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OUR EMISSARIES TO THE WILD OF COURSE there will be passionate outcries in Congress because of the informal nature of our approach to the Bolsheviks and the elastic-minded gentlemen named by Mr. Wilson to deal with the wild, wild Russians in the wider Princes Islands.

William Allen White is a friendly sort of man with a soul stoutly buttressed with the hard common sense of the Middle West. He is shrewd. He is likely to be very patient and he has the journalist's knack for putting large truths in little words.

In Professor Herron, the other American representative, the Bolsheviks will meet a man who is more or less familiar with the rocky road upon which the soul of Russia is now wandering. The professor himself has a roving and experimental consciousness. He has tried many ways of life.

NOT STUNG YET QUITE emphatically Governor Sprout has informed the boomers that he isn't entertaining any presidential bee in his bonnet.

DOCTOR CONWELL AND TEMPLE UNIVERSITY A MAN is not only known by his work, but a man is his work.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO BE A BULL IN THE MARKET

Governor Sprout Realizes It When He Demands the Expenditure of \$80,000,000 for State Improvements

THE next twenty years in this country belong to the optimists, to the men who are bulls on America and have confidence in the recuperative powers of this irrefragable people.

Much peaceful business has been at a standstill for nearly four years, and more of it has been stagnant for two years. The energies of the nation were concentrated on winning the war and we surprised ourselves and the rest of the world by the things which we did.

Pennsylvania fortunately has an optimist in the Governor's chair in Harrisburg. Mr. Sprout is not worrying about the future, but is making plans for public improvements which will go a long way toward providing work for the idle while private industry is readjusting itself to absorb the men discharged from the army.

The taxpayers are not likely to overlook the Governor's remark that thirty-ton motortrucks will not be allowed to use the State roads.

The primary purpose of the new road system will be to serve the convenience of the people of the State. This is evident from the Governor's statement that it is planned to connect the county seats first and to make these connecting roads where feasible parts of trunk roads running from one end of the Commonwealth to the other.

It may cost more to build roads now than in ten years. But no successful business man postpones for ten years building an addition to his factory if his business demands expansion.

monwealths in the whole Union. We have grown rich because of natural resources. We can afford to pay the market price for road builders whatever it is and we can afford to pay the market price for road materials.

WHAT NOT TO DO WITH RAILROADS

MR. BRYAN, who has almost always suggested the wrong remedy for admitted ills, is outdistanced in folly by the representative of the railroad brotherhood who has proposed a solution of the railroad problem.

Mr. Bryan told the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington that the Federal government should own the trunk lines, because it would cost too much to buy the feeding lines.

But the railroad brotherhood plan, set forth before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce by Glenn E. Plumb, is so wildly impractical and visionary that it is astounding that a man in full possession of his senses should seriously suggest it.

Mr. Plumb would have the government buy the roads at the appraised value of their physical plant, regardless of the value of their franchises or of the amount of money that has legitimately been spent upon them.

What the outcome of the railroad situation will be we do not know, but we are confident that there is enough common sense in the American people to insure that it will not involve any such unfair and confiscatory program as this.

DOCTORS ON STRIKE

A DOCTOR on a strike is a new and stunning phenomenon. And the medical men in the school inspection service seem to be in deadly earnest.

The Board of Education is hard-pressed for money, but it appears it will have to rustle around and find more money for its medical men.

The Most of Evil

The Socialists at Berno, who claim to have the secret of peace and happiness in their philosophy, are quarreling and quibbling more passionately than the old-fashioned diplomats at Paris.

Four Dears:

It is rather reminiscent of a familiar feminine habit, isn't it, to observe that Miss Alice Paul and her militant suffragists, who expended limitless time and energy in efforts to get abroad to heckle the President, should land in France with their banners and their speech-bunching apparatus just as Mr. Wilson is packing to depart for home?

THE RISING TOTAL OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Pennsylvania Will Have Eleven Yearly Should the Celebration of Roosevelt's Birthday Be Authorized

RESPONSIVE to America's affectionate admiration of Theodore Roosevelt, strikingly manifested in the heartfelt tributes paid to his memory throughout the nation yesterday, is the proposal to add his birthday to the list of holidays.

It is the popular misconception that the Fourth of July falls into this class. Its official observance wherever the American flag flies is, however, not the result of all-inclusive Washington legislation.

ODDLY enough, although the date of this holiday is suggested in the annual presidential proclamation and every State in the Union acts upon his tip, there is no law ordering recognition of it in the District of Columbia.

Herewith, save for election day, the uniformity ends and local predilections become assertive. Nine southern States, for example, celebrate the birthday of Jefferson Davis and twenty-six States that of Lincoln.

IF a specialist in holidays were to adopt swift aviation as his mode of travel, he could, by visiting the right States at the right time, enjoy an average of a legal holiday a week throughout the entire year.

The statistician who delights in telling one that every time the clock ticks a child is born, a Ford is produced, a new novel completed or a new law passed, would be unfaithful to his mission if he neglected to add that virtually every day is a holiday somewhere on earth.

Foreign travelers have long had an inkling of this, notably in Spain, Mexico, Russia and Bulgaria. Thirty-three legal holidays, religious and secular, are rubricated on the calendar of the last-named country.

OF LATE years the holiday total in Pennsylvania has been rising. The inclusion of Roosevelt Day would bring the number up to eleven.

The present penchant for honoring great figures in American history with holidays is capable, of course, of wide extension and calls for the application of no little taste and discretion.

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THE procedure seems a trifle niggardly. The policy of remembering the births of patriots, geniuses and noble personalities in the drama of civilization is susceptible of inspiring development.

Over the portals of the Paris Pantheon gleams the golden inscription, "To the Great Men of the Fatherland." Only a very few of them—Hugo, Sadi-Carnot and some others—are buried in the crypt. But the "blanket" tribute stands. It is comprehensive, dignified and suggestive of a method applicable to the "holiday question."

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"FOR THE MOMENT IT IS FITTING TO OBSERVE SILENCE"—The Ex-Kaiser



THE CHAFFING DISH

Fresh Air and Statesmanship THE best cure for Bolshevism is fresh air.

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CAMPUS SONNETS

Before an Examination THE little letters dance across the page, flaunt and retire, and trick the tired eyes.

Herbert Johnson wants to make a second correction in our articles on cartoonists. He says that we have conveyed the impression that they were boys together out in old Braska.

TOBACCO smoke drifts up to the dim ceiling From half a dozen pipes and cigarettes, curling in dozen shapes, in blue rings wheeling.

What Do You Know? 1. What name did the French Government give to Belleau Wood after the victory of the American marines there, last June?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. Edward II, son of Edward I of England, was the first Prince of Wales. He was born in 1284.

Answers to Saturday's Quiz 2. Eilhu Root was the head of the American mission which visited Russia shortly after the overthrow of the Czar in 1917.

Answers to Saturday's Quiz 3. Placido means hanging loose or wrinkled. The Carpet Bagger was a northern political adventurer who sought a career in the southern States after the Civil War.

Answers to Saturday's Quiz 4. The new Federal tax bill is expected to yield more than six billion dollars.

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