

Few persons pray for patience to listen to others.

Presumably the one-man submarine will be known as the "I-bout."

A pacifist seems to be a man bent on fighting only with his friends.

A London report says "British eat less meat." So do we—this long time.

After the war there won't be anything to talk about except the weather.

Although contrary to mathematics, ten \$1,000 men are seldom equal to one \$10,000 man.

It's all right to be optimistic, but a man should not whistle while lighting his last match.

One cheerful fact is that there are no more than the usual number of sure cures for common colds.

This country is so grossly prosperous that people are complaining about the designs on the coins!

The winter egg situation will always be unsatisfactory until hens are housed in steam-heated flats.

Now that cabbage has gone up in price, even boiled cabbage may contrive to get into good society.

An authority informs the world that the Swiss once had an admiral; perhaps it was Noah's medical man.

To convince the fellow who says clothes do not make the man that he is mistaken, put him in pajamas.

Electricity is now being used to ripen cheese artificially. We've eaten some that tasted like a storage battery.

Because it is so common now to own an automobile, any person of distinction must maintain a fleet of cars.

Men are to be youthful once more. Boss tailors have decided that Norfolk coats shall be the thing this spring.

The man who can find a way to recover some of those sunken ships will be able to make Croesus look like a piker.

Pet dogs are fed on fancy cuts of meat, the food commission has been advised. That ought to make most of us bark.

The picturesque stage coach will disappear from Yellowstone Park, but a park benefit can hold up a motorbus just as easily.

A Californian man has invented a gun which he says can shoot 3,000 bullets a minute. The invention factories would have a hard time keeping up with that chap.

A man arrested in San Francisco confesses that he passed counterfeit bills to the amount of \$85,000. It's something to have had that much money and spent it, even if it was only counterfeit.

A Dutch scientist says that bread can be kept fresh several days at temperatures below freezing or exceeding 104 degrees. Personally, however, we don't care much for last week's batch of fresh bread.

A potato famine in Great Britain is predicted. The humble potato has suddenly risen to an eminence of value in which it surpasses even the black diamond, and threatens to become a gastronomical luxury.

Thanks to the war photographers, nearly everybody knows how a battlefield looks from an airplane. Even if it shouldn't happen to look just the way it is pictured, they are willing to take the photographer's word for it.

A burglar, stopping to give first aid to a servant girl he knocked unconscious with a "billy" before he "cleaned up" the house, is one example of just about how far civilization has progressed.

A current magazine tells how to make a diving helmet out of a kitchen boiler. Work like that calls for the services of a new type of "kitchen mechanic."

A meeting is held, resolutions are read, wildly applauded and adopted, and after that nothing is done. The average public meeting is time wasted.

If marching around pool tables is good training for military work, we suppose there are a million men or so training every day in the United States.

A university professor says \$900 a year is the lowest wage a family of five should ever have. Families of five could no doubt use much more without being considered extravagant.

Demosthenes labored hard to become a polished speaker, but that was before the movies made speech a super-erogation.

And the odor of boiling cabbage doesn't seem anywhere near as plebeian now as it did a little while ago.

Factories are turning out overalls for women to work in. And the anti-feminists have not said a word in opposition to this new invasion of the home.

WILL GET WAGES WHILE IN SCHOOL

Boys to Be Paid for Work, Under New System in Pennsylvania Town.

EXPECTED TO SOLVE PROBLEM

Plan, It Is Believed, Will Keep Pupils From Leaving Studies—Labor Shortage Feared in Ohio—News of the Workers' World.

With the occupancy of a new \$285,000 high school building, a new era in things educational will be inaugurated at South Bethlehem, Pa. Briefly this scheme is to pay the boys, who have a bent for mechanics, apprentice wages while they go to high school. The real idea, however, is to solve the problem of why boys leave school and go to work before high school is reached and before they have acquired a sufficient education. This problem Superintendent Buck of the South Bethlehem schools has solved, with the aid of the Bethlehem Steel company and other local industrial concerns. The alluring prospect of earning money has been the main reason for so many boys going to work before their high school education has been completed. Under Buck's scheme these lads in continuing at high school will be paid just the same as though they had left school and gone to work, but with the added feature of acquiring an advanced education at the same time. The scheme calls for the boys to spend part of their time in the workshop and part of their time in the classroom.

Federal immigration statistics point very conclusively to a great shortage of labor in Ohio and many other parts of the country in the summer of 1917. Reports from Kansas City and Indianapolis in particular indicate that building operations will be retarded seriously unless there is a big influx of laborers to those cities. Secretary Thomas Mugavin of the Ohio State Building Trades council says that Youngstown is willing to pay almost any price for laborers both for the steel mills and building trades.

A shipyard "equal to any in the United States" will be built on the Delaware river immediately below the mouth of the Schuylkill river, according to an announcement by the Fort Mifflin Shipbuilding company, recently organized with a capital of \$10,000,000. Work on the new yard will begin at once, the announcement states, 100 acres of river front property having been acquired as a site.

Nearly 3,000 unskilled laborers, representing more than 95 per cent of the total rosters of the Moore and Scott ship yards at Oakland, Cal., and the Oakland plant of the Union Iron works, went on a strike which tied up work on \$12,000,000 worth of warships under construction.

Law as applied to labor movements is to be studied by members of the Women's Trade Union league. The course of study will include the legal phases of strikes, boycotts and lock-outs; rights of workers to organize; classifications of injunctions and conspiracies.

After the hundreds of traction employees in Washington, D. C., voted to strike and crews of strikebreakers had arrived one of the companies recognized the union and agreed to arbitrate.

Forty government employees of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., have formed a union to better the service. Thomas Ross, immigration inspector, is president. Mr. Ross said "We are Americans first and unionists after."

More than 30,000 puddlers and sheet mill workers will receive wage increases as a result of the examination of bar iron sale sheets of the Western Bar Iron association.

In one motor plant are 37 full-blooded Indians, each of whom is paid \$5 a day. One of them recently broke all plant records for setting up a car.

The journeymen tailors' union has determined to abolish the contract system from the tailoring industry in San Francisco.

A 10 per cent wage increase for 13,000 shoe workers, effective May 1, was announced by the Brockton, Mass., manufacturers.

An eight-hour day for woman workers in stores, laundries and other establishments is proposed in Montana. Increased wage to lumberjacks and other woodworkers is proving a decided handicap to recruiting in the north of Canada.

So short is the supply of threshing hands in Yorkshire, England, that boys of twelve are being employed. Vancouver (B. C.) women have petitioned to be allowed to become members of the municipal council.

Eight deaths daily was the average toll of industrial accidents in Pennsylvania during 1916. Frisco Jitney Bus Operators' union has affiliated with the California State Federation of Labor.

It is proposed in Toronto, Can., to establish a pension-scheme fund for civic employees. A new church for munition workers has been opened at Foleshill, Warwickshire, England.

Boiler-makers on Canadian government railroads have a minimum rate of 48 cents an hour. France has a six o'clock closing law.

NO MEN FOR VACANT PLACES

New York Department of Labor Reports Big Excess of Jobs Over Applicants in Past Year.

A bulletin issued by the state department of labor says that from March 1, 1916, to the end of January, 1917, there was a total of 1,165,000 places awaiting workers who were not supplied. "There was an excess of applications for work, as compared with the number of jobs offered up to and including February, 1916," the statement reads. "Since the opening of the spring quarter in 1916 there have been more jobs offered than workers registered. This excess was 4,100 in the spring quarter of 1916, 5,500 in the summer quarter, and 6,000 in the autumn quarter. The demand for women factory workers, which was noticeable in December, 1916, was even more pronounced in January, 1917. Domestic and personal service led in calls for help and in positions filled. Factory and mercantile work was, in January, 1917, second in calls for help and third in positions filled."

In an effort to prevent the employment of women the male conductors and motormen of the municipal street cars of Rome, Italy, recently went on strike. It has also been stated that the strikers hoped by the elimination of the women to insure their own freedom from military service. Previous to striking, the secretary of the Roman section of the socialist party cabled on the president of the street car system and demanded that the school for woman conductors and motormen be discontinued. The demand was refused, the strike was called, but put down within a day by the military authorities.

The New York branch of the International Workers' Defense League of San Francisco announced a nation-wide campaign to save the labor man indicted and convicted for complicity in causing the bomb explosion in the San Francisco preparedness parade. W. Bourke Cockran, who has appeared as the champion of the cause of the labor man, was the chief speaker in a series of mass meetings. The mass meetings are expected to stimulate the raising of a defense fund.

More than 18,000 children less than fourteen years of age are engaged in gainful occupations, according to a report of the Missouri children's code commission. The average Missouri county does little beyond a public school system for the welfare of children. Many of the districts are overcrowded and even in the urban districts, because of lack of funds, only go to school only half a day. Still other districts have too few pupils to justify the commission asserts.

The unfilled orders of the States Steel corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., for 1916, show an increase of 102,643 tons over the report for January 31. The previous high record was that for December 31, 1916, when the unfilled orders stood at 11,547,286 tons.

Another large shipping contract has been obtained by the Bethlehem Steel company. It is learned, for cargo-carrying vessels of 6,500 tons and over involving an expenditure of \$13,500,000. It is understood they are to be built for the Cunard Steamship company. Construction of these ships will require about 65,000 tons of steel, it is estimated.

Miners of the coal region embraced in District 21, United Mine Workers of America, with the exception of those on Cabin Creek and Little Coal River, demand an increase of 10 per cent and an eight-hour day in their scale next year.

The Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining company, the largest employer of labor in the Coeur d'Alene region, announced that the bonus paid workmen would be increased 25 cents a day, making a total bonus of \$1.25 a day.

The eight-hour day for policemen has gone into effect at Sheridan, Wyo. Chief Robertson will put in 12 hours a day distributing the time, so that all the men will come under his personal supervision as much as possible.

There were in January, 1916, 390 British labor exchanges controlled by divisional officers or clearing houses and co-ordinated with a central clearing house in London, the entire cost being borne by the government.

The toll of the mines last year amounted to 1,259 fatal accidents, and 1,305 deaths. This was an increase of 50 accidents and eight deaths over 1915.

The International Association for Labor Legislation, organized in 1900, while not an official organization, is subsidized by 14 different governments.

Plumbers are among the highest paid of workmen, the average wage throughout the country for a day of eight hours being more than \$5.

The International Federation of Trade Unions claims an affiliated membership of approximately 7,600,000.

Nine hundred and eleven local unions are affiliated with Bricklayers' International and the total membership is 70,000.

Many Canadian manufacturers have agreed to give preference to returned soldiers in filling vacancies. San Francisco Building Material Teamsters' union has received an increase of 50 cents a day.

The Carpenters' International union comprises 850 locals, with a combined membership of 197,000. The working forces of the British navy, afloat and ashore, include more than 1,000,000 men. Medical regulation and licensing of barbers are proposed in a bill introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature.

KILLS THE RACING BILL

ATTEMPT TO REVIVE RACING IN TENNESSEE IS KILLED IN SENATE.

Senate Puts K. O. On Racing Bill By Positive Vote of 23 to 4—Bitter Opposition Was Led By Senator Fleming.

Nashville.—The first of the Fuller racing bills was killed in the senate by a vote of 23 to 4. Senator Fuller immediately asked that the other two companion bills be tabled. This means the end of the attempt to revive race track gambling in the state at least two years. The house will also likely kill the bills by as large a majority. The four voting for the bill were Senators Bates and Fuller, of Shelby; Senator Dowlen, of Montgomery, and Senator Smith of Franklin county.

The argument upon the bills was brief, when they were finally called up for consideration, Senator Fuller explained them in detail and offered as amendments that they should apply only to Shelby and Davidson counties, and that the race meetings under them should be held for only two weeks, and finally that the bills should be submitted to a referendum vote of the two counties affected. They were quickly rejected.

Senator Fleming, who led the opposition to them, said to offer such bills now in the legislature sounded almost as ridiculous as to introduce a measure to restore the open saloon. "They would have been all right 25 or 40 years ago, but they are out of date now," he declared.

Prosecutes Under "Blue Sky" Law.

L. Moss of Hastings, Fla., was arrested by Sheriff Wright of Nashville on a warrant charging him with violating Florida law in Tennessee in selling the "blue sky" law governing investment companies operating in this state.

This arrest is the result of the determination of Secretary of State Stevens to enforce the "blue sky" law, which was enacted in 1913, and regulates and supervises the operation of investment companies in Tennessee.

Before doing business in Tennessee every "investment company" must file with the secretary of state documentary evidence of its plan of business, its financial responsibility and other important information. It applies to domestic as well as foreign corporations.

Moss has been engaged in the sale of 40-acre tracts in Florida and it is said he has disposed of approximately 10,000 acres of land in Nashville and nearby cities.

Blind Get Recognition.

Miss Josephine Crisler's bill creating a commission for the blind is now a law. Briefly, it creates a department or a commission. This commission must serve as an employment bureau, and, in truth, it is a sort of department to look after the blind in the state. An appropriation of \$10,000 is appropriated to carry out the purpose of the act.

The governor has also signed the bill giving the board of city commissioners the power to increase the city school tax from 25 to 40 cents. Some members of the delegation wanted to make the 40 cent tax mandatory, but this idea was not pressed.

Funds Needed by State.

There is no use to try to smooth over the fact that the state treasury is in some distress. It is not the fault of the men. It is not extravagance. True, there are more state officials now than there were 10 years ago. The state's activities have broadened. These are aggressive times. The fund-raising board only a few weeks ago issued short term notes to take care of a million dollar deficit.

Students and Faculty Pleaded.

Members of the faculties and of the student bodies of the three Memphis departments of the University of Tennessee, passed resolutions of thanks to those friends of the university who were instrumental in securing the passage of the bill through the legislature under which adequate provision will be made for the support of the university and the extension of its work.

Gov. Rye Thanked.

The young women students of the University of Tennessee sent Gov. Rye the following telegram: "Gov. Tom C. Rye, Nashville, Tenn.—We thank you, Gov. Rye, and the legislators, too, for giving us our million. You've made our dreams come true."

Contest of Sunday Schools.

The Dyersburg Sunday schools have challenged the Sunday schools of Covington, Ripley and Union City to an effort to increase attendance by April 8, the "go-to-Sunday-school day" set apart by Gov. Hom C. Rye.

Site Near Memphis Is Inspected.

Capt. Allen Greer, Sixteenth United States Infantry, inspector and resident instructor of national guards for Tennessee, inspected tracts near Overton Park which constitute the principal offering of Memphis for the state mobilization camp.

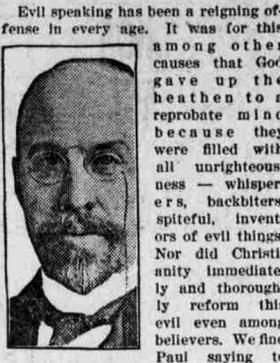
Escort For Gov. Rye.

Gov. Tom C. Rye has decided to attend the Confederate reunion at Washington, and it has been decided that Troop A, under Capt. Hamilton Parks will act as the governor's escort.

Evil Speaking

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TEXT—Speak not evil one of another, brethren.—James 4:11.



Evil speaking has been a reigning offense in every age. It was for this among other causes that God gave up the heathen to a reprobate mind because they were filled with all unrighteousness—whisperers, backbiters, spiteful, inventors of evil things. Nor did Christianity immediately and thoroughly reform this evil even among believers. We find Paul saying to the church at Corinth: "I fear lest there be among you debates, envyings, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults."

The evil speaking we have to guard against is not so much the flagrant lie and the reviling speech, but the private ways of calumny—the ungrounded and false rumors, the unkind constructions, the ready acceptance of bad reports, the carrying of tales and the disposition to dwell upon the worst rather than the best in people.

There are some lives so blameless that even malice is ashamed to vent its spite against them, and yet there is a way of accomplishing the evil purpose even in their case. Their whole character may not be attacked but assaults made upon parts of it. The edges will be nibbled at and the borders of their good name clipped away.

All Are Exposed to It.

One would think it would deter us from evil speaking of another to reflect how we ourselves are exposed to the same danger. The Scripture says, "Take heed if ye bite and devour one another that ye be not consumed one of another." It is a game that two can play at. The devil who instigated your slander against your neighbor can employ your neighbor to instigate a similar slander against you.

And then there is the other thought, that when we search into the corners of our life and ransack the garret and cellar of our corrupt nature, many things may be "found" for which we are ashamed as well as others. As Paul said to the Galatians, "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest ye also be tempted."

We shall find that as we cease being evil listeners we lessen the temptation to be evil speakers. All conversation is kept up by exchange, and if one brings you a story it will seem as incivility not to repay him with another. Therefore if he accuses A—and you will condemn B—and thus it goes. The Scripture says again, "Thou shalt not receive a false report."

Keeping the Balance.

Of course there is a prudent observation of each other's conduct which should be practiced by Christians and there may be a useful impartation to each other of what we have seen and known, not what we have heard or guessed. For self-defense, for the sake of justice, for the love of others, it may be necessary to proclaim our testimony. But this is not speaking evil of one another for it is done with an honest purpose and a harmless mind.

As William Cullen Bryant says:

Dear ties of mutual succor bind
The children of our feeble race,
And, if our brethren were not kind,
This earth were but a weary place.

We lean on others as we walk,
Life's twilight path with pitfalls strewn,
And 'twere an idle boast to talk
Of treading that dim path alone!

In vain, however, does the Christian preacher inveigh against a wrong thing like this, or exhort to a righteous one, except as he points out the power by which the one may be avoided and the other attained. That power is Jesus Christ. To the Christian, i. e., the truly regenerated man, there should be no mystery in this. He should know that if he surrenders himself to the Spirit of the Lord who dwells within him, he will receive power to become a child of God in deed as well as in name.

And to the man who is not a Christian, the advice is practically the same. Let him accept Jesus Christ by faith as his Savior and confess him as his Lord, and he will discover that he is able not only to redeem him from the guilt of sin, but keep him day by day from its power. Yes, even from its power as expressed in an evil tongue.

Hops and Pork.

Hops and pigs go together in England, the reason being that all hop growers breed pigs for their manurial value, and it is pointed out that it is to the public interest to assist British hop production and thereby increase the home supply of pork. In 1899 there were 51,843 acres of hops in England and over 4,000,000 pigs, exclusive of those kept by cottagers. In 1916 there were only 31,350 acres of hops, and 2,147,940 pigs, a decline in both cases of 10 per cent over the previous year.

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