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ON THE FIRING LINE.

The Democrats propose to issue a campaign hand-book citing alleged achievements of the party. In the estimation of the people, there are four achievements to be credited—or perhaps charged is the better word—to the party in power. The first "achievement" is the Underwood tariff law. This law has closed thousands of factories, reduced hours in others, set at idleness more than a million men and brought stagnation to the business world. It doesn't pretend to be a protective measure. More than that, President Wilson, in his message of September 4, virtually confesses to Congress that the Underwood law has failed in its primary purpose of raising revenue for the Government at a time when the country was at absolute peace.

The second "achievement" is the banking and currency law. It has been on the statute books since December, 1913, but it is not yet in operation. There are three possible reasons for this. There is either something wrong with the law, or there is somthing wrong with those who are to administer it, or the administration does not dare put it into operation long before election for fear it will be demonstrated as big a failure as the Underwood tariff law.

The third "achievement" is the repeal by the Democrats of the Panama free tolls, thus repudiating the platform of their party, the President's own public pledge and the expressed will of an overwhelming majority of the American people.

The fourth "achievement" is the proposed appropriation by this Congress of a hundred million dollars more than was appropriated by the last Republican Congress, and yet that Congress was condemned in the Baltimore platform for extravagance.

Did the President or anyone of his party leaders for a minute the American people will not distinguish between real achievements and simply running amuck?

The Lord was asked to save Sodom if ten righteous men could be found in it. Ten Democrats have finally been found to make up the Federal Reserve Board, and yet the new "non-partisian" currency law has been amended once and another proposal of amendment has been made, before it has actually taken effect at all.

The same short-sighted vision of husbandry and economy that has made the Democratic South risk its financial prospects year after year practically on the cotton crop alone so that it is now facing tremendous possibilities of loss because of the European war, is the same political economy that framed the Underwood tariff. And the failure of the Underwood tariff to provide revenue against emergencies now brings a whole nation face to face with the always obnoxious and to be dreaded war tax. The tariff, according to a famous Democratic authority, may be "a local issue" in the making, but it is a national issue after it is made and fails. It is merely the same old inevitable logic of results of the same old Democratic business incompetency.

The Government has voted to return to the State of Louisiana its Ordinance of Secession, passed in the troublous days of '61. Doubtless, it will simply be changed in its text a little and passed again in a secession from the Democratic party that has ruined Louisiana's principal industry by the Underwood tariff.

When former President Taft happened to refer to himself as the "titular leader" of the Republican party, the Democratic papers made an awful howl. They said he should be President of the American people rather than leader of a party. President Wilson now calls himself "the leader of a great party" and the same editors applaud. Are there two standards of political morals, one for Republicans and one for Democrats?

The war, which has brought a new tax upon us, the pressure of public business, disturbed trade conditions and important trade opportunities did not prevent the President from making members of his Cabinet away from their duties and sending them to make political speeches in the Maine congressional campaign. And then the Republicans elected three out of the four Congressmen.

THE BAYONET.

Another war theory is being shattered by the dramatically grim realities of the fighting on the River Aisne in France. We confidently were informed that it would be a physical impossibility for contending forces to reach the point of a hand-to-hand struggle for mastery.

Despite the magazine rifle, with its range of two miles, field artillery and shrieking shrapnel, we are told that time after time the issue of mastery was settled by "cold steel."

We mournfully talk of the "days of chivalry" as if martial heroism were a relic of bygone ages. How may one imagine more reckless daring, more sustained courage than is involved in either pushing home or receiving a bayonet charge?

The individual, human factor still is the deciding element in war. Hellish instruments of destruction born in the genius of perdition are not all. "The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." Indomitable bravery still is a factor.—Commercial Tribune.

HOW TO TELL A GOOD AUTO DRIVER.

It has now come to be known that a good auto driver is recognized by the noise he doesn't make. If he permits his engine to run away and disturbs the whole Main street he is a novice; but if he stops and starts in an easy, quiet manner, he is an expert. Some who have had machines for years are still on the novice list, while others have become experts in a few weeks.—Potts, of Colfax, Ill.

THE DAILY NOVELETTE.

Papa's Consent.

She certainly did love him,
Although she was quite fickle;
She curious about it was,
My, My! 'Twas but a nickel!

In a soft, but clinging Chambembert gown of Mexican lavender, Phrynne Kelly never looked lovelier.

Ethelbert Swoggins had been sighing all evening as he gazed at her in the dim light of the parlor.

"Miss Kelly," he said at length, hesitatingly, "Miss Kelly, do you think it would be possible for me to see your father for a moment or two?"

A glow filled the beautiful girl as she read the feverish light that filled his eyes.

"Certainly, Mr. Swoggins," she replied sedately, and left the room in a dignified manner, but Swoggins could hear her running through the hall. Presently Mr. Kelly came in, and after a short conversation with the young man, patted him on the shoulder and again quitted the room, calling his daughter back as he did so.

"It's getting late, Miss Kelly, I must go," said Swoggins. There was a smile of triumph on his face. "Shall I find you at home on Wednesday night?"

She smiled shy acquiescence, and, after seeing him to the door, rushed back to her father.

"Now, now," interrupted Mr. Kelly, "you must not ask questions—Mr. Swoggins wanted to see me on a matter which for the present must remain a secret."

"Please tell me, father," she begged. She begged so hard that at last he said: "Oh, well—if you must know, he wanted to borrow a nickel to get home with."

(The End.)

—Louisville Herald.

TOBACCO

Promises Heavy Yield—Estimated at More Than Two Hundred Million Pounds

Mt. Sterling, Ky.—A careful study of tobacco conditions in the burley belt by men engaged in the business brings out the statement "the best burley crop ever produced in Kentucky." This seems to be somewhat extravagant when the fact is known that the acreage was pronounced short and the year unseasonable for the work as well as the culture of the weed. Never in the history of the crop in Central Kentucky has there been such an abundance of the weed, especially in fields that six weeks ago indicated almost complete failure.

In Bath and Nicholas counties, where it was said about the middle of August that there would be practically no tobacco, estimates are now of 77 per cent. acreage, with a 90 per cent. yield.

In Fleming and Mason counties, that about the same time had as many discouraged tobacco men as one would want to come in contact with during a month's ride, growers now predict an immense yield. In Fayette, Clark, Madison, Lincoln, Garrard, Anderson, Woodford, Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Grant counties the same story is told, and the production in all these sections is much better than was ever anticipated by growers at setting time.

In Montgomery county the yield is far beyond expectations and the crop the best ever grown in the county, which has been a tobacco-producing county for many years. The yield in the county will average over 1,100 pounds per acre, with some fields indicating yield of 2,000 pounds or over.

The quality of the weed all over Central Kentucky is very fine, with broad leaf and stalks topping extremely high. Cutting has been in progress for three weeks and some growers are becoming a little anxious for fear of frost cut some tobacco green, but in the main all over the burley belt, the crop has been allowed to get good and ripe before being put into the barns.

Some growers have finished the work of cutting and housing and the tobacco which has been cut some time, is curing out in a very satisfactory manner.

The very large crop, coupled with the amount on hand, according to Government reports, does not indicate a high price for the weed, and from the most careful survey of the situation it is the opinion of an expert buyer who gets the best, that it will take an exceptionally good crop, carefully cured and prepared and sorted in a masterly manner to average 15 cents per pound all around. This buyer, who has made study and business of handling tobacco for 30 years, stated that it would be to the grower's interest to handle his tobacco carefully and only sell one load at a time, and not glut the loose leaf markets at their opening sales.

The outlook is for a good year for tobacco growers and warehouse men all over the state. Tobacco men have begun to "clean house," and making arrangements for the opening of the loose leaf markets, which will probably be in every county about December. There is no question but that the crop is enormous in pounds for the season, and excellent in quality. The Burley yield will be over 200,000,000 pounds.

TERSE TIPS.

All signs on trees and fences along Connecticut roads are being torn down by order of the State.

France now proposes to annul all German patnets and trade marks as a war measure.

The city of London will pay its municipal employes full wages while they are away at the battle front.

San Francisco has just completed its second municipal street car line. It runs to the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds.

Melbourne, Australia ,has commenced electrification of its present system of 223 miles of steampropelled city railways at a cost of $20,000,000.

Professional and business men of Chile propose to visit this country early next year to establish closer relations between the two republics.

White people are prohibited by State law from teaching in schools whree negroes are taught in South Carolina except by consent of the county board of education.

An English cabinet enquiry into the situation following the declaration of war with Germany, resulted in an official statement that there is no evident scarcity of supplies and that price advances are unjustified.

THAT "DIVINE" RIGHT.

(New York Herald.)

Men in the ranks of some armies in Europe may not know what they are fighting for, but nobody need doubt that Crown Princes and Princelings know what they are fighting for.

BATTLE-SCARRED EUROPE.

(Philadelphia Press.)

It seems to be impossible to find a place to have a fight in Europe where there has not been a fight before.

RETURN ENGAGEMENT.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

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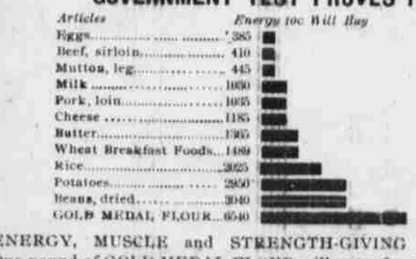

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