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THE YANTIC PUMPER

With the installation of the motor driven combination pumper and chemical wagon in the Yantic fire house that part of the town will have effective means of handling such fires as develop over a rather large territory.

The motor driven and operated fire apparatus is not only the latest type for city but for the outlying districts. Equipped with a chemical tank it will be possible for it to deal with the small fire by this effective means and provided sufficient water is available the pumper will permit of the best possible means of fighting any fire which cannot be handled by the chemical.

It is not often that the city apparatus is called upon to give assistance at such suburban points but when it is possible and necessary it has been cheerfully done. But such cases have simply emphasized the need of having available for self protection in these thickly settled portions of the town the very kind of apparatus. The help that could be given in checking a blaze by the quick response and the immediate use of the pump and the quantity of water which it will do the trick has warranted the provision of this pumper and chemical. It gives much added security and protection to the under Norwich Town, East Hill and Yantic sections of the town.

And likewise, inasmuch as those and other sections have received the assistance of the city department when occasion required, it is to be expected that this pumper will be an auxiliary to the local department which can be quickly called upon and made use of in case help is required in addition to the present equipment. In connection with this purchase, however, there appears to be opportunity for an expression of gratitude over the fact that such a large saving has been made on the appropriation.

BLOCKING THIRD TERM

People are not concerned so much today over the possibility of the final outcome of the revolution introduced by Congressman Humphreys of Mississippi proposing a constitutional amendment limiting the tenure of any officer as president to two terms, as they are over the disposition which calls for the presentation of such a resolution.

Heretofore there have been very few who have considered it advisable to depart from the custom set by Washington. The practice of serving only two terms has generally been accepted with, but any thought of breaking such a precedent. Where the efforts have been made to secure third term election there has always been a strong feeling that it is out of the question to think that the sentiment of the people is against the third term, regardless of how such an attempt may otherwise be regarded.

That this resolution is introduced now can be attributed to the fact that it has been shown by the president in not being willing to frankly and squarely state whether he is to be a candidate in the coming democratic convention for a third term. Everything points to the fact that he will be elected and it should not be that far there has been no statement thereon.

With the presentation of such a resolution by a democrat it is interesting to note that it was set forth in the platform on which President Wilson was first elected that a single term for president was favored and an amendment to the constitution making reduction impossible was urged. To this the president was pledged and yet both he and the party entirely overlooked it and now a member of the party considers it necessary to legislate against a third term.

As far as preventing a third term for President Wilson, it is believed that there are several things which make such a change in the constitution unnecessary, but it is amusing to see it has been the single term party trying to give the country something more effective than a democratic platform promise.

CUTTING DOWN COSTS

Movements for the prevention of waste are pertinent in many directions. It is time for people to realize that much waste with them as to what the cost of living is. If they think they can spend all and more than they get, when a dollar is worth but a half of what it used to be, they must expect to go high and dry in the weeks to come. It is impossible to throw away and still have, if it is continued very long, and yet that is the idea which a great many cannot seem to shake off. Because the amount received may be greater there appears to be the disposition to spend without reserve and no inclination to save when the saving may be small yet effective.

In connection with the many campaigns for the elimination of waste it cannot fail to be appreciated that a valuable undertaking has been started by the effort which is being made to cause more attention to be devoted to the checking of shipping waste through taking greater care in seeing that the goods are properly packed and put in fit containers. Great quantities of goods are lost or damaged because of this failure. Shippers in this country are subjected to severe criticism in comparison with those of others for the careless manner in which they sent out their goods instead of seeing that they are sufficiently protected against such usage as they must expect to get from these handling them.

But even aside from the sloppy way of packing goods is the equally wasteful practice discarding the container after it has been used but once. Whether the latter practice can be effectively overcome, although today it is less in evidence than it was a few years ago, will depend upon the way in which thought and attention is directed toward it. Millions of dollars each year can be saved by the devotion of careful consideration to these matters but it is apparently the same old problem of getting those most concerned sufficiently interested. It is easier for some to waste than it is to save.

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GERMANY'S NEW PLANS

Germany hasn't ceased to make requests upon the allies for the lightening of the burdens imposed by the treaty, and it isn't likely to do so long as it is able to ask for and obtain concessions. It is quite natural after having been encouraged by successful endeavors along this line to follow them up by more. And just at the present time Germany has presented a request to the inter-allied conference at San Remo asking that instead of being restricted to an army of 100,000 it be allowed to increase it to 200,000 and that it be permitted to retain its general staff intact.

This can be regarded as the direct outcome of the recent trouble that Germany has experienced, calling for the use of force to suppress those who were determined to overthrow the government. If that Germany wants to retain a general staff, the brain of an army, sufficiently large to direct 800,000 men instead of 200,000.

Germany of course is going to make the most of the position in which it finds itself and to take the benefit of every inclination toward leniency but the nations must have due regard for the future peace of Europe.

QUESTION OF FAIRNESS

Without any question the rentpayers of New York city and that city is no exception, have been put in very uncomfortable positions by the proffering sections of their landlords, but just because some or many of the apartment owners have acted mercifully toward their tenants it does not mean that all have and it does not mean that property owners are not entitled to a fair increase in rents in order to meet the living costs.

This has been clearly set forth by the finding of a New York judge in a case brought by a tenant, in which the judge found occasion to characterize the attitude of the tenant as profligate quite as much as had been the case with other landlords. It has been repeatedly shown that there were landlords who were gouging the tenants for outrageous sums because they considered they had the chance. It is quite unfair for tenants to demand a strike against landlords by withholding rents when such landlords are making only reasonable charges.

There must be full realization of the fact that landlords are obliged to meet increased costs quite as much as their tenants. Rent likewise should be as fair for the landlord as for the tenant, and when that is assured a square deal all around is provided. A landlord getting a fair rent cannot be branded a profiteer.

There can be no toleration of the profligate tenants and the courts are now inclined to do so but they likewise show the necessity of being fair when one judge rebukes 60 tenants for withholding existing reasonable rents and when another allowed reductions in only six out of 21 apartments against higher rents.

It is out of the question to think that all landlords can be judged by the unscrupulous, and, as must be realized, when landlords are found who are disposed to do, and are doing, the right thing they are entitled to protection against injustice as much as those tenants do who have left the coldblooded actions of the profiteer.

EDITORIAL NOTES

From the way in which the country is being motorized there are those who insist it means the end of horse sense.

The man on the corner says: The railroad men probably picked out this season for their strike so as to take in the fishing.

The democrats are making plans for the national convention at San Francisco but it must seem like a waste of valuable time.

It would have been next to impossible to get a schoolboy to do overalls but the overall epidemic that is spreading over the country.

When Bridgeport's mayor could not trust the police force to improve the vice code, it would seem to be time to get a new police force.

The opposition to the Carranza government seems to be spreading like a prairie fire, with those relied upon to start a backfire fanning on the flames.

There are some who seem to be as sure of victory for the switchmen's outland strike as Foster was preceding the collapse of the steel strike.

BUYING SENSIBLE SHOES

"Will I have a cup of tea, Bellona?" explained the girl in the fur coat exhaustedly. "How can you ask it? Don't I look as though I needed it?"

"You certainly do," answered the girl in the blue gown, pouring the tea in a hurry. "What on earth have you been doing to get so tired out, Alice?"

"I've been buying shoes," explained the girl in the fur coat.

"You know, I suppose," she continued, sinking back comfortably against the sofa cushions, "that my feet have more than once been regarded as my vanity. They're rather good looking feet if I do say it. And I do love nice shoes, Bellona. But I don't like to spend all my hard earned substance on shoes, nor do I like to be considered a blithering idiot through wearing unsuitable foot coverings in midwinter, so I thought I'd try to get a sort of all around pair of boots to last me until spring. And—"

"Say no more!" the girl in the blue gown cried sympathetically. "Spring needn't be I tried the same thing last week."

"I don't know where the shoemakers get their ideas from," mourned the girl in the fur coat, "but they always seem to think that the woman with a small foot can't be happy in anything but a two inch heel shaped like an inverted toothpick, and apparently they regard it as bad taste to make a small shoe in anything like a common sense style. I've known all this for ages. But last evening Brother Tom waxed satirical at the expense of the only decent shoes I had to my name and while one never regards one's brother's opinion as gospel, still—"

"Still, it may reflect the opinion of other men," smiled the girl in the blue gown wisely. "Now, for example, Tom and Ned Jones usually think much alike."

"Well, anyway, I thought I'd try for a sensible pair of shoes this time," the girl in the fur coat hurried on, blushing. "So all day long I've made myself a martyr to Tom's ideas of common sense in feminine footwear. I've been in every shoe store and department in Chicago, and I've bought a pair of level best to get shoes fit to walk in of a size I could wear with comfort. And now—"

"And now?" "I'm displaying dainty shoes that certainly might have looked more sensible," she went on.

"Five Minutes a Day With Our Presidents" Copyright 1920—By James Morgan

Mr. Editor: Frank J. Weinisch, of Williamsville, is the strangest and most peculiar product of a peculiar spring season. He should have some regard for a print paper shortage and must be aware that people think for themselves these days. Evidently he has been reading a few books and desires to parade some views he has acquired for public discussion.

ENOUGH Danielson, Conn., April 21, 1920.

Not to be Compared. Mr. Editor: We know the American dollar has shrunk. We know one of our citizens has shrunk in spirit, the spirit of the man who draws under the pseudonym "Lower Taxes" and who can utter a libel so criminal as that which places the teachers of the schools of Norwich in a class with the striking policemen of Boston merits prolonged exile from his fellows. The Boston police strike effected property damage into millions of dollars, great burglaries, incendiarism, fires, great bodily violence to citizens, several deaths. It was a reign of terror. What is the campaign of our teachers to secure a fair recompense for their labor? It was peaceful and legal every step of the way. The teachers left their schools to a strike against the school board. I've talked with skulking strikers. Yet the teachers of the schools of Norwich, planters of high ideals in the souls of our children, are held up to the world as equal to the striking policemen of Boston. May the individual who did that in yesterday's issue of your paper sit by a silent fire and chitch the sordid dollars of his "Lower Taxes" closely to his shriveled soul.

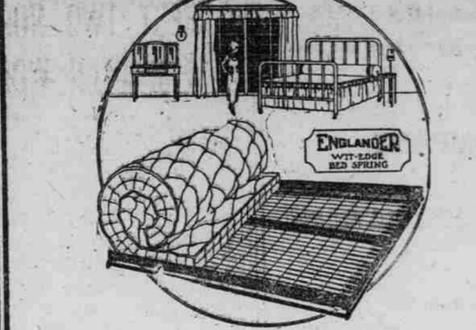
G. WARREN DAVIS. Norwich, April 22, 1920.

Stories That Recall Others His Version. The seventh grade children were discussing the ways to bring down the cost of clothing. This was before the overall idea struck on, and the teacher had told them about Irvin Cobb's desire to have trousers abbreviated into knickerbockers or "banis" as Irvin termed it.

They all agreed that this would be a good idea and then little Jacob suggested a further abbreviation. "You might leave out of them most of the pockets," he said. "There ain't nothing to carry in them now that the country has gone dry."

He Knew It. George, three years old, sang a solo in the Easter programme of his Sunday school. As he was leaving the church with his mother a friend said to him: "George, you did fine."

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS

SONORA The state of Sonora, which is reported to have withdrawn from the Republic of Mexico, is the most American region in Mexico, according to a bulletin of the National Geographic Society.

As American men struggled to rise from the bottom in the more primitive days of the country, their women often failed to keep up with them. At the time half of Fillmore's predecessors gained the presidency, their wives were either dead, worn out or lagging behind.

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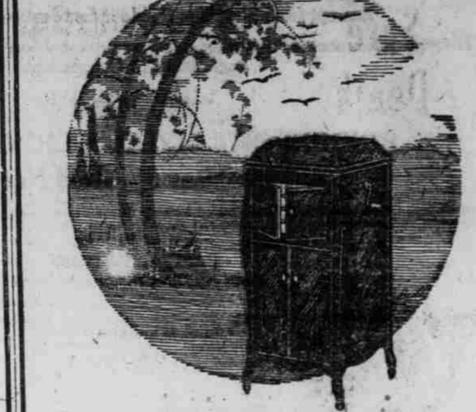
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To Restore Russia. Polish officials state that \$16,000,000 in gold will be needed to restore Russia. Does this include the \$1,000,000 which Poland proposes to demand by way of indemnity?—Springfield Republican.

The Solid South. It is well left to the people of the southern states to decide about the treaty, there are reasons for believing they would decide to reject it.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

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