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"CARRYING A BUDDY'S PACK."

"There's never a tie binds friends like this, We've drank from the same canteen!

When a "buddy's" feet gave out, or for any reason he fainted on the long hike, his load was lightened. Others, whose strength was more enduring, took his rifle, his trenching outfit, anything that would lessen his burden, and soon he was up and keeping pace with the moving columns. That spirit still runs strong in the American Legion. Carrying a buddy's pack is the best thing these boys do.

They have a good time in their own way. Why should they not? They are young, the tide of life courses full and strong in their veins. It would be unnatural if they did not seek an outlet for the energy of their nature. But war taught them something else. One of the greatest of all lessons learned in the army is that of discipline and the effect of orderly unity of purpose. Discipline marks the difference between an army and a mob. . . .

Many of the boys who went into the army were sadly dislocated by the experience. They were jolted out of the life they were living, and have not been able to fit themselves into the new conditions. Not all of them got their jobs back, some were condemned to live by casual employment, many were unfitted for steady work, and many could not work at all. For all of these the government undertook to make provision, but with sad results so frequently following that had it not been for the American Legion the suffering after the war would have been intensified tremendously. The Legionnaires laid themselves out to carry a buddy's pack, and so saved many an unfortunate soldier from the depths of misery.

Omaha post, No. 1, which is the largest in the country, has to its credit the following list of achievement for the year 1923:

"Maintained five-bed ward in St. Joseph hospital. "Secured 2,500 jobs for ex-service men. 'Provided food, fuel, clothing, rent, medical care, etc., in more than 1,200 cases.

"Assisted with over 2,000 claims for disability compensation, vocational training, etc. "Conducted 40 funerals.

tionalists are devoted to the monarchy, the communists to anarchy. Six other groups are represented in the reichstag, each with its independent program, but neither with sufficient power to overturn the leading combination. '

Marx's hold on power will not be especially secure until he has been able to work out some part of his plan for putting the Dawes recommendations into effect. As he proceeds with this, on which the restoration of Germany now depends, he will doubtless gain in strength. Progress in the direction of industrial activity and commercial stability will be the surest way to consolidate the three groups that provide his majority. Between them the difference is in degree rather than in principle, and any betterment in public affairs will bring the three nearer together.

Communists and nationalists may hope only to defeat the government on some point of blundering policy. Against such a contingency it may be accepted as certain that Marx, Stresemann and others will move cautiously. Experience has plainly shown them what not to do. The way out is equally clear. Divided as the German people are on the matter of politics, all but the communists want to get the country on its feet again. The election it is hoped will help in that direction.

AN INTREPID PERFORMER.

Governor Bryan, having formulated the platform upon which the democracy of the state must make its campaign, turned around and gave us another exhibition of his versatility by formulating a platform for the national democracy. No pent up Utica confines the powers or the abilities of our versatile governor. With one hand he writes the platform for a state, with the other he writes the platform for a nation, and with his voice he explains how it came about that his promises were not all carried out. In the old days Nebraskans were permitted to enjoy the exhibitions of a three-ringed circus in which there simultaneously appeared the democratic, populist and silver republican parties to give displays of ground and lofty political tumbling.

The mutations of time have banished the threeringed circus, but brought to us the state executive who can give three separate and distinct exhibitions at one and the same time. He can make glittering promises impossible of fulfillment, and then explain to the satisfaction of those easily satisfied that failure was due to some special interest jumping out from behind a pile of brush and throttling his reform. He can reach out into the realms of his imagination and bring forth more statistics than the ocean has fish. In the matter of claiming credit for the work of others he is the drum major of the claim-it-all brigade.

Had it not been for the conscienceless, base, subsidized and corporation controlled republican legislature two years ago, he would not only have abolished all taxes, but actually would have paid a premium to property holders. Single-handed and alone he grasped the oil monopoly by the throat with one hand and throttled it into submission, while with the other hand he squeezed the unholy coal combine until it shrieked for mercy. Just so long as he is continued in office, just so long will the palladium of our liberties be safe and the gonfalon of freedom be kept fluttering at the head of the procession. The only fear that Nebraska entertains is that he may be called from our midst, leaving us to the mercies of the corporations and combines that now are forced to sneak far in the background because he stands between us and their devouring fangs.

METHODISTS SEE A NEW LIGHT.



Disturbing Company. "Here, Willie, come away from that of that famous hand saw .- Detroit

Howell believed the result was to apply higher rates in "lean" territories. He referred to an instance in which bad boy "He ain't a bad boy, mamma, He's "Oh, anything at all. Let's see. Say, Bill, what can we give Mangus to in-merce had tried to get the Union a nice boy; he gave me half his orange "Well most everything is used up" replies Bill. "But the good old saw about investigating party funds is still popular with the home folks. Put him to work investigating the re-publican national committee." And a more half his orange it could not be done, under the mini-mum rate provisions of the act. Chair-man Smith said section 15-A tended to raise rates and that was to be remedied by the reconture clause here. "Mercy! the child is a socialist, tractive," Even bargain prices couldn't



BUILDERS OF OMAHA.

He may be a man who carries a hod, Or handles a hammer or plane: He may be the fellow with level and rod. Or the man who handles the chain. He may be the fellow who digs in the trench, The wielder of sledge or of saw; The man with riveter, windlass or wrench— They're the builders of Omaha.

He may be the man who lays brick in the wall, Or drives a big truck ev'ry day; He may be the fellow who answers the call When demons of fire are at play. He may be the man who is walking a beat, Or worker with hands bleeding raw; The fellow who fixes the holes in the street-They're the builders of Omaha.

Through heat of the day, through dark of the night, Though humble their station, or high, They give to their tasks the strength of their might, On which the whole world must rely Though overall clad, though grimy with grease, Their betters the world never saw These warriors bold in the Army of Peace-Real builders of Omaha.

Gwendoline: Dear girl, you ask the impossible when you equest us to print briefly in this column our personal opinion of the Nebraska primary law. In the first place, we could not do it briefly. In the second place, office rules and postal regu-lations forbid. Nor could we voice our opinion thereof over the telephone the telephone, even though "'central" is now an insensate machine. Lastly, we couldn't do it in your presence, owing to the fact that we have some old-fashioned notions about the kind of language to use in the presence of a member of the fair sex.

Desiring always to be fair, and ever ready to boast about the Power of the Press, we gladly announce that recent and frequent walls about the brand of car service on the North Platte branch of the Union Pacific no longer have foundation. The gas lines have been cleaned out the illumination is satisfactory, the new lock on the door is workable, and life once more resumes a rosy hue. Save as we always sympathized with our friends, we are no longer greatly interested in the matter of a sleeping car service on the aforesaid branch.

Advancing Years Bring Caution

I'd really like to take them off and don my B. V. D.'s, but know full well that if I do I'll surely cough and sneeze. I'd like to feel the softer touch of linen on my hide, and lay the fannel undicthings for many months aside. They've made me scratch, they've bound my limbs, they've filled me full of woe, but fearing the pneu-mo-ni-a I dare not let them go. And so to flannels I will cling till summer comes to stay, then B. V. D.'s I'll gladly don, and flannels put away.

Doc Bixby often speaks of the "intelligent compositor." There are not nearly so many of them as formerly, the Colonel and myself having retired from the ranks. WILL M. MAUPIN.

Center Shots Mr. Bok was just getting a good

do it .- Louisville Courier Journal.

ting harder and harder to be a suc cessful pedestrian .- New York Trib une Mr. Bok was just getting a start with his peace plan when Tea-pot Dome blew up and the onlookers moved across the street.—Chicago

the second

their hands of him .- Des Moines Reg ster It is reported that the former crown prince has become a dealer in farm machinery. Maybe he can sell a buzz saw to the old man to take the place 69th New York undertakers announce Anniversary they "seek to make funerals more at Fears are now general that there has been a modernist movement in politics that is not proving a success. MILTON ROGERS 1515 Harney

Mangus, puzzled like.

busy and investigate something." "But what will I investigate" says "Oh, anything at all. Let's see. Say,

publican national committee." And so Mangus gets something for the press agents to write the home papers about. But before beginning the stockyards and pack. There is nothing to be done about that the public obtained no benefit from that clause in the way of relief automatic. It requires less care than an oil-burning furnace. It has no

'Gave temporary aid to hundreds of families of ex-service men.

"Carried on Americanization work among im migrants.'

Carry that through the years to come, or project it backward over the four years since the boys came come, and you get a vision of what the American Legion is actually doing.

Omaha post is just now carrying on a drive for an increase in membership, planning not only to hold its proud position as the strongest numerically in the country, but to double its roster, and go into the summer campaign with 4,000 members. We hope that soon the message will be flashed back, "Objective taken!"

Every good reason exists for all ex-service men to join the Legion. No good reason is known for any not doing so. This is with all due regard for the claims of other organizations of the men who made up the great army. Many of these exist for a special purpose. None of them should conflict with the great general objects that are being sought by the American Legion. It is helpful, efficient, democratic, and reflects the best spirit of the men who faced death and privation all the way from Camp Cody to the Argonne Wood.

WHEN A NAVY IS NOT A NAVY?

* winter one morning the news from the capital brought word that six so-called first-class battleships of the United States navy had been found unfit to take part in the first maneuvers. Their boilers were old and obsolete, and were unsafe for operation at pressure sufficient to maintain speed. Following this came other disclosures, until until it is admitted that the navy of the United States is so far from being what it is supposed to the that the ratio of 5-5-3 is really 5-3-1, with Uncle Sam on the "1" end.

We are not impressed with the idea that neglect of our navy may be laid to the influence of England. Such may be noted in connection with the merchant marine, but the fighting force is not held back for the same reason. What has happened is that devotion to the cause of peace and disarmament has led to the unwise policy of allowing our navy to go backward. In this connection, too, consideration must be given to the claims of the airmen, who insist that aviation methods have made the battleship as useless as the dodo if not as extinct.

President Coolidge has called attention of congress to the situation, and the house committee is after the navy for reports and even another inquiry may follow. The submarine program is to be subject of the latter. What will come out of it all is beyond the range of anything but guess work. What should come out of it is a definite policy. Either we should have a navy fit for service, or we should go out of the business. Our aircraft, submarine and battleship and cruiser programs need overhauling.

GERMANS VICTORIOUS AT HOME. 1

areful analysis of the result of the German election on the face of returns so far is out of the question. On the suface Chancellor Marx appears to have won a substantial victory. He is returned to the reichstag, and he will be able to form a coalition sufficiently strong to support his cabinet. Against this coalition, which must comprise three political groups, at least, is arrayed a really formidable combination of communists and nationalists. These have but one point in common, the overthrow of the republic. The na-

A report from the Board of Bishops to the Methhe attacks the stockyards and pack-ers, because he knows that will tickle odist Quadrennial council, now meeting at Springfield, Mass., favors the removal of the ban of the church from certain forms of amusement, because the prohibition laid upon them has not brought correction. As yet the list of pastimes to be permitted is not given out, but the suggestion is that they are such as may be "enjoyed in the name of Jesus

This leaves a very large radius for choice. Methodists are a merry people, getting the maximum of it be left for a campaign issue again joy out of their religion, and seeking at all times to in 1924, as it was in 1922? include others in the circle of their pleasure. One of the perplexities of the elders has been that not all would comply with the requirements of the discipline of the church. Some would dance and others would make a fourth at a bridge table, and now and then two or maybe more would stray off to the theater or the movies. This, of course, was forbidden, but the daring participants in these worldly goingson did not seem outwardly the worse. They still attend prayer meeting, and services on Lord's day, and otherwise observe the requirements of their profession.

Christ."

Maybe the original discipline was mistaken. Some ideas long held and firmly rooted in regards to the wickedness that lurks in a pack of playing cards, the demon that leers from the stage, or the depravity inherent in a modest dance, are not so rigid in light of modern experience. Bishops are no longer firmly convinced that one may not do some of these things, and yet escape the fiery pit. The point has long been mooted in the Methodist church, and practice has beeen a great deal more lenient than the regulations. These facts may sway the conference, and the rules of the church be accordingly modified. We venture there will not be much greater indulgence than there is at present.

The claim that synthetic food has been discovered rould interest more people if so many hadn't already had experience with synthetic beverages.

David soothed King Saul's madness with music on the harp, but it is to be hoped the saxophonists will not take that as full license.

Homespun Verse

-By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

BUYING A HOME.

Every month a certain portion

Toward removing the encumbrance

From the home he treasures so;

Of his honest wages go

True it is, it costs him dearly Both of earnings and of vim-

But the price will be as nothing

Every year the debt gets smaller.

Proud of his consistent progress,

When at eventide his children

To his work at early dawn-

To its zenith day by day.

The quiescent consolation

And within the cozy haven

And he may with reason grow

Proud for all his efforts show;

Find contentment, pure and deep,

In his arms are rocked to sleep.

The endearing hope that guides him

That he meets when day has cone-

And the dream that's wending nearer

Promise much and give him pleasure

While he toils his debt to pay.

When the home belongs to him

the lads up country who have heifers GOPHER. to sell Fixing Railroad Rates. Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma

Congressmen and senators at Washington have had before them consideration, the matter of rail the roads together, as nearly as may road legislation, since last fall. Hearings still continue, but the questions in the minds of the voters is whether tion will ever be taken. Wi

Abe Martin

"I've gone t' lots o' circuses an

menajeries, but I never yet found

an Abyssinian wart hog awake, said Grand-maw Turner t'day. Out

o' all our senators an' congressmen

only three or four ever seem t' cut

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A few days ago, S. Davies War-field, president, and Forney Johnston, counsel, of the National Association of Railroad Securities, submitted to the senate committe the reasons why the owners of railroad securities be lieved section 15-A should be retained in the transportation act. His asso clation advocated legislation in 1919 The memorials of his association be

aggregate value of all, equivalent to the fair percentage fixed. It accordingly does guarantee the right of the carriers, collectively, to earn in the aggregate a fair return upon the aggregate value of all railroads, good, and indifferent It is true that before the transpo

testified that the state con

not workable

tation act was passed, the I. C did not attempt to limit the most fav-orably located carriers to a fair return on their values. But it is als that the commission felt itself under no compulsion to attempt to produce a return on the roads which reprefore the committee show that the transportation act of 1920 was framed sented unwise investment and disap pointed hopes to meet the requirements that rates

Speaking of the law as it then was Benton said that the commissio had held that money invested by in-vitation of the government should be allowed a fair return, but that this would not mean the commissio permit rates which wil should guarantee all railroad investments Furthermore, the operation of the re-capture clause is likely to lead car-riers to be very free in expending

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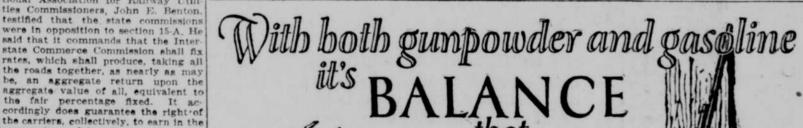
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an oil-burning furnace. It has no vention, can go sidewise like a crab The general solicitor for the Na. souri mule.—Chicago Daily News. climb an eight-inch curb. It is gettional Association for Railway Utillties Commissioners, John E. Benton

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-Washington Star.

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