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that Independence hall stands today in greater danger of destruction by fire than at any other time in its glorious history. According to the claims efforts to secure adequate protection have not been successful. A fire that would wipe out that structure would cause a wave of deep regret to roll over the country, and yet waiting until after a destructive fire has taken place will be too late. Such warnings as those that come from inadequate prevention cannot be wisely disregarded. Fire prevention deserves considerable attention at all times but it should get extra attention when old wooden buildings are bound to be like tinder to the flames.

THE BRITISH STRIKE.

A decided turn for the better, and the avoidance of the crisis that had been threatened, has occurred in the British coal strike. The early report does not indicate that the miners have yielded but the support which they expected from the railwaymen and the transport workers has disappeared, making it impossible to carry through the plan of a strike on the part of the triple alliance set for Friday.

Significance in this connection attaches to the fact that these depended upon by the miners to come to their assistance have every indication of doing their part until the day of the strike was reached. Then they plainly made it manifest that it was believed that the miners were wrong in taking the stand they did and not continuing the negotiations urged by their secretary. Calling off the triple alliance in endeavoring to bring much relief to the British and particularly to the government.

Indications would point to the fact that as the result negotiations would be resumed and out of the dispute came an adjustment. It is characteristic of such labor troubles to wind up with a compromise. That the government's attitude in endeavoring to get a settlement without agreeing to certain demands which would work an injustice upon the country has made a strong appeal to many in labor's ranks as well as public sentiment in general would seem to be indicated.

That the government was prepared to make the best of the threatened triple strike is indicated. With the government appealing to the managers and standing out against class favoritism, and with the prime minister firmly set against the nationalization of the mines the fight to a finish was indicated. That it has been possible to avoid it must be regarded as a decidedly fortunate and it is to be hoped that the break which has taken place in the miners' support will result in an early adjustment of the differences between the miners and the mine owners. What has taken place should lend encouragement in that direction.

GERMANY'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

From Germany comes word to the effect that the message of President Harding to congress was disappointing. What the German look for? Did it have the idea that the new president would lend encouragement to the position which Germany has been taking in its dispute with the allied nations regarding reparations? Did it think that he was going to set forth a policy which would show this country to be other than firmly in accord with the allies on the question of Germany's guilt and its liability? Did it expect that the new president would offer sympathy to Germany and take a stand that would indicate a split among the nations that opposed it in war?

THE KNOX RESOLUTION.

The transmission of the Knox peace resolution is only what was looked for. In the present form it differs from forms previously presented and vetted and is now in accord with the recommendations of President Harding. That it will receive early and affirmative action is almost certain. The purpose of the resolution is to bring to an end that technical state of war which has existed since the signing of the Versailles treaty. It will declare the war which was entered into in 1917 and put an end to the uncertainty which has prevailed in that direction. It will not mean that we will take up the matter of negotiating a separate treaty with Germany, but as was shown by the statement of the president we will continue to carry out the requirements of the Versailles treaty by which we benefit, the peace resolution reserving our rights, powers, claims, privileges, indemnities, reparations or advantages.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Having gained an advantage the Turks are determined to make the most of it.

What has become of that good clothes store which took up the wearing of overalls?

The man on the corner says: When the hens set out to bust the egg trust the result shows what cooperation will do.

Judging from the time it takes to arrive it is farther from high prices back to normalcy than it was from normalcy to the peak.

Orders preventing Americans entering Russia are not likely to cause as much inconvenience as the refusal to permit Americans there to leave.

Bills have been presented in congress to establish daylight saving in the Eastern time zone. It can probably be obtained quicker by common consent.

With the stockholders of the Boston & Maine voting against passes except to employes in performance of their duty one move to eliminate waste is made.

In Massachusetts there has been proposed an enforcement act stronger than the federal law, but it is the way it finishes, not the way it starts, that counts.

More comets continue to be sighted and no doubt if there were some auto drivers guiding them they would take chances enough to bring about an early collision.

A safe and sane Fourth is being sought by those Pennsylvania citizens who are urging legislation authorizing any community the right to prohibit the sale of fireworks.

When mothers get the habit of using their own car instead of their child's, as is done in Westfield, Mass., it is time to do something more than investigate.

There cannot be much consolation for former Emperor Charles to be shown out of Hungary and then to be told by that government that he is Hungarian.

THE MAN WHO TALKS

As a general thing it is not advisable to burden one's mind with historical facts. Nowhere is this more applicable than in the case of the man who talks. It is his business to talk, and he should talk only for the benefit of those who are interested in the subject. He should not talk for the sake of talking, and he should not talk about things that are not his business. He should talk about things that are of interest to the community, and he should talk in a way that is clear and concise. He should not talk about things that are too technical, and he should not talk about things that are too general. He should talk about things that are of practical value, and he should talk in a way that is interesting and informative.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wants Nuisance Abated. Mr. Editor: I saw a letter complaining that children should be stopped riding on the sidewalk. If this is annoying to our friends, he should speak to the phonographic concert, to which the business people of that section are subject to, three and one-half hours every day, except Saturday, when the concert is increased to ten hours.

I once heard this conversation about a man who did a good piece of work. "Jimmy is quite handy, isn't he?" The answer was "Yes, but he is a little bit of a nuisance." That meant that he had skill or facility. Now the man who has the knack to do things supremely well is a genius. Now the difference between the two is a matter of degree. Still we tolerate the man with a knack and worship the genius. The man who can produce a marvellously fine piece of mechanism has the knack, but the man who can produce a masterpiece of art has the genius.

Why should there be such a long interregnum—and that is what it really amounts to—between the election of a new president and his induction into office? Our history has shown that interregnums will arise until our Constitution provides for this. The old party that has been discredited at the polls will only make time between the November election and the inauguration. It would not be wise policy to introduce measures that could not be conscientiously followed by the incoming administration. This would lead to more confusion than at present. Ambassadors from other countries do not care to take up far reaching measures with an administration whose tenure of office is so short. Congress also has to deal with a discredited administration. The only advantage the present method has is the new president has a chance to consider every politician in the country for a cabinet position.

Nothing is to be gained by throwing mud at the state in which we live. On the other hand it is just as foolish to tell lies in her praise. All live citizens realize that concealing a more progressive. It is all right to be conservative but we ought not to let our conservatism run to seed. Fifty-five of our sovereign states approved the edict of prohibition, but Connecticut was not among the number. More recently many states have provided for juvenile courts, but Connecticut is not one of them. At present children can be heard by two hundred judges and justices in one hundred and fifty different courts, but only forty of these are required to have probation officers, and of these only few have any training. Why do we not take the offending child to treat him as a criminal? Why expose him to the unwholesome tuition of the old rounders? Why tolerate longer the evil system? Why are we not well on in the state's laws, and fishermen are divided into two classes; first, those who really catch fish and say nothing about it, and secondly, those who don't and spin yarns about it. The real sport of fishing is not in the whoop, you don't catch, but in its mystery. You are kept all the time guessing what is going to happen. Fishing is an uncertain sport, for when you throw in the baited hook you don't know what you are going to haul out. Many a fine woman has angled for trout and hooked nothing but a common sucker. Fishing is complicated, and it is not a simple matter that the dirty, barbed-wire who is supposed to be in the back yard saving wood, will take a crooked alder stick for a pole, and a few string for a line and a hook and line for a fishing outfit. A fine fishing outfit, however, you

EFFECT OF WAR ON OUR CHEESE INDUSTRY

One of the striking results of the war has been the effect upon the development of the cheese industry in the United States and the successful production of all the popular foreign types. It would be difficult to find a cheese maker in the United States who does not remember some date. It is well for us Americans to remember some things that live in our past. The eight days of April between the 13th and the 20th have been in our political life. It was on the 19th of April, 1776 that the British got their first real black eye from the colonials, when they were repulsed by Massachusetts farmers at Lexington. On April 13, 1861, Fort Sumner was fired upon, and the next day the brave Major Anderson surrendered. It was April 15 of the same year when President Lincoln issued his famous call for 75,000 troops. Four days later Massachusetts soldiers were fired upon in Baltimore. Of course it will never be forgotten that on April 14, 1865 the noble Lincoln issued his second call for 400,000 soldiers. It was on the 15th of April, 1865 that the whole event like these in the cells of memory.

The writer of these paragraphs hits up his voice in protest against distorting facts in presenting an argument. It is as foolish in the case of a writer as it is in the case of a speaker. A person always weakens his position by misrepresentation. Individualism marks our differences of opinion as it does our differences of personal appearance. We have different views because of the structural differences of mind. If this were not so, politically we would not be divided into republicans, democrats, socialists, and religiously into Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and other sects. But what I cannot understand is that we should deliberately go out of our way to misrepresent the other fellow's position. It is a disgraceful thing. Agricultural College at Storrs has been criticized. Possibly it is open to criticism. I never heard of a college that wasn't. But things have been said about Storrs that are absolutely untrue. The statistics. It has been reported that only 14 per cent of the students are taking agriculture, whereas, according to government report it is 31 per cent. According to the census of 1917, 25 per cent of agriculture, it taught a proportion to cultural and scientific subjects than in any other land grant college in the United States.

Just a feeble expression from one who is not known internationally as an expert, musician, critic, or writer. It is present while at a concert given at Slater hall by a celebrated pianist. It was a very creditable entertainment on the part of the performer, and also on the part of the orchestra. The pianist did not disgrace his wife by clapping or yawning at the wrong time. At the end of each of the wonderful Variations and Fugue by Beethoven, his applause was diminishing. He was kept in the swing by making his cue from a well-known musician who sat near him. And variation it was indeed, at one time like the cooling of a dove and then like a hotbed of embers. The pianist was coming down to the brass chairs of real Puritanic honesty, did you really like it? Did it occur to you that the man objective was the display of technique rather than the music itself? Was there one thing when he passed the piano on the back, but something else when he stepped on his talk. It is said that it "takes art to copy art," but it takes something more to copy a pianist. When a person stands among the first in any human calling it is perfectly human to let everybody know it.

One of our expert fanners says: "Our largest remediable waste is that of preventable ill health. The secretary of the United States Public Health Service says that there must be some way to save the million people of the United States that they must raise four billion dollars annually for some years. As that is presumably correct coming from that source, we must stop losing it. We can never collect water by pouring it through a sieve. According to statistics the most wasteful slave in our nation today is the man who wastes his money from those whose sickness is preventable in two billion years. One-half enough to pay the federal taxes. Says one writer, 'we are permitting nearly one million American lives to be lost prematurely; and perhaps two million people are sick all the time. Sickness has become an economic question.'

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This note puts a man's nerves on edge. He cannot bear over the top of his head. He is not a good man to study under