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What Wilson Administration And Democratic Congress Achieved.

(FROM A SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN CUMMINGS.)

The Democratic party came into power on the fourth day of March, 1913. Its achievements, in the way of domestic reform, constitute a miracle of legislative progress. Provision was made for an income tax, thereby relieving our law of the reproach of being unjustly burdensome to the poor. The extravagances and inequities of the tariff system were removed and a nonpartisan Tariff Commission was established. Pan-Americanism was encouraged, the great reaches of Alaska were opened up to commerce and development; dollar diplomacy was destroyed; a corrupt lobby was driven from the National Capital; a workmen's compensation act was adopted; the Federal Trade Commission was created; child labor legislation was enacted, the Smith-Lever bill for the improvement of farm conditions was passed; the parcel post and the rural free delivery were developed; a corrupt practice act was adopted; a good road bill and a rural credit act were passed, and the Federal Reserve system was established. The last law not only reformed an archaic currency system, but placed our financial affairs upon such a sound basis that we successfully met the vast expenditures made necessary by the war, and without strain or panic, were able to supply the needs of our Allies.

When war came we provided the necessary legislation. A war finance corporation was created, the office of alien property custodian was established, war risk insurance was provided while the shipbuilding laws re-established America's supremacy upon the seas. Vocational education was provided, industry was successfully mobilized and the navy was expanded until it became the second in all the world and the first in efficiency.

An Army of 4,000,000 men was organized and more than 2,000,000 soldiers, fully equipped, well officered and indomitable in spirit, were safely transported across 3,000 miles of sea, where they turned the tide of battle, won imperishable glory and triumphed in the greatest war that the world has ever known. Petty criticism of

minor defects and individual officials may, for a time attract a superficial attention, but the significant things—the great outstanding facts of the last six years—plead eloquently for the Democratic cause.

Poultry Profitable Sideline

A net return of nearly \$300 in two and one-half months from a sideline on the farm is the record made by a Glendale, Ariz., poultry raiser, who is carrying on his operation under the directions of a poultry extension expert of the United States Department of Agriculture. In connection with his general farm work he kept a flock of 210 hens, which produced an average of 10 dozen eggs during the four winter months. During February the eggs brought an average of 55 cents a dozen, or approximately \$150, while the feed bill, including the feed for young chicks, amounted to \$50. The following month the flock showed a profit of a little over \$100. During the first half of April the gross receipts were \$97.50. In April the extension specialist conducted a culling demonstration on the farm and weeded 56 hens from the flock. The culled hens were kept in a separate pen for a week following the demonstration, and made practically no returns in egg yield. This indicates, the specialist says, that the 154 hens probably made the record with which the entire 210 had been credited.

Thrift Teaching Develops Character

Surely nothing is more important than the teaching of the fundamental principles of saving. Surely nothing can develop stronger character than the self-denial which will necessarily be practiced in learning the principles of economy. Surely nothing affords a better opportunity of teaching the practical principles of patriotism than that which is afforded by the use of War Savings Stamps in teaching Thrift in the schools of our country.

The Doctor Away From Home When Most Needed.

People are often very much disappointed to find that their family physician is away from home when they most need his services. Diseases like pain in the stomach and bowels, colic and diarrhoea require prompt treatment, and have in many instances proven fatal before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. The right way is to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a better medicine for these diseases. By having it in the house you escape much pain and suffering and all risk. Buy it now; it may save life.

HEALTH INSURANCE ON WAY

Many Reasons for Assuming That the Nation is About Ready to Take Important Step.

It is only fair to assume that our country is steadily moving in the direction of compulsory sickness or health insurance. The reasons for this assumption are many, but among the most important are the following: (1) The force of the example of England and of eight other European countries with whose social insurance laws the people of this country are rapidly becoming familiar; (2) the general favor with which the proposed legislation is regarded by the extremely active and influential body of social workers in the United States; (3) the appointment of no less than eight commissions to investigate health and other forms of social insurance; (4) the support of the movement by numerous public health administrators and experts; (5) the gradual but irresistible swing of organized labor from opposition to support; (6) the present sympathetic attitude of the leading political parties toward the demands of labor; (7) the willingness of labor, officially expressed through state labor federations, to assume half the cost of the proposed insurance, and (8) the readiness of various state legislatures to act upon social reform measures which do not threaten to add to the troubles of the overburdened taxpayer and incidentally to those of the legislator.

These reasons, declares Modern Hospital in an editorial on the subject, are clearly indicative of the fact that the trend of the country's thought is in the direction of health insurance.

NOTHING SACRED TO YANKS

Ancient Edifices, With Their Historic Memories, Have No Power to Overawe American Soldiers.

You can't awe a Yank. You can't awe his eye and his mind on history and castles and things that are so old they are sacred. But you can't awe him. Stephen Doughton writes in Chamberlain's. You can, as has been done, for instance, take him to Warwick castle and show him the moat, the portcullis, Caesar's tower and wonders that date from 900 A. D. Then when he sees the broad rampart on the castle wall he thinks what a fine place it would be to dance, and he does.

Recently a hundred Yanks on leave in England made a two-day tour. They played baseball at the home of the late William Shakespeare, Stratford-on-Avon; visited Leamington Spa, Coventry, Warwick castle and the ruins of the famous Kenilworth castle. Just to add a sort of finishing American touch to the tour they had peanuts at Warwick—think of it, peanuts at sacred Warwick.

But lest the Yanks be falsely accused of carrying peanuts to Warwick let it be noted that Harry Gordon Selfridge, a former Chicagoan, now a department store man in London, sent up 50 pounds of the delectable goobers just to make the boys feel at home while gallivanting about the castle's moats and ramparts and towers and places.

Life in Archangel.

The girl problem is as serious in Archangel, Russia, as in any big military center, says Miss Elizabeth Boles, director of Y. W. C. A. work in Russia, who is home on a short leave of absence.

"Many girls from central Russia went up to Archangel to spend the summer because of the heat and of the food shortage and when military operations were begun in the territory surrounding they were unable to go home. They were virtually refugees without goloshes, furs and the heavy winter clothing necessary in that northern region. With the coming of the expeditionary force the housing question became a serious one. We Y. W. C. A. secretaries have fairly comfortable quarters—rooms with beds in and lighted with electricity. To be sure there are several of us in each room.

"Many girl clerical and stenographic workers were needed of course at army headquarters and at the postoffice. This offered employment to some of the refugees and women are doing everything in Archangel, even to running trams and trucks. They need organized recreation and that is what we are trying to give them.

Mosquito Fleet.

Among naval men the mosquito fleet is known as "the second line of defense." It is used in protecting the fortifications and harbors along the coast line, and, like the insect from which it is named, annoys the enemy in every way, at the same time preventing the possibility of a blockade. In the war against Germany the British navy was augmented by several thousands of small and sometimes very speedy vessels, and to this mosquito fleet, manned chiefly by naval reserve men and fishermen, the admiralty paid tribute for its patient and laborious work in laying and sweeping up mines, chasing submarines and patrolling the home waters.

Our Language.

A French soldier, enthusiastic over the beauties of his best girl, was endeavoring to convey an idea of some of her charms to an English comrade. "She is pretty," the Frenchman said. "Yes, I see, fairly pretty, eh?" the Englishman replied. "Ah! that is the word! She is fair." "O, yes, pretty fair!" the Englishman responded. —Cartoons Magazine.

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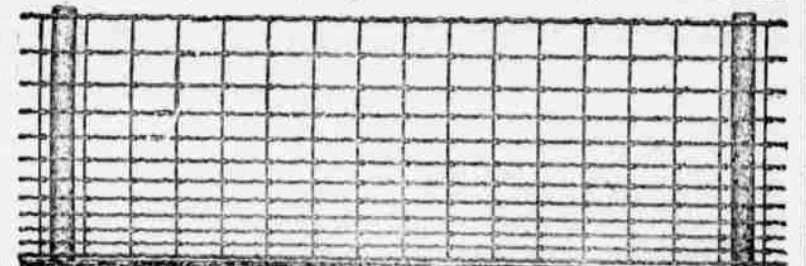
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