

In the Editor's Mail

LET JITS RUN

EDITOR THE TIMES: Simple solution for street car troubles: Forget the T. R. & P. Co. and let the "jitneys" run. Everybody will have prompt service then. Yours, G. A. SINGER.

TILL IT HURTS

EDITOR THE TIMES: Our president's motto, "Give till it hurts," is not approved, evidently, by the landlords, as their motto seems to be, "Take till it hurts." This high-handed freebooter's method should be brought to the attention of our worthy president. W. M. H.

NO BACK PAY

EDITOR THE TIMES: Please publish in The Times at your convenience an answer to the following question: I was working on the railroad three months this spring, so will I receive any back pay? And oblige a constant reader, P. S.—Not on R. R. work now. J. B. KELLY. No back pay is allowed to the men who have ceased to work for the railroad.—Editor.

75 TO 100 PCT.

EDITOR THE TIMES: I can give you names of parties who have had their rent raised from 75 per cent to 150 per cent. One party phoned to real estate man about a house that in 1916 he had a hard time to get \$3 a month for that now he asks \$25 a month for. He told the party he almost had to pay parties to live in the old shack, but the Lord was helping him now to get his money out of the property. Oh, no, that is not profiteering. Respectfully, J. A. SPRAGUE. 5405 McKinley Ave.

CZECHS LOYAL

EDITOR THE TIMES: We wish to thank you for the sterling editorials appearing from time to time in The Times in behalf of the Czechs (Bohemians) of this city.

Knowing, as we do, the far-reaching effects of the iron fist, we are not only trying to do our bit, but the utmost, if you please, that democracy may live.

With us this is a historical mission. Our peoples have been under this same iron heel for centuries, bleeding and dying for independence.

We are Americans first, because this country has given us all we have desired.

But we can not forget our kin over the seas, who, helpless, are being driven like cattle to slaughter house.

We cannot forget traditions of the land which has given us birth. Any one raising a voice in our defense is a friend indeed.

You are right, Mr. Editor. You can depend upon the Slavs to do their utmost in this struggle. Yours for the victory of allied arms. MRS. MIKULKA.

IRELAND

EDITOR THE TIMES: I certainly agree with D. E. M. in his letter entitled "No Side Shows."

In my opinion the Irish mix up is more than a side show; it is a regular circus.

Especially when "patriots" like Miss Bredget O'Brannigan come here with pro-German cry of no-conscription, no blood tax, etc.

There is a saying that Americans like to be fooled, but there are indications that they are getting "fed up" with this parrot cry of tyranny and oppression from the "distressed country."

It is strange that any American visiting Ireland can never meet with any outward or visible signs of aforesaid conditions.

On the contrary, if you visit the family residence of the late John Redmond, you will see an estate and mansion scarcely equalled for beauty in the U. S. A.

The town and country houses of Mr. Joe Dealin and Mr. John Dillon, with their motor cars and servants would also surprise some people that believe all they hear about "poverty stricken Ireland."

The British government has never passed a law prohibiting anyone from visiting Ireland and investigating all these horrible cruelties that we hear so much about. I wonder why?

After the war let us all go to Ireland and find out who is the "goat."

One wonders if Ireland was situated between England and Germany instead of between England and the U. S. A. in what direction would the Sein Feiners run.

ONE WHO LIVED IN IRELAND 25 YEARS.

HIS INSPIRATION

EDITOR THE TIMES: Amid all the discussion in your paper and others, regarding pro-German literature, did it ever occur to you that there is one book occupying the place of honor in million of homes, held in reverence, called holy and for which oceans of blood has been spilled in its defense, yet it is the parent of German knavery.

The kaiser used it as a text in his school days; his heart of stone must have beat faster, the war blood bred into his veins must have sent thru him a thrill as he read therein the deeds of Moses.

The books of Numbers and Deuteronomy must have held him in a spell. He found therein a precedent for the violation of Belgium.

Schon, king of Hesebon, would not let Moses and Gott pass thru his kingdom to get at the throat of Og, king of Basan, "and war him with his sins and all his people, took all their cities, killing the inhabitants thereof, men, women and children, we left nothing of them, not a city or village escaped our hands." Deu. II, 33-36.

He learned from these "saved pages" to bombard undefended towns and hospitals of mercy. Innumerable towns had no walls, and we utterly destroyed them, men, women and children." Deu. III, 6-8.

He learned to barter the virtue of women captives to the vicious men who fight his battles, from Moses who said to his army, "Why have you saved these women and children? Take and kill all except the virgins, which save for yourselves and give a portion to the high priests." Numbers xxxi, 14-18, 26-40.

His barbaric officers found a justification for violating homes and compelling the daughters of Belgium and France to bear German children as the price of their lives and liberty from Deu. xxi, 11-14. "If you see a beautiful woman among the captives and wish to take her to wife do so and set her free when you tire of her."

He must have conceived the idea of liquid fire when he read this: "The Lord God himself will pass over before thee a devouring fire to destroy and bring the enemy to nothing before thee. Deu. I, 3.

If he walked in the footsteps of this blood-thirsty Moses of whom God said, "He is faithful in all my house. I speak to him mouth to mouth and not in riddles and figures." Numbers xii, 7-8.

Might he not also say to him, "This day I will send the dread and fear of thee upon the nations that dwell under the whole heaven; that when they hear thy name they will fear and tremble and be in pain like women in travail." Deu. II, 25.

Does he not believe in and glorify war this, "The Lord thy God shall deliver them (the seven great and glorious nations) to thee, thou shalt utterly destroy them and show no mercy to them. Because the Lord has loved you." Deu. ix, 6-8.

And as he looks upon the devastation he has wrought how often we have heard him use the words of Moses, almost verbatim and under exactly the same conditions:

"Lord (God) thou (me and you) has begun to show thy (our) greatness, and most mighty hand, for there is no other God in Heaven (or king on earth) that is able to do thy (our) work or be compared to thy (our) strength." Deu. III, 24.

I know you are independent, fearless and patriotic. I believe you are sincere in wishing to banish all pro-German literature from our country, and that you are not afraid to call attention to the vicer in our homes, perhaps you will be glad, when your attention has been called to it, to start a movement to purge from every home from the shelves of every library and from every church and school, the Old Testament, that it may not live among us to some day bite the hand that fed it.

That it may not inspire another Wilhelm, that civilization and democracy shall not again feel the sharp sting of its poison fangs.

I trust the day will be hastened when Wilhelm like Moses will be no more, when his Gott will bury him where "no man to this day knows his sepulcher." Deu. xxxii, 6 and that historians will refer to 1918 as the year that sounded the death knell to the "divine rights of kings," the year of enlightenment when the world gave deeds their just dues and refused longer to venerate tyrants.

Yours very truly, FRED T. KITT. 622 So. Tacoma Ave.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



There's a Break in the Line, Tom

BY ALLMAN

SQUIRREL FOOD.



Benny's Bus Just Rears to Go



WHOA-UP!



AT'S A NICE OL' BOY LUKE!



BY AHERN

ONLY 100 PCT. TAX WILL ANSWER

By Fred K. Kerby, Special Staff Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—Eight months ago, after an exhaustive investigation into housing conditions in the United States and Canada for The Tacoma Times, I reached the conclusion that action by the federal government was immediately imperative if the workers of the United States were not to be milked by rent-profiteers.

Here is the conclusion I stated then:

"Real solution of the housing problem can result only from the use of public credits—city, state or national. A combination of all three is indicated, with the federal government taking the lead."

Unfortunately, the situation which was then plain—the same kind of situation that developed in England and in France as the result of the concentration of war workers in industrial cities and towns—was allowed to drift.

Housing experts like Nolan of Cambridge and Lawrence Veller, secretary of the National Housing association, told me then that unless immediate governmental action was taken the situation would steadily become worse.

Congress met in December, 1917. It was June 1 before the appropriation of \$60,000,000 was made for housing workers in industries other than shipbuilding.

Billion Needed.

Fifty millions had previously been made available for shipyard workers. The lowest estimate of the housing experts of new needed housing was \$1,000,000,000 to construct 500,000 homes.

The consequence of this delay is rent-profiteering. The number of houses that can be built for \$110,000,000—all that congress has made available—is very much fewer than the need.

Already, landlords have taken advantage of this situation to increase rentals, in some cases as high as 50 per cent.

Only Allowed to Drift.

The plans for housing work by the government are just beginning to get into shape. In the meantime, unless something is done about rent-profiteering, the workers who have been called to the nation's service to help with the war work are going to be disheartened and rendered less efficient by being profiteered upon by landlords who put dollars above patriotism.

I have talked with many men in responsible positions here in the government service in Washington, including congressmen, heads of departments and bureaus, and experts in the question of housing the war workers.

They all admit that the situation is serious, and they admit that measures so far taken are inadequate to accomplish results.

Can't Be Built in Day.

Houses cannot be built in a day or night. There is a shortage of material and of labor. Secretary McAdoo months ago asked that

private building operations be suspended for the period of the war, in order that capital might be conserved for public use.

This order—an excellent thing in itself—has nevertheless resulted in practically stopping private building operations. This in turn has operated to the advantage of landlords. Without new building, even the normal expansion of a community cannot be cared for—and when, as now, communities are growing up like mushrooms over night, the situation becomes little short of desperate.

There is but one possible conclusion to be drawn from the facts as they exist.

Rent-profiteering can be stopped only, by federal legislation.

It cannot, it is true, be legislated against directly.

It is not possible, under the constitution of the United States, to pass a law—as the British parliament did—limiting to the pre-war basis the amount of rents that a landlord may collect.

That would be held by the supreme court to be unconstitutional—an interference with states rights.

BUT CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION IS NEVERTHELESS POSSIBLE.

It can take the form of taxation—of prohibitive taxation.

It is perfectly possible, and the

supreme court long ago held it constitutional, for congress to place a ONE HUNDRED PER CENT TAX upon all rents charged in advance of the amounts collected for the same property before the United States entered the war.

All rentals above that figure can be declared to be "excess profits" and taken in taxation. The result would be, of course, that the rentals would not be increased.

There is no profit in taxing excess rentals and having to pay the entire amount over to the federal government.

Congress must act along such lines if rent-profiteering is to be stopped. It will be stopped in no other way.

U-BOAT VICTIM SURVIVORS LANDED.

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—Twenty survivors of the U-boat victim Kringsjaat reached an Atlantic port today, the navy department announced.

\$63,235,000 FOR CANNON.

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—Secretary Baker today submitted to congress an additional estimate of \$63,235,000 for mountain, field and siege cannon. Of this \$36,055,000 is for the purchase and manufacture of guns and \$27,180,000 for ammunition.

BOY KILLS MAN IN DUEL.

(United Press Leased Wire.) RIVERSIDE, Cal., June 17.—A bullet fired by a 16-year-old Mexican boy this morning in a duel to the death, first passed thru his own wrist, fractured it, before it pierced the heart of an antagonist who had attacked him with a knife.

A Vasquez, the dead man, was disappointed when he failed in his suit for the hand of Antonia Martinez, sister of Crecencio Martinez. He blamed the boy for his sister breaking off the engagement.

WHY BE A GRAVE DIGGER?

By DR. PAINLESS PARKER

Eight out of every ten people who read this are *unconsciously* digging their own graves. Three times a day they are chewing a few more feet of their life rope.

Without *sound teeth*, properly masticating your food, you are tossing a shovelful of dirt from your grave at every meal.

Recent examinations for military service have revealed that many of you are doing *worse than this*.

You are carrying about in your mouths *active sources of disease and pools of infection* that are *poisoning every drop of your blood*.

Eighty per cent of the people of this nation *shorten* their lives and *cut* their efficiency because they *neglect* their teeth.

The Painless Parker System of dentistry makes it so *easy*, so *comfortable*, so *reasonable* for you to have your teeth kept in *repair* that no one in *justice* to themselves can longer escape this duty.

The *reason* but twenty per cent of the nation has its teeth *cared for* is because the eighty per cent are *ignorant* of the part *good teeth* play in the making of physical *fitness*—or they *fear* that it will hurt.

It will not hurt; the Painless Parker System has *ended* this unpleasantness. Many of you *believe* that this work will cost more than you can *afford*.

The hundreds of thousands of patrons treated by the Painless Parker System *know* that they have secured the *best dental work* at a price they could *easily* pay.

Every day you *delay* will add greatly to the *expense*, for the *saving* of a decaying tooth soon becomes *beyond* the reach of dentistry.

The *moderately* priced filling *today* saves the *expensive* bridge or plate of tomorrow. Whatever the price you *must* pay for mouth health, it will be the *best investment* in dollars and cents, in increased *earning capacity* and bodily *comfort*, that you ever made.

Whatever may be your *necessary* work, it will be done in a Painless Parker office at a *reasonable price* and will be performed by men of the *highest professional skill*.

Don't be a grave digger. Nineteen Painless Parker offices in the United States. Tacoma Office, 1019 Pacific Avenue.

NOTE: Next Tuesday is the day I am going to ask you for the BIG IDEA for which I will pay \$100 in cash. Watch next Tuesday's Times.

WOMEN SHAVE UNKNOWNLY

When you only remove hair from the surface of the skin the result is the same as shaving. The only common-sense way to remove hair is to attack it under the skin. DeMitrucio, the original auxiliary liquid, does this by absorption. Only DeMitrucio has a money-back guarantee. At retail counters in 60c, and in 30c. Buy by mail from us in plain wrapper on receipt of price. FREE book mailed in plain sealed envelope on request. DeMitrucio, 120th St. and Park Ave., New York.

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