they finally "consented" to resume their studies pending arbitration. It is to be hoped that the arbitration board took the shape of a well applied bedslat.

Charges that the Grand Island football players were pepped up by hootch to win a game may remind some of the old timers of the remark Lincoln is said to have dropped when told that Grant drank whisky.

"One Hundred Liquor Cases" was a headline cal- despair of any human inventor of culated to arouse great interest until a reading of destructive agents. the article below disclosed that they were not cases The American public has, of course,

"From State and Nation" -Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Better Pastures.

fourth as much as harvested crops.

ture.'

How many are to suffer the same fate in the convict camps of other southern states before they, too, are A committee appointed by the Amerforced to take remedial action is ican Society of Agronomy is seeking equally problematical. A bill to abol

practicable means for the conserva-tion and improvement of the pastures ish peonage was killed in the Ala Sutton, Neb .- To the Editor of The bama legislature; other states in which which feed more than half of the cat-tle and other farm animals of the and other farm animals of the the custom of renting out prisoners dates back half a century have not Omaha Bee: The International bridge over the Niagara gorge is lit up by electricity. The cost to the center of the bridge on the American side is area in crops in the United States is even considered the question of reform voted to the production of feed for

Yet the situation in Florida was livestock, the proportion varying in different sections from 91 per cent not unique. What happened to Martin Tabert there might happen to in New England to 51 per cent in the west south central states. It appears other lads in Alabama and states adjacent, probably has happened often. that since all the forage consur one year would feed about 50,000,000 Against this probability the states concerned weigh the income derived from adult cattle or their equivalent, and the abuse and decide to take a chance. since there are more than twice that Must there be a Tabert case for every number in the country, it follows that convict leasing law before they are over one-half of their feed was fur-nished by pasturage. It is estimated all repealed? that pasturage costs only about one

Tax Relief of the Rich. From the Washington Star

'The neglect of tame pastures and the abuse of natural wild pastures a disgrace to American agriculstances where the plan has been atthe committee reports. "Only tacked upon its merits alone, base the fact grass will stand an almost that attack upon the argument that incredible amount of abuse has pre vented its utter destruction. Relethe grazier, ignored by the investiga-

tor, the permanent pastures still furnish at least one-third of the feed consumed by domestic animals. 'Better of American agricultural progress." by everybody. The outlined investigation pro-Some seven and a half million inides for the preparation of maps of comes of individuals or corporations will be affected by the proposed tax

the grasslands, both natural and ar tificial; studies of pasture plants, soils eduction. Of these more than seven and the effects of grazing; production meat, wool, etc., to the unit area; period and rate of grazing; fertilizers; troublesome and poisonous plants; animal and insect pests, and economic and social problems. The proposed investigations would be carried out on farms of from 150 to 300 acres, lo

have heretofore been much neglected, due to lack of funds to do the work.

Health as a Problem. From the New York Sun and Globe: investment in stocks, bonds, etc. The Milbank Memorial fund has an the Mellon plan proposes to do di-rectly for the man or woman of modounced its intention to spend \$2,000. 00 on what is probably the greatest of all human problems. It will study sickness and death in "three typical communities." In Cattaraugus coun-ty, in the city of Syracuse, and proberate income-the millions ardently desirous of a lightening of the tax urden which they bear. t propose to do with the blg incomes? proposes to reduce the rates, but ably in a New York city tenement section the agents of the fund will try to discover which diseases are most easily preventable and what the cost of prevention is likely to be. The investigation will necessarily take the which left a convenient loophole form of an effort to improve actua. through which the rich might evade health statistics by actual work for paying big taxes through the simple For instance, an infant mor-

tality rate of 50 per 1,000 is one contemplated goal. The dramatic and fundamental aspects of such a crusade obviously are not apparent to the average citizen. they were the study of the war disease would not be left for en-

couragement to the accident of pri-vate benefactions. Yet the importance of such a struggle is plain. We maintained fighting soldiers in Europe for 16 months. Yet the total deaths from battle causes among them were exempt cover. influenza, etc., show a capacity for devastation that might justly be the

lealth.

If

vernmental expenditure on sanita-

tion, good water and purer milk are evidences of a genuine concern with a recognized problem. But the Mil-bank enterprise, like the Rockefeller

Foundation activities, shows how un-

to do toward solving it.

attention.

nam

less than \$400,000.

omprehensive has been our effort.

been satisfied to wrestle with individ-

for field work and study in 1922 was

This is all understandable enough

The comprehensive survey and the general principles are not naturally attractive dist to humanity in the

mass. For this reason the existence

of the millionaire with his occasional

ability to do as an individual what

the race has difficulty in doing is

Daily Prayer

to die unto sin, and to live unto right-eousness. Comfort the disconsolate, cheer the saddened, bring friends to the friendless, teach the ignorant, give

visions to trembling faith, set the star of hope in the overhanging clouds,

and hurry the forces of truth towards

the consummation of Thy Kingdom We can trust all to Thee. As ou

Shepherd, lead us today. As ou King, defend us from the energies

that watch for our souls. As our priest, teach us the will of God for

overshadow our pathway with Thy merciful providence, and let each one

Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ ou

our salvation. O God, our Father

ual aspects of preventable disease as these have pressed themselves to our

The federal appropriation

Lumber company, it is probable intelligible

that the story of the North Dakota boy and the influence of his death as peon in a Florida lumber camp came At the same time a good many men

peon in a Florida lumber camp came to a fairly definite close. Since Tabert was arrested for stealing a ride on a freight train and flogged to death by an overseer in February, 1922, a change of heart and of legislation has come about in Florida. The con-vict leasing has been ended in the state and corporal punishment in prison camps is prohibited by law.

state and corporal punishment in prison camps is prohibited by law. Under the pressure of public opinion Florida has cleared herself of the peonage evil.

How many victims went down to two years and nine months since that

watt hour at Toronto, while the New Yorker pays 8 cents. Power costs the The opponents of Secretary Mellon's manufacturer in New York from \$47 tax reduction plan, in those rare in and up, while just across the line in Ontario the cost is \$18 per annum. There are 350 cities and 100 rural communities served by the public

expression on matters of

Cheap Water Power.

it proposes to relieve the rich of owned super-power plant of Ontario, their just share of the cost of gov- and is the largest in the world. When and is the largest in the world. When gated to land too rough to till, ernment. If it does, of course, it the outstanding bonds are paid for, neglected by the farmer, abused by has not, and should not have, the the cost will be reduced still more smallest chance to be enacted into and the lines extended until every up this way: Noting that the demo-law. If it does not, then some other city, factory and farm can have elecfault must be pointed out, or it should tricity at cost. and will, as far as its own merits are Remember this: That the more

difference in price?

and will, as lar as its own ments are united the cheaper the urrent can be supplied, because the load factor will be raised to a maximum

The United States has almost unlimited possibilities in the production million are incomes ranging from of this cheap power, but must not one to twenty-five thousand annually, be allowed to be turned over to with of course, the smaller incomes private corporations. Already in the great majority. The single are busy, quietly gathering this great man or woman with an income of public heritage, that will fasten upon \$2,000 who today pays \$40 in federal the people a tribute in high public investigations would be carried out on farms of from 150 to 300 acres, lo⁵ cated in the principal grazing areas of the country. In view of the enorm-ous importance of pastures, there is need for liberal appropriations to conduct the necessary investigations. have heretofore been much neglected

What does

still, enclose a small donation, This is a brief indication of what the league is fighting for the public's dered ice cream .- Everybody's Maga-A. G. GROH.

Center Shots

Poincare insists that the outside to increase the revenue paid in to the He might argue with more effect if up, an'-treasury, as Secretary Mellon, wise in he could induce France to recipro- Mrs.-Hm! Yes, judging from your to increase the revenue paid in to the treasury, as Secretary Mellon, wise in the relationship of politics to national economics, has taken pains to point of the outside world.—Detroit Free

It should be made clear in connec-tion with the Hiram Johnson boom expedient of investing in tax-exempt that the extinct volcano recently ofbonds rather than industrial enterfered Americans is in Bolivia, not prise, has failed as a revenue pro- California -- New York Tribune."

ducer, as children are today aware. Secretary Mellon, to meet this truth. Germany, in abandoning the Ruhr recommends a reduction upon the tax to escape the clutches of France, apon big incomes to a point where taxpears to be in the situation of the boy exempt securities may not seem so who freed himself from the school much more attractive than industrial master's grip on his collar by sliding enterprise for capital investment. The out of his shirt. But the boy seemed plan contemplates getting capital back very ill at ease there in front of the into industrial use and taxing it all whole school like that .- Kansas City it will stand before running to tax- Star.

six diseases in this country during a single year. Pneumonia alone is tak-ing an annual toll of 120,000, and tuberculosis, cancer, Bright's disease, influenza, etc., show a capacity for devastation that mich instruction that mich instruction that mich is directly and tradination that mich is the single year.

benefits directly and indirectly by the reduction of taxes on big incomes is to kill?" asked the city chap of the not likely to be stampeded by any flapdoodle proclaiming that this is a proposition to shift the load from the farmer: "you have only to "Widows' weeds," replied the

"The People's Voice" Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are The Rock Rapids Review opines that the Tom Mix costume worn by Vernon C. Hague, who wants to sucinvited to use this cotumn freely for ceed Senator Brookhart, would adver tise Iowa quite as well as Brookhart's

overalls.

tax

sine.

masn't heard of it.

The Knoxville Journal says it is useless to try to excite the country over the league of nations. "That issue is as dead as a last year's bird's nest," declares the Journal.

Where the Tall Corn

Grows

\$43 per annum. That on the Cana-dian side to the middle costs \$8 a The Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune has year. Both sides derive their power for the development of electricity no love for Doc Cook, but does won der why he was singled out from from Niagara Falls. Then why the among an army of fake stock promo ters and relentlessly prosecuted. Ontario's supply is furnished at Pilot-Tribune says a lot of Iowans could furnish Uncle Sam with the cost by the government owned and and operated hydro-electric plant. On names of bunco-steerers who have bilked Iowa pockets out of millions. our side we have private ownership, which must have a profit. Moreover, the Canadians pay 2.1 cents per kilo-

The Marshalltown Times-Republican asserts that the quickest way to get into the political spotlight is to 'flay somebody."

The Hampton Chronicle .says Jo Anderson is acting very much like a man who is getting ready to run for governor.

pledge to reduce taxes 50 per cent

Ice Cream Feed.

And every mother's son of them or

means that they hope so. Pop'lar The Dubuque Globe-Journal sizes it movements die young. (Copyright, 1923.)

SANTA IS COMING.

has just won a campaign for a new law, the Globe-Journal savs Say, little man, with cheeks so red! "That's the way a democrat fulfills What is it to you Santa has said? a promise to cut taxes-addition in-Did he ask if you were your mother's stead of subtractions." joy.

The Story City Herald admits there Or sometimes, if you were a bad little boy?

may be a way of working out a Did he ask if you tried to help scheme to increase railroad wages and scheme to increase railroad wages and decrease freight rates, but to date it Or if you ran out and played all day?

Soon Santa is coming, and when in your house, You kiddles are sleeping as still as a

mouse:

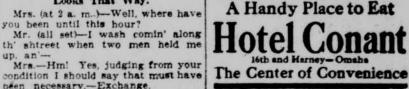
He slips down the chimney, with his pack full of toys, And he'll leave some for you, if you

are good little boys. -E. J. D.

There Is Hope.

Every time one begins to despair of the destiny of this republic along comes news like this item from Philadelphia announcing that a movie fan has been fined \$13.50 for reading subtitles aloud .- Detroit News.

Looks That Way. Mrs. (at 2 a. m.)-Well, where have ou been until this hour? Mr. (all set)-I wash comin' along



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I have deposited \$500 with my attorneys, Beveridge & Spittler, City National Bank Building, which is ordered payable to the first person who can successfully solve this puzzle in three days, starting December 12 and ending December 15. 1923. A successful solution submitted later will not be considered. The puzzle is worth a large sum of money to advertisers. In case of a tie, each tying contestant receives the same.



Abe Martin

IT IS SWEET

REMEMBERED

The Omaha Morning Bee: Thursday, December 13, 1923-

country have about reached the limit of safety appliances. But of what avail is a block signal if it is not seen, or if seen not obeyed? The American craze for speed, the almost insane desire to get elsewhere from somewhere in the shortest possible time, nine times out of ten without adequate reason, is more directly responsible for railroad accidents than any other one cause. It tests the human equation beyond the limit of human ability. In this particular disaster the engineer of the train that plowed into the rear of the train ahead was a man of more than a quarter century's experience.

In response to the insistent demand for more speed, and still more speed, he was compelled to run too fast and too close to the train ahead. When the section ahead was forced to stop there was no time to send a flagman back a sufficient distance with flag and fuzee, and a dense fog obscured the signals. The mechanical devices worked perfectly, but the human element failed when the test came. It will probably always be so. And the danger is intensified every day by a growing speed mania that must be satisfied, and without any particular reason save a growing desire to get from one place to another in the shortest possible time. Not because time is valuable, but because of a foolish desire to annihilate distance that does not mean a thing worth while when the desire is accomplished.

It would not be detrimental to business or pleasure if the American people calmed their nerves a little bit and suppressed their passion for senseless and often destructive speed. It is far better to take e little more time and get there all in one piece.

BILLY PINKERTON IS DEAD.

"The eye is closed!" William A. Pinkerton has succumbed to the fate that waits for all of us, and sleeps with his father, the great Allan, who first gave to the name its terror for evildoers. "W. N. S." will still shine over the entrance to headquarters, but the guiding spirit of the service is gone. His disciples will carry on, for he trained men to work in the ways he found effective, and under his tutelage others have become adept in the finding out of the secret things men do and try to conceal.

William A. Pinkerton knew as many newspaper men as any circus advance agent that ever went over the road. He was always good for a story, not often the one the reporters most wanted to get, but one that was worth printing. Mr. Pinkerton also knew most of the bankers of the country, and nearly all of the worth-while criminals. He personally paid very little attention to the small fry of the underword, but he was intensely interested in the big boys. These got from him a high tribute; he studied them, analyzed their methods, and became acquainted with all their little peculiarities, until he could tell, when a crime was described to him in detail, just about which one of the notables had a part in its planning and its execution.

One of Billy Pinkerton's pet theories was that no man is wholly bad. He believed that in everyone is some spark of good, and that it might be sought out and fanned into a purging and redeeming flame. In this characteristic of the man his friends found much to admire, for he practiced it steadily, and used it as a guiding principle in the carrying on of his great business. Many a former criminal, as well as many who are not reformed, will feel sorry when they learn of the death of the man who befriended them as often as he pursued them.

of liquor.

There are no more slips twixt the cup and the lip than there are between recommendations for economy in public expenditures and actual economy therein.

Palms from the French academy have been awarded three French clowns. But, then, they haven't as many politicians in France as we have here.

Presumably the next time "my dear Buff" throws an affinity's letters into the furnace he will be mighty careful to see that there is a good fire going.

Over in England they throw bricks at candidates. Then English men and women come over here and throw rocks at us, first making us pay for the rocks.

Frank W. Stearnes is the personal manager of the Coolidge campaign. But it will not be that kind of a chase for the nomination.

Governor Bryan complains that he lacks power. Now who'n thunder has been monkeying with the gubernatorial aerodynamics?

It is easy enough to understand why Europeans are eager to get to America, after one reviews what is going on over there.

Horrible suspicion. Is the Klan backed by cotton manufacturers hopeful of an increased demand for nightgown materials?

There are eight women in the British house of commons. Of course there is no gag rule in the before it was abolished nobody knows.

A Chicago opera singer fainted from effects of her zeal. Usually it is the audience that needs relief.

No Nobel peace prize this year, and just look what they are doing down in Mexico!

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-**Robert Worthington Davie**

MORE LAWS ARE NEEDLESS.

We do not need more laws to cure the ills that often show Because there are too few to form these laws who really

The hardships they will bring to them who ever for ward go.

And time will come when legislation shall the laws re vise.

And now and then repeal an act the people all despise, Which has been passed by men who had no vision in their eyes.

And let us not too quickly force impulses into aught. But wait until the subject has been wholly gleaned by thought-

Unless we'll go-as we have gone-regretting measures wrought.

And let us not confuse statesmen with others seeking fame

Upon the strength .. politics, devoid of nobler alm-Unless we wish to come at length to misery and shame

considerable attention and derich to the poor. voted not a little money to the imthou' and they wilt."-The Lyre. The matter of holding a good job provement of health. Our constant

or improving a poor one or finding a job at all is all wrapped up in the in-dustrial prosperity of the nation, and the nation knows it. The industrial intention of keeping good.—London prosperity of the nation is in a great Opinion measure, dependent upon the ability

It's a good thing a few of us keep of industry to attract capital where-We have never spent much money that it may carry on and expand, and walking: otherwise we'd have no money to lend to some of our friends the question of what we could afford the nation knows it. The Mellon plan who are struggling with the celebrated to do toward solving it. is purposed to enable industry in _____ the thrive so that men and women in Journal. We have America may set and hold good jobs,

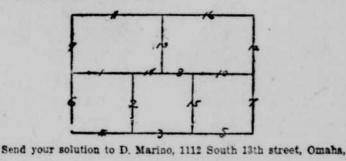
America may get and noid good bosh and so that when once they have ob-tained those jobs they may pay less to the federal treasury of the money local infection. That isn't nearly as bad as some names we've heard it That is the truth. The ultimate fate called -- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

of the Mellon plan will depend upon bringing that truth home to the peo-Workers who are opening the tomb e, and then permitting them to de-de whether or not they want the enefit entailed more than anything more than the workers who tucked at may stand in the way of their him in got -Toledo Blade.

There have been discovered in Call-What We Don't Know. sometimes a matter for comfort if not for rejoicing. But Convict Leasing Continues. From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: With the payment of \$20,000 to the family of Martin Tabert by the Put-nam. Lumber company. It is probable. fornia skeletons of a race that had long faces-probably lived in the times when there were no tourists to sell out to and move east.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The plan drawn represents the foundation of a five-room house. every wall of every room therein having a door, making sixteen doors in all.

To solve the puzzle you must rewrite the plan and with a pencil or pen, draw a line showing passage through each room, and every door by using each door one time only. It makes no difference at what point you start, inside or outside the lines. You can recross your track and enter any room as many times as necessary but you can only pass through each door one time. Each number repre sents a door. A picture of the first person who solves this puzzle will be published in each Omaha paper.





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of us bear some part in the advance-ment of the Redeemer's glorious Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December, 1923. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public.

Lord. Amen. W. J. McMILLAN, D.D., Balumore, Md.

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according to the same authority. There may have been good reasons why the Wilson administration could reduce the debt more rapidly than its Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.-I successor, and anyhow that is water gone under the bridge. The question O Lord, our Lord, Creator, preserver the debt? now is, How rapidly are we reducing the debt? This is fundamental to and bountiful benefactor of men, in Whom we live and move and have our being, we adore Thee for Thy loving kindness and tender mercles. With shame in our hearts we confess be-fore Thee our hearts we confess beshame in our hearts we confess be-fore Thee.our many sins. Our lives \$4,000,000,000. The interest on some footsteps have wandered from the pathway of rectitude. Our Father, look upon us in mercy, and do Thou be pleased to have pity upon us in our sins. Look upon Thy Son, Who died for us, and do Thou for His sake

been too zealous or careful in giving the public intelligent figures about government costs; both might very well co-operate in reform. accept us as righteous before Thee. Grant that our sins may not only be blotted out of the book of Thy re-NET AVERAGE membrance, but that by the power of the Holy Ghost we may be enabled CIRCULATION

staining it.

ntelligible way. Mr. Mellon talks about a surplus.