

West Virginia From Mine to Farm

Letters to the Tribune's Editor

I wholly disapprove of what you say and will defend to the death your right to say it.—Voltaire to Helvetius.

A Maxim Volley Voting on Prohibition

The West Virginia Trials

A Test of Sovereignty, Says Charlestownian, Accusing United Mine Workers of Lawlessness

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Your editorial pertaining to the treason trial in Charlestown, in your Sunday issue was not such an utterance as one would expect to come from a newspaper usually controlled by moderation and guided by facts.

darkness, caring little for blood and naught for grief. Martial law was in effect in Mingo County. The local law officers had found themselves deficient to enforce law, protect lives and property, and had called for state aid. The state tried his hand, but found itself deficient, and twice has solicited and obtained Federal aid.

For a Fair "Show-Down"

Maintaining that the People Haven't Voted on Prohibition

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Many facts are no doubt correctly stated by Orrin H. Graham in his letter as to the "putting over" of prohibition. But apart from "The Boys Over There," I think there is a very general feeling among voters that they have never had their "day at the polls" on the issue. It seems to have been so handled, either by design or accident, as to always have been left out of sight, or at least subordinated to other issues, in elections of Congressmen and members of state legislatures.

Mr. Maxim's Pen in Hand

Where's the Teetotaler Stronger Than He in Mind and Body in His Seventieth Year?

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In your issue of the 7th instant Mr. Orrin H. Graham, of Franklin, Pa., comes at me with a wind of words in the guise of criticism of my letter in The Tribune of the 30th ult. Mr. Graham is so profuse in ridicule and diffuse in reasoning, and has tried so hard to make his attempted facetiousness funny, that it is difficult to deal with such literary fatulence.

Yankee in the bootlegging industry enables him to drive a most thriving and profitable business with certain other of the United States of America. Mr. Graham touches feelingly on the matter of wife-beating by drunken husbands and upon the weak-mindedness of children born of drinking parents. According to the testimony of most of the ardent prohibitionists, their forebears were exactly of that imbecile drinking sort who reared imbecile children; for, if we take the word of the prohibitionists for it, their friendship for and advocacy of prohibition has been largely influenced by the sad experience of hard-drinking members of their family, who were horrid examples of the utter depravity and imbecility produced by drink.

better condition both physically and mentally than I am. If Mr. Graham will take the trouble to read my previous letters to The Tribune, he will find that I have already answered his claims that prohibition was put over on the American people because the majority of the people wanted it. As a matter of fact, it was not an overwhelming majority, but an overwhelming minority that put over Federal prohibition.

Bonus Dilly-Dally

(From The Philadelphia Evening Ledger) The dilly-dalliers who are afraid to kill the bonus bill, though they see the folly of passing it, take joy in the fact that the President will not sign it unless it is accompanied by a provision for the raising of the money, that the Senate cannot originate any such provision and that the House may think up some reason for further delay before undertaking revision. Courage is something our legislators appear to have everything else but.

Ciphering

(From The Philadelphia Evening Ledger) If Congress is going to disregard the opinion of experts as to the proper size of an efficient army why stop at 115,000 men? Why not knock off the naughts (which don't mean anything anyhow), and have an army of 115, with headquarters at Washington? And the money saved can be stowed away in the park barrel.

A Matter of Interest

(From The Washington Star) While liberty, humanity and justice have figured prominently in the old discussion of Russian affairs, the old subject of oil proves to be not without its importance.

Coal Trouble Diagnosis

The Industry Overmanned — Suggestion That One-third of the Miners Turn to Farming

To the Editor of The New York Tribune. Sir: At the Hotel Astor on April 21 was held what was looked forward to as an important debate between the representatives of unionized miners and the public. The rather barren results of this debate seem to lie in the proposal of Mr. Garfield that the government create a coal commission—or rather two commissions, one for anthracite and one for bituminous interests. These commissions as proposed would take in the Interstate Commerce Commission and pretty much all other branches of the United States government, including statistics and records, and presumably the history of coal strikes.

enough so that there is no demand for all the coal that can be produced by all the men (and boys) who seem to prefer to work at the mining of coal because it is good-paying work. The result therefore is overproduction, or rather, an oversupply of coal miners. This oversupply is the sore spot. It is undeniable and inescapable. The union leaders try to force the mine owners to hire all comers, whether needed or not. They say: "If too many men, work them only six hours a day instead of eight—but mind that you pay them for the night. If still too many men, work them four hours a day, so as to give work to all." This forcing process, being against the immutable laws of commerce and business and of common sense, leads, of course, to trouble.

The Bonus and Much More

An Estimate of the Nation's Debt to Service Men and Women

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: If each citizen owes his best to the country of his birth or adoption, the converse ought also to be true, that the country owes its best to its citizens. When those who volunteered or were drafted went into the service, they became dependent for sustenance and care upon the government of the United States. Those who were not so selected had the opportunity to enrich themselves. I am not speaking of New York City alone, but of the great masses of employees in the industrial and agricultural sections of our land. For instance, streetcar employees, throughout our country advanced from 25 to 35 cents an hour to 60 and 70 cents an hour. Railroad employees advanced their wages to 275 per cent of their former pay. Those service men and women whose income was not impaired by their entering the service of the United States (mighty few), need not be considered, as to their economic status.

Reparation

(From The Philadelphia Inquirer) The attitude of some nations is that France ought to dust up the front room, bake a few cakes and invite Germany to come in and sit down for a nice long chat.

A Natural Charm

(From The Washington Star) Threats of conflagration that have once or twice hung over the United States Treasury caused very little excitement in this country, but probably aroused violent apprehension among European governments.

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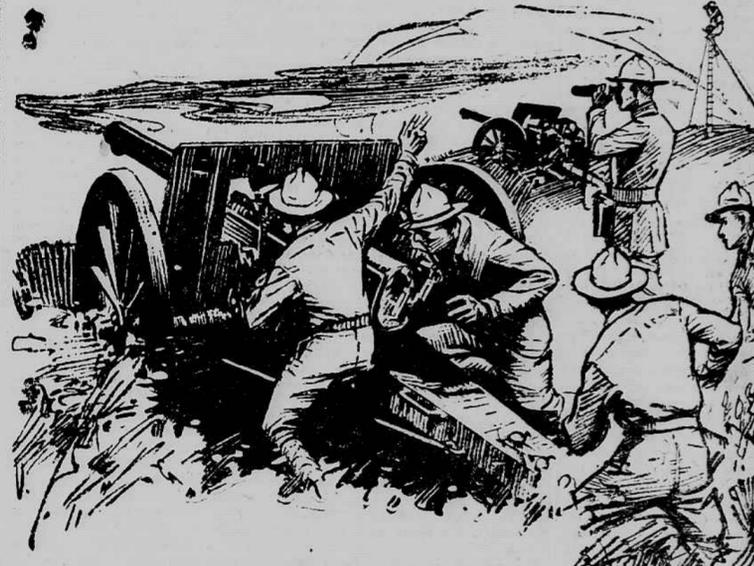
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