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REPORT IT OUT, MR. GREEN.

Now that western men are coming to the front as chairmen of important committees in congress, their field of usefulness is vastly widening. The national capital is far removed from the center of the country, and it is not always that the needs of the middlewest are seen as clearly from that distance as are the needs of the eastern seashore.

Representative William R. Green of Council Bluffs, as chairman of the ways and means committee of the lower house of congress, occupies a commanding position. With his knowledge of the condition of the farmers of this section, his power as chairman of this great committee can be used to bring immediate relief to the grain growers that is so urgently needed.

If business conditions in the middlewest are to be mended, it should be now, and not after every other matter under the sun is brought up for congressional debate. The first step toward rehabilitation of the agricultural west is to increase the protective tariff on wheat. A measure to this effect is now in the hands of Representative Green's committee. It should be advanced for consideration before the revenue bill is brought out, or it stands in grave danger of being lost in the confusion.

If the west is getting into the saddle in Washington, its representatives should spare neither whip nor spur nor bridle bit to speed and guide the emergency legislation that is so sorely needed. The farmers are entitled to the same protection that the manufacturers have, and they look to their representatives to secure it for them.

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SUNSHINE AND SAILSTAD.

Truth has ever been stranger than fiction, and if we need any more proof of this than already has been offered, all that is needed is to review the Sailstad case at Eau Claire. It contains all the elements of sensationalism, melodrama, and muddling, and the least possible indication of shrewdness shown by any recent crime of outstanding character.

What really is interesting is the presence of a man who had come to some degree of success as a manufacturer and business man. He had to have a little capacity of foresight, some business prudence, to get along as well as he did, and certainly some business standing to get \$80,000 in life insurance. Had he sought to defraud his creditors, to desert his wife and children, to elope with a cabaret singer, he might have done so with something of immunity from criminal prosecution. It is done frequently enough, with only the sacrifice of a good name, of all that has been accumulated by years of honest effort.

Some men are willing to pay that price for the privilege of running off with a cabaret singer, even if they do find out later that the price has been too high. This man was not only willing to pay the usual price, but he had an ambition apparently to do something original. So he trimmed his immoral conduct with the crime of grave robbing and arson, exhuming the body of a friend and giving it to the flames in a fire he had set hoping the remains might be mistaken for his, and the insurance companies be defrauded out of \$80,000, of which he would get no benefit.

He would start life anew with his "sunshine girl," and they would together brave all the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. Now he sits in a prison cell, while the world smiles if it does not actually laugh at the futility of his hectic crime. Friends are trying to secure for him such consideration as will mitigate his punishment, and may get him off easily. The most condign fate that could overtake him would be to so clear up his mind that he might see himself as others see him.

NEW WAR, NEW NAMES.

Again we hear the old familiar sound from south of the Rio Grande. Gone are the names we once learned to pronounce; Zapata, Carranza, Villa, all these and others have passed, and we must take up a study of Spanish anew. For the latest revolution has brought forward another crop of generals and the like, and our tongues will have to accustom themselves to other twists. In time we will learn to say the names of Martinez, Calles, Sanchez, Matus, and the like, but with them comes also a fresh lot of towns, such as Coatotlan, Mazatlan, Perote or Esperanza. The latter suggests, but only that, the universal language, knowledge of which will be of slight service to anyone who is unlucky enough to be caught there just now.

One reason for this is that most of the wearers of the good old names we knew so well are dead and therefore largely disinclined to taking part in any further elections in Mexico. The towns that once were loot-worthy have not as yet recovered to the point where it is worth while to direct an army against them, consequently the course of the present revolt will follow paths that did not bear the tread of marching bare feet in the glorious decade that followed 1912.

Only a mildly academic interest is felt in the proceedings so far, it is presidential year in Mexico, and as Woodrow Wilson put it, the people down there should be allowed to pick their own rulers in their own way. So long as the revolution does not splash across the Rio Grande, it may run its course. Should the armies get to maneuvering again on American soil, Mr. Coolidge will at least say "Tut, tut!" to them.

President Coolidge's habit of remaining silent until he has something to say would result in welcome relief to American ears if acquired by a lot of politicians now claiming public attention.

The management of the "Better Homes" campaign should hasten to make it known that it does not mean bigger homes. It requires considerably more than a house to make a home.

But will Magnus Johnson be able to qualify as an expert milker until after he has connected himself with the public treasury through the general appropriations bill?

More than an automobile weck and a split lip will be needed to keep Clemenceau from talking.

PATH FOR RUSSIA PLAIN.

Georges Tchitcherin, the engaging foreign representative of the soviet government of Russia, says he made the position of his government clear at the Genoa conference. A ready retort to this is that President Coolidge made the position of the American government clear in his message to congress. Between the two positions there is no chance for compromise. Here is what the president says:

"Our government offers no objection to the carrying on of commerce by our citizens with the people of Russia. Our government does not propose, however, to enter into relations with another regime which refuses to recognize the sanctity of international obligations. I do not propose to barter away for the privilege of trade any of the cherished rights of humanity. I do not propose to make merchandise of any American principles. These rights and principles must go wherever the sanctions of our government go.

"But while the favor of America is not for sale, I am willing to make very large concessions for the purpose of rescuing the people of Russia. Already encouraging evidences of returning to the ancient ways of society can be detected. But more are needed. Whenever there appears any disposition to compensate our citizens who were despoiled, and to recognize that debt contracted with our government, not by the czar, but by the new formed republic of Russia whenever the active spirit of enmity to our institutions is abated; whenever there appear works of penitence; our country ought to be the first to go to the moral and economic rescue of Russia. We have every desire to help and none to injure. We hope the time is near at hand when we can act."

M. Tchitcherin should study this language well, and get its full meaning. He presented his case at Genoa much as he presented it on other occasions, and as he presents it now, and received the same answer. It is not trade the soviet seeks, but condemnation of the most abhorrent crimes, a slaughter of innocents, the destruction of property, and a violent attack on all existent forms of government. The soviet was not content with seizing power in Russia, it sought and still seeks to seize power in every country until the entire world is sovietized.

Tchitcherin singles out certain great corporations in the United States, in his reference to property claims against the soviet, hoping that his words will appeal to the millions of Americans who are opposed to the giant industrial and financial concerns involved. He forgets that in America the right to own property, for a man to hold and enjoy the fruits of his own work and industry, accumulated through frugality and thrift, is sacred and will be maintained.

He forgets that in this land the little man and the big stand on an equal footing before the law. When he talks of taking up severely and in detail the claims against Russia, he is beating the wind, for he knows that any settlement made will be on the merits of each case, but only after the great principle is recognized and made operative.

Americans are not concerned as to what form of government the Russian people adopt for themselves; what is asked of them is that they pay their honest debts; not the debts contracted by the czar, but in the name of the Russian people, but the government that overthrew the czar, and further that property belonging to American citizens can not be seized in Russia for public purposes without compensation. When such an understanding is reached, the rest of the way will be easily covered.

As to the hint from Tchitcherin that Americans may note a warning in the British elections, he will do well to watch proceedings over here, and note how little disposition there is to follow the red flag to black ruin. People of the United States know how active the soviet agents have been in this land, and Tchitcherin ought to know how little progress they have made towards achieving their mission. Despite the Fosters, the Ruthenbergs, the Dunns, and others, the government under the constitution of the United States is as safe as ever it was, for it is in the hands of the people, who are accustomed to the blessings of liberty, and who know how to protect and preserve their freedom.

In view of the fact that only 20 Ford-for-president boomers could be rallied to the colors at the Detroit meeting, after much vociferation and considerable publicity, it is doubly to understand why Mr. Ford discouraged it. Doubtless Henry knew.

It will be pretty generally agreed that Christmas day spent in solitary consideration of the evils of automobile speeding is calculated to impress those evils upon the mind of the individual speeder.

"Why Live in Salt Lake" is the title of a department in the Salt Lake Tribune. We've been reading it for several weeks and haven't found out why yet.

If the republican party will kindly start the campaign by committing hari-kari, the democratic leaders will feel deeply obliged.

A scientist asserts that a blond has 90 miles of hair. Evidently there is a man who did not go to sleep at the switch.

Our idea of a real optimist is the man who can crank his car these frosty mornings and keep smiling.

Anybody can see who is putting the bloc in blockade in the senate.

Another batch of speeders will be safe for a few days. They are in jail.

Santa Claus is also a tough old bird who will take a lot of killing.

Don't worry; Santa Claus can travel on wheels.

Homespun Verse - By Omaha's Own Poet - Robert Worthington Davis

THERE'S A CHICKEN IN THE CELLAR.

There's a chicken in the cellar! I can hear him cackle low— Poor, despondent little feller! And I wonder does he know— Does he in the least suspect me? Is he of his fate aware? If he was it would defeat me 'Til I'd tremble with despair. Little creature! Is he thinking Of the country, wide and free, As last night when he was thinking Optics dubiously at me? Is he dreaming? Need I wonder If a soulless chicken can? If he cannot, why in thunder Is the power given man? Gentle rooster! Glad I feed him, Thinking of tomorrow's feast. Is it right that I mislead him? And not worry in the least? And I wonder strangely, sadly— But his chance looks very slim. For tomorrow I will gladly Help the others gobble him

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column for the expression of their views on matters of public interest.

A Club That Builds.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I want to take this opportunity to take exception to the article in the "People's Voice" signed by "Citizen of the Tenth Ward."

We of the Tenth Ward Improvement club are all taxpayers and owners of property in the Tenth ward. Our meetings are held at the Henry W. Yates school the first Wednesday of each month, and we extend to all citizens of the Tenth ward, and to the Tenth ward to come to our meetings, and if the club is not run in the right manner, as was stated by the chronic kicker who attacks the club to help us, and club to meet the approval of the people at large.

As to the personnel of the club, we have as our members some of the most respected citizens in Omaha, and as to getting our names in the paper we do not hesitate at any time to sign our name to any article or resolution we are back of. Come, Mr. "Citizen of the Tenth Ward," sign your name, be a man and stand back of your views.

The club was organized last June and is going to exist, for the sole purpose of securing the necessary improvements in this ward and to cooperate with other improvement clubs to secure such improvements or legislation as will benefit the community as a whole. The club has secured through the good will of J. B. Hummel, superintendent of parks and boulevards, some much needed improvements in Gifford park, such as a new sidewalk on the needed last summer, and have now a tract laid out for skating purposes, and as soon as the weather permits we will be working on a second tract in the city.

The club went on record as endorsing the attitude of The Omaha Bee in reference to the proposed laws on automobile drivers, and we are now working in connection with other improvement clubs to make the mass meeting, to be held at the city hall Monday evening, a success. This meeting is for the purpose of signing a petition to cur the reckless or drunken drivers and speeding maniacs, and as all our members do not own an automobile we have families that we are going to protect to the utmost.

The writer has for the past 18 years held a position of trust with one of the largest concerns in the city and has driven to and from work each day in a motor car. He has had many intoxications. We have a good many members driving their cars, and I can say as much for them.

H. S. MORRISSEY, Secretary Tenth Ward Improvement Club.

Twelve-Hour Day.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have been reading the article published in your issue regarding the working conditions of the watchmen on the Union Pacific working 12 hours per day week in and out. The writer says that R. J. Rogers of Council Bluffs hit the nail on the head. I for one know a number of the watchmen on the Union Pacific and know of the condition under which they are working. The article was by E. F. Wintersteen, watchman of the U. P. Pacific. I want to take issue with it. Mr. Wintersteen wants to make a hit with his foreman let him do it in his own way. The article was so full of lies as he has written saying that his co-workers are satisfied with such conditions as staying away from their homes for 14 hours per day and eat mother and the kiddies sit at home by themselves.

Such men as Mr. Wintersteen are to be pitied not censured, when he will stand up in defense of such working conditions. He is a man who goes out to public ridicule for forgetting that he is an American and not only stand up for a violation of the ruling of the United States labor board but also make himself disliked by his fellow man.

Mr. Wintersteen also comes out with the statement that no man can win a promotion if he is afraid to work a few hours over time. I would like to say it is not the overtime worked by an employe that gets him promotion but the faithful discharge of the duties of his job. Now let all men forget the article written by Mr. Wintersteen, as he does not mean what he says and if he would only come out in the open and tell his foreman the truth about it. I do not like the 12-hour day. If we will all know that Mr. Wintersteen, for once in his life told the truth.

Mr. Wintersteen also states in his article that a man is not satisfied with his position let him quit. Does he mean that a man is not satisfied with his position because you do not like your working conditions fill the mouth? He also asks Mrs. Rogers to get in touch with the true facts. I think that this lady had all the facts in one hand when she wrote that article. But now Mr. Editor, all this does not help the Union Pacific watchmen, and all that can be published will not help in any way; these men are doomed to work 12 hours per day or lay down their working tools and go home. Yes, Mr. Editor, the Pacific Railroad company, as you always do. A BUM WRITER.

Waterpower Possibilities.

Sutton, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Gen. Guy E. Tripp, chairman of the Westinghouse Electric Power company, speaks of a super-hydro project, and says that the entire country and supplied with electricity generated by water power.

Daily Prayer

And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came into the synagogue, and sat down to read the prayer for Sunday morning. Our Father: The day brings with it joy and gladness, opportunity and privilege. He Thou sharer of our joys; help us to see the opportunities, inspire us to magnify our privileges. Thou art the center and circumference of life. The sun gives no light, the sky has no star, the landscape has no beauty, the flower has no fashion nor fragrance—without Thee. Thou our Sun, be Thou our Morning Star, be Thou the Lily of the Valley—the chiefest of ten thousand. Speak to us by whatever voice Thou canst reach us; only speak to us. Give us no joy to make us forget Thee, no sorrow to make us curse Thee, no tears to blind our eyes to Thee. Come to us by whatever voice Thou deemest best; only come to us. Give us that sweetest of experiences, the sense of fellowship with Thee. It is the consummate glory of our faith, the answer to our heart's desire. Push back the protruding world, hush its clamor, silence its call—and give us a gracious peace in this Thy holy day. Carry us to the mount of vision, may we see Thy face. And as we return to the struggling life, may the glow of the Unseen be all about us, that the world may see, even though we know it not. With gratitude we come to Thee with joy in a fervent heart, we greet Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Amen. REV. W. H. DEWEY, D. D., Pastor.

"From State and Nation"

—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

A Great Paper.

From The Oconomowoc (Wisc.) Record. Believing that the tax reduction and bonus legislation cannot go hand in hand, the president candidly states that he opposes the bonus. We, with many others, disagree with this position, yet we are among those who have been always satisfied in the thought that in the long run, America is not a country to forget its soldier and American, in the long run, will give the veterans of the late war what is their due. For the present, it occurs to us, we can afford to wait, though the present congress may take the position that the soldiers are not only entitled to this fair measure of public gratitude, but that they are entitled to it now.

As a whole, the message is a great paper and fully accords with the other sound and advanced positions which Calvin Coolidge has taken on every important matter with which he has had to deal during his public career. The people of the country are large and the republican party, may well give heed to the eminently wise and worth while recommendations of the message of the president to congress.

His Unnecessary Excitement.

From The New York Times. Friends of economy of attention must regret that Hiram Johnson and Chairman Adams, in competing eruptions to divide their time, on the same day produce a glut of vibration. Still, it is Mr. Hull's business to recite republican atrocities, and Mr. Johnson is a hardy perennial denouncer. But why does he deem it necessary to show so much indignation over the republicanism of Johnson? The course of the committee was dictated by supposed political necessity. If it is a retrograde step so far as the reform of southern representation is concerned, it scarcely becomes the great regressive to job it.

Besides, his outcry is absurd. As Chairman Adams, in competing eruption with the two nonusers, says, under the new apportionment the solid south will gain only nine delegates, whereas the states republican has thrown himself upon the bosom of the "rank and file." The republican national committee offers him a larger field and hope; more delegates to get more votes of the people ordering his nomination. He should rejoice, not weep.

Is there just a flicker of a smile on Frank Hitchcock's face as he reads the resounding words of his chief? Mr. Hitchcock is an experienced traveler in the south, a snapper-up of unconsidered brass. He has been nervous for a long time. Who can recall without emotion his famous letter of despair last June? Yet nothing is to be desired under the leadership of Hiram and the auspices of Hitchcock.

Sound Advice.

From The Gothenburg (Neb.) Independent. A complete reading of President Coolidge's message to congress ought to convince every American that it is one of the ablest ever put before the people. One of the points he makes is particularly worth noting. Every citizen of this nation has a high regard for living, while he is indulging in the best there is to be had of everything. In addition to what the president says on this point, we add: If a man can't afford an automobile he should use the old buggy or go horseback. If he cannot afford a \$40 suit of clothes he should wear one costing \$15. If he cannot afford when he needs, he should eat corn bread. If he cannot afford grape fruit, he should eat prunes. If he cannot afford a shave he should let his beard grow, as it's cold enough for whiskers anyway.

Rational Control.

From The Kansas City Drivers Telegram. The American Farm Bureau federation, the only real organization the farmers of America ever have had, has been saved for constructive work and work by the rational men of the organization. Hysterical economists and emotional philosophers who have been seeking to secure control of the national organization for purely selfish purposes have been denied that control and have been turned from their purpose by the rational, unselfish and constructive forces of the American Farm Bureau federation.

Heaven knows that the American Farm Bureau federation has had its trials and tribulations, and yet it has survived shock after shock and gets more strength of purpose constantly. None but an organization of great vitality could have stood up under the shock that came with the breakdown of the United Grain Growers, Inc. No organization ever had a more pretentious program forced on it by men of visionary ideals or by masters of sophistry. And yet the American

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JUST RECEIVED TWO CAR LOADS MESH BAGS EMPIDIUM

We reckon there never was a time when holdin' th' mirror up to nature was overworked as it is today. Of all th' publicity experts a long-nosed, unappreciated woman takes th' cake. (Copyright, 1923.)

Which Direction? Our admiration of the daring of the aviator who is going to fly across the north pole is matched only by our puzzlement over how he will know after he gets there, in which direction to fly south in order to reach his destination.—Portland Oregonian.

Gold. "Was your husband cool when the burglar broke in the other night?" asked Mrs. Featherby. "Cool?" replied Mrs. Apple. "Why he shivered all over."—Exchange.

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