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If Speaker Champ Clark should be persuaded to say that he would accept the Democratic nomination for Governor, it would result in the collapse of quite a number of gubernatorial boomlets.

Former Governor Hadley in a letter to the Kansas City "Hadley for Senator" club, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States Senator. He says he does not expect to begin his campaign now, but will make a statement later.

Liberty Bell on the trip home from the San Francisco Fair narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire at Paducah, Ky., last Saturday. Fire swept through two large warehouses within 1,000 feet of where it was sidetracked, and an oil tank containing 600,000 gallons, directly across the street from the bell, was threatened.

St. Louis is working hard to secure the holding of national conventions to nominate candidates for President in that city, and about \$200,000 has already been subscribed to pay expenses. All Missourians naturally favor the holding of the conventions there, because of the convenience of those who would like to attend the great gatherings as well as state and local pride.

Preparedness of the government against possible outside assault might be compared in a measure to fire insurance. To insure one's home against fire is not to invite a conflagration, neither is defensive preparedness on the part of the government an indication that it wants to fight, and no government not bent on belligerency will so regard it.

State Beer Inspector, Speed B. Mosbey in St. Louis because of shortage in state revenue, has given notice to two of his deputies, Col. Charley Gill, an old and experienced inspector being one of them, that they will be laid off the first of December, but he is careful to retain his daughter on the pay roll at a salary of \$125 a month. With the growing sentiment against nepotism such acts do not make for public approval.

A recent report of the number of convicts in the Missouri penitentiary places it at 2,795, with the fall terms of circuit courts increasing the number. This is the largest number of convicts that has been in that institution at one time for years, perhaps larger than ever before. But let us not be discouraged and imagine that the world is growing worse—we still have several hundred thousand good men on the outside.

Former State Senator Frank W. McAllister, who was defeated for the nomination for Attorney General in 1912 by the present incumbent Attorney General Barker, has decided to try again for the nomination. This makes up to date five avowed candidates for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General: Benjamin H. Marbury of Farmington, Joe Davis of St. Louis, Hamp Rothwell of Moberly, Janis H. Hull of Platte City, and Frank W. McAllister of Monroe county. If Southeast Missouri will stand by Mr. Marbury, as it should, his

chances for the nomination are encouraging.

At a recent gathering of the "Friends of Peace and Justice" in New York, the audience was so worked up by the rabid and intemperate talk of John Brisben Walker, that a number of his auditors cried out "shoot the President," which shows how fanaticism on any subject will poison the minds of men and lead them to outbreaks of criminal feeling. Will some of these fanatical "peace at any price" opponents of national preparedness tell how the "shooting of the President" or any other government official for that matter, would aid the cause of peace and justice here or elsewhere?

Dr. J. L. Eaton of Bismarck, president of the Missouri State Sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis, left for San Francisco, Cal., on Wednesday to be there at the closing of the Panama Exposition, to superintend the packing and shipping the furniture and fixtures of the Missouri Building, which will be shipped to and used in the two new buildings, now almost completed, at the State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon, Mo. The furniture and fixtures mentioned become the property of the Sanatorium at the close of the San Francisco Exposition on December 4th. Mrs. Eaton accompanied the Doctor on the trip.

Business conditions throughout the country, as a whole, were never in finer shape, and they continue to grow better, according to Dunn's and other conservative trade journals. But our old standpat politicians are not satisfied; they would rather see everything going backward instead of forward, and are trying to convince themselves and the people that such is the case, all for the sake of a little party clap-trap they imagine is to be gained by such talk. But like the old woman who tried to sweep back the waves of the sea with a broom, their efforts are futile. What the people see and feel they know and are not to be fooled. We suggest to our calamitous standpatters that they recall one of their old campaign cries, "Let well enough alone," and be comforted.

State Auditor Gordon, a short time ago, was arrested on a criminal charge on information of the Prosecuting Attorney of Cole county for paying his expenses to a convention of State Auditors held at Denver, Colo., out of the contingent expenses of his department. His trial came off last Tuesday and he was promptly acquitted, as he should have been, for the charge against him was pure political clap-trap. Auditor Gordon simply did what all State officers have been doing for years, running back through both Democratic and Republican administrations, and which has been approved by both Hadley and Major as Attorney Generals. If there is no sanction of law for like expenditures of contingent funds of the several departments of State, and public sentiment is against such expenditures, then the Legislature should cease making appropriations for contingent expenses or designate in what manner and for what purposes these contingent funds may be used.

Mr. Hensley and Preparedness.

Congressman Hensley of this district is quoted in an interview from Washington as being skeptical of the President's proposed preparedness and defense plans. He says he is willing to be shown that increases in the strength of the navy and army are necessary, but is disposed to adhere to the idea that any increase will invite trouble rather than insure against it; also that he doesn't believe any of the nations engaged in the present European war will care to attack the United States at the conclusion of their fight.

As to the latter observation, we don't suppose any one else, except it may be a few alarmists, believes or anticipates any such thing. If there were such a belief or feeling among the people, they would demand the organization of an efficient fighting force large enough to meet such an attack. The small increase in the army proposed would be but a poor defense against an invasion by any one of the greater powers of Europe, once they had passed our navy and coast defenses. The purpose of the policy of preparedness outlined by the President is the training of a sufficient number of officers, disciplined men and sailors to meet the first shock of any assault that might possibly be made against us as a nation and hold it in check until an adequate army could be enlisted, mobilized and placed in the field.

The United States is not an aggressive nation, it has no policy of territorial expansion and conquest, and may always be depended upon to go to the utmost length of peaceful diplomacy to avoid a clash with any other nation, strong or weak. It has given every evidence of its attitude in this matter, and other nations are aware of our peaceful inclinations and would never regard a policy of initiative preparedness on our part as a covert threat or invitation to fight us.

Yet the fact remains that the United States is one of the greatest commercial nations of the world, and that wars of the present age may be attributed more largely to national commercial ambitions, jealousies and greed, than any other cause. Take any of the wars of the past century, analyze their causes, and it will be found that national commercial supremacy has been one of their most potent incentives. Expansion and conquest of territory has been but a corollary of the greed of commercial supremacy, and so long as this spirit dominates the world there is danger of war. Even the United States, for it is not immune from this baneful influence, doesn't know when its rights upon the high sea may be interfered with, or boundary disputes and troubles may arise, that will strain the honor of the nation and tax the most conscientious efforts of our wisest diplomats to the utmost to preserve peace.

Is it not the part of wisdom, therefore, for our government to maintain a practical and efficient military foundation upon which a citizen soldiery may be organized and fitted for defense? There is no militarism about this, in the sense which the term applies to Germany and other governments of monarchial character. It is the unexpected that happens, and we should at least be in some measure prepared for the unexpected.

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A SCHOOL NECESSITY

Winter is coming on and with it the recurrence of an old question in relation to the heating of the South Ward school building. There are four large rooms in this building with only one stove, and a place for only one stove in each. In very cold weather they are inadequately heated, and it is next to impossible to keep up a uniform temperature in them, while the hallways are chilly and cold at all times.

Think what a menace is this condition to the health, to say nothing of the comfort, of the children who attend school in these rooms, which are crowded more than those of the other school buildings, which are uniformly heated with steam, and ask yourself the question if this ought not to be remedied, and that at once? The only way to remedy it is to install a furnace and steam heating apparatus in the building. The district owes this much to the patrons whose children are compelled to attend the South Ward school, and it owes it to the children whose comfort and health are placed in jeopardy.

But the Board of School Directors hasn't the money at its command with which to make this urgently necessary improvement. The revenue of the district is barely ample to pay regular public school expenses. Indeed the Board has had to borrow funds on the individual responsibility of its members to pay teachers' salaries, etc., until the taxes are collected for the current year, and turned over to the district. It has no authority to incur indebtedness to install a furnace and therefore can do nothing to relieve the situation at the South Ward school building.

Then what may be done? There are two ways that might be suggested: One is to call a special election to vote a tax for this purpose. Another is for the generously inclined people of the district to try to raise a sufficient sum of money by subscription or otherwise. It will take about \$1,200 to install a heating plant, and such a movement would test the public spirit of the people of the district as well as their concern for the welfare and comfort of the children. The possible saving of one child from a severe spell of illness or saving its life would more than compensate for any money sacrifice they would have to make.

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS AND CLERKS OF SCHOOL BOARDS

Our annual School Board Convention will be held at the Farmington High School building on Saturday November 27, beginning at 10 a. m., and dismissing at 3 p. m. The law makes it the duty of all Presidents and Clerks of School Boards to attend this meeting. Each of the above mentioned school officers attending this meeting will be allowed \$1.50 and mileage at the rate of five cents per mile for the number of miles necessary to be traveled in going from the school house of the district to the place of meeting.

J. CLYDE AKERS,
County Superintendent.

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Washington, Nov. 26.—Eight hundred and thirteen railroads, including brakemen, conductors, engineers, firemen, and switchmen, have enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the fiscal years of 1913, 1914 and 1915, according to the triennial statement of recruiting just made public.

During the occupation of Vera Cruz by American Marines in April, 1914, war correspondents were amazed at the efficiency shown by our sea soldiers in repairing and operating the line outside the city that had been torn up by the Mexicans, but the answer is found in the fact that almost one of ten marines is a railroader.

But be that as it may, Uncle Sam would like to know why the railroader seeks service with the oldest and smallest branch of his military arm. It has been suggested that the men who fol-

low the rail are naturally adventurous, seeking excitement and danger, and it is believed that the Marine's service on both land and sea satisfies that craving.

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