

Pulling the Wabbone. To Save a Billion. Who Will Get It? Causes, Not Symptoms.

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Organized money gets the long end of the wabbone in recent Supreme Court decisions. They got it the other day in the Steel Trust decision. Today what is infinitely more important to the great money-making concerns, they get a decision that will allow the trusts of the country to distribute without taxation billions made during the war and held waiting a chance to distribute them, income tax free.

A corporation pays its profits, through dividends, to stockholders. The stockholder whose income is so big that he must give fifty or sixty per cent of it back to the Government controls with friends the corporation in which he owns stock.

He says to that corporation, "Don't give me my money now, for I would have to hand it to the Government. Keep it." I will tell you when to give it.

Then a good scheme was invented. Instead of paying money, the plan was to give out more stock. If you had one share of stock in a big trust, they gave you one or two more. Then the stockholders said to the Government, "You can't tax us, this isn't income money, it's only stock. Nobody knows how much it is worth."

The Supreme Court decides that the objection is sound. Gigantic profits made by corporations during the richest profiteering period will be distributed in the shape of new stocks, the prosperous individuals who get the stock will pay no income tax to the Government on income that represents solid wealth.

Little people will pay more to make up for the deficit. This is a good country for everybody, and particularly good for the man with fifty to a hundred millions, who doesn't want to pay his share of taxes.

Von Hindenburg is a candidate for president in the new German republic. Revolutions run along in different countries in much the same way. When the French got rid of Napoleon III, the imitation Bonaparte, and started the republic that still endures, they selected a military man, Marshal MacMahon, for one of the early presidents. Later they got over that and went back to civilians.

A scientist of established reputation announces a plan for using earth's magnetism to prevent decay of food. The invention will make it possible to transport fresh vegetables without decay and without use of ice. At least one billion of annual waste will be prevented.

Inasmuch as we live on a great magnet, the earth, it was about time for somebody to use the power locked up in our great driving wheel.

But the ordinary man will not profit to any great extent by the proposed saving of a billion dollars or so. The man with a million dollars of wealth is created or money saved, the additional profit goes to those that understand GETTING profit.

Sewing machines, machinery for making cotton goods, steam engine in place of horses, electric light in place of whale oil, all such things ought to make life cheaper for the masses. But they don't.

Small class gets profit. The working crowd gets just enough to keep alive and go on working.

It is all a part of the wisdom of Providence. What the world needs is new ideas. Gigantic individual rewards call forth intense productive efforts. The rest, for the present, doesn't matter.

The American Legion through its "Americanization Commission" recommends a fight against "the present unrest," an excellent recommendation. The question is, "HOW will you fight unrest?"

You can't do it by putting a few restless men in jail.

To stop "unrest," fight whatever makes men restless and dissatisfied. The cause, not the symptom, is dangerous.

For instance, a soldier from France reads of "hard-boiled" instruction to those that deal with him. Those considering his claims are told to use their eyes and ears, NOT their hearts.

He remembers that a short time ago, when he was shipped abroad to get shot, there was much talk about the heart, no talk about anything "hard-boiled."

"Is not your heart full of patriotism?"

You can't make a man get over his restlessness or dissatisfaction by offering to Americanize him or waving the American flag in his face.

To fight unrest, fight the causes of unrest. They are plentiful, from the latest Supreme Court decision, to constantly increasing cost of food that mothers must buy for their children.

Allied troops are in Constantinople. A London editor "refers sarcastically to the absence of any United States forces."

That editor has no idea how much of that sarcasm the United States can stand.

It is better to have a London editor supply the sarcasm, instead of having it come from the ghost of George Washington. He would certainly be surprised to see United States forces managing Turkey—

WEATHER: Fair and slightly warmer tonight; temperature about 60; tomorrow fair and warmer; temperature at 5 a. m., 25 degrees.

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Van Schaick at Capitol Denounces Superintendent Thurston As Poor Executive

BRITISH SEND HUGE FLEET TO TURKISH WATERS

HUNT BANDITS AT D. C. LINE

Washington Police on Watch For Gang That Robbed Baltimore Jewelry Store.

BATTLE BELIEVED LIKELY Men Thought to Be Speeding Toward Capital in High-Powered Auto.

Answering an alarm from Baltimore, where four automobile bandits raided a jewelry store in broad daylight, shooting and probably fatally wounding one man, Washington police and detectives have hurried to the District line to intercept the quartet, who are reported speeding toward this city in a high-powered automobile. The police are prepared for a pitched battle which is expected if they meet the desperadoes.

Crime a Daring One. The crime was one of the most daring in the history of Baltimore. The bandits drove up to the jewelry store of James R. Armiger, on North Charles street near Baltimore street, at 10:40 o'clock this morning. This is in the very center of the business and shopping district of that city.

The men worked rapidly, smashing the big plate glass show window of the jewelry store and looting it of thousands of dollars worth of diamonds and other valuables. They then escaped via the rear door, stopping their escape was shot down and probably will die.

The bandits after cleaning out the show window, jumped into the automobile, which had been left standing in front of the store with its engine running, and dashed away through the crowded downtown streets. Scores of policemen and citizens who pursued them were eluded and distanced and the machine disappeared in the direction of Washington.

General Alarm Sent Out. A general alarm was flashed to all the Baltimore police districts and the city was put on high alert. The bandits were seen in the city, but they were not seen in the city. The police are watching all roads leading into the city from Baltimore.

WOMEN WOULD SEND AID TO SOVIET SUFFERERS

U. S. Emergency Committee Seeks Authorization for Ship From State Department.

The American Women's Emergency Committee is ready to send a relief ship to Soviet Russia with medicines and other necessities for the women and children as soon as the State Department grants clearance papers, Miss Emma Wolf, of New York city, executive secretary of the committee, announced today.

If the State Department does not grant the papers the committee will organize nation-wide mass meetings of protest, Miss Wolf stated. Helen Keller, Jane Addams, Mrs. Willard Straight, Mrs. Edgerton Winthrop, Jr., Mrs. Noel Edge, Miss Mary Dreier, head of the New York State Consumers League and other prominent women are members of the committee's advisory council.

LAMENTS WILSON'S LACK OF VISION AT VERSAILLES

LONDON, March 9.—"Had President Wilson always exhibited the firmness and clearness of view he now shows on the Adriatic dispute many of the other questions that grew out of the Peace Conference might have been settled long ago," said the Times today, in commenting upon the President's latest note to the premiers.

MAY GO TO RUSSIA.

ROME, March 9.—Minister of Transport Farrari announced today that the government would assist all persons desiring to go to Russia on business.

Today especially as we allow our little neighbor, Mexico, without interference, to give excellent miniature representations of the Turk in Armenia, with American citizens playing the part of Armenians.

"Thurston Timid and Disloyal," Is Charge of Board Chairman

Superintendent of Schools Thurston was declared to be "a man of small bore and a poor executive, timid in the matter of assuming responsibility and disloyal to his official chief," by John Van Schaick in testifying before the Senate committee probing the District schools today.

Van Schaick did not mince words in summarizing his opinion of Mr. Thurston. "In the judgment of the board he lacks quickness and positiveness of decision," he said. "He lacks ability to delegate work. He lacks courage in difficult situations, and lack of any one of these things is fatal to an executive."

"The board reached its conclusion in the case of Mr. Thurston not primarily through any one act or omission or through the general color of his work; his mentality, personality, character and methods of work."

"No Forceful Enough." "Thurston is hard working, devoted to the schools and has many good ideas. But he is not forceful enough to be a leader—and he is too timid and procrastinating and suspicious to succeed as a city superintendent."

"No matter how good a man may be, however fine his ideas, however hard working and devoted to his profession, as head of a great city school system he is lost unless he is quick, courageous and willing to trust other people."

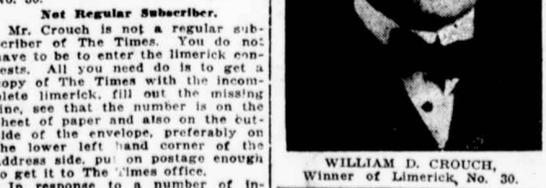
Senators Sherman, chairman, and Dillingham, Henderson, Harrison, and Capper were present at the hearing. A large delegation of teachers, including those in the colored schools, and representatives of citizens' associations, including W. McK. Clayton and Col. C. Lancaster, were present to "heckle" Van Schaick if given opportunity. The committee cut off all questions from outside, however.

Board Has Authority. In response to interjection from Senator Henderson, Van Schaick stated that the Board of Education had absolute authority under the organic act of 1906 to appoint or remove a superintendent of schools. He stated a case of removal or failure to reappoint might be reviewed in the courts, but that an allegation of inefficiency, unaccompanied by proof, was all that was necessary to sustain the action of the board.

Three years ago this same question was before the board, Van Schaick said. "Mr. Thurston's term was about to expire and the duty of the board under the statute then, as now, was to decide if he were a competent man to fill the place. The board was divided, and by a vote of five to four Mr. Thurston was re-elected. "One of the members voting for Mr.

The Winner of Limerick No. 30. With Lowden and Harding and Wood, Who'd all take the job if they could, And plenty more, too, Before we are through, Pa'll vote the way Ma sez he should.

William D. Crouch, 310 M street northwest, from North Dakota, is entitled to go back there and vote. He is a clerk in the zone finance division of the War Department.



WILLIAM D. CROUCH, Winner of Limerick No. 30.

give the prize to the line that has the best point and "punch." Voting by the judges on Limerick No. 30 was pretty well scattered. Some of the favored lines were: "At plowing they'd do lots more good," by Mrs. C. E. Teppett, 1307 Thirty-fifth street northeast. "We stand where Diogenes stood," by E. G. Dodge, 745 Second street northwest. "A circus ring's not half so good," by Mrs. Katherine Murray, 3202 Warder street northwest. "The Derby this fall should be good," by Mrs. Tillie Bosco, 1426 A street northeast. Limerick No. 37 and conditions of the contest will be found on another page.

RAPS WILSON TREATY STAND

Lodge Calls President's Letter To Hitchcock Reflection On France.

SAYS FIUME VIEW IS WRONG Italy Entitled to Possession of City as Strategic Base, He Declares.

By J. BART CAMPBELL. (International News Service.) What he termed an "unfair and unfortunate reflection on France" in the President's latest letter to Senator Hitchcock on the treaty was severely criticized in the Senate this afternoon by Senator Lodge, the Republican leader.

Lodge also declared the President's attitude in the Adriatic dispute to be wrong and said Italy was entitled to possession of Fiume if only as a strategic base to protect her from future invasion.

Reflects on Allies. Lodge declared the President "had reflected unjustly" on the allies in that paragraph of the President's letter in which he stated that "militaristic ambitions and imperialistic policies are by no means dead even in the councils of the nations whom we most trust and with whom we most desire to be associated in the tasks of peace."

"I do not think that it is something that should be said about France and I regret exceedingly such a reflection upon one of our allies in the great war," Lodge said. "I have tried it in the Senate debate to avoid any reflection on any of our allies, 'I feel we owe France a very great debt of gratitude for her part in the war. For after all, it was France that bore the brunt of the war, and she has asked for Fiume peopled largely by her people in order to protect herself. Since when has it become a crime for

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MEXICAN CLERK SHOTS HIS AMERICAN EMPLOYER

State Department Notified Raymond A. Corcoran Killed by Intoxicated Subordinate.

Raymond A. Corcoran, an American citizen, aged 35, superintendent of the Santa Gaudens Mining Co., an American concern near Pachuca, Mex., was murdered by his Mexican clerk, according to State Department advices today from the American consul at Nuevo Laredo. The clerk is now under arrest.

Corcoran's clerk had requested leave to visit Mexico City, but his request was refused because of press of business. The clerk then departed without leave and after a few days returned in an intoxicated condition, it is alleged, and shot Corcoran in the back, the latter dying instantly.

Corcoran's body was brought across the border and buried at Laredo, Tex. His mother, Mrs. Ann O'Malley Sullivan, of New London, Wis., was notified of her son's death.

The murdered man served in the war and was honorably discharged.

BANK CASHIER KILLED IN DUEL WITH BANDITS

Vice President and Porter of Institution Wounded By Bullets in Attack.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 9.—Glenn M. Shawkey, cashier of the South Side Bank, was shot and killed, and J. M. McNeill, vice president, and James Smith, negro porter, were wounded in a gun battle with three bandits who attempted to hold up the institution today.

Britain Would Seize Turkey and Govern Germany, Is Charge

"Britons Would Occupy Constantinople to Rule World," Asserts Paper.

PARIS, March 9.—A strong section of the French press continues to rage against what is characterized as Britain's selfish and imperialistic policy toward Turkey. Le Temps, for instance, says: "Sixteen months after the armistice the allies must start the war all over in order to impose peace."

The Populaire says: "Britain is about to occupy Constantinople after obtaining the consent of France and Italy. Thus ends the comedy, for everybody knows that when British troops settle anywhere they are the force and Constantinople is certainly an alluring key."

"The present-day capitalist fanaticism surpasses the papal fanaticism of the Twelfth century. Britain, who follows her policy with admirable continuity, has concluded that if the Turks are to be driven out of Europe there is nothing better to do than for Britain to take their place."

"Thus, Britain is about to grab a position as mistress of the world. France-Italian imperialism, which gave way in 1915 before the Romanoffs' imperialism, will undoubtedly give way to British imperialism if sufficient compensation—honest or dishonest—is offered."

"So, British indignation at the suggestion of leaving the Turks in Constantinople is explained, and so is the noisy exploitation in England of the recent Armenian massacre. Only the British Empire—the very circles which formerly were intensely anti-American—and the so-called 'German wing' of the democratic party are fighting the alleged pro-British tendencies of the present government which are becoming steadily more manifest despite the extensive food relief coming from America."

American Aid Ignored. "Though thousands of food packages are pouring in from the United States in an uninterrupted stream, that fact seldom finds even slight mention in the German press."

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NO CIGARETTES BY 1925, IS AIM OF NEW CRUSADE

"Save the Girl" Another Slogan of League—Seeks \$100,000 to Do Both Jobs.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Abolition of the cigarette in America by 1925 is the aim of the International Cigarette League, which has been organized as successor to the Anti-Cigarette League. It was announced today.

The State Department is of the view that the ownership must be settled through the courts and asks temporarily possession of the ships pending a court decision.

JAPANESE AWE KOREANS BY MILITARY MANEUVERS

Demonstration Made By Troops to Curb Celebration of Independence Day.

TOKYO, March 9.—An exceptional military demonstration has just been made by Japanese troops at Seoul, capital of Korea, to awe the people and prevent disturbances in connection with the observance of "Korean Independence Day."

MOSLEM ARMY FIGHTS ALLIES

Ottoman Forces at Grips With 20,000 British, French, and Italian Troops.

"HOLY WAR" SMOULDERING Fall of Constantinople Signal For Uprising, Mohammedan Leader Declares.

LONDON, March 9.—The fleet which Great Britain is sending into Turkish waters contains some of the most powerful warships in the world.

Advices from Tunis today said it included the super-dreadnought Queen Elizabeth, the Humber, and some dreadnoughts.

The Queen Elizabeth took part in the ill-starred effort of the allies to force the Dardanelles during the war.

LONDON, March 9.—Reports of a clash between Turkish forces and the 20,000 British, French and Italian troops at Constantinople, although not officially confirmed here, have given rise to the fear that the "holy war" threatened by Moslem leaders if the Turk is driven from Europe has been begun, without waiting for the allied conference to announce its decision.

Situation Delicate. This fear has been strengthened by the reticence shown by Lloyd George in discussing the Near East situation. He had little to say other than instructions for drastic action to prevent more massacres of Christians had been sent allied representatives in Constantinople. Dispatches have been received stating that a large detachment of French troops have been ordered to the Near East and that a British squadron has been ordered from Oran, Northern Africa to Constantinople.

Confirming the threat of a "holy war," by Enver Pasha, a Geneva dispatch to the Daily Express today quotes a former member of the Turkish chamber of deputies who is a member of the young Turk committee, as saying:

"When the allied naval and military forces occupy Constantinople, general war by the Mohammedans against the Christians will begin."

Marital Law Declared. The reports of fighting in Constantinople, which have reached here, declare it followed an "extensive" battle in which British, French and Italian troops participated. It was also stated that martial law had been proclaimed in Constantinople.

Constantinople is occupied by allied troops under the provisions of the armistice. The city is the headquarters of Gen. Franchet d'Esperey, who has about 16,000 French troops under his command. In addition there are a regiment of Italians and a battalion of British, with other British troops nearby, bring the allies total forces up to about 20,000.

43,000 Turks in Arms. It is estimated that there are 43,000 men in the Turkish regular army, which is said to be concentrated at Constantinople and Anatolia. These would be swelled by thousands of hard fighting fanatics in European Turkey, as well as Asia Minor and probably in other Mohammedan countries.

From Bizerta, Northern Africa, a dispatch states that a British squadron arrived there yesterday from Oran on its way to Constantinople. The squadron is thought to be composed of four battleships, one cruiser and ten destroyers which were reported at Algiers on March 4. Algiers is about midway between Oran and Bizerta.

Paris Denies War. Paris reports that the French government denies the troops which recently sailed on the steamer Austria were sent in connection with the recent developments in the Near East. It is said, according to dispatches, that the troops were men rejoining regiments in the army of occupation after furloughs and others who are being sent regularly to replace sick and disabled soldiers.

Confirmation of the reports that 18,000 Armenians had been massacred by the Turks in the Marash district during the siege of that city and its evacuation by the French has been received from Dr. Kennedy, in charge of the London Lord Mayor's relief fund at Adana. He has sent a message to Aneurin Williams, a member of the house of commons, fully corroborating previous descriptions of the atrocities.

Women and Children Die. Thirteen hundred women and children perished in a snowstorm during the flight to Adana, he says, and 8,000 Armenians many of them wounded, still are in Marash, which has been burned. He states that Adana

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THOUSANDS IN GEMS SWEEPED INTO SEWERS

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass., March 9.—Precious stones worth thousands of dollars were swept into the sewers today by heavy streams of water played on a fire in a wholesale jewelry establishment.