It is mighty poor maple sirup that comes from the catalpa tree.

A shoestring is more likely to strangle you than form a lifeline.

There is at least one thing that isn't sold by the pound and that is women's dresses.

A bootblack has just died leaving a fortune of $50,000. It pays to shine in this world!

Yes, we should eat the potato skins. If we do not they will be making us wear them presently.

Anyway, it is a pretty good idea not to raise your boy to be one who soldiers on the job.

Some of the war rumors indicate that the world is not only going crazy, but becoming childish.

Aviation is safe and easy, an air expert avers. Just as easy as falling off a log, in other words.

When a girl has a genuine complexion she knows it; when she hasn't everybody else knows it.

When the whole history of the U-boat campaign becomes available it will afford interesting reading.

Considering the high cost of shoes, anyone with a sensible barefoot fad will receive respectful attention.

Optimism is all right, but it cannot be used successfully as a substitute for a waterproof coat in a hard rain.

Philadelphia reports its first speakerless banquet a success. That it would be was a foregone conclusion.

"Hogs," according to the headline, "are soaring." That should lend hope of wings to the grossest of humankind.

Potato eating is a habit rather than a necessity, says an exchange. Which makes us all potato bugs, we presume.

Politicians seldom wait until a public man is decently buried before they begin to wrangle over the office he left vacant.

Berlin has decided to impose a heavier tax on bachelors, but they make the celebrated come-back, "It's worth it."

Beauty is a mighty poor thing for a girl to have if it gets a notion into her bean that a life of usefulness is beneath her.

A Pennsylvania legislator wants to tax goats. If the human species is included, the measure ought to raise a big revenue.

The grub situation is just this: Diminish the waste line in the United States and the waistline will take care of itself.

Man is lord of creation, but it took the humble hen to administer the final discouragement to the organizers of egg monopolies.

No man can chew tobacco in an artistic manner, says a western paper. Nor eat spaghetti in an artistic manner, for that matter.

The submarines are said to be interfering with the styles. Some of those excessively thin girls with little round hats on their heads look like animated periscopes.

It is time to keep a stiff upper lip and the best way to do that is to keep the conversation gash closed until you can think out something sensible to say.

"Honor" is a word that always has been badly overworked. In the days of dueling, friendship was abandoned for attempted manslaughter in "honor's" name.

It is seriously proposed in London that women above thirty-five be allowed to vote. With that restriction most women would deny the soft impeachment.

America produces 1,000,000,000 feet of moving picture films, at a cost of $40,000,000 a year, to say nothing of the thousands of dollars that must be spent for the custard pies some of our comedians use.

The poultry experts tell us that the way to get the best egg results from a hen is to make her a widow. And sometimes that plan lifts a frightful burden from the shoulders of the human mother of the family, too.

It is said that ukuleles cannot be turned out fast enough to supply the demand. That's some people's idea of nothing to worry about.

Rice may cut down the high cost of living, but if a person doesn't happen to like rice, it will also lessen materially the pleasure of dining.

For some reason or other the half-baked clerk in a book store seems to have an idea that the person who comes in to buy a book has never read anything before.

Another thing that the young men might learn to their advantage in these strenuous times is that the food content of wild oats is very small.

The original manuscript of "Home, Sweet Home" was recently sold at auction for $360, just enough to make the first payment on a bungalow.

# RECORD YEAR FOR STRIKES IN U.S.

## Figures Just Compiled Show 3,108 Walk-Outs in 1916.

## MEN WIN IN MORE THAN 700

### Scarcity of Labor and High Food Prices Held Chief Causes of Unrest—Old-Age Pension System for Pressmen.

Scarcity of labor and high food prices made 1916 a record year for strikes in the United States. Statistics just compiled by the department of labor show there were 3,108 walk-outs of all kinds during the year. Demands for higher wages and shorter hours caused two-thirds of the strikes. Most of the others were due to differences concerning unionization of labor. In more than 700 of the strikes the strikers won, and employers were victorious in nearly 500. Others were compromised.

Old-age pensions will be paid to members of the Webb Pressmen's union over the age of sixty years by terms of a nation-wide referendum vote. The system will be patterned after that of the International Typographical union.

Agitation by the American Federation of Labor and its 30 affiliated federal employees' unions resulted in wage increases for 200,000 federal employees by the Sixty-fourth congress, which adjourned March 4.

The Missouri child-labor law prohibits the employment of boys and girls under sixteen years of age in any pursuit with the exception of agricultural or domestic service.

Eighty per cent of the Canadian operatives employed in the execution of new and continuation contracts for shells of all sizes from 2.75 inches to 4.5 inches are women.

As a result of the special 1-cent assessment to organize women, approximately 20,000 woman workers have joined the trade union movement within a year.

Richmond (Va.) Painters and Paperhangers' union has asked employers to increase wages 10 per cent, or to $3 a day for painters and $3.50 for paperhangers.

Nashville (Tenn.) Stereotypers and Electrotypers' union has established a minimum wage scale of $25 a week for foremen and secured a one-year contract.

One hundred years ago women and children were the majority of factory hands, and an employer might beat them if he chose to think they were shirking.

Officers of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' union report that the old-age pension plan has been adopted by nearly a 2-to-1 referendum vote.

Dissatisfied with a bonus of $25 a year to meet the high cost of living, the woman schoolteachers of Galt, Canada, are seeking an additional $25.

According to a survey made by the municipal court, a family of modern size cannot live in Philadelphia above the starvation line at less than $832.

Reports recently made in England on the manufacture of war supplies stated that more and better work was obtained on eight-hour shifts.

The Arkansas general assembly passed a bill providing for compulsory school attendance and free school books to indigent children.

Over 800 girl students of Toronto university will don overalls during the summer vacation and work in the munition factories.

Northumberland (England) coal miners have refused to go on strike without a ballot of the members first being taken.

Hamilton (Ohio) city council has passed an ordinance giving firemen a two-platoon system, to take effect June 1.

Belleville (Ill.) Carpenters' union has prepared a new wage scale. Wages are increased from 50 to 60 cents an hour.

Woman cab drivers are stated to be a success in Glasgow, Scotland. One firm has about 40 women driving cabs.

The British railwaymen's vigilance committee has decided to ask for an increase of $2.50 a week in wages.

From mines in Japan and South Manchuria the Japanese are mining 20,000,000 tons of coal annually.

Hamilton, Canada, will establish municipal coal yards, the initial expense being estimated at $18,000.

The California state supreme court has ruled that the workmen's compensation laws applies to seamen.

Fort Smith (Ark.) laundry workers have secured higher wages and improved working conditions.

Abilene, (Kan.) painters have increased wages 25 cents a day, reducing the work day one hour.

A 54-hour bill has been introduced for the employment of women and minors in New Hampshire.

British Columbia fruit growers have asked the authorities to remove the $500 head tax on Chinese.

Five thousand fur workers in New York city have had wages increased 10 per cent.

There are 200 union electrical workers in the Canal zone.

A union of colored barbers has been formed at Mobile, Ala.

# COAL MINERS GET INCREASE

### New Wage Scale in Effect in Cabin Creek District—Women Working in Munition Factories.

A new wage scale which increased the pay of 2,500 bituminous coal miners in the Cabin Creek district from approximately 13 to 27½ per cent over the old agreement has gone into effect. The operators in the agreement reached at Charleston, W. Va., refused to grant the men's demands for a closed shop, but agreed that no objection would be made to the men joining the United Mine Workers of America.

For the first time in its history women have just been hired to rush munition work at a point in New York state. Women in overalls are replacing men in doing light mechanical duties to release the men for heavier work.

President Joseph Powell of the Fore River Shipbuilding corporation announced at a patriotic meeting of employees at Quincy, Mass., that a general increase of wages at the plant was being arranged. He said the company was breaking all records in work accomplished in its efforts to hurry construction of United States naval vessels.

McCurtain, the million-dollar coke oven plant Henry G. Frick and associates erected 12 years ago at Fort Smith, Ark., which never was operated, has been leased by an Oklahoma corporation. Abnormal demand for coke, due to the war, is responsible for a revival of the industry. The plant has 200 ovens.

Union labor at Philadelphia has dropped its opposition to nonunion men and has appealed to them to help the government mobilize all available mechanics for work at the arsenals and navy yards.

The cost of food in Canada has gone up about 75 per cent since the war began, according to figures compiled by the department of labor. It has risen about 87 per cent in Great Britain.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Electrotypers' union has secured a three-year contract. Wages are increased $1 a week immediately and a total of $2 a week during the life of the agreement.

The military preparedness bill passed at Albany, N. Y., is designed to bring 250,000 working boys of the ages of sixteen to eighteen under the compulsory military training act.

Proprietors of mills in South Carolina are spending $1,000,000 a year in the improvement of living and working conditions. South Carolina has a well-enforced child-labor law.

There has been an increase of 12 per cent for Canadian press telegraphers and about 7 per cent for commercial telegraphers employed by the Canadian Pacific [illegible]

A 10 per cent advance in wages will be paid miners in the Tuscarawas district, it was announced, following a meeting of the Tuscarawas operators at Columbus, O.

Additional facilities for giving returned soldiers technical training to fit them for new occupations in civil life have been provided in Montreal, Canada.

The judiciary committee of the Connecticut general assembly favors a bill that will end the practice of importing armed guards during strike times.

A scheme has been devised in Manchester, England, to indicate by a shop window sign businesses which are being carried on by soldiers' wives.

The Western Union Telegraph company has announced that practically all employees will be paid on a basis of eight hours for a day's work.

Reports recently made in England on the manufacture of war supplies stated that more and better work was obtained on eight-hour shifts.

At the recent municipal election at Hamilton, Canada, three representatives of organized labor were elected to the city council.

Packers in Winnipeg, Canada, are offering bonuses and stock in companies to keep their employees from organizing.

Walthamstow (England) council has decided to give preferential employment to discharged soldiers on the tramways.

The Massachusetts state board of labor and industries has ruled that woman coremakers may not lift more than 25 pounds.

The Chicago & Alton has announced that all section men on the system will receive an increase of 15 cents a day.

About 30 per cent of journeymen barbers are victims of pulmonary tuberculosis.

China has only one physician trained along modern lines for each 600,000 inhabitants.

The first strike of American workers (sailors) occurred in 1802 in New York city.

Painters of Dundee, Scotland, have gone on strike for more pay and shorter hours.

More than 12 per cent of New York working women are married.

Eldorado (Kan.) painters have secured an eight-hour day.

### Ho, Hum!

"It must be wonderful to be famous," said the optimist. "Shucks!" responded the pessimist. "Fame is merely a pedestal on which the victim is placed so that the world will have a better chance to throw mud at him."

### Castor Bean Grows Rapidly.

The castor bean grows rapidly and makes an ideal low windbreak to catch and stop surface winds. It will also withstand fierce and continuous winds in districts having the poorest and driest of soils.

# SIN

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TEXT—He did eat.—Genesis 3:6.

From these three words, all the sorrow and suffering, all the distress and the despair in the world have come. But for these words, and what they imply, there would never have been a funeral, nor an aching heart; never a tear on the face of any human being.

**The Fact of Sin.**

The conscience bears witness that man is a sinner. The highest philosophy bears witness and the word of God fully confirms the witness of conscience, philosophy and experience, that man is a sinner.

**The Nature of Sin.**

It was a very simple thing which man did. There was nothing evil in the tree of which he did eat, for God had declared that this tree, together with all others in the garden, was very good. It was just one step that he took, but it was like a step over a precipice. It needed no second step. A very simple thing, but in eating he doubts God's love, for he had been assured of God's love, he would have been assured that the commands of God were for his highest good. But doubting God's love, he acts apart from God, choosing his own way rather than God's, and so becomes a sinner. His own way was not necessarily an evil way, as man calls evil, but it was not God's, and therefore sin came in. Secondly, in eating he doubts God's word. This is necessarily the second step, for he who doubts God's love will doubt God's word, and doubting God's word, he acts contrary to God and becomes criminal. Sin is not merely the disease of which some sentimentalists speak, but sin is a crime, carrying a penalty which must be met. Thirdly, in eating, he disputes God's authority. And so he acts in spite of God and thereby becomes a rebel and enemy. This, then, is the nature of sin. It makes the one whom it touches a sev[illegible] criminal, and the [illegible]r of God's justice, an[illegible] enemy against God's government. The sinner, then, is one who would overthrow God and place himself on the throne of the universe.

**The Results of Sin.**

The first result of sin is shame, which is seen when they strive to hide their nakedness with the aprons of fig-leaves. These aprons speak of their attempt to clothe themselves with a righteousness which will make them comfortable in the presence of each other, a self-righteousness adopted to hide their shame.

This is followed by separation from God, for when God comes upon the scene, they hide themselves among the trees of the garden.

It is to be noted that the separation is formed by man and not by God. These are the first results of sin: shame, self-righteousness, separation from God.

**God's Treatment of the Sinner.**

First, he seeks him. In seeking, God reveals his own love for man and also the character of man, for when he finds him he says: "I heard thy voice and was afraid because I was naked." But this is a lie, for man was naked before and unafraid. He is afraid only when God comes on the scene, and that because he is a sinner and a criminal and the enemy of God. The seeking of God proves man to be morally wrong, for he is a coward, attempting to hide behind a woman. He is shown to be mentally wrong for he tries to lie to the God; he knows he is lying. It shows him to be spiritually blasphemous, accusing God of his sin, implying that if God had never given him the woman he would never have sinned.

**Provision of God for Sin.**

This provision is found in the twenty-first verse, and it will be noted that this provision is made by God; not by God and man. It is, therefore, all of grace. Further, it is made by sacrifice—the shedding of blood, for "without the shedding of blood there is no remission," and those who do not look for salvation by blood, look not for the salvation spoken of in the Scriptures, for the crimson mark of the blood of the Lamb of God is seen on every page of Holy Writ.

Lastly, this provision is made through a substitute, and the covering of the substitute covers the sinner. This, then, is the provision that God has made for the sinner and his sin. He takes the sin away by the precious blood of his own sacrifice, the Lamb of God, so that the believer can say: "He hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

### Can Serve Only One Master.

You cannot serve two masters; you must serve one or the other. If your work is first with you, and your fee second, work is your master, and the lord of work, who is God. But if your fee is first with you, and your work second, fee is your master, and the lord of fee, who is the devil.—Ruskin.

# CAMP MEADE IS ACTIVE

### ADJUTANT GENERAL C. B. ROGAN IS GETTING NEW MOBILIZATION CAMP IN SHAPE.

### Experience of Camp Rye Last Summer Great Aid in Establishing New Camp—The Soldiers Will Be "At Home" in Few Dadys.

Nashville.—The work of mobilizing the First Tennessee regiment is being pushed with all the vigor possible. Adjt.-Gen. Charles B. Rogan has his entire corps working as never before, and is holding frequent conferences with Capt. W. H. Hyde of the regular army, the latter attached to the adjutant-general's office. The mass of details to be worked is overwhelming and Gen. Rogan and those connected with the mobilization work are losing no time in mastering the situation.

By reason of the experience gained in preparing for the mobilization of the Tennessee troops last June at Camp Rye the present labor will be greatly lessened and no hitches in the plans are expected.

One of the first steps taken after ordering out the militia for the protection of property and the prevention of any effort to promulgate plans of preparations for plots against commercial and manufacturing interests in the state was the issuance of a proclamation by Gen. Rogan, through Gov. Rye, for the seizure of all privately-owned radio stations within the borders of the state.

Every sheriff in the state was given authority to seize any radio station now in operation or that may hereafter be put in operation during the period of the war. Such stations are the property of private individuals, as there are no public stations in Tennessee.

### Big Farm For Reformatory.

Under direction of the board of control the state of Tennessee will farm an immense amount of land this year. The Herbert domain is to be a part of the state's farm land. Twenty-five youths from the reformatory will be put to work preparing the ground for seeding. About 400 acres have been leased for the reformatry, which will give that institution about 600 acres in addition to the 500 acres which the boys will cultivate at the Herbert domain.

### Members of Legislature Quit.

There are now three vacancies in the sixtieth general asesembly of the state. The Hon. T. H. Miner of Sneedby county died during the recent session; J. O. Tankard, representative from Davidson county, resigned to assume the duties of city commissioner of Nashville, and last week Gov. Rye received the resignation of Senator Samuel O. Bates of Shelby county. The Shelby senator gave no explanation for his resignation.

### More Troops Ordered Out.

Gov. Tom C. Rye issued orders calling out company F, Third Tennessee infantry, for guard duty at Kingsport, and other units of the Third are expected to be called out in the next few days. Company F is located in Johnson City and its members reported to the captain, Robet C. Lusk, and were transported to Kingsport to guard the manufacturing plants in that town.

### Indexes New Statutes.

There have been 128 acts, new laws applying to all the state, indexed in the office of the secretary of state, while the private acts, applying to single counties, number between 700 and 800. The total output by the sixtieth general assembly will be about 1,000 private and public acts.

### Profit From Coal Mines.

According to figures in the office of the Board of control, the Brushy mountain mines returned a profit approximately of $89,000 for the month of March. For the last four months ending March 31 the average profit has been $28,824.62 per month. The sale prices of coal for these months were: December, $2.58; January, $2.44; February, $2.81; March, $2.25. For coke: December, $3.69; January, $4.75; February, $5.22; March, $5.56.

## TENNESSEE BRIEFS

Two strangers robbed the First National bank at Crossville.

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A largely attended patriotic meeting was held at the Central Baptist church at Johnson City.

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A meeting of the citizens of Bolivar was held in the courthouse to formulate plans to induce the farmers to reduce the cotton acreage and increase the production of food and feedstuffs.

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For making an insulting remark about the American flag, E. B. Eisle, a naturalized American of German birth, was taken into custody by Lieut. W. P. Scobey of the national guard and tured over to the Memphis police for investigation.

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James W. Gerard, former U. S. ambassador to Germany, will deliver the commencement address of the University of Chattanoga, June 5.

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Nearly one thousand school children of Dyer county participated in a patriotic parade at Dyersburg.


# WOMAN SICK TWO YEARS

### Could Do No Work. Now Strong as a Man.

Chicago, Ill.—"For about two years I suffered from a female trouble so I was unable to walk or do any of my own work. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the newspapers and determined to try it. It brought almost immediate relief. My weakness has entirely disappeared and I never had better health. I weigh 165 pounds and am as strong as a man. I think money is well spent which purchases Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. Jos. O'Bryan, 1755 Newport Ave. Chicago, Ill.

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### The Right Note.

"I haven't been home for two days. Got into a poker game."

"Your wife will fix you."

"I hope this note will pacify her."

"I haven't much confidence in notes."

"I have in this one. It is a twenty-dollar note."


# FRUIT LAXATIVE FOR SICK CHILD

### "California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother's coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleaning" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.


### Process of Elimination.

The portly man with the appetite to match, surveyed with astonishment the tray of dishes the waiter had brought.

"George," he said, "how could you remember all these things I ordered?"

"Dat was easy, sah. I done tole de chef dere wuz a man outside wanted everythin' on de bill 'cep' de olives."


The occasional use of Roman Eye Balsam at night upon retiring will prevent and relieve tired eyes, watery eyes, and eye strain. Adv.


### A Big Saving.

"I'm thinking of buying a car."

"Where do you expect to get the money?"

"Oh, that will be easy. My doctor has ordered me to stop eating potatoes."


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