THE WHIRLIGIG OF POLITICS.

If coming events cast their shadows before, we may be sure the big issue in party politics will soon be the question of private or government ownership and operation of the railroads. When government acquisition of trunk lines and state ownership of branch and subsidiary lines was proposed by William Jennings Bryan in his famous Madison Square speech on returning from his around-the-world trip, the outcry was so strong against it as tantamount to political suicide for the democratic party should he force it to sponsor the plan that Mr. Bryan himself was compelled immediately to hedge and to sidetrack his scheme as a measure of selfpreservation. Yet now we have a very fair prospect of the democratic party championing the demand for government railroads as a permanent policy, for what else can the McAdoo proposal for a five-year extension of the war period control mean? The McAdoo plan does not even throw the sop to states' rights that the Bryan scheme offered, but would concentrate in the federal government an exclusive control of transportation facilities and wipe out state lines altogether, this in diametrical contrast with the proverbial opposition of the democratic party

to increasingly centralized government. Where could the whirligig of politics find a more striking example? If government ownership and operation of railways becomes a democratic tenet, what a lot of back-pedaling democratic organs will have to do.

Bolshevism or Camouflage?

Were it not for the fact that people outside of Germany have come to look with something of suspicion on everything emanating from that country, the news coming out of Berlin might be disquieting. That the German mind should be overwhelmed by the simple doctrine of bolshevism does not seem possible. It is, therefore, necessary to look elsewhere for the reason back of the sporadic outbreaks of violence reported from the capital of the empire. The Ebert government there has shown some capacity for control, just as has the Eisner regime in Bavaria; also, returns from the recent voting show the Liebknecht or Spartacus group to be a contemptible minority.

This does not account for the rioting that has disturbed the progress of government. One view easy enough to take is that the provisional government is conniving at the proceedings in hope of influencing the outside world. Propaganda quite as ingenuous has been tried with some effect, and in their present desperate situation the politicians who have survived the crash of the kaiser's schemes may see in bolshevism a possible avenue of escape from the sentence to be passed against the German people. Nursing this vain hope, they are as badly off as they were when buoyed up by misleading reports from the leaders in battle.

The sooner the Germans realize they cannot fool the world any longer, and the quicker they get down to steady, useful business, the sooner they will get out of debt and be received again into the circle of nations.

State or National Army.

The status of the National Guard has been brought sharply to the fore by the ruling of the ocess is really bringing home to the kaiserites judge advocate general of the army that men

Right in the Spotlight. Emile Vandervelde, who has been

of the Belgian government in the coming peace conference, is the minhering to the doctrines of socialism, he was a loyal supporter of King Albert and the Belgian government throughout the recent war. He is an eloquent speaker and has the reputation of being both energetic and clever.

One Year Ago Today in the War. British troops repulsed a Turkish attempt to recapture Jerusalem. Germany, through Brest-Litovsk conference, offered peace terms to entente allies on basis of no annexations and no indemnities.

In Omaha 30 Years Ago Today. Payton C. Stone, father of E. L. Stone of Dewey & Stone, died at the age of 80. Twenty-eight young women, who



before the board, con sisting of W. W. Keysor, Miss S. R. Davis and Prof. H. P. Lewis, For the first time in Nebraska the ritual of the Kassidean Knights was heard at the institution of the newly orginazed priory of St. James. No.

Lack of snow and cold weather threatens dissolution of the Toboggan club, formed two years ago, to pull off an annual coasting carnival. Rev. Dr. J. T. Duryea was tendered a reception by members of the First Congregational church. The organist, Mr. Taber, gave a musical program and refreshments were served. Assistant General Manager Mellen and E. L. Lomax of the U. P. passenger department left for St. Paul

The Day We Celebrate. Walter T. Page, manager of the Omaha plant for the American Smelting & Refining company, born in 1861.

Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of the general staff of the United States army, born at Easton, Pa., 34 years ago.

Pres. John M. Thomas of Middlebury college, who served as an army chaplain in the late war, born at Covington, N. Y., 49 years ago.

Scrapping of Small Crowns

New York Evening Post. Amid the crash of the imperial Hohenzollern named as one of the representatives and Hapsburg thrones. Nittle noise was made by

the collapse into rubbish of the petty kingly, ister of justice in the present Bel- ducal, or princely seats of the lesser German gian cabinet. It is as the leader of states. Besides the kaiser, three kings went to Belgian Socialist party, how- the scrap-pile, seven or eight princes, and too ever, that M. Vandervelde is best many dukes and grand dukes to be counted known. His public career dates easily. History will devote its paragraph each back to 1899, when at the age of 33 to the exits, varying in degrees of ungraceful he was elected to the Belgian par- ness, of the rulers of Bavaria, Saxony, Wurttemliament. In his early parliamentary berg, Baden, and Brunswick. Scarce a line career M. Vandervelde obtained will go to the Ernsts and Adolfs, Friedrichs much notoriety by his fierce criti- and Augusts, who held sway over the Anhalts cism of royalty. But while still ad- and Waldecks, Lippes and Reusses; and to all the lesser fry of high-titled nobility scarce a word. Yet thus passes into oblivion one of Europe's most interesting vestiges of mediaevalism, a system of microscopic sovereignties humorous or historically picturesque or anachronistically repellent, according to one's point of view. Most of these petty rulers were humorous enough before 1870. Since then they had

been more than ever matter for an Offenbach comedy.

About these principalities of opera-bouffe and costume romance hangs an aroma of distance in time and space that makes revolution-

ary socialism seem impossible. The reigning family of Reuss (area 122 square miles) decided about 1700 that, all the sovereigns being named Heinrich, the list should be numbered up to 100 and start with 1 again. Must it stop with Heinrich XXIV? Surely, his Grand Transparency want to be teachers, are taking ex- the Duke of Schlippen-Schloppen starts off each evening still in his ducal paintpeeled, clattering coach, with his spindle-shanked gentlemen in waiting and officers of state, from his weatherbeaten Schloss on its Schlossberg. Surely, he still arrives in customary state at his Hof-Theater, and watches with somnolent approval his withered Hof-Ballet. Surely, he still talks grandiloquently with his Hof-Arzt or Chamberlain about his moribund Painting Academy Thackeray is the authority most people rely upon for their knowledge of the pleasant ways of

> zenthal. Like other observers, he was a little caustic. Apropos of the Kinckleburys on the Rhine, he observed that it was discreditable for a Noirbourg sovereign to have so little money. 'A fugitive prince, a prince struggling with the storms of fate, a prince in exile, may be poor; but a prince looking out of his palace windows with a dressing gown out at elbows, and dunned by his subject washerwomen-this is a painful object." His Major Dobbin marked with contempt the statue of Victor Aurelius XIV, surrounded by nymphs and emblems of victory, and gazing over the atrocious Aurelius Platz to where the Aurelius Palast had been startednone had ever had money to finish it.

History with steady spitefulness has refused to look on these sovereigns, posing grandiosely, as impressive, heroic or romantic. The princelings and dukelets first defined their character after the Thirty Years' War, when most surviving noblemen became local despots. Their ability at drinking was proverbial when Portia

described her suitor the German noble. Their their vices. Lady Mary Wortley Montagu's Some of the better situated rulers did so well It has been in times of revolution that these magnificence will not be much emptier, their



"That's All."

Omaha, Dec. 24 .--- To the Editor of The Bee: I have not uch patience usually with moeratie statesmanship and busine agacity. and since the historical evknown as "the adjournment of p les" the democratic method has ppeared more and more in its cruess and ridiculousness. It is ent the public is not possessed of ny sense of humor in democratic e I note recently that M McAdoo

duplicated Mark Hanna famous political coup by having Dicture taken for the movies alo de the engineer of a passenger train More recently I note that in tur ng over the treasury portfolio to Mr. Glass it was necessary to declare so that the former might s holiday "good to the thousands of entry oves of the Treasury department. The occasion was extraordinary m its unusualness, since I do not recall when such another display was made over a change in a cabinet position.

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EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS.

Philadelphia Ledger: Mr. Mc.

And Mr. McAdoo's father-in-law seems to be overlooking no bets in inviting spectacular advertising as the presidential term nears its end. Are we really going to have a House of Wilson? NORTH SIDE.

Control of the "Flu"

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 19 .- To the the Editor of The Bee: It is needless to produce evidence in order to prove the existence of the terrible Victoria facing the broad Pall Mall scourge that is holding high carni-St. James park flanks the palace val in Nebraska. The general prevaand just beyond is Marlbourough house, the London home of Dowager lence of disease, the high death rate the cry for doctors and nurses, the cancellation of state gatherings and Queen Alexandra. the call of the State Board of Health for doctors from all parts of

the state for consultation, demon strates the gravity of the situation. the most effective measures That should be adopted without delay, to minimize and stamp out this dreadful calamity is conceded on every run. Some of them have very deflhand. The people look to the authorities and doctors as the only ready. parties able to cope with the situa-

A short time ago the State Board The magnificent ships which are now of Health took the matter of a state bringing our conquering heroes ban in hand, conditions improved home she built for us, even though and they then abandoned the work she didn't know it at the time. and left it to the powers that be in the different localities to work out Baltimore American: If even their own salvation, or perish. The John Dillon has been beaten in East result has been that there has been Mayo by the Sinn Feiners, the Irish no systematic method of dealing with the situation. If, for a few party founded by Parnell may be in sight of its end. That is rather a sad reflection for many thousands days the scourge assumes a violent form and there is appreciable inof same and sympathetic Irishcrease in death, the authorities, as Americans. though terrified and stampeded like Kansas City Star: The German radi a herd of cattle, put a ban and quarcal who called Premier Ebert "a antine on nearly everything in the shameful smirch on the German govshape of a public gathering. If the ernment" must have some prodisease relaxes a little, evidently unnounced ideas concerning that gender the influence and pressure of the leman. commercial interests, they lift the figure the German government is no ban till the disease again increases louch of a smirch. producing another paroxysm of hys-Philadelphia Ledger: An inventory teria and another ban.

of the ex-kaiser's personal belong-ings showed that he possessed 598 From what I have read in The Bee it seems to me that there has been no serious, honest, persistent effort many's change from a monarchy to control the situation. In Omaha. to a republic will effect a considerfrom appearances, the commercial able conservation of cloth. interests have been the dominating consideration. One of the leading of woman suffragists burning in Washington the books and speeches merchants is reported to have said that if certain measures were of the president of the United States, adopted it would mean a loss to his business of \$5,000 a day. Here in Grand Island, according to the editor who did more than any other president to secure them the right of suffrage, is a strange one. It indicates our town paper, one man asked him not to publish the influenza conamong other things, the long gap ditions, and the claim has been made that the ban on Grand Island caused large numbers to go to Hastings to do their trading, to the commercial loss of our tradesmen, with the result that the pendulum actions

Here and There

Up to January 1, 1918, Britain had Canada has a woman professional ndertaker and embalmer

royal family, 21 peers, 31 baronets, Seaweed offers a prolific source of 11 knights, 149 sons of peers, 135 uel oil when present supplies are ons of baronets and 208 sens of exhausted, according to an English knights. As a result, scores of suc-cessions to English titles have professor, who has obtained seven gallons from a ton of vegetable matchanged within the past four years. ter. One of the most dramatic war end-

Excavating for the new boiler-room of the J. T. Slack corporation ings was the conclusion of the Peninsular war. Wellington had just at Springfield, Vt., the contractors won his last triumph at Toulouse, unearthed a beef hide which must the 'casualties on both sides numberhave lain there 68 years and is still ing some 15,000, and the armies win a perfect state of preservation.

rejoicing or sorrowing, when a tired Chamber of Commerce records at courier rode up to announce that the Butte, Mont., show that the majority war had been ended five days before of the 90,000 inhabitants of the city with the abdication of Napoleon. are unmarried, although of mar-

Buckingham palace, the London riageable age. There are about \$,000 families containing 25,000 persons in residence of the British sovereign, and where President and Mrs. Wil-Butte.

son are to be entertained by their When a man at Reading, Pa., paid British majesties, has been describe-Justice of the Peace Henry S. Machas the ugliest royal residence in ner half a dollar for legal work, the The first building erected squire lald the money on a hitching on the land was the home built for post, by which they were standing. the duke of Scheifield in 1702. It and forgot all about it, and it stayed was so hideous that he never comthere for three days.

pleted it. When the crown ac-quired it in 1825, the building was Living together at Bowdoinham, Me., are Mrs. Eleanor Sparks, 10 pulled down and the present palace years of age; her sister, Mrs. Mary rected. But William IV so hated it Green, 98 years of age, and their that he refused to live there. Queen brother, William K. Denham, 85 years of age. Mrs. Denham was 85 Victoria gave it a new front at a ost of \$750,000 soon after her coroon November 4.

nation, but avoided it except on rare For some time the United States official occasions. Extensive alterahas been the largest seller to Japan. tions were made in 1851 and 1903. and its sales are increasing faster and some five years ago King George han those of any other country; the had the entire exterior of the struc ncrease in American exports to this ture rebuilt. Directly in front stands alone having been about listrict Victoria monument, spotless \$46,000,000 in 1917, compared with white marble in the center of a huge 1916. fountain basin, the figure of Queen

Test for Air Mail Service.

New York World: Air mail servce has passed the point where it an be called an experiment. But 1 ustify the extension of the service t must be shown by the actual reurns to be profitable. There are many other ways in which the Postflice department can spend surplus

doo thinks that it will take five unds to excellent advantage. for the people to find out how they want the railroads to be

A NEBRASKA IDYL.

opinions upon the subject al-To a Peace Celebration at war with restraint

Tame a man universally known as a saint, He was tall and loose-jointed, his visage Baltimore American: After all we do owe something to Germany was stern; And his patriotism so hard to discern That his slinking away was but lightly

remark'd

were park'd With a shout that set many emotions in

derful day!"

Any smirch that can dis-

Then he sprang to his feet with his arms

derful day!

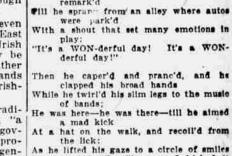
At eleven p. m. as he passed through the military and naval uniforms. Ger-

New York World: The spectacle With his collar unbutton'd, a hat with ne

> And the story is current that-ever since then-

sative men

'it's a WON-derful day! It's a WON-derful day!" Fremont, Neb. ISAAC A. KILGORE.



He remark'd, "I will wager I kicked it four miles."

all a-sway: "It's a WON-derful day! It's a WON-

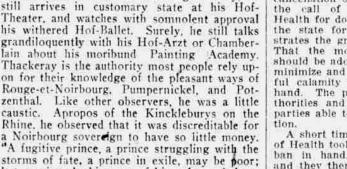
park He was bowing to spots where the shad-

ows lay dark-(We'll suppose they were animate objects to him)-

As they pass through the park super-sen

Hear the breezes repeat in a musical way

there is between the reasoning processes of some women and others.



morals were notorious; every little tyrant had his intriguing court and his mistresses a la Augustus of Saxony and George of Hanover, Liebnitz declared that "they thought it beneath their dignity to improve their minds." Partly in consequence, their dulness was not much modified letters present some appalling hints of the yawning life of little German courts, as at Blankenburg, where "the duke taillys at basset every night and the duchess tells me she is so well pleased with my company that it makes her t Covington, N. Y., 49 years ago. Brig. Gen. William H. Bixby, U. Casanova supplement them in their Memoirs. S. A., retired, former chief of army But the littler courts became funniest when they engineers, born at Charlestown, went in heavily for the new fashion of culture. and played a noble part in history of German thought and art; as the Weimar dukes, who made for Gothe such a pleasant familiar society, and the great houses which founded universities, patronized the theaters and orchestras, and rewarded musicians and poets. But when not merely Lippe-Detmold, Stuttgart, and Dessau, but smaller seats, began to make culture hum, the effect was likely to be unexpected. Heine satirized even the great Bavarian who built the Valhalla and omitted Luther as some museums omit the whale. He drew his picture of the typical princelet in "King Long-Ear," who recited his cultural achievements, stopped to belch, and concluded with a warning against insurrection. monarchs of vest-pocket realms have appeared at their worst. When Napoleon or Bismarck clanked his sword, their eagerness to get 1914-Washington protested into frightened line was pitiful. When demoagainst British stoppage of Ameri- cracy toppled over the King of Prussia, they fell like a line of wooden dominoes. They will grace the Almanach de Gotha as the French nobility have graced it; and for some their luxury more faded, than when they had their toy armies, legislatures, and courts.

aminations

the fact that they lost the war.

Uncle Sam is going to sell 45,000 head of horses and mules at auction. It will be interesting to note how the prices compare with what he paid for the animals.

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John Bull to Uncle Sam: ""Shake, pall"

also in this neck of the woods.

stand up.

ago.

mind.

base ball teams.

ing twine next summer.

Santa Claus seems to have aroused Hymen

Mr. Wilson told the boys on Christmas about

Well, other governors have been inaugurated

Where will the money for increased pay to

Perhaps the most definite sign of peace is the

Kansas winter wheat belt under a deep

Congress still has charge of the railroad

The blessed bolshevik, who is monkeying

The German democratic party has outlined

"Stabilization" of prices may be noted in

corn going down and hogs going up, although

this is just a reversal of the swing a few days

The democrats are busily wasting time on

Another billion and a quarter of loot has

been disgorged by the Hun in a lump. This

trying to outline a policy for Governor McKel-

vie when he takes his seat. He knows his own

its program. Here is a hope that it has better

question, for which the president said he had

with one of Uncle Sam's consuls, should keep in

no solution. What will the answer be? *

mind that that sport is not always safe.

luck than the same party in this country.

blanket of snow means great demand for bind-

revival of gossip about spring training trips for

police and firemen be found? Taxpayers, please

what any of us would wish to say to them.

without a ball, but not on account of "flu."

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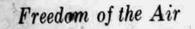
Soldiers who happened to be in or passing through Omaha on Christmas day got a very vivid and appropriate idea of how our citizens feel towards the men who wear the uniform.

Omaha showed up with some unseemly demonstrations on Christmas, the spirit of revelry having taken reverse english several times. This is lamentable, of course, but seems unavoidable in a large city.

Gotham gave the returning Victory fleet as joyous a welcome as a heavy snow storm would admit. The booming of the big guns made up for loss of sight of a spectacle which could not be seen on account of the storm.

"You are now my enemy, and 1 am yours." wrote Ben Franklin to a member of the English House of Commons in 1776. What would either of them say to the spectacle of the president of the United States as an honored guest at Buckingham Palace?

Legislation to make effective the government guaranty of price for the 1919 wheat crop is proposed. If faith is kept with the farmers it will be necessary to extend and strengthen some features of the food administration law. The people will wonder, though, whether the move is for or against relief from high prices. Promises made to producers ought to be kept, but the consumer is entitled to consideration also.



While the diplomatists are trying to define ireedom of the seas, a controversy as to the freedom of the air has arisen. The Civil Aerial Transport Committee of England, it is announced, has "rejected the ancient claim that the owner of the soil has a right to the air above But its contention will be warmly lisputed by owners of the soil, with some show of reason, aside from precedent. The old theory was that the owner of the soil had rights "as high as heaven and as deep as hell." In comparatively recent years many deeds have separated surface from mineral rights, including oil. All patents to homestead lands, considered valuable for minerals, now make this reservation. Congress has also put certain restrictions on the soil owners' domination of the air in the migratory bird law. But there has not been any legislation or legal decisions, so far as we are informed, as to abuse of the soil owners' air rights by airplanes. There have, however, been some serious complaints of actual damages. Farmers have complained of the terrorizing of their cattle by bevies of aviators flying over-head. There have been cases of actual trespass by aviators and by spectators, inflicting damages for which there was legal redress.

The control of the airplane will require new laws. Switzerland and Holland have interned belligerent aviators landing on their territory, on the general ground of their presence, regardless of how they got there. Some change in international law, recognizing the peculiar problems of aviation, may be expected. Aviation may be restrictd to carefully prescribed routes, with or without compensation for right of way, but with compensation for actual damages. Every business is supposed to pay for such damas it may inflict, with punitive damages for ages as it may inflict, with phiuries.-St. Louis reckless or intentional injuries.-St. Louis Globe-Demograt

discharged from the military service of the United States resume their civilian status. This seems reasonable under the law, but it does away with the National Guard, champions of that organization being disappointed in their expectations that the former members would return automatically to the service.

A broader and more important question is opened by the decision. Why should the National Guard be restored? In days gone by it had a purpose, which it fell short of accomplishing. Some states maintained highly efficient bodies of troops, but most of the forty-eight state armies were lacking in all the essentials of real military worth. To revive these now would undoubtedly mean a return to the conditions that prevailed in 1916. This is not said in disparagement of those men who sincerely gave themselves to the work of training men under the old militia system. They worked earnestly and faithfully, and if they did not accomplish all they sought it was through no fault of theirs. Secretary Baker, as might have been ex-

pected, appears to lean towards the policy of discarding the present army organization, with a purpose of resuming the antiquated and unsatisfactory system. However, the sentiment in congress is not wholly in sympathy with his views, and it may be that when the time comes laws to provide for some form of universal military training will be adopted. At any rate, until the intention of congress is revealed haste to reorganize the National Guard may be ill advised.

Neutrals at the Peace Conference.

Neutral nations are to be denied seats at the peace conference, if reports from Paris are to be relied upon. This does not square exactly with preconceived notions of the organization of that important gathering. While more than a score of nations, great and small, will be represented because of their status of belligerency, and for this reason they are expected to determine the terms of which peace will be made with Germany, several really important countries will be omitted should the announced intention prevail.

When the United States was endeavoring to maintain an attitude of neutrality it was argued with force and reason that we should have a place at the peace table, where all nations would be gathered. The paramount rights of neutrals was then insisted upon, and these are not diminished by the change in our attitude. That neutral rights cut a considerable figure in the war is plain, from the fact that England entered the conflict primarily because of the violation of Belgium by Germany, and the United States went in later when the kaiser declared his warfare at sea on all neutrals.

To restrict noncombatant nations to approach to the peace table only through one or the other of the belligerents seems to arrogate to the fighting powers an authority hardly consonant with the avowed purpose of the great convocation. All should have a voice in making the terms under which all must live.

A commission to review the cases of the "conscientious objectors" may salve the conscience of the secretary of war, but the great public will prefer to allow the sentences to stand long enough for the culprits to imbibe something of their responsibility to the government under which they are permitted to live.

vears ago Dr. John A. Marquis, president of Coe college and noted Presbyterian leader, born in Washington County. Pa., 57 years ago.

This Day in History. 1834-Charles Lamb, one of the most charming of English essayists,

died in London. Born there, February 18, 1775. 1870-Three-quarters of the city of Rome was inundated as a result of

an overflow of the River Tiber. 1882-Vienna celebrated the 600th anniversary of the establishment of the House of Hapsburg. 1893-A supposed attempt of dynamiter to throw a bomb caused a panic in the opera house in Mad-

can trade. 1915-Lloyd George threatened to resign unless England established compulsory military service. 1916-Russians' fell back on the Moldavian frontier.

Timely Jottings and Reminders. Today is the Feast of St. John, universally observed by the Masonic

fraternity. The annual gathering of the helping to win the war.

Storyette of the Day.

was the matter. "'Why,' was the answer, 'he's lazy so-told him to get out of the yard

and never come back. But he was right back on the job this morning. I asked him if I hadn't fired him the day before, and he replied: 'You did that and don't you do it again. When I got home and told my wife she gave me hell.""

'ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

The total fishing area of the North sea is about 300,000 square miles. The ferries of San Francisco bay carry nearly 50,000,000 passengers a year. Versailles first became a roya

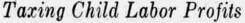
residence about the year 1632 when Louis XIII built a hunting lodge there. Ilfracombe, an English city of 10,-

000, has the unique distinction having no pawnbrokers within its boundaries.

world, one building of which has a frontage of nearly a quarter of a

The Kiel canal was designed and constructed by Germany principally for her own ships. It cost \$40,000,-000 to construct and its maintenance costs \$250,000 a year. With the exception of one or two of the Balkan states, Russia is the

most illiterate country in Europe, over 60 per cent of its inhabitants being unable to read or write.



Possibly the principle of raising revenue by a tax on profits from the products of child labor may be open to objection; but the purpose of American Association for the Ad- the amendment levying a special tax of 10 per vancement of Science and its num- cent on such profits is at least morally defensierous affiliated societies, which is to ble. The importance of protecting children from assemble today at Johns Hopkins economic exploitation injurious to their physical university, will direct its main at- and moral welfare is beyond dispute; many tention to the service of science in states have laws to this end. It was to make such laws uniform that the federal child-labor

Sill was passed-a measure which was unfortunately found to be unconstitutional by the Toward the end of his speech at United States Supreme Court. Whether a new the Chambers of Commerce conven- bill meeting the objections could be drawn or tion at Atlantic City, Charles not it might be difficult to say. But the attitude Schwab spoke about the work of the of some of the southern states on the subject is Emergency Fleet corporation and such that there seems to be little present hope the splendid loyalty and co-opera-tion shown by most of the men. of achieving the same end by state legislation. The amendment to the revenue bill, which was "But," he continued, "there were bitterly opposed by 12 southern senators, is of some slackers, of course. I remem- course an attempt to whip the devil around ber being one day, in a Pacific coast the stump. The main argument against it is yard, and the foreman pointed to a similar to the argument against legislative ridman, saying that he did not know what to do with hint. I asked what social legislation. Yet it is built possible that there is no constitutional obstacle to the use of the taxing power to discriminate against profits and no good. Yesterday I told him to which the public sentiment as a whole is antagonistic. As the Lord Chancellor in "Io-

lanthe" would say, "It's a nice point."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Greatness in WorkingClothes "All Paris is talking," it seems, because

Marshal Foch in making an official call on President Wilson was not resplendent in gold lace but appeared in an old forage cap and well-

worn blue uniform without decorations. Sticklers for the niceties of etiquette must admit the gravity of the offense. No doubt there has not been so flagrant a disregard of similar proprieties by a great general since Grant met Lee t Appomattox wearing a private soldier's blouse with only the straps of a general to

designate his rank. And Grant's respect for the confederate leader was unqualified. At least the French marshal's courtesy w in full dress when he said that the visit of the

American president "paid France the greatest honor possible." All the war medals and insig-The University of Petrograd is the nia in the world could not improve on that largest institution of its kind in the sentiment.

But the incident may be taken as illustrating by the absurdity of the publicity given it how completely the war has dispelled the old illu-sions of gold lace and military glitter. It has

been a bad time for the pride, pomp and circumstance of war, for the plumed troop and spiritstirring drum and royal banner. The art of war has been stripped of its non-essentials, including its haberdashery. At the same time, a contempt of military clothes is no doubt more permissible in a marshal of France than in a lieutenant.-New York World.

and horseplay of our health board has made them a laughing stock and byword among the people.

When an epidemic is simply a local affair so long as the local authorities are able to deal with it successfully and not they themselves or the people become the victims of commercialism, it is well to leave it with them to deal with, but when a scourge becomes state and nationwide it is, or ought to be, made the business of the state to deal with it. The advice and counsel of the ablest men of the state and nation should be called in, and the most effective and skillful methods adopted. The commercial interests should have consideration and nothing due should be done to their injury, any further than is imperatively necessary to safeguard the health and lives of the people, but under no con-sideration should the lives of the people be sacrificed on the altar of commercialism. Only yesterday received a letter from Michigan, in which the writer said: "The 'flu' has broke out again and there is talk of closing the state." Necessity is laid upon us, to lure our-selves into a state of false security is suicidal. Why trifle and sport upon the brink of death? G. P. JACKSON.



"The world is full of poetry," sighed the poet, as he handed an effusion to the editor.

don't know anything about the world, growled the editor, "but I know that the wastebasket is."-Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

Willie-Paw, what is meant by reverting to type? Maw-That's what a man does when his wife is out of town, my son. Paw-Wille, you get to bed and keep your trap shut.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

"And was the widow so inconsolable?" "Oh, yes. Why, they had to hide her powderpuff to keep her from weeping."-Chicago Post.

Flubdub-How are the life-preservers on this boat? Guzzler-Fine. I've just had three-as good as I ever drank.-Topeka Journal.

"I say, Fido, you don't seem to be very well satisfied with your dinner today." "How could I be when this family has

gone bone dry ?"-Baltimore American, "I love the ground you walk on." he raid. 'And a little later inquired: "Does your father own this property?"-Kansas

City Journal. "I believe boys are like , wheat in one

respect "What is that?"

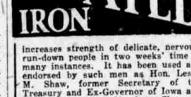
"To make them useful they ought to be well thrashed."-Passing Show.

"You say you need \$100 ?"

"Badly." "Why don't you borrow it from Grid-n? He's a friend of yours and always inn 2.

has plenty of meney" "I'd have to listen to one of Gridson's little lectures on thrift. I don't need \$100 badly enough for that."-Life.

"I'm going to drive into the city with "I'm going to drive into the city with sout today, John," said Mrs. Maxwell, "I want to do a little shopping." "I understand your stategic plans," answered her husband. "The drive is to be followed by a counter-attack.—Chris-Han Endeavor Register.



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