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#### COURAGE AND TWO FACED PARTISANS.

Courage is a fine thing in Washington these days. Attorney General Daugherty is possessed of a real brand of it. He has refused to be a passive party to a lynching bee. He flatly declines to leave the cabinet of the president until after he has had a hearing. In taking this stand he merits public approval. What sort of spectacle would the chief law officer of the nation present, were he tamely to submit to a proceeding that is the very negation of all law?

If the senators who are demanding the retirement of Mr. Daugherty know of any good reason for forcing him out of the cabinet, they should bring it forth. Senator Borah rests his demand on the fact that Mr. Daugherty is the personal friend of McLean, Doheny and Sinclair. This is perhaps true, but such friendship does not imply moral turpitude. If all the friends in Washington of these three men are to be crucified because of such friendship, then the senate will have a long and busy season before it. Nor is it possible to tell who will be hit, if that is to be made the measure of condemnation.

Mr. Daugherty merely asks what is the right of any American citizen, that he be heard before he is sentenced and executed. Senators who have been conducting the lynching proceedings are not willing to concede this.

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William Gibbs McAdoo, while the rest are waiting, continues to afford additional reasons for recalling him to the stand. He admits that his firm took a big fee from the Republic Iron and Steel company of Youngstown, O. In this the point involved affected the amount of taxes the company would be liable for under the law. The only service Mr. McAdoo or his firm could render the steel concern would be to relieve it of some part of the tax levied against it by the government.

The former secretary of the treasury was then engaged in a business which the present secretary of the treasury forbids. He was a late government official, using the knowledge he had gained while in the service of the public against what the department considers to be public interest.

Does anyone think that it was because of Mr. McAdoo's pre-eminence as a lawyer that he was given such lucrative employment as he admits? Of

drop was not due to an accident. It was intentional and voluntary on his part. In fact, he had been trained to such work, and knew exactly what to do and how to go about it. He might have doubled his drop, and allowed 16 seconds to elapse before opening his safety device. He was five minutes reaching solid ground. This would have given him plenty of time, had he cared to extend the experiment.

What he thought about after he had counted eight seconds and then pulled the string will probably never be told. We may safely assume he did not review his past life, nor indulge in any vain regrets. Maybe he mentally paid his respects to the air service, for including such stunts in its daily life. Or, he may have contemplated the pleasure he would have in later days of boasting about his feat.

This experiment proves nothing, except that such drops may be safely taken under proper conditions. Otherwise, the debate may proceed.

#### CHOOSE OUR IMMIGRANTS.

A new bloc reared its head in congress the other day. Twenty-two democratic representatives from the state of New York declared their intention to unitedly oppose the immigration bill fathered by Johnson of South Dakota. This group assumes to speak in the name of the foreign-born residents of the United States, not all of whom are citizens.

Reasons for restricting immigration are many. Long before the war this subject was before congress on many occasions, and in divers forms. Chiefly it appeared in the contest over what came to be known as the literacy test. This bill, vetoed twice by Taft and once by Wilson, came to be a law. Exigencies of the war forced the adoption of more stringent restrictive rules, and even these are to be amended.

Only self-defense is involved. Our country soon would be swamped were all the millions seeking to escape from harrassed and bedeviled Europe admitted. We could not accommodate them, nor provide for them in any reasonable way. Certain mistaken interests favor removal of all restrictions. Such a course would provide an unlimited supply of raw and to some extent skilled labor. The effect of this is most obvious. Others want to relieve the situation by admitting more immigrants for various reasons, none of them sufficiently sound or important to outweigh the reasons for holding down the number admitted.

America is no longer the land of unlimited opportunity it was half a century ago. It has its problems, not so extensive, but comparable to those of Europe. Unemployment, housing, food distribution, and other elements that prevail in the old world we now have to solve. Their settlement requires that the number of foreigners admitted be limited to the capacity of society for absorbing them.

The new bloc in congress will be heard from, no The new bloc in congress will be heard from, no doubt, but whether it will be more than a note of protest is to be developed. The immigration ques-tion should be settled by those who are concerned with America.

### GENTLE SPRING AND ITS PROBLEMS.

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." After he has been out a few seasons as the second in command of a well set up family, he finds other things to rest his fancy on. At this time of year the seasoned householder is doing a lot of thinking or planning.

As he watches the sun swing around farther and farther into the north, he realizes that each rising and snow. and setting thereof is bringing him that much closer the hospital, so called, where the sick to certain perennial duties. About this time of year were stretched on the bare ground he is making a list of them. Examination of the screens for doors and windows shows that nothing happened during the winter. He will bave to get some mending done or do it himself. Some of the jobs are too much for home work and will have to be let out. Need for certain repairs about the walks and the house, that did not look so bad last fall, has been emphasized by a long and rigorous winter. Vines and bushes need trimming. Certain shrubs and plants will have to be reset or removed. Grass seed and fertilizer are on the list. The bird bath needs a little attention. So it grows. Each evening, as he smokes and doses after dinner, he recalls to mind some additional item that calls for personal care. The schedule is finally so full that his leisure moments are all accounted for. On top of this all, the garden must be planned. This is a latter consideration, for the other matters must be looked after long before the spading for garden beds begins. In the spring the seasoned home owner has a lot of things on his mind beside love.



## By EDWIN G. PINKHAM.

# Congress Neglects Army for Politics

If you speak of eloquence, Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina is by far the greatest orator; but if you speak of solid information and sound judgment, Colonel Washington is unquestionably the greatest man on the floor. -Patrick Henry on the First Continental Congress.

A character of virtues, so happily tempered by one another and so wholly unalloyed by any vices, as that of Washington, is hardly to be found on the pages of history.-Charles James Fox.

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and the same congress that in panic

during the Jersey retreat had given Washington dictatorial powers to raise troops to save Philadelphia, now HE black winter of Valley Forge perhaps marked the lowest ebb of America's declining fortunes. The in-

toga in command. But we must have no misconcep-tions about the weight or influence of capacity of congress had eft the army destitute. Congress, in its jealousy, had enacted that the tions about the weight of inductive business was done again. Some service ongress. It was not now, if it ever ing in freight rates. <sup>1</sup> had been, a representative body. Many of its members, and by far the tor La Follette, Senate Bill 1899 pro-tor La Follette, Senate Bill 1899 prosuchasing and other subordinate gencies in the commissary and quarermaster departments should report irectly to the house over the heads ablest, were absent from its delibera-tions. Some were on diplomatic mis-poses that by cost of service is meant constitution of the service is meant constitution of the service is meant constitution of the service is meant to constitute of the service of t tions. Some were on diplomatic mis-of their chiefs. This order demoral-ized those departments, drove out the competent chiefs, who refused to take responsibility under such loose meth-were more taken up with the battles of their chiefs. This order demoral-tions. Some were on diplomatic mis-poses that by cost of service is mean operating expense, plus actual capi-tal stock. Capital stock is interest on bonds, plus fair dividends for vested. It would make a rate level in responsibility under such loose meth-ods, and resulted in the complete breakdown of the transport and sup-ply. While Washington's soldiers were starving and going in rags, civilian congressmen were squabbling over re-ports they did not understand, and ra-tions and clothing stood abandoned neglect it, or to undo what wiser heads had done.

in December Washington reported In December Washington reported that there was not a single hoof of any kind to slaughter, and not more than 25 barrels of flour in his camp. than 25 barrels of flour in his camp. than 25 barrels of nour in his camp. than 25 barrels of nour in his camp. that bar a few years unless the stock of the average railway can be sold at par. This is because railroads are constantly requiring new capital and must get it partly by sale of stock. than 25 barrels of flour in his camp, Soaked wheat and sugar, and a soup thickened with bread became a diet, in the story perhaps it would feed it if com-manded by another. And here comes but "fire-cake" was the principal ar-ticle of food—a kind of dough baked in embers. Hear this outburst of a pious chaplain: "Fire-cake and water for dinner! Fire-cake and water for dinner! Fire-cake and water for brakfast! Fire-cake and water for him, and he was on the eve of supper! May the Lord send that our commissary for purchases may live on fire-cake and water". An officer, inquiring what the men were cooking by his submission to her authority in the story of the penking his may arited in the story of the penking his moth-those days he had wanted to join the supper! May the Lord send that our by his submission to her authority we at the men were cooking by his submission to her authority in the story of the penking his may arited in the story of the penking his moth-those days he had wanted to join his ship when ther protestations prevailed. He gave in protestations prevailed in the rate of the submission to her authority in the story more table. The coake and water in the story of the penking his submission to her authority we are autored the penking his submission to her authority we are autored allow and the men were cooking by his submission to her authority we autored that the penking his submission to her authority we are autored allow and the protestations prevailed. He gave in the story more table is the penking his submission to her authority we are submission to her authority we are autored allow and the protestations prevailed. He gave in the story more table is the penking his submission to her authority we are autored allow and the penking his author and the penking his author are authority we are autored allow and the penking his author are autored allow and the penking his author are autored allow and the penking his author are authority and the penking his author are authority and the was and the penk

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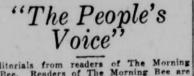
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br shoes, made of raw mdes. The men sat up all night around ires; to lie down without blankets ires; to lie down without "You were always to obey your suwas to freeze. "The whole army," reported General Wayne, "is sick and crawling with vermin." In their and tore the resignation up. (Copyright, Kansas City Star.)

weakened state men returned as ef fective were scarcely strong enoug o mount guard. Their feet, with strips of blankets, left bloo Nominate Republican tains on the frozen ridges of mu Even in this condition hey were better off than those in

ithout covering.

Nominate a Republican. From the Beatrice Express



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

## Saving in Freight Rates.

Omaha Bee: The Interstate Com-merce commission has sent a mass of after cold and stormy days Omaha Bee: The Interstate Com-merce commission has sent a mass of statistics relating to freight rates and revenues of the railroads to Senator Smith, Democrat, from South Caro-mittee on interstate commerce. Sen-ator Smith asked the commission to prepare figures showing the effect of reductions of 331-3 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively, in freight rates on products of agriculture car-ried by the railroads. ried by the railroads. In the data the net railway operat ing for return of spring. Yearning for that wondrous music

ing income of Class I railroads for 1923 was estimated at \$989,747,000. when the reel begins to sing. This statement shows that, for the year ended September 30, 1923, the estimated revenue from grain, flour meal and hay, other products of agri

meal and nay, other producty, eggs, but-culture, livestock, poultry, eggs, but-ter and cheese and wool, of first-class railroads was \$888,085,000; that 331-3 per cent, or one-third of that revenue, would be \$296,028,000, and that 20 per cent, or one-fifth, reduction in freight rates would be \$177,617,000; or, in the western district, one-third of the reve-And the golden sunlight gleaming from a sky of brightest blue intrigued to put the victor of Sara-toga in command. But the victor of Sara-toga in command.

tion in freight rates would amount to \$100,000,000 if the same amount of business was done again. Some sav. That, I'll soon hear choicest music when the reel begins to sing.

Through the woods, across the meadows, through the open places wide, Breathing health and hope unbounded from the joys on evry side. All forgot the hours of waiting while old Winter's icy hands Held the lakes and winding rivers in his cruel frozen bands; And I get the joy of living out beneath the azure sky While the winds with healing laden fan my brow while passing by. Then I bend my head to listen till the soft winds to me bring

That first thrill of sweetest music when the reel begins to sing.

The Bossie case is not of any particular interest to us. To date we have failed utterly to get all het up have

ap his cherished plan, and, gratified by his submission to her authority he gave him the penknife with the dmonition, "Always obey your su-eriors." Washington always carried the nife and had often related to his enerals the circumstances under the came is conversing.

Nor are we much given to sym pathizing with a man who deliberate-ly makes a star-spangled monkey of

sked: "How about your penkife, general?" "What has that to do with it?" son railroad investors are withdrawhimself, as many men are prone to do through a deliberate misunder-standing of what the word "love" ing their investments and railway means. stocks are falling lower and lower

You were ordered to com-sarmy. You have not been railroad lawyers. Mr. Bossie's expressed concern for 'the little woman" who seems to have twice interfered between Bossie ered to lay that command down." Which plan is preferred by the pay-'You are right." said Washington, ers of freight, La Follette's "cost of and his legally wedded wives does not service" rates) or Senator Smith's idea, one-third reduction or one-fifth stir any emotions in our more or less

reduction in freight rates? J. C. CROSS. ago even if he was unable to feel any Saving a Fishing Resort.

South Bend, Neb.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Members of the Izaak Walton league and other or-ganizations interested in saving our his fast disappearing fish and game will



er and mother, and when convicted of SONG OF THE REEL.

ev'ry nerve of me; And I'm restless, O, so restless, walt-and beliefs, we insist that the whole unsavory mess smacks of everything but romance.

The courts will be called upon to the storms of whirling snows: Looking out through frosted win-dows on each sultry blast that blows; Longing for the far-flung places where the sunlight gally gleams On the rippling silver surface of the fav'rite lakes and streams. And the golden sunlight gleaming Weary all the days of waiting through settle the sordid matter. And real plaints when compelled to sit upon

This talk about large fees for lawland sweetest messages now bring at I'll soon hear choicest music retained us to write for him a ban quet address. The fee proffered and accepted was \$5. Less than two years ago that same man became en-meshed in legal troubles and he paid a lawyer \$25,000 for something like three months of more or less desulory work-and went to the donjon keep under sentence of the court. Based on proportion, we think that man still owes us about \$7.495. At least the banquet speech we wrote for him did not land him in jall.

An Omaha man is working on wireless device that will ring a bell in his wife's sewing basket every time he loses a button off his gar-

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WILL M. MAUPIN



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course, he should look after his family. Any rightminded man will do that. But did the corporations who sought his advice and assistance do so because they thought he was a good lawyer, or because they knew he had inside knowledge of treasury workings?

Was the promised \$1,000,000 Doheny fee offered because of the international experience of Mr. Mc-Adoo, or because he was related to the president of the United States? Was it because many of the department heads before whom he was to appear were his own appointees? Some of these questions will press for attention until the committee recalls Mr. McAdoo and gives him a chance to fully explain his position. Giving out interviews and statements from the safe retreat he now occupies on the Califormia coast will not suffice.

Another really interesting phase of the matter is that those who are barking so loudly along the trail of the attorney general are avoiding the broader scent. Enemies of Daugherty are the friends of Mc-Adoo. These are not so much concerned to purify the office of attorney general as they are to embarrass the president of the United States. The public is coming to see this point very plainly.

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So far the oil trail has led directly to two former members of the cabinet-Albert Bacon Fall and William Gibbs McAdoo. One of these has retired behind the constitution for temporary protection. He will in good season have his day in court. The other has been whitewashed by his friends. Condemned by his own admissions, he is seeking the democratic nomination for president. He still presents sufficient reason for being questioned by the senators, and ought to be.

Special counsel has been secured by the government, the president's appointments of Messrs. Pomerene and Roberts having been confirmed by the senate. These have been provided with a fund of \$100,000 to carry on the case in the name of the people of the United States. Under these conditions, it is no matter who is attorney general. The job is not in his hands. It is a great deal of concern, though, whether men in public or private life are to be lynched without hearing. This is what happened in the case of Edwin Denby. Justice has nothing to do with such proceedings. It is time the twofaced partisans are called to account and exposed. They damn Daugherty on rumors. They defend Mc-Adoo in the face of his admissions.

#### DROPPING AND THINKING.

What does a man think about when he falls? Or is he too frightened to think? The old joke that it is not the fall that hurts, but the stopping, is accompanied by a belief, founded on what no one knows, that by the time anyone has fallen 1,000 feet he becomes unconscious. That he never knows when he hits bottom. Evidence on this point is not easy to get. As a rule the one who has fallen 1,000 feet seldom says much after landing.

A soldier who jumped out of an airplane down in Texas and floated more than 21,000 feet down to earth by means of a parachute, tells the most connected story on the subject yet recorded. He says he fell for a little more than 1,000 feet before his parachute was opened, and that he was conscious all the time. As he fell he deliberately counted the seconds, and when eight had elapsed he pulled the string, and the parachute promptly responded. The rest of the trip was uneventful.

This soldier, of course, was not frightened. His

One thing Senator Walsh can not squelch by saying it is a liar is the Congressional Record. Some passages from that estimable publication are decidedly against his present contention.

About the best prohibition joke yet comes from Sioux City. Up in the town the enforcement officer proposes to stop quips from vaudeville actors re-flecting on Mr. Volstead's law.

Magnus Johnson's assault on the press gallery seems to have produced results. His name figures very lightly in the news from Washington.

He laughs best who laughs last, but it is probably just as well that the democrats had theirs first, for otherwise they would have had none.

French and Germans are listening to General Dawes, whether or not they take his advice.

Claude Bossie only broke half a dozen laws. No wonder he is amazed at the fuss.

Slate makers are busy right now. The breakers are ahead.

Homespun Verse

**Robert Worthington Davie** 

THOUGHTS THAT COME IN WINTER-TIME.

That bring us sighs

There's buds and bees

'Tis times like these

And butterflies;-

There's placid lakes

When man forsakes

Cold and forgets.

There's green below

As whispers ring

And all-you know-

'Tis sunshine bright

And dreamy night

'Tis summer's call

That gives us all

And budding spray,

That make us gay :--

The bliss of dreams.

To woods and streams

There's winds that blow

There's birds that sing,

That comes with Spring.

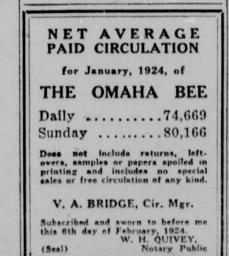
And blossoming.

Sincere and low:-

And violets

BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE THERES NO PLACE LIKE HIME 

Ther may really be some way t reduce taxes, but we'll bet it's good an' rusty. Ike Bentley has traded his tractor is on a sedan. (Copyright, 1924.)



While the army thus suffered and Senator Norris, with George Washington was reporting that "un characteristic demagoguery, is get-ess some great and capital change" ting to be quite a devil chaser. He

ting to be quite a devil chaser. He was some great and capital change" thing to be quite a devil chaser. He was some states and capital change" ting to be quite a devil chaser. He was some states and the management of supply the entire force would be wiped out, the congressional exiles from Philadeiphia were clamoring for him to recapture that city so they could go back and be in comfort. Washington replied to the importunities, sometimes with patience, sometimes with sternness and sometimes with disdain. He was now well aware that a cabal existed in congress that sought his overthrow. These detractors were busy undermining his reputation, misrepresenting his motives, belittling his achievements. Even the tation, misrepresenting his motives, belitting his achievements. Even the love and loyalty his officers and men had for him was turned to the ac-count of the conspirators, and was called "idolatry" and "adulation" for which the country would have to pay. Greene, Knox, Hamilton, Sullivan-all those generals nearest to Washing Greene, Knox, Hamilton, Sullivann-were denounced by this clique congress as sycophants, braggarts, destructive critic, his heart beating warmer for the bolsheviki than for the folks at home. He gives the forces of discontent the benefit of his

Gates' victory in the north where surgovne had been forced, through Vashington's own dispositions, to sur render in the preceding October, had given the cabal the handle it wanted;

Abe Martin

admen, drunkards.

eloquence and his moral and ma-terial assistance. No man has been a soviet by this country than he Yet, so far as his services to Ne braska are concerned, the sum is al most valueless. He cannot help the folks at home for the reason that his attitude toward public questions is so radical that he is unable to find sym

pathetic support from the construc-tive elements in congress. He is Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets neither a republican nor a democrat, but a queer hybrid political entity Get at the Cause and that has no classification. It is high time that republicans in Nebraska nominate and elect a republican sen-ator. One who will go to Washing-

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the sub-stitute for calomel, act gently on the on representing republican prin-iples and policies and who will not stitute for calomel, act gently on the bowels and positively do the work. People afflicted with bad breath find adopt a dog in the manger policy when constructive legislation is being

adopt a dog in the manger policy when constructive legislation is being considered. Such a man is Charles Sloan. He is sane, sympathetic, con-structive, has a real knowledge of the conditions that exist in Nebraska and a sensible idea as to how best serve the good of the people of the state. It is hetter to send an able optimist to the United States senate from this state than it is to delegate a bellyache to this important branch of the na-tional legislative assembly. griping cathartics are derived from Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets without grip-

to this important branch of the national legislative assembly.

ng, pain or any disagreeable effects Dr. F. M. Edwards discovered Inconsistent Woman. Women are peculiar. For instance, man's wife will tell him that she instance in the most worthless man by and yet when new day rolls

considers him the most worthless han alive. And yet, when pay day rolls around she will, as usual, wonder why the company doesn't pay him more money.—Transmitter.

**GRIPPY COLDS** 

During the period following colds, coughs, grippe, influenza or other prostrating illness, when your body is weakened, is the worthwhile time to prove the strengthrestorative merit of



It is the food-tonic with world-wide prestige, that strengthens and helps build up the weakened body and restore the normal balance of health. If you are rundown with Grippe-build up on Scott's Emulsion! Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. L. 21-115

be encouraged by a decision just fo	foreign tour, reminds us of the young fellow who murdered his fath-	
Dakota county citizens to pipe water from Jackson creek to Crystal lake to restore the lake to its normal level. Crystal lake was for many years the largest and most beautiful lake in eastern Nebraska, being an old cutoff of the Missouri river. In re- cent years parties owning lands at each end of the lake built dikes to keep out periodical overflows from the Missouri river. As a result the lake level began to recede, and property owners around the lake endeavored to get state assistance in furnishing a water supply; failing in this, \$25,000 was raised by subscription and a pipe	What is the Value the Railroads	
line over a mile in length was laid from Jackson creek to the lake and the water turned in, when John Krue- ger secured an injunction from the district court enjoining the lake im- provement. The supreme court has reversed this decision. It is to be regretted that while the game and fish department collects thousands of dollars in fishing and hunting licenses from hunters and anglers on this lake, no assistance was given in resisting this injunc	<ul> <li>400,000 Miles of Track at only \$25,000 — \$10,000,000</li> <li>a Mile</li> <li>The Department of Agriculture estimates that the average cost of a mile of improved highway today, is about \$36,000.</li> <li>69,000 Locomotives at only \$20,000 — 1,380,000</li> <li>each</li> <li>Locomotives cost an average of about \$60,000.</li> </ul>	

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**BAD BREATH** 

Remove It.

value of oads
\$10,000,000,000
- 1,380,000,000
- 2,400,000,000
570,000,000
— 500,000,000
500,000,000
— 7,000,000,000
- \$22,350,000,000

be \$18,900,000,000. This valuation was based mainly on cost of labor, materials, equipment, etc., on June 30, 1914. The sub-sequent investment from January 1, 1920, to December 31, 1923, brings the Interstate Commerce Commission valuation for rate-making purposes as of December 31, 1923, up to about \$21,200,000,000.

Each reader can judge for himself the fairness of the contention that the Interstate Commerce Commission valuation should be reduced by from \$7,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Such a confiscation of values would in effect be a denial to the railroads of their chief means of keeping pace with the development of the country.

Fair recognition of railroad property values is essential for adequate earning power and credit for further expansion.

UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM

Omaha, Nebraska

March 1, 1924.

C. R. GRAY, President.