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#### Three Important Decisions.

The supreme court of the United States has just handed down three very important decisions. One of these has to do with the responsibilities of labor unions for damages resulting from strikes; the other two deal with questions of interstate rights in water of streams available for irrigation purposes.

In the first instance, that of the Coronado coal mines of Arkansas against the United Mine Workers of America, the supreme court extends the principle first laid down in the Danbury hatters case. In that it was the secondary boycott; in the present it is a direct suit for damages against the union. The court holds that labor unions can be held liable for property and other damages caused by acts of members during strikes. This is a sound conclusion, and should have the effect of doing away with a great deal of the disorder that has come to be an accompaniment of the modern strike.

Chief Justice Taft, who delivered the opinion, "discussed at length the question of the suability of the national and international unions if the unions were responsible for what was done, pointing out that in common law unincorporated organizations could be sued as individuals, but from necessity of existing conditions it was utterly impossible of doing justice otherwise than by holding labor unions suable."

In one of the irrigation suits the state of Wyoming was forbidden to interfere with the use by the state of Colorado of certain waters from the Laramie river. Justice Vandeventer holds that the doctrine of appropriation applies in both states. In another, and similar suit, the Colorado authorities are enjoined from interference with a project that diverts water from the South Platte and uses it in Nebraska. These suits are of importance because of further settling the law with regard to the use of interstate waters, a most important factor in the development physically, mentally or spiritually. However, of the semi-arid region, where land is being reclaimed by private enterprise and where water rights have come to have considerable value.

Slowly but surely, the supreme court is crystalfizing the law and making more clear and certain its application. Its contribution to the service of civilization is the more notable because of the effect of its decisions, and the improvement that follows in their being adopted, as better rules for the government of a complex society.

#### Lending Their Ears.

Even Americans without an ear for music are able to recognize the national anthem, although it is to be suspected that many are in a position similar to that of the man who only knew two tunes (one was Yankee Doodle and the other wasn't).

Little of such unfamiliarity with one of the greatest arts will persist with the coming generation, it is fair to say. People hear more music, thanks to the phonograph and the radio, than they used, and most of it is very good, too. Othcrwise such a contest as was recently held under the auspices of the teachers' college at Peru would be impossible.

This was a music memory test in which an orchestra played a number of classical selections to an audience of school children. Beethoven, Brahms, Dvorak, Gounod, Grieg, Liszt, Meyerbeer, Saint-Saens, Schumann, Strauss, Wagner and Tschaikowsky were among the composers who were heard. After each piece the children were allowed a few minutes to write down the name of the composition and of the composer. The correct spelling of the names counted also toward the prize.

A surprising familiarity with the classics was revealed in this contest which in itself served to further the interest of the boys and girls in music. When good music has become so much a part of their lives that they hum or whistle it unconsciously then we may be sure that the hold of jazz and ragtime is being displaced.

#### Interesting Rule in Divorce Law.

A ruling by the supreme court of Nevada that the state was not an aggrieved party in the Pickford divorce case, and so could not intervene to ask that the decree be set aside adds a new principle to divorce law. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say an old principle is applied to divorce practice. The moral and not the legal aspect of marriage is in question only. A peculiar sanctity surrounds the institution, to which the church gives not only approval but to a large degree insists upon observing. The state, however, looks upon marriage as a civil contract, enforcible or dissoluble as other contracts are. Where no public interest is at stake, the state will not interfere other than to stipulate the manner under which a marriage contract may be terminated or set aside.

Such a course is in harmony with our theory of liberty and the responsibility of individuals, but unfortunate developments have shown that some citizens are disposed to regard with levity the obligations resting on them, and to indulge their liberty by treating rather lightly the implications if not the exact terms of marriage contracts. Examples recently afforded have not been especially edifying. The state has assumed control of public and private morals in other regards to an even greater extent than was sought to be applied in the Pickford case, there-

fore it becomes apparent that a line is being drawn that will fence off divorce proceedings from other acts that are strictly regarded by the

law as subject to regulation. In the end, the Pickford case is a matter beween the parties, and would never have attracted especial attention, had it not been for the prominence of the principals in the amusement field. If the public could forgive them, and apparently it has, the courts would serve no good cause by setting the whole scandal going in back motion to the further confusion of an incident that is all but forgotten.

#### Truth About the Tariff.

Even the most circumspect of free trade advocates occasionally blunders onto a great fundamental fact in connection with the tariff. Our esteemed democratic contemporary frankly ad-

People have been coming to Washington, British steel manufacturers, German manufacturers, Italian manufacturers, and they have complained that if the present tariff bill goes through they will not be able to sell their products here.

If the English and the Germans make our steel products for us, our own mills will have to close. Nobody disputes that. But the World-Herald goes on further:

Mr. McCumber and Mr. Smoot and the rest of them know that things are different now, that Europe owes us many billions of money, that Europe has come to be our chief customer, the chief factor in keeping our own prices up and our own wheels of trade humming, and they know that unless Europe sells to us she cannot buy from us.

The argument in this is that we will sell our wares in Europe while Europe sells its output over here. A more transparent proposition never stood on a flimsier base. Of course we expect Europe to pay its debts, but not at the expense of American industry. If the plan outlined by the democrats is followed, Americans will eventually pay the whole cost of the war, not alone the loans we made to Europe, but Germany's bill for indemnity and reparations to boot. The prospect is pleasing only to a democratic editor.

#### A Word for America.

"The United States is far behind other nations n physical training," runs a newspaper statenent. This is not true. In fact, it would be hard to say in what desirable direction America is outstripped by any other country.

The proof of our physical deficiency is not to be found in the Olympic games where our athletes meet the best that Europe can provide. It is not to be found in the record of our troops abroad. It is not to be found in the amateur baseball games, the innumerable track meets, the tennis and basket ball courts, the gridiron, the swimming pools or the gymnasiums. Not even the unfavorable showing in the physical tests of drafted men proves a lower standard.

In many foreign lands compulsory military service has hindered the growth of athletic sports. The ideal of strength plus skill nowhere is as prevalent as among our own people. From the calisthenics classes of the schoolrooms to the golf courses we are striving to develop the body in proportion to the mind.

What the journalistic indictment was intended to convey, no doubt, was not a sense of our national inferiority, but that more might be done along the line of physical culture. That much is true. Americans have not reached perfection, this gives no warrant for denying our very real

#### All Ready for Canning.

A bumper crop of fruit is in prospect for Nebraska, to judge from the laden boughs of the fruit trees in Omaha back yards. One looks at the green apples and the cherries turning red and infers that the orchards stretching north and south along the Missouri river are doing equally well, or perhaps better on account of the care taken in their cultivation.

Grain and live stock form the principal part of Nebraska's harvest, although the fruit growers play a larger part than is generally known. The king of fruit, as the apple is sometimes called, brings a good income to many farmers in the region of Auburn, and heavy shipments are made in the east, while from the fruit lands of the Pacific coast come substitutes.

Taken the nation over, the fruit crop is likewise a larger item than might be thought. The value of fruit and fruit products on farms in the United States last year was \$525,000,000. The apple output alone amounted to \$163,000,-000 and grapes \$68,500,000. Oranges were sold for \$64,000,000 and strawberries brought \$41,-000,000.

That was in a year of killing frosts, which fortunately has been spared this time. Truly, the canning season that is now in its beginning should be a full one.

### Verdun and Valor.

For the first time in history, the United States of America has presented a medal of honor to a community. Verdun, France, has been so signally honored, because Verdun stands forever a symbol of the highest quality of human courage and determination. For more than five months a battle on stupendous scale raged around Verdun. It was commenced in February, with the preparatory bombardment from the greatest equipment of artillery ever centered on a single objective. The plans of the crown prince of Prussia for blasting a way through the French lines were well laid. His only miscalculation was failure to take into account the full capacity of the French for resistance. "They shall not pass!" That is Verdun's crown of glory. It was not uttered in desperation, but in sincerity. The United States of America bows to such valor.

Four new joint stock land banks are soon to be opened in Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, Portland and San Francisco, which may be taken as proof that lending money to farmers is pretty good business after all.

At least M. Bakhmeteff can not complain that the United States has been precipitate in its dealings with him. He has lasted five years longer than his government.

Formation of a state-wide branch of the Parent-Teachers association indicates the rise of intelligent interest in education by patrons of

Nebraska editors differ on many things one with another, but they all agree that freight rates are yet too high.

Iowa voters will dispose of some political as-

pirations today. The Lions' roars sound encouraging.

#### From State and Nation

.Give a Look at Mars.

The planet Mars occupies the center of the stage this month, being nearer the earth and therefore brighter than it has been at any time since 1907. No other planet varies as much in brightness as viewed from the earth. This is due, of course, to its varying distance from us. Mars describes an elliptical orbit about the sun, its average distance from that body being 141,500,600 miles. Around this path the planet travels in 687 days. The earth also describes an elliptical orbit about the sun at an average distance of 92,900,000 miles in a period of 3651-4 days. Mars is thus what is known as a superior planet, that is, one whose orbit is outside of the earth's orbit Superior planets are usually nearest the earth at opposition, that is when opposite the sun as seen from the earth, and they are farthest away at conjunction, that is, when in the same direction as the sun. This would always be the case for circular orbits in the same plane, and most of the planetary orbits are nearly circular and in approximately the same plane. Mars, however, has a rather eccentric orbit, that is, one that deviates considerably from a circle, while that of the earth is more nearly circular, so that the two curves are not everywhere equi-distant. Consequently some oppositions are more favorable than others, the closest approach possible at opposition be-ing 35,050,000 miles, while at an unfavorable opposition this distance may be increased to 61,000,000 miles. Moreover, the closest approach may not occur on the exact date of opposition. The interval between successive oppositions is 780 days, the time required for the earth to gain one lap on Mars as they travel around the sun.

This year opposition will occur on June 10 at 10 a. m., the closest approach on the eighteenth at 7 p. m., at which time Mars will be only 42,300,000 miles away, nearer than it has been at any time since 1907. Unfortunately for northern observers, however, Mars is now in the constellation Sagittarius, over 25 degrees south of the equator, too far south for onvenient observation in northern latitudes. 9:05 p. m. on the first, and about sunset on the 10th, after which it will be well up in the southeast at sunset, rising earlier and earlier night after night. It will be the bright-est object in that part of the sky, and easily identified on account of its flery red color.

#### "Treason" and Reason From the New York Evening Post.

The common sense of twelve West Virginia jurymen, acquitting William Blizzard of treason to the state, confirms the common sense view that the American public has taken during the five weeks of trial. It was natural for the pros-ecution to bring forward one of their strong-est cases first. Blizzard was regarded as the leader of the miners who marched into Logan county. If anyone could be convicted of trensonable conspiracy, the state's attorneys thought he could. Some of the 120 trials still pending are on a different footing—several men are charged with murder; but the Blizzard verdict

demolishes most of the cases Simply because in Anglo-Saxon countries the government is so firmly established, Anglo-Saxon peoples resent and ridicule any effort to crect a bogey of "treason" out of scarecrow materisls. The evidence in the trial just concluded placed it on an opera bouffe footing. A few hundred union miners hear that men, women, and children are being maltreated by non-union operators in a neighboring county; they see men emerge injured and bleeding; they remember that for years union workers there have been abused under a county government virtually conducted by the operators and their gunmen. They begin a demonstrative march, and readily surrender when the federal government interferes. Of course the march was deplorable. But most Americans are a good deal less disturbed by such a demonstration than by the fact that local government should have failed in its duty. The lesson for West Virginia is that indictments for treason against masses of men are an in-dictment of government.

#### The Year's Peak.

"What is so rare as a day in June?" asks Lowell. The month of June has more happy associations or memories for most of us than any month in the year.

It is the month of thansition from spring to summer, when all outdoors is at its best. The heat of July, the aridity of August have not yet paled with age the soft greens nor shriveled the flowers.

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And June is the month in which the whole world "graduates." The commencements have their counterpart in field and wood.

What a season of happiness June brings! No wonder it is the bridal month. Its days are indeed rare. Its tempting sunshine writes happiness over everything and even though humdrum duties detain us from its enjoyment, at least it invokes happy memories of other June days.

No he-man can look June in the face with-No he-man can look June in the face with-

out thinking of fishing. From early youth June has been the month when school's out and we could go swimmin' and fishin'. And even though one has moved away from that notion along one has moved away from that notion along life's highway, the memories of those other Junes endure.

June is the peak of the year. It holds the

longest day. It combines the beauty of the heights with the restful pause associated with the summit. It is a season of optimism. Once we have passed over its peak the year is half done. What we do with June's rare days may determine our fealing toward the last six months. It is so even in life. It is youth that determines the man. And June is a youthful month, with happiness as its keynote.

#### Catapulting the Scaplane.

A few days ago in a workmanlike way and without any fanfare or flourish of trumpets there was successfully performed at Yorktown Va., an experiment which will be of first-class importance in naval warfare and which, for the present at least, places the United States navy in a unique position. This was nothing less than the launching of a service type seating, carrying a pilot and a passenger, from an airplane catapuit on the deck of the battleship Maryland. As no other navy in the world is known to possess such an apparatus, the United States has clearly established a point of superiority. The intention is to place a com-plete equipment of cataputt and planes on

plete equipment of cataputt and planes on every vessel of the battle fleet.

The project of catapulting planes from a ship is by no means new. The attempt was first made as far back as 1915 and was repeated in the following year, but the machinery then employed was both extremely cumbersome and not powerful enough. The entrance of the United States into the war in 1917 anneals a constitution of these experiments and caused a cessation of these experiments, and it was not until this spring that it was possible to restart the work. The present result has given great satisfaction to the naval bureau of aeronautics. The Navy department is to be congratulated on this further triumph of American ingenuity and inventiveness and on its evident determination to overcome all ob-stacles in bringing the fleet to a high pitch of

#### New Type of Mania.

From the New York Globe. A man driving an automobile near North Leroy, N. Y., Saturday, indulged in one of America's favorite pastimes—beating a train to a crossing. Unfortunately the train arrived as soon as he did, and the result is that five persons are dead and 25 or 40 badly hurt. According to an engineer, the train was clearly visible from the automobile. What happened must have been the result of the driver's own state of mind. Either he was too badly frightened to know what he was doing or he was actually intoxi-cated, as many motorists often are, not by al-

cohol, but by the sense of power and speed which an automobile gives.

This is the subject in which students of psychology of behavior might do well to look. Men were designed by nature to walk or run. but not to drive automobiles. The excessive speed of which these machines are capable, therefore, produces conditions with which we are not instinctively and without long training fitted to deal. A considerable number of accidents, both to automobilists themselves and to pedestrians, can be accounted for only on the ground that the responsible person was not at the moment in a normal mental condition.

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the adult will be from the con-The peevish infant, the nervous, The peevish infant, the nervous, continent, such as you get in the excitable baby, the young one given drug stores, provided you use it to attacks of infantile anger-all of

to attacks of infantile anger—all of these types of babies are the carry stages of emotionally ill-balanced childhood and adulthood. The poor sleepers and the finicky eaters are headed for trouble if left just to grow.

The normal baby is naturally a cratches on the affected areas. to attacks of infantile anger-all of

The normal baby is naturally a contented glutton. His natural habit contented glutton. His natural habit is to wake up, fill his stomach, and is to wake up, fill his stomach, and 4. Repeat each night for three distributions. go back to sleep. Like a snake, he nights, and is happiest when he is full and disnights, and at the end of the week tended. His business is to gain weight at the rate of 200 per cent a year, to accumulate a few habits, and to develop a few emotions and a control of the family. little brains.

Just as his weight and stature never afterward increase at so rapid a rate, the baby learns at a higher rate of speed in the first year of life than in any subsequent year-incom parably so. But then, he has so much to learn. But if he departs from this pro-Nationally Priced

gram—develops sleeplessness, on-edge-ness, irritability, nervousness, violent emotional outbreaks, holding the breath, black in the face, finicky appetite--look out, mother! There are breakers ahead. Dr. Barr says that these nervous babies develop into three types in

childhood. There are some who have the for-They are trained into normal children, without being overtrained. In some the training is begun late and never accomplishes its objective. The children of this group are ob-servant and intelligent; but, be-

cause they are reticent, sensitive and shy, they may seem dull, sullen and obstinate. The children of this group are prone to be solitary and introspective and given to queer religious no-tions, such as overconscientiousness. Out of this group a good deal of

dementia precox eventually However, though there are many peculiar children, children who do not fit in, there are few who are definitely insane. Insanity is not liable to develop until the strain and

liable to develop until the strain and stress of life begins to bear on those of poor mental constitution.

The third group are the unrestrained emotionals. They have tantrums, and they indulge just as freely as they did in babyhood.

The children of this group, as a stress of the children of this group, as a stress of the children of this group. rule, have intellectual power above the average. They are imaginative, superstitious, high-spirited, timid. They are worried by trifles, vain, crave sympathy, are not amenable

o discipline. They are thin, slim, given to night terrors and sleepwalking. Many of them have headaches or other forms of migraines.

She Should Get Well. Mrs. H. M. M. writes: "Has a little girl, 10 years old, with heredi-tary syphilis, a chance to get well and pass puberty without trouble? It reduces irritation and usually restores the skin to its normal "The last blood test, about two healthy condition

"The last blood test, about two months ago, was negative, and now some red spots, with some itching, have appeared in her arms.
"Can this be produced by acidity in the blood besides impure blood?
"Please give some symptoms of scidity and advise how to coracidity and advise how to cor-

REPLY. Yes. There is no reason for thinking the eruption is due to syphilis. Inherited syphilis gets well if it gets anywhere near reason-

#### Raw Egg Unnecessary.

Mrs. McI. writes: "I have a boy ho was 11 months old May 1. For the last two or three days I noticed hat his urine smells like ammonia days on one raw egg, well beaten, and a baked potato with butter. Could this cause that strong odor?" REPLY.

Foods too rich. Leave off the egg. Feed more cereal, bread, vegetables and fruit.

A Fruit and Dates Dinner. T. V. writes: "I would like to have your opinion on one meal a have your opinion on one meal a day, consisting of fruit and sometimes dates or figs. I eat a fair-sized breakfast and about three or four apples, two oranges, and sometimes half a pound of dates with the apples for dinner. Then I eat a good-sized supper. Do you think it proper to eat fruit and dates alone for dinner?" for dinner?"

REPLY. It is, assuming that you get all the

ood elements in your three meals. Look What the A. E. F. Did! Old Reader writes: "I have had an itch on my body for the last six months, and after my baby got it and we all got it from one another, my children, father and mother. The children scratch themselves so

"I have been to several doctors and all they give me is salve, but that does no good, and all I do



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