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IST ES WAHR?

Highly important, if reliable, is today's news about two of the official high lights in Berlin. It is news from Amsterdam; it relates to the reported resignation of two German cabinet members.

Comparatively, Helfferich doesn't much concern Americans; we had assumed that he was doing as well as any man could be expected to do, under the circumstances, with food conservation and things of that sort.

But, as we have said, this resignation news is Dutch and requires confirmation. Is it true?

IN CONGRESS

There's no telling when the war-tax law will be enacted or whether a satisfactory food-control measure will become law. Long ago the house sent to the senate a mass of revenue measures carelessly prepared.

Then, when things appeared to be taking shape for the enactment of practical measures relating to food control, the prohibition question was thrust into prominence and the situation hopelessly confused.

This process involves deplorable delay in putting the country into shape for systematic work in food conservation, and that is very unfortunate. At the same time, nothing definite can be done about revenue enactments.

It certainly is a bad situation. The senate has a sort of cloture arrangement which may be applied. That will stop debate, but it will not mean that the legislation which is the product of it is to be satisfactory.

We have been in the war about two months and a half. The country is told that the government is making excellent progress in adjusting itself to belligerency. That may be, but a

fortnight's experience in congress certainly does not support that claim. Most of all, it will be too bad if the general policy for food conservation is not adopted, but that is threatened.

TOMORROW

Pending business relating to local trouble includes action that is more or less of decisive character to be taken by the Metal Mine Workers' union and of the electricians.

The members of the new union have reached the point where the roads part. By a referendum process they will decide, tomorrow, whether to stand pat or whether they will, after all, enter into formal relationship with the American Federation of Labor.

As an outsider in a controversy that involves differences within the ranks of the wage forces, the Post lacks accurate information and it ventures no prediction as to what the outcome of the test will be. At least, the vote will draw the line and give definite shape and form to conditions which, during several weeks, have been sufficiently mixed.

Then, there's the matter involving the Electrical Workers' union and the Montana Power company. It furnished the starter for a large part of the existing trouble. The public understands that, as the result of a series of conferences, an adjustment is in sight.

At one time or another during the long and tedious period of discussion, the Post has presented every aspect of these cases. Nothing more that is pertinent remains to be said; the public is hoping for the best.

DECLINE IN BUILDING

The decline in local building noted in the news pages of the Post Saturday cannot be ascribed wholly to local conditions. While the strike undoubtedly has had an effect upon new construction, the fact remains that throughout the country building is proceeding only at a very conservative pace.

The National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, in its current review of business, notes the prevailing depression in building circles. So far, it observes, the principal adverse effect of our entrance into the war has been in the matter of new construction, although even in this case the declaration of hostilities served merely to accentuate the restrictive influence of high labor and material costs, which factors had been in evidence for more than a year.

Thus it will be seen that slackness in building in Butte is not due to the labor troubles that threaten to shut down the city's principal industry; at least, not entirely. In respect to new construction Butte, apparently, is neither better nor worse off than most American communities.

THEIR HIGHNESSES

The latest word concerning Nicholas, the deposed czar, is that he is detained in a palace at St. Petersburg, with nothing to say. His wife is supposed to have had much to do with the intrigues which brought German influence to bear in Russia. She is the daughter of a South German duke; she also is a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, but she is a partisan of the Kaiser's cause.

There are others of royal rank who are down and out. King Constantine and his wife, not permitted to remain in Athens, tarry in Switzerland, expecting to get into Germany. Ex-King Manuel of Portugal, who had to leave Lisbon after he had scandalized himself, is said to hold a modest clerkship in the war department at London. Peter of Serbia is somewhere in Italy. So is Nicholas of Montenegro;

he is King Victor's father-in-law. Albert of Belgium and his wife, who was a Bavarian princess, are doing relief work and winning compliments for their faithful service.

As for the khedive of Egypt and the king of Roumania, nothing has recently been heard of them. The queen of Holland, and the kings of Spain, Sweden and Norway have plenty to worry them, while Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary has no idea as to what is going to happen to him. Meanwhile, Kaiser Wilhelm, the divine-right specialist, knows that uneasy lies the head, just now, that wears a crown.

HERE AND THERE.

In time of war a pacifist is a person who wants to fight against his country.—Albany Journal.

Now if the government merely needed \$2,000,000,000,000 worth of advice, it would be different.—Houston Post.

It looks now as if the German socialist delegates at Stockholm will have to be satisfied with rain checks.—Galveston News.

The Poles want a free outlet to the sea, but they will wait a long time for the Kaiser to give it to them.—Portland Oregonian.

Germany's finances are said to be seriously crippled. It wouldn't annoy us to learn that the Kaiser is dead broke.—Houston Post.

An Ohio bride divorced her husband so that he could enlist. She wanted to make sure of getting rid of him and do her bit at the same time.—Houston Post.

While the plans of General Pershing have not been made public, it may be stated with confidence that his objective is the Prussian beazer.—Pittsburg Post.

It is now said that but for the czar of Russia would still be in power. Placing the blame on the women is as old as the days of Adam.—Los Angeles Times.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1704—Fortress of Gibraltar in Spain taken by the British.

1776—New York declared an independent state.

1780—Rochambeau and 6,000 French troops landed at Newport, R. I., to aid in the American revolution.

1810—Holland incorporated with the French empire by Napoleon, uniting the 17 provinces of The Netherlands.

1834—Abolition riots in New York.

1850—Millard Fillmore of New York, vice president of the United States, took the oath as president, succeeding President Zachary Taylor, who died in office the previous day.

1897—Aeronaut Andree left for the North Pole in a balloon and never returned.

1900—Germany and the United States concluded a tariff agreement.

1912—Bulgaria withdrew her troops from disputed territory of Ietip, after re-capture of the city by the Serbians in desperate battle.

1916—President Wilson opened the first World's Salesmanship congress at Detroit.

1916—The omnibus revenue bill to raise \$200,000,000 for governmental expenses, munitions and interferences, and creating a tariff commission, passed the house of representatives.

THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

1915—Russians develop great attack on Austrians in southern Poland, with determined resistance from the Austrians.

1916—General Brusilov by surprise attack gains 15 miles on Sarny-Kovel line, reaches Kachowa, 26 miles from Kovel, and crosses the Stokhod at Ugl.

Italians continue gains in Posina valley and Asiago plateau.

Turkish cruiser Midulla, formerly German warship Breslau, and Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly German warship Goshin, sunk four Russian transports and bombarded Caucasus.

General revolt of Arabic cities of Red Sea littoral against Turkish rule.

British planes bombarded Beirut, Syria.

Belgian forces from Belgian Congo reach Lake Victoria Nyanza in advance on German East Africa.

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ALL MEAN WELL.

"What's the matter?" asked the young doctor of a patient who seemed extremely pessimistic regarding his chances.

"Oh, I don't know, doctor; but I feel that I shall never pull through here."

"Nonsense, my boy—nonsense. Why, your case is absolutely the same as an illness I had a year ago. Yet look at me strong and hearty as ever!"

"Yes," replied the patient, "but then I expect you had a good doctor."—San Antonio Light.

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LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

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Of course it is none of our business. But too many families make the High Cost of Living an excuse for extravagance.

What do they profit a harness-galled married man to act as sentimental as he did before he was married to his better half? When Father gets spoozy and acts the part of the lover Mother will say to the children: "I wonder what's the matter with the old fool? He must be drunk."

There was a time when a schoolboy who showed an ornery streak was turned over to his daddy for an operation on the seat of his pants. But nowadays he is turned over to a doctor for an operation on his adenoids.

About the only thing wrong with this country is that a Kluksler can always speak to capacity audiences while a booster talks to empty seats.

Another sweet person who gets our goat is the lad who uses the term "limb" when he means leg.

A bride and groom have to stand for a lot of jokes at the hands of their friends. But later on they discover that the greatest joke was perpetrated by the parson who married them.

A dead hero remains an inspiration, but a live coward is a wart on the face of civilization.

It might be possible for a man to go through life and tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. But he would have to wear a suit of armor plate and a steel vizor. And his married life would be short and full of fireworks.

When two men meet the more polite they are the more they hate each other. And this goes for the women folks, too.

Some men go through life on the theory that a Phil is a man who gives an ounce of charity and a Philanthropist is a man who gives a ton of advice.

While a girl knows that the same results can be obtained in the parlor at home, she prefers to do her courtship in an automobile.

When a man raises a family he is through raising it. But when a woman raises a family she has to start in and help raise her children's families.

There isn't as much slush in the streets in Summer as there is in Winter. But there is just as much in the magazines.

Our Daily Special.

Many A Girl With A Good Figure Displays Bad Form.

Names is Names.

Charles B. Tricky lives in Norwood, Ohio.

ABUSE OF POWER IS CHARGE AGAINST COP

Patrolman Barney King is accused of misconduct in office by committing a willful wrong and of conduct unbecoming an officer in a complaint which has been filed with the trial and examining board of the Butte police department by Michael O'Byrne of 129 South Arizona street. The complaint alleges that on July 7, King awakened O'Byrne in his room shortly before midnight and without cause or provocation took him into custody; that he beat O'Byrne over the head and cursed him. It also alleges that King has an old grudge against O'Byrne and that when he was appointed to the force he threatened to use his authority to persecute him. False testimony in police court during prosecution of O'Byrne is also charged.

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS AT BUTTE THEATERS

PEOPLES Hippodrome vaudeville: Today, Joe Sheffell's Eight Black Dots, and five other acts.

RIALTO Moving pictures: Mary Pickford in "The Pride of the Clan."

BROADWAY Pantages vaudeville: Today and tomorrow, "The Mimic World" and five other acts.

ANSONIA Vaudeville and moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Valeska Suratt in "The Syren."

AMERICAN Moving pictures: Today, George Beban in "A Roadside Impresario."

ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

PUTS MONEY IN FIRE.

Alliance, O.—Picking up a handkerchief in which was \$650 when she cleaned newspapers from her room the other day, Mrs. Rosa Crefter threw all into the furnace and started a fire. The currency was consumed before she discovered her mistake.

EAGLE STOLE PAPERS.

Greeley, Neb.—Lawrence Maer is searching over Greeley county for his naturalization papers. An eagle took the document from his coat while Maer was working in a field. Maer has petitioned the naturalization department at Washington to grant the clerk of the district court here permission to reissue the papers.

FAMILY LOSES POSTOFFICE

La Salle, Colo.—After being in one family for 21 years, the postmasterhip of this place has passed from the present postmaster to W. W. Rogers. Dwight McKenny, the retiring officer, is the grandson of E. W. McKenny, who held the office for 18 years, and succeeded his grandfather three years ago. The appointment is only temporary, as this is now a third-class office, and a civil service examination will be held to fill the place. Rogers is a democrat and the first of that political faith to hold the office here.

500,000 SHEEP GOING HOME

Salt Lake City.—The moving of 500,000 head of sheep began the other day when several carloads passed through Salt Lake City billed to points in southern Idaho and Wyoming. It is expected that between 400 and 500 carloads will be shipped before the work is completed. The owners, following a custom of many years, have wintered their flocks on the desert pastures between here and Wendover. Now that winter is over the work of taking them back to their homes has begun. Many men will be employed and several weeks will have passed before their task is finished.

WOMEN OF THE WEEK

Miss Vida Milholland, one of the picketing suffragists recently arrested at the white house, is a sister of the late Inez Milholland and Bellevoise, the famous suffragist leader who died last year in California during a speaking tour in the presidential campaign.

Miss Ruth Law, the famous aviator, who recently spent some weeks on the French front, declares that the American airplane and the American airplane engine are the best in the world, and the report that they are inferior to British and French planes now in use on the allied fronts is wholly without foundation.

Mrs. Walcott, wife of Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute and noted explorer, has gone with him to the Canadian Rockies of Alberta and British Columbia for his summer field work in geology and natural history. Mrs. Walcott has always accompanied her husband on his extensive investigations in geology and paleontology, studying with him in remote regions some of the most ancient animal life, now found only in fossil form.

The word "munitionettes" has been coined in England to designate women working in munition factories, and doubtless will cross the ocean to describe our own feminine makers of death engines. Thousands of girls dressed in trousers and Russian blouses are now a feature of many a staid British town which this sight would have struck speechless before the war, and they saved old England as the "munitionettes" pass.

The shop of Madame Georgette, originator of the famous crape tissue used in vogue, was one of those affected in the recent "strike of the frivolities" in Paris, when the mid-france a day and not it. Mme. Georgette's atelier, like most of the other great shops which were affected by the strike, is in the Rue de la Paix—Peace street—which, during the "last unpleasantness," was rechristened Rue de la Guerre—War street.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn of New York, noted labor agitator, has been dropped from the ranks of the Industrial Workers of the World because she made plans, she says, against strikes in the mines at Virginia, Minn., during the war. President Haywood, who dropped her, charged Miss Flynn with disloyalty in reference to another matter. She had for the past few years been one of the best known women speakers of the I. W. W., and has been heard in most of the large cities of the country.

A WOMAN'S VOCATION

"One of our modern writers has said, 'A woman is as efficient in business as a man—when she is.'"

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USE BATTLE GAS TO CAPTURE A DESERTER. Paris, July 10.—Tear-producing gas such as is used on the battle front was utilized by the Paris police to capture a deserter named Thoun, who resisted them in his apartments. In the Rue Andre Del Sarte. Protected by a steel shield, a policeman braved the desperado and bored a hole in the wall where he inserted a tube of the gas. As soon as he realized the situation the man shot himself and his captors. The police opened the door and they them both on the spot. Main springs \$1, guaranteed. Lowest priced jeweler in Montana. West Park—Adv.

RIPPLING RHYMES By Walt Mason. WESTWARD HO In my old auto, worn and rusty, I jog along the highway dusty, where the hills of Colorado provide a cool and grateful shadow. Birds must have a brief vacation, whatever perils face the night. Through many little grades I wander, and often stop, some squander, my auto to refreshments treating—the oil and gas it's full of eating. And everywhere I hear men spiling, with fervid feeling, Their optimism's so exalting I have excuse for frequent halting. "Throughout this war's unholly revel the Kaiser's hell allies level," I hear the garage sages saying; "in fact, he beat them at slaying; it surely looked as though the sinner might in the end out a winner. But now that we have grabbed our sabers, and borrowed shotguns from the neighbors, the outlook will be pretty chilly. Hindenburg and Silly Billy. We, as a people, take no pleasure squandering our blood and treasure, but when we're driven to scrapping, you bet that something's bound to happen, and soon Prussians will be wishing they'd balked at war and gone a-fishing."

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