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THE NEWS.

AN IGRIS FATUUS POLICY

In a speech before the Railway Business Association, Chicago, Jan. 9, 1919, H. B. Merrick, President Chicago Association of Commerce, said:

"Germany was built up over many, many years on the real theory of government downright control and operation of everything, including the men themselves. Year by year the initiative of the individual and the initiative of the business man was reduced; and I doubt if many of our people know the extent to which the German government was a partner and controlled the industries of Germany. Even its foreign trade throughout the world, its cartel system, was nothing more or less than government control and direction by government directors. And the strange thing was that until a year ago the world cheered that practice, and spoke of the marvelous German efficiency that was marvelous in many ways.

"But Germany failed, not alone because of our allies and our men, but inherently because its manhood was destroyed and the initiative of the individual in its armed forces and in its navy was gone; and that initiative had been sapped year by year in this insidious fashion down to the point where they were merely cogs in a machine. Had Germany conquered, within a single generation it had the seeds of its own death in that very practice. Someone perhaps might question this statement and say that it is the mere statement of a man who is talking but if you will pick up to-night's paper and read of the revolution throughout Germany, you realize that had they conquered, that revolution probably would have occurred within the next five years; because manhood and womanhood will not stand beyond a certain point the utter elimination of individualism and initiative."

There is nothing truer than the above. Why should we, free American citizens, ape a practice which has caused the downfall of a nation, namely the absolute servility of a people as must come from government control of property that is controlled by virtue of seizure and not by virtue of purchase. This latter fact, in itself, savors of infringement of right of property, and cannot be calculated to foster respect among the people to the

doers thereof.

The issue of government ownership, unless abandoned by the political party fostering it, will be a prominent one at the polls in 1920, which the great American nation will defeat. With \$90,000,000 deficit in government control of railroads already existent, there is absolutely no basis for further continuance of the scheme which is as illusory as the ignis fatuus which floats over the meadow.

THE NEW TREASON.

On his appearance as a witness before the House Post Office Committee at Washington it developed that Edward Reynolds, formerly General Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, had been dismissed by Postmaster General Burleson for refusing to comply with orders issued after the telegraphs and telephones had been taken over.

Having made this fact a matter of record, Chairman Moon proceeded on a line of questions indicating his belief that Mr. Reynolds had been guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors. "You were dismissed because you were treasonable?" and "You were disloyal to Mr. Burleson?" he asked, to which the witness indignantly responded in the negative.

We used to suppose that treason against the United States consisted "only in levying war against them or adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort," but the authors of that clause in the Constitution did not know Albert Sidney Burleson, of Texas. If they had even suspected that he would one day come upon the scene and be in charge of all means of communication they would have prescribed the death penalty for any hireling who ventured to question Burlesonian authority.—New York Herald (Dem.)

It is too bad that Chairman Moon, who has been honored signally, year after year by the people of this congressional district with re-election, should fail to see the rights of the people as common citizens and not as owners of property, to protest against government ownership, such as seizure of telephone and telegraph lines, after war is supposed to have been concluded, and the soldiers are supposed to be returning as fast as they can be conveyed back from the gory fields of France. Is it treason for an American citizen like Mr. McReynolds to refuse to obey a servant of the government like Mr. Burleson? If so, a new code of ethics has been constructed, which equals the German system of force against which the arms of this country has been directed.

The American system of government, as it is good enough for its citizens, and no German methods of compulsion or seizure are wanted. The American people, the people who want this country to continue on the same broad and generous lines of government which it has enjoyed in the past, are going to ask a continuance of this at the polls in 1920, and the Burlesons and other slave drivers of their ilk will have to get out.

It is said that some of the adherents at Jasper of the four Tennessee legislators who voted for whiskey are getting very loud in their conduct. If so Judge Raulston should instruct Sheriff Coppinger to be sure to have them all before him at next session of court, if their attendance cannot be enforced for this one. It is always in order to work on a whiskey adherent, who never considers his community when it is a matter of gratifying his own desires.

The advertising patronage the News has this week is the least in years, and this week's income from the paper wouldn't be enough to pay a day laborer. It's a shame that we cannot be better supported.

Preparations should now be made for a good garden to help keep down the living expenses.

The Law



Who stoops to lift a brother from the clay Himself shall lifted be; Who giveth of his love from day to day To others generously Shall surely find his own life still filled up With blessings more and more, And his soul crowned by joy as some deep cup With holy wine brimmed o'er. Who follows where the Master's steps have trod, To him it shall be given To quaff unstinted from the love of God And breathe the air of heaven. For this the law: to all who scatter seed With liberal hand in spring, There is throughout the universe decreed A tenfold harvesting.

L. M. Montgomery in Christian Advocate.

TELEPHONELESS.

Away back in history the News ordered a telephone placed in its office. For years and years it was a fixture, the rent being paid regularly.

The price of a business phone is \$2.75 per month, but the telephone people recognizing that the News had space to sell, used twelve inches weekly at 10c per inch to tell its patrons the proper way to use telephones. This reduced the bill to \$1.55 per month. A residence phone would have cost \$1.65.

Thursday orders came that no more advertising would be placed and that the rate would be \$2.75 per month cash. This was in response to the Burleson control in telephones and telegraphs whereby their direction has been seized.

We couldn't stand the price, and ordered it taken out, and it is no more.

We used that telephone for our own business about once in three days. The balance of the time was in answering all sorts of questions and calls from subscribers and non subscribers at other telephones. At \$2.75 per month a telephone message, therefore, would cost us 27c. Previously it cost us 13c.

No more will we have to get up in the middle of the night to call doctors, no more will we pay long distance calls for other parties who never paid us, no more will we patiently answer all sorts of questions which had no place in our business, no more will we be disturbed in our busiest hours by parties wanting to use the telephone, and from the majority of whom we got not even a thank you, no more will we be blessed out by some cheap guy for something in the News which he doesn't like, for if he complains at all now it will be from behind a postage stamp, and the written page is always dangerous to send a long-suffering editor.

There are numbers of "no mores" for us, especially that one which we were frequently handed, "line busy", and right here we want to tell Lord Burleson that non-subscribers use telephones more than actual subscribers and to their continual jangle is due the majority of reasons why a subscriber can hardly get the party he wants in one call out of three. When Mr. Burleson invents a secret call unknown to any one except the subscriber and "central" whereby none get a number except the subscriber, then he will have placed the telephone on the pinnacle of human perfection.

We "kalkerlate" we can get along without a telephone—at any rate lack of means is going to make us try it.

Mr. McAdoo beat us out of all railroad advertising, to the amount of about \$100 a year. He saved \$7,000,000 from newspaper publishers, but is in the hole \$90,000,000—some financing in railroad management. Mr. Burleson is starting in to save a lot more money from publishers, but is at the head of a postoffice system which is declared to have the "poorest system of book-keeping on earth."

The proposed sixty millions in bonds for concrete roads connecting county seats figures like this. Divided between the 96 counties it would be \$625,000 per county. Marion paid \$150,000 for 29.5 miles of road under first bond issue, which was the most serviceable road built under any of our bond issues. Hence with \$625,000, provided material and labor could be got at same figure, Marion would get 41.6 times as much road, or 123 miles. But these roads are to be built of concrete, and if concrete road costs twice as much we would get 61 1/2 miles of road, if three times as much, a fraction less than 41 miles, and for only \$625,000. We suggest the cement company we suspicion is behind this movement be required to furnish figures as the cost of concrete road and that auto owners have the right to demand a sample mile of concrete construction in their counties, before assenting to a plan which would in all probability mean a tax of from \$4 to \$5 monthly. This would costly riding for the car owner of Marion, number of miles of road improved thereby considered.

Rock throwing at night is an accomplishment of Sequachee young gentlemen, which they possibly may have acquired at Hell's Half Acre, or some other places of nocturnal meeting, but certainly not at church or Sunday school. It is an accomplishment which is not to be commended, and should be stopped. It is too bad our young men cannot behave themselves after it gets so dark that they imagine they cannot be discovered.

If "Jack and Jill" of Morgansville, and "Lonely Girls" of Mt. Olive, will kindly furnish us their real names we will use their news items from those places. We appreciate their remembering the News, but regret they did not furnish their real names as it is a rule of this paper not to use communications unless accompanied by real names of writers.

Anyway we got rid of our telephone before the Government charged for taking it out.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Special to the News.

Today is very gloomy. Everything is dull here at present. The mines are running only two and three days a week.

There is lots of sickness here now. Some influenza and two or three cases of fever.

The boys are beginning to return from the army. John Smith arrived last week. He left the 23rd of September, 1917, for Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., and was transferred from there to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. From there he went to New York, then overseas to France. He has a brother still in France.

The stork passed by Sunday night and left an eight-pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Girdley. Mother and babe are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Wilson left Saturday for Huntsville, Ala., to visit Mrs. Wilson's mother, who is sick.

James Thom left Monday for Tatesville, Tenn. Tatesville will be one of the largest coal-fields in the state in the near future.

The Rev. Clarence Nash filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday. J. G.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

There is a growing belief that McAdoo attained his high mark of good judgement when he turned loose the railroad job before it got too hot to handle.—Nashville Evening American.

HAD TO SHOOT

POISONED DOG

Pistol shots about 9 o'clock Sunday morning caused some speculation. It was learned that the beautiful shepherd of Jack Bushelman had been poisoned and was in such misery that he humanely ended its life. It is supposed that someone fed it poisoned food, for only a short while previous to being seized with convulsions it was in the best of health. The dog was a beautiful animal, and a great favorite with Mr. Bushelman's children who mourn greatly the loss of their playmate. The family are justly indignant at the perpetrator of the deed, whoever it was, and can hardly say that life in Sequachee is pleasant, as they have had the double sorrow of two deaths in their family since coming here, and now comes a dog poisoner to disturb their peace.

Little Folks' Party.

Little Miss Mildred Hill entertained Saturday afternoon from two until four, the occasion being her 9th birthday anniversary. Various games were enthusiastically played by the happy little folks, and cake followed by plenty of roasted peanuts done justice to. The little hostess was the recipient of a number of gifts, which she thoroughly appreciates.

Those participating were: Willie, Thelma, Homer, Gladys and Elisha Barnett, Lillian and David Minor, Mildred, Glen and Merna Curtis, Kathleen Starr, Willard Lewis, Willard, Thelma and Ralph Griffith, Louis and Mary Harris, Marion and Mildred Bushelman, John Leland, Wilma Lawson, Frank Scofield, Edward and Marjorie Lee Martin.

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