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Better Judges Than the Doctors
It is just possible the Administrative Board adds to its already comprehensive equipment a more profound knowledge of medical and surgical science than it is generally credited with possessing, and that it summoned its punditry to its assistance in determining who should be chief interne at the Virginia Hospital.

Virginia's Fair
VIRGINIA'S fair, which begins to-morrow, ought to make Richmond the Mecca of hurrying throngs from every section of the State. These will be many visitors—they are already filling the hotels and boarding-houses—but their numbers will not equal the real importance of the occasion.

Another Sort of Sharks
LABOR COMMISSIONER DOHERTY'S determination to wage war on the employment bureaus which have waged war on more or less helpless elements of the population of Richmond will have public commendation. There are honest employment bureaus, of course, but there are so many of the other sort that constant vigilance is the price of safety—and safety sometimes is not obtainable even at that considerable cost.

Quarantine Wisely Modified
MODIFICATION of the State's quarantine regulations, so as to conform them more nearly to the necessities of the situation, will be approved generally throughout the State. It is not conceivable that Commissioner Williams would subordinate the safety of Virginia children to the welfare of such schools as are dependent to some extent on patronage from without the State, but it is altogether right that he should consider the question from a broad viewpoint and endeavor to prevent the working of unnecessary hardships.

Wide Difference Between Two Cases
PART from the merits of either case, it is readily apparent that there is a wide difference between the two complaints now conspicuously before the State Board of Education. With one, the public has nothing to do, except on account of what may be considered its "human interest"; in the other, the public has a very real interest.

Essad Pasha has been condemned to death by a Turkish court-martial. The next thing to do is to catch Essad.

Internal administration and discipline of any office, whether public or private, by board composed of men not intimately familiar with its working details, is almost always disastrous in the long run. The hire-and-fire power is one of the strongest elements of any executive's efficiency, and any hampering of that power weakens that efficiency by just so much.

Gerard as the Peace Dove
JUST a few days ago an "authoritative report" that the Kaiser had sent a personal letter to President Wilson, asking him to exert his good offices for peace, received a categorical denial, both from the German embassy and the White House. Now we have another story—from a "trustworthy source" (this time)—that Ambassador Gerard, who is on his way home on vacation, is the bearer of a German plea that the war be ended.

Peace now would be a German peep. For Germany is in possession of over 100,000 square miles of allied territory. Only exhaustion could induce France, Britain and Russia to think of entering into negotiations, unless Germany were willing to make concessions so sweeping as to be almost unthinkable.

Of course, President Wilson knows all this and much more about the situation in the warring countries. The whole tenor of his recent addresses shows he has no thought of tendering his good offices, of his own volition or on invitation, at this stage of the conflict. He would not risk a tender certain to receive a curt refusal from the allies, and thus sacrifice a large share of his influence and of his future power for good.

It is unlikely, however, that formal peace overtures actually have been made, through Mr. Gerard or any one else, and with informal overtures the President, at this time, will have nothing to do.

WHERE union labor stands in the presidential campaign is shown by a long article in the Literary Digest, which that impartial and able diagnostician of public sentiment describes as "the consensus of opinion of union-labor officials representing more than one hundred trades." The Literary Digest gives "not only the prospect as it appears to secretaries, vice-presidents and presidents of certain organizations, but also the judgment of leaders of central labor unions and councils in large manufacturing centers in thirty-one States, from coast to coast and from Canada to the border."

Whether Major Barrett was technically insubordinate or was merely indiscreet in his manner of joking, it's evident he is not in love with the militia service.

SEEN ON THE SIDE
How the Trick is Turned.
I've thought a lot of men who've got, Somehow, high up fame's ladder. And tried to find their gifts of mind, But effort's left me sadder.

They hide their lack by sitting back And looking wise, and blinking. And those who see proclaim with glee, "This guy's a bird at thinking."

What I want to know is, as the prohibition law goes into effect six days before November 7, how we are going to celebrate properly the re-election of Woodrow Wilson.

He—Was your father much astonished when you told him I had decided to go to work?
She—Worse. He was so shocked we had to call in the doctor.

Can make a noise, quite noise enough When one speaks of the other; But if you'd learn how words can crack, Just listen when they take a crack.

"The man who persistently ignores improved methods of farming," says the Big Stone Gap Post, "is himself eventually ignored by the goddess of fortune." So say we all.

There is much wisdom, of one kind and another, in the editorial sanction of one kind and another, a sample of which may be found in the following: "The bright hope of the world is to see a man who is a bright hope and stood at one end and continually shook 'em."

The Richmond Times-Dispatch expresses its gratification that Marsden G. Scott, president of the International Typographical Union, has been elected to the position of president of the Typographical Union in New York, in violation of the contract agreement in keeping faith with Newport News Press.

The Editor of the Times-Dispatch, Sir:—Edgar Allan Poe's days in Richmond were spent as follows: First, he was housed in a damp cellar on the south side of the city, near Shockoe Creek, where his mother died, a child. He was taken to the Allan's home above Allan's store, on the corner of Fourth Street and Tobacco Alley, opposite the old building of the Third National Bank.

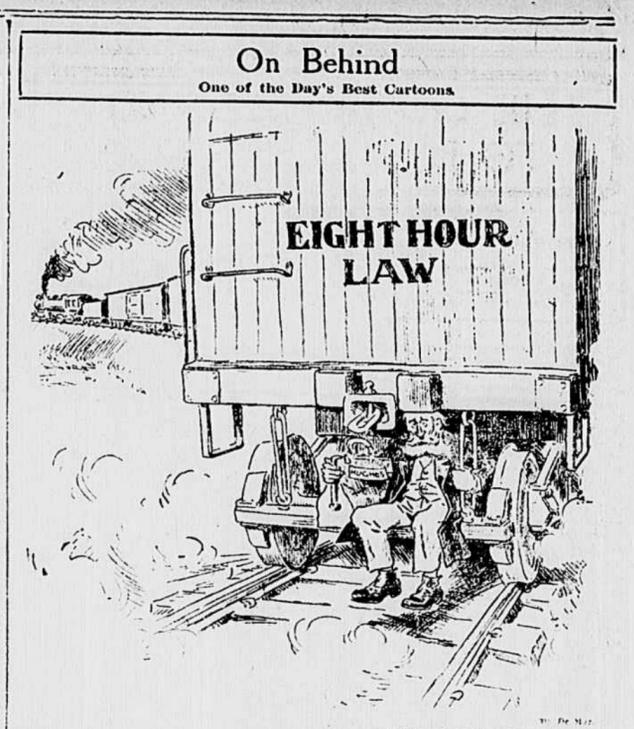
While we do not seek a monopoly of all the police profits on Jackson Ward, we do think that the need should regulate the supply. In this neighborhood we have a negro barroom, a pool hall and a gambling place, popular resorts for some of the worst elements of our race, which in recent years have turned our once quiet and highly respected community into a hotbed of crime.

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On Behind
One of the Day's Best Cartoons
From the Philadelphia Record.

REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN HORSES
BY FREDERIC J. HANKIN
WASHINGTON, October 7.—The popularity of the horse, temporarily eclipsed by the motor car, has suddenly been revived with renewed enthusiasm.

Virginia is the greatest horse State in the Union, although it were wise not to venture such an opinion in Kentucky. The two States go in for widely different types—Kentucky specializing in racing horses, and Virginia in hunters—but in recent years a great stimulus has been given the Virginia horse-breeding industry by the horse show circuit.

Underground Irrigation
In order to reduce the loss of irrigation water caused by evaporation from open ditches, an Australian has lately introduced into this country a system of underground irrigation by pipes, which is called by a writer in the Illustrated World to effect a great saving. The water is pumped through a large pipe from which smaller perforated pipes lead it to the area to be irrigated.

The Chivalry of the Sea.
(Dedicated to the memory of Charles Fisher, late student of Ch. Ch. Oxford.)
Over the warring waters, beneath the wandering skies,
The heart of Britain roareth, the chivalry of the sea.

Current Editorial Comment
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