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THE SECRET OF THE ATOM

Atoms are the smallest, or one of the smallest divisions of substances, and according to the science of chemistry they are constantly in motion; but, as yet, their motion is beyond human control. When man discovers the secret of the atom it will be the greatest achievement of the ages.

The activity of the atoms of different substances is not uniform, but all atomic motion is a source of energy.

The natural disintegration of atoms produces heat and power. It is quite generally believed that the water in hot springs is boiled by the disintegration of atoms in the rocks over which it flows.

Radium has the greatest power of all discovered sources of energy. The air surrounding a piece of radium is about three degrees warmer than the temperature beyond it's vicinity. So powerful are the emanations from radium that 1-5 of an ounce of that element carried in a glass tube in a man's pocket would kill the man in less than twenty-four hours. It would destroy every bone and tissue in his body. And radium is practically indestructible. Scientists estimate that 1-30 of an ounce of radium will continue to emit heat and power for twenty thousand years. Think, if you can, what would happen if man was able to control the heat and power locked up in an ounce of radium, and could discharge in a single minute what it naturally discharges in twenty thousand years?

As yet radium stubbornly clings to its secret, all the efforts of science to induce it to increase its flow of energy have been of no avail, but that does not mean that the secret now so securely hidden from human minds, will always remain hidden. The commingling of radium of other known elements, or some yet to be discovered elements, may unlock the door, then what? Why happenings beyond the mind of man to comprehend.

WHY THE IRISH DEMAND SEPARATION.

The Sinn Feiners are descendants of the ancient Irish race, a race with a history and literature stretching back beyond the Christian era. They regard the preservation of their nationality as a sacred charge, themselves as a conquered but not a completely overthrown people.

They acknowledge no allegiance to Great Britain, and believe that they can not promote their national ideals, except by a separate and independent national existence. Their enthusiasm for their ideals has been intensified in recent years by the revival of the Gaelic spirit in modern Anglo-Irish literature.

It might and probably would be more practical at the present time not to try to secure complete separation from the British Empire, but to acquire an Irish control over Irish administration and legislation. Such a policy, however, meets with little favor from men who are willing to die for their ideals.

ONLY THE DEMANDS OF JUSTICE

Germany wantonly destroyed the industrial region of France in order to put France out of the running as an industrial competitor. No other explanation can account for the systematic destruction of the Lens coal mines for example.

It is no more than justice to require Germany to pay to the limit of its ability for the damage it wantonly inflicted upon its neighbor nation.

The new Germany undoubtedly feels that it is not altogether responsible for the sins of the old military regime; and in one sense that may be true, but the burden now resting upon France was of German creation, and it rightfully belongs on the shoulders of its creation. There can be no question about the justice of making the transfer.

Colonel George Harvey, our new minister to Great Britain, won some political distinction by his malevolent abuse of former President Wilson. We may be all wrong in our prediction, but we will lose our guess if Colonel Harvey does not prove a failure at the Court of St. James'. A man must have qualifications for a high diplomatic position aside from being the defamer of a man known world wide as one of the purest and ablest statesman that this country has ever produced.

THE WAY IT HAPPENED

Harper's Weekly, owned by J. P. Morgan & Co. and managed by Colonel Harvey, was supporting Mr. Wilson for the presidency when he was first a candidate for that office. This support by one of Wall Street's hired men was hurting Mr. Wilson in other sections of the country, and at a meeting of Democratic leaders, including Mr. Wilson and Mr. Harvey, Mr. Wilson called earnest attention to this subject. Colonel Harvey asked: "Is there anything I can do—except of course, stop advocating your nomination?" Mr. Wilson replied: "I think not." That started the Wilson-Harvey quarrel, a quarrel that probably made Wilson president and Harvey minister to the Court of St. James'.

DEMOCRATS SAVE HARDING FROM DEFEAT

The Columbian Treaty submitted by President Harding to the Senate for ratification received the necessary two-thirds vote because all of the Democratic Senators, except 4 voted for ratification. Several Republican senators were paired against the Treaty and 15 voted against it.

HOLLYHOCKS.

There may be flowers stylisher Than these old fashioned blooms, With prouder airs and lordlier graces And flashier perfumes. But I consider hollyhocks The loveliest flowers that blow, Because in mother's old back yard They blossomed years ago.

I never see a hollyhock In any kind of place But suddenly I seem to see My mother's smiling face; And life becomes a garden spot, Where love's bright wonders grow, With fragrance dripping on the heart From lands of long ago.

I can not see what heaven is, But maybe it will be A glad renewing of the days That meant so much to me; And maybe mother's face will shine Beside a cottage door Perfumed with hollyhocks, and I Can be a boy once more.

LETTS-MASTERS

Married, at the Methodist parsonage on Friday, April 22nd, 1921, Miss Mabel M. Letts, of Dundee, Iowa, and Joseph R. Masters, of Manchester, Ia., Rev. S. R. Beatty reading the service. Mr. and Mrs. Masters will make their home on a farm near Manchester.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS.

"Service to our Buddies" is the official slogan of the sweeping "Service and Compensation Drive" intended to reach every sick, disabled and needy veteran in the state, which is being conducted by The Iowa Department, American Legion.

This drive is the first of its kind to be launched in any state in America, and the eyes of all the other state American Legion departments are on Iowa to see if it succeeds. If it does, national headquarters, according to advices from there to the Iowa Department, will urge that similar drives be launched simultaneously in every state in the union.

Conditions as regards ex-service men in Iowa are not as grave as in some other states, Legion officials say, but it is estimated that there are not fewer than 5,000 Iowa boys who served in the World War, who are in immediate need. Hundreds of men are not receiving compensation due them. Others are out of jobs. Still others are suffering from old wounds, gas and diseases incident to easy living after intensive training of war days. Many of the Veterans have dependents who are suffering because of the father, husband or son, and it is the Legion's purpose to rectify these conditions also in so far as possible.

Organization for the drive, which was suggested by State Commander MacNider, and which is under the personal supervision of him and State Adjutant James F. Barton, includes a chairman in each of Iowa's ninety nine counties, the chairman to appoint lieutenants who are instructed to a house-to-house canvass of their respective district to determine the condition of each of the veterans found. The County Chairmen were appointed by the state executive committee in each of the seven congressional districts in this state and district meetings will be held at which the state officers will speak and outline all details of the campaign.

No lines are drawn as between Legion members and veterans who are not. This drive is for ALL service men and women. Commander MacNider says, and the more than 40,000 American Legion members in this state are expected to support their respective chairmen and do their bit, or lot.

A tentative list of cities and dates for meetings follows: April 27, Fort Dodge; April 30, Charles City; May 2, Sioux City; May 4, Creston; Des Moines, May 9; May 10, Waterloo; May 16, Davenport; May 18 Burlington.

State Adjutant Barton says that all co-operation which the newspapers of Iowa can give what he terms, "the Iowa American Legion's greatest constructive effort" will be appreciated, not only by the department officials but by the men who will be served.

The first annual state convention of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion will be held at Sioux City, May 19-20. Commander MacNider, Adjutant Barton and several other Legion officials of national prominence will be on the program with a number of noted women leaders in this work. Sioux City is the home of Monahan Post, one of the largest and strongest American Legion posts in the state, and is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the visitors. There are now 177 Units of the Women's Auxiliary in Iowa and new ones

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are being organized almost daily.

Les Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, an organization of The American Legion members, which is to the Legion what the Shrine is to the Masons, will make its initial appearance in Iowa this week. The first chapter will be organized at Ft. Dodge following the "Service and Compensation Drive" meeting there this week, and chapters will be organized all over the state in the near future. The society really furnishes the play medium for the Legionnaires while all of its activities will hearken the members back to the days when they fought the cooties and floundered through mud in the trenches in France. The name comes from the inscription on French Box cars, "Forty men and eight horses."

National headquarters of the American Legion is asking all Legionnaires to send a dime apiece to their respective state headquarters for a fund to be used to decorate their buddies graves in France and in this country Memorial Day. More than 50,000 American boys still sleep in France and Legion Headquarters wants to show the world that the Legion does not forget those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The Iowa Legionaire editorially calls upon Earl Caddock, overseas veterans and members of the Earlham, Iowa, Post, to make a statement relative to the reports that professional heavyweight wrestling matches in which he has participated were crooked. The service man's newspaper emphasizes the faith Iowa veterans have in Caddock and tells him that they need a word from him to help them defend him against his accusers.

The Iowa Department, The American Legion, through its state employment, Hans Pfund, is trying to find jobs for unemployed veterans. Business men are requested by the Legion to notify Mr. Pfund if they have places for jobless veterans, and the unemployed are urged to write him stating their qualifications, desires and needs. His offices are in McCune building, Des Moines, Iowa. A number of men have already been placed through this medium.

State War Risk Officer F. E. Thomas, of Maquoketa has settled a claim for \$3,033.42 for a veteran's mother. In addition, through the Legion officer's efforts, the mother will get \$57.50 a month from her son's insurance.

The Afton Post has taken the lead among Legion Posts of Iowa in passing resolutions giving G. A. R. veterans full privileges of its club rooms.

A conference of Legion baseball enthusiasts will be called by State Adjutant Barton soon to make definite arrangements for the organizations of an Iowa American Legion baseball league.

Former members of the 24th Division have been asked to meet at the Hotel Savory, Des Moines, May 3, to plan for the division reunion in Des Moines this fall. Dr. John Mallon of Creston is the chairman of the committee on arrangements.

It's as Fickle as a Woman.
How can we expect the forecast officials to tell what the weather will do when the weather itself does not know?—Boston Herald.

Wonderful Transformation.
Figures from Maine show that capital of \$8,000,000 is invested in the business of transforming the raw herring into the baked sardine.—Boston Transcript.

And There You Have It.
Elizabeth, when asked the ages of her two brothers, answered, "I am bigger than the littiest one and littler than the biggest one."

Filling Cracks With Paper.
Boil white paper in water five hours, then pour off the water and pound the pulp into a mortar; pass it through a sieve and mix with some gum water or isinglass glue.

TELL OF WAR ATROCITIES

British Soldiers Give Testimony Against German Army Officers in London Court.

London, April 27.—German lawyers were present for the first time since 1914, in the Bow street court, when British soldiers who were prisoners of war, gave testimony against German army officers accused of cruelty and atrocity. The evidence given will be used in the trial of German "war criminals" at Leipzig, under the provisions of the Versailles treaty. The men were examined here because they were unable to go to Leipzig. Travers Humphrey of counsel for the British government, stated the German government had accepted the charges against the accused officers, and was acting in the role of prosecutor.

GEN. WOOD'S SHIP IN PORT

New United States Shipping Board's Steamer Is Towed into Yokohama by Freighter.

Yokohama, April 27.—The new United States ship board steamer Wenatchee, disabled several days ago en route here on her maiden trans-Pacific voyage, arrived under tow of the Admiral line freighter Edmore. Gen. Leonard Wood and W. Cameron Forbes of President Harding's mission to study the Philippines situation and a number of other notable passengers were on board.

Alice Gentle, Singer, Divorced.
Santa Cruz, Cal., April 27.—Alice Gentle, grand opera singer, obtained a final divorce decree here from Robert Bruce Gentle of New York on the grounds of desertion. The custody of Bruce Gentle, a minor child, and \$75 monthly for his support also were granted Mrs. Gentle. The case was not contested by Gentle.

What She Wanted.
At the post office a little girl deposited a dime in front of the clerk and said: "Please, I forgot the name of the stamp mamma told me to get, but it's the kind that makes a letter hurry up."—Boston Transcript.

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MAY CENTRALIZE LABOR MEDIATION

Secretary Davis Plans a Complete Revolution of Present Method.

WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT

He Claims, Also, That It Would Be Less Expensive—Would Apply the Prevention Treatment to Wage Disputes.

Washington, April 27.—A complete revolution in the present method of conciliation will be sought by Secretary of Labor Davis, he announced here. His plan is to concentrate all government authority for such adjustments in the hands of the board of mediation and conciliation of the Department of Labor.

Secretary Davis pointed out that his plan would be less expensive and more efficient than the present cumbersome method of dividing the adjustment machinery among a number of boards and organization, such as the federal board of conciliation and arbitration, the war labor board, the industrial relations board and the railway labor board. These agencies, he said, cost hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to maintain and often are of doubtful efficiency and authority.

Explains Plan.

"My plan," said the secretary, "is to have at the head of the department of conciliation ten experts who shall be specially qualified to handle questions and disputes arising in the ten great basic industries of the country. These experts ought to be paid \$10,000 a year at least, I should think.

"In addition, there should be 25 or 30 representatives who could be sent at once to points where trouble is threatened and who could forestall strikes and other serious troubles before they come to a breaking point.

"What has been accomplished already by the board of mediation and conciliation shows how much could be accomplished if a board of adequate powers and expert personnel were authorized.

Seeks to Prevent.

"The whole idea is to apply the prevention treatment to labor troubles before serious breaks occur."

In line with this policy, Secretary Davis conferred with President McParland and Secretary Hays of the International Typographical union on the threatened nation-wide strike of printers in shops where the 44-hour week is not in effect.

YANK FLYER FLEES RUSS

Capt. M. C. Cooper Reaches Riga—Was Captured on the Polish Front in July, 1920.

Riga, April 27.—Capt. Merion C. Cooper of Jacksonville, Fla., the Kosciusko squadron flyer, who was shot down on the Polish front and captured from the Russians last July, escaped from a prison camp near Moscow on April 12 and arrived in Riga. Captain Cooper was accompanied here by two Polish officers. It was learned last September he was a prisoner in Russia. Numerous efforts had been made since to obtain his release, but without success. Captain Cooper's airplane was brought down by Cossacks connected with General Budenny's forces, it was learned.

Buy Your Own Laces.

Adv.—Sample Shoes to Be Given Away. No strings to this offer.—Boston Transcript.

Temples of Wood.

The Shinto temples, says the American Forestry Magazine, are always constructed from the wood of the Japanese aborvitae or higoiki.

A DEADENER OF ENERGY.

The employe who is in constant fear of accident or ill health, or of being thrown out of employment which would reduce him and his family to want is handicapped. He cannot produce as much as he could if his mind were relieved of these fears.

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