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The Bee's Platform

WADING IN A SMELLY WELTER.

Article X of the Covenant of the League of Nations binds the United States to preserve the territorial and political integrity of every nation in the League.

Now comes the secretary of war, who was a politician in Cleveland, O., when appointed by the president, and without distinction as a lawyer, but conspicuous in northern Ohio as the sort of city politician who is useful in "putting things over" in ward politics.

Our president formulated it and forced its acceptance. We invented it. We fought for it as the cardinal principle at issue in the world war.

The muddy-minded or the wilfully dishonest and untruthful Secretary of War (one or the other characterization is inevitable) tells us in words approved by Woodrow Wilson, that our soldiers fought to fasten on the United States the obligation to maintain and fight for, if necessary, the boundary lines and political institutions of some forty nations—to fasten on ourselves responsibility for the settlement of every foreign war, present and future!

Can it be beaten for fatuous foolishness and downright misrepresentation? Is it necessary again to recall the simple truth that we fought solely "to bring the Imperial German government to terms and end the war?"

Calamity Turns to Blessing.

The riddle wherewith Samson confounded his enemies in Timnah could have no better answer than is reported from the battlefields of France. While the devastation of modern warfare was being wrought throughout the fertile regions of northern France, and farmsteads were not only reduced to ruin, villages wiped out, water courses changed or obliterated, and the very soil itself destroyed so far as outward indications proved, the thoughtful dreading the future when so much of a productive area would be listed among the deserts of earth until kindly nature could through the course of seasons restore the fecundity of the ravaged earth.

Nature, however, pays little attention to the edicts of man in such cases, and while the government experts were hazily considering plans for the recovery of these tracts, the good old dame set seeds to growing, and behold, the ground thought to be worthless came forth verdant and fruitful.

Norway's Notion of the Motorcycle.

Norway is banning luxuries, having already prohibited the importation of automobiles, diamonds, laces, paintings, pianos, silks, watches, furs, patent leather shoes and motorcycles.

Many Innocents in Prison Cells.

An authority on prison affairs in New York says one man in every twenty sent to the penitentiary is innocent of crime, and that of those convicted and imprisoned because of technical guilt, who had no intent to commit crime, be included, the proportion of those morally innocent now in prison cells is one of every ten.

Our democratic brethren ought to go into executive session long enough to determine which way they are heading.

Soviet Russia is now anxious for peace with Poland. Are you amazed?

of crime unjustly, may keep you in a felon's cell indefinitely, may bring shame and disgrace to you and your family, but after it has done this it is your misfortune alone. It may have ruined you financially, but you shall have no damages from its treasury.

A hard situation indeed; but trifling compared with the thought that 100 of every 1,000 convicts are suffering unjustly. One almost wishes the 100 were actual criminals instead of innocent men, so hideous is the punishment of the innocent for crimes they did not commit.

Cox and the Campaign Fund.

The democratic candidate for president complains that the chairman of the republican national committee did not deny the allegation that the republicans are raising a fund of \$15,000,000 to use in corrupting the electorate of the United States, much of it to be expended in the purchase of weak and irresolute democratic voters.

However, if the statement of Chairman Hays did not carry the definite and specific denial sought by the wily governor, that of Senator Harding surely does.

Full information as to the republican campaign fund has been promised and will be furnished, as will also be the case with the democrats, for it is required by law. This will lift the smoke screen behind which the democratic candidate has taken refuge.

The French General Weygand is said to be coaching the Poles. Apparently France still has hope of collecting that Russian I. O. U. For France can hope where even Scotland would despair.

The Same Today, Yesterday, and Forever.

Sir: In "The Golden Age" a quaint anecdote is related, illustrating how profiteers were punished in the second century, A. D. Then, even as now, the joke appears to have been on the long-suffering consumer. Here is the story:

When this was done and all my things brought into the chamber, I walked towards the bath, but first I went into the provision market to buy some fish for my supper, wherein I saw great plenty of fish set out to be sold, and so I priced part thereof, and that which they first held at a hundred pieces, I bought at length for twenty pence, when I had done and was departing away, Pythias, one of my old companions and fellow of Athens, happened to pass by, and viewing me a good space, in the end he brought me kindly to his remembrance, gently came and kissed me, saying: "O, my dear friend Lucius, it is a great while past since we two saw each other, and moreover, from the time that we departed from our master Vestius I never heard any news of you; I pray you, Lucius, tell me the cause of your peregrination hither."

Then answered Pythias: "I bear the office of clerk of the market, and therefore if you will aught for your supper, speak and I will purvey it for you." Then I thanked him heartily and said I had bought fish sufficiently already for my dinner, but Pythias, when he saw my basket, took it and shook it, so that the fish might come to view, and demanded of me what I paid for all my sprats. "In faith, quoth I, I could scarce enforce the fishermen to sell them for twenty pence." Which when he heard, he seized my hand and brought me back again into the market, and inquired of me whom I had bought my sprats of, and especially our friends, wherefore I sell you this fish so dear which is not worth a halfpenny? Now perceive I well that you are an occasion to make this place, which is the fish market, the worse of its forsaken of all men and reduce it into an uninhabited rock, by reason of your excessive prices of victuals; but assure yourself that you shall not escape without punishment, and you shall know what mine office is, and how I ought to punish such as do offend."

Then he took the basket and cast the fish on the ground, and commanded one of his servants to tread them all under his feet. So doing was Pythias well pleased with the sternness he showed in his office, and had me arrested and said that he was content with the shame and reproach done unto the old catfish. So I went away, all amazed and stupefied, towards the bath, considering with myself the severity of my old comrade, whereby I had lost both my money and my supper.

"Say Divorces Ruin French Family Life."—New York Times.

"ALL CLEAR" AGAIN.

Personal—Fred: Everything is O. K. now, and so am I. Mother is dead. Come and visit home soon.—William.

From the Yellowstone.

Sir: The park is full of women in men's attire. On meeting them one is at a loss to know whether to ask for a match or bow. Since the coming of the automobile the roads are much improved, and are sprinkled daily. The distance between Yellowstone Lake and the Canyon used to be about twenty miles, but since they began sprinkling the road with water from the Alum River, the miles have shrunk to six.

THE ORDEAL OF WILLIE.

Sir: As I stepped from the dentist's chair the starchy assistant announced "Willie Perrish next, Doctor." SQUIRE.

A dispatch from Flossmore mentions that "Doyle's hooked drives at times almost completed an arc of 360 degrees." The gentleman should confine himself to exhibition arcs.

"The world faces a transportation crisis," says General Atterbury of the Pennsylvania. But what is another crisis more or less? Atterbury, Atterbury!

UH-HUH.

Sir: If some one turns off the water in those shower bath ads there is going to be a tickens to pay.

H. W. L.

A Line O' Type or Two

New to the Line, let the cups fall where they may.

That Poland is hopelessly enmeshed, and that Germany may join with Russia, is the dark-blue report of Colonel House; and we should proceed to carry over the outlook were it not for the comforting reflection that few dire forecasts are fulfilled. A raven that tries to perch on our bust of Pallas is likely to be knocked off with a pastepot.

For Precisely the Same Reason.

After you have satisfactorily explained why a chicken crosses the road, tell us why some jokes cross the Atlantic ocean.

August in New York was so beastly hot and wet that we were obliged to put our cigars in a humidifier to keep them dry.

YES AND NO.

Sir: I notice on a movie, "Norma Talmadge in 'Yes and No.' She plays a marvel duel part. One the girl who succumbs; the other the girl with the firm, strong mind who says 'No.' Wouldn't you say this is a good advertisement for Norma?" I. R. F. S.

The Garvey person dreams of a vast Ethiopian kingdom of which he will be king. Will some one oblige with a comedy entitled "Le Roi camuse?"

"It's Time to Pass the Apples Round Again."

Sir: From the programme of the Apple Shippers' convention: "Annual dinner, Louis XVI. room, Sherman Hotel. Gentlemen strictly informal; ladies unrestricted." R. D. H.

"MODEL"—Perfect 16, for coat and suits; go out with local salesmen.—Classified ads. No experience required.

AH THERE, V. K.!

Sir: I still have quite a supply of Scotch, London Dry and American hooch left. When in this neck of the woods, drop in. This invitation is also extended to my former boss, V. K. Spicer.

The French General Weygand is said to be coaching the Poles. Apparently France still has hope of collecting that Russian I. O. U. For France can hope where even Scotland would despair.

The easiest and cheapest way to prevent scurvy found by Comrie was to feed germinated peas and beans. He steeps the peas or beans in water for 24 to 48 hours. As soon as sprouting is well started they are removed from the water and laid between two damp cloths and kept there for 36 hours or thereabouts. By this time the sprouts should be half an inch long. They are then boiled in milk or water for not more than half an hour and then served. Five to eight ounces of dried beans thus germinated and cooked is a day's allowance.

In a country where a person must live wholly on dried and preserved foods this sprouting method is about the only means of preventing scurvy. It is likewise a cheap and not inconvenient method of curing the disease after it has caused so-called rheumatism, spongy gums, and hemorrhages.

As a means of cure Comrie found soured milk best of all. That is the remedy used by the Russian peasants. Fresh meat and fresh lemon juice ranked second. Old, preserved lemon juice was almost without value. Germinated peas and beans ranked third.

It's Well to Play More.

E. R. C. writes: (1) Now and then I have trouble in getting to sleep, but after I do I sleep well.

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Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitations, where a diagnosis and address is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnoses or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

SCURVY SCOURGES RUSSIA.

While the brand of liberty they are having in Russia may be all right according to Karl Marx, it is proving hard on the people. The soldiers of the allies returning from sections of that country report that a large part of the population had scurvy at the end of last winter.

It has been 21 years since I have seen a bad case of scurvy with the symptoms noted above. That was a newly arrived foreigner who worked in a stone quarry and ate as they kind of people some times do. But some of the cases of scurvy were milder. Some had not much more than mental depression, irritability, pallor, and weakness. Some have joint pains, which they call rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, or neuritis, and outside of that are without symptoms.

There is some of this mild scurvy left in this country. A good many children with growing pains and babies with rheumatism have this sort of scurvy. It comes from a prolonged use of a diet in which there is not enough fresh food.

In Russia even the best of them in winter get nothing but bread, cereal, preserved meats and tea or coffee. Babies live on milk, and that generally of poor quality, or bottled or pasteurized. Chick Hume and Sloan have shown that even fresh milk is deficient in the properties which ward off scurvy.

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Veteran Is Watching.

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 18.—To The Editor of The Bee: Mr. John Monroe of Omaha in your paper of August 17 account touched in his letter a precious point in the history of our late war on the point of compensation or bonus.

Our success so far as Wilson's 14 points goes is very poor, our troubles are not at an end so far as European lust for manslaughter goes. The only thing that is at an end is the love for our veteran and hero of the late war. We were cheered and entertained when we left home and home in order to defend our flag and country. Two years later we return, all is forgotten, promises are blown to all the corners in regard to keeping our positions, the vocational board has a hard time to get over its infancy.

The longer I stay awake the more restless and nervous I become. I often lie awake an hour or two no matter what my bedtime. Is there anything wrong or is there a remedy? I am perfectly normal otherwise. (2) How much sleep should a normal boy of 15 get each night?"

REPLY.

(1) Play a little harder. Go to bed with your mind at peace. It does not matter whether you go to sleep in one minute or one hour.

One's Paralysis; Other Restlessness.

T. H. Z. writes: "What is the difference between apoplexy and neurasthenia?"

REPLY.

Apoplexy is paralysis generally of one side. In most instances it results from hemorrhage into the brain. Neurasthenia is defined by Wood's medical dictionary as a functional nervous condition marked by nervous irritability and weakness. The chief symptoms are insomnia, headache, feeling of constriction about the head, pain in the back, exhaustion after slight mental or physical exertion.

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