

Briefly Told

Father E. A. Kirby, Gerard, O., denies published reports that he told the steel strikers of Youngstown, O., "that the Bible would justify them in seizing the mills."

Father Kirby writes: "What I did tell them was that the public has a right to expect direct action from the government if the steel corporation tries to starve the men into submission."

Armistice Day, Nov. 11, is substituted for Columbus Day, Oct. 12, by the Alabama legislature.

"It is not difficult to break a man, but it is a big man's job to make a man."—President of Wardens' Association.

M. Clemenceau has stated in the French Chamber that France has concluded such alliances as she wants regardless of the League of Nations, and that if the United States does not join the League it would not disarrange matters much.

"A cigaret in the mouth of every man, woman and child in China" is the slogan of a tobacco company of the United States.

Baccarat is again permitted in France. It is estimated that \$1,000,000,000 (one billion dollars) changed hands in gambling resorts the first night.

Among the U. S. army material sold in France was 22,000,000 pounds of sugar.

The Senate Committee has examined a conscientious objector who besides being a believer in non-resistance under any and all circumstances, admitted being also an anarchist and an atheist.

Many "healers" have invaded Washington seeking an opportunity to treat the President. Physicians from various parts of the country telegraphed advice to Dr. Grayson.

Lord Peckover, the London Quaker banker, declined an offer that his title pass through his daughter to a grandson. "If he wants a title when he grows up, let him earn it," said the old man.

A new I. W. W. has been organized in Washington, its slogan being "I Walk to Work." Its purpose is to bring the street railway company to time.

The printers' strike in New York has disclosed that the average magazine consists in an office and a subscription list; the actual publication being done in job offices.

One sometimes fancies what Theodore Roosevelt would have said to the driving, dragging, dragooning methods which are being used to provide the money for a memorial to him.

Air shipping is saving 48 hours between Havana and New York.

An American soldier has explained the number of German soldiers he captured by saying he had promised souvenir helmets to that many girls.

Gen. Wood reports that the American element among the strikers makes no trouble at all.

Senator Gore intimates that investigation might profitably be made of "Bolshevists in the Senate and House."

One side of the coal strike to be considered first is the fireside.

Baron Byng of Vimy, and Baron Beatty of the North Sea, are two new titles in England's peerage.

The German Government appears to be on sufficiently good terms with the former kaiser to obey his suggestions in little things like suppressing films that are unfavorable to him.

The French still have nearly 1,000,000 men under arms.

Because of the housing conditions in the country, wedding presents no longer consist in things that take up room. Checks are taking the place of tea sets and other furniture.

The most perfect example of Socialism is a swarm of bees, says Henry Van Dyke; but then, he asks, "have they ever produced a better hive or more perfect honey?"

Reconstruction in Belgium has advanced to the point where the entire railway system is in operation.

Please note: Cocoanuts are selling away below market price in Panama. Cause given: oversupply of cocoanut in U. S.

German Government commissions are now touring South America and many important trade arrangements are reported.

The New York Sun devotes columns to "personals," both business and social, relating to the arrival, activities and departure of South Americans in New York.

Tuberculosis causes the deaths of more than 150,000 people yearly in the United States.

Congressman Welty, Ohio: "Antagonism of railroads toward the development of water transportation is hindering the growth and prosperity of the country, and the lowering of the cost of living essentials."

Many members of the Women's Land Army of England, organized during the war to aid food production, desire to go to Canada and engage in agricultural activities.

Britain's colonies are indebted to the mother country to the extent of \$930,000,000.

Alcoholic liquors are entirely prohibited in Turkey and other Mohammedan countries.

Great quantities of nikalgin, an external anesthetic invented by an American, was used with good results in French and Italian army hospitals.

Confucius, Chinese philosopher, advocated the League of Nations two thousand four hundred years ago.

Tokio will construct a modern subway to relieve traffic congestion.

Scientists predict that they will be able to foretell the coming of epidemics in sufficient time for warnings and prevention.

Senator Frelinghuysen, New Jersey, states that if the demands of the coal miners are granted, it will result in an increase of the cost of coal to the consumer from \$2 to \$2.50 a ton. It is always the consumer: no one ever thinks of taking it out of the profits.

Four large black bears recently meandered down the street of a Pennsylvania town, causing panic among citizens. The village dogs, generally much in evidence, were exceedingly scarce on this occasion, but the bears were shot and killed from strategic positions in attic windows.

"Milk" electric bulbs are the latest in electric lighting. They are capable of rendering intense light without uneven glare or glitter.

John Burroughs says: "The earth has developed and ripened, hanging like fruit on the great sidereal tree, and can no more repeat the stages it has passed through than can any other fruit or growing thing."

A prayer offered before business by the chaplain of the House of Representatives: "Almighty Father, inspire, we pray Thee, the heart of every American citizen with a profounder reverence for our National Constitution which for a hundred and thirty-two years has guided us to unparalleled prosperity; and arouse a patriotism which shall sweep through our Republic as never before, to still unholy strife, eliminate lawlessness and unrest; a patriotism which shall drive the agitator, the Bolshevik, the dynamiter and all foreign vagaries from our borders; that loyalty, peace and good will may reign supreme. In the name of Him who taught us how to live and enjoy the fruits of liberty, justice, mercy, and worship Thee, our Father, in the beauty of holiness. Amen."

"Following the deprivations of the war there seems to be a mania for luxuries. Let us feed ourselves well, clothe ourselves well, shelter ourselves well, keep our minds and bodies healthy, but this being done, for heaven's sake, let's then pay off our debts before we start to talk about more luxuries!"—Standard Parts Messenger.

The red salmon is the most valuable single species of fish in the world.

Sir Oliver Lodge is now working on the theory that the eye is an electrical organ, making use of atomic energy and shooting off electrons.

Despite the unparalleled high cost of living in France the banks report a substantial increase in savings deposits.

Twenty thousand natives of the Far East are detained in England due to the scarcity of ships. It is impossible to obtain passage to India in less than eight or ten months.

Kangaroo hunting in speedy automobiles on the hard rolling plains of Australia is the sport of tourists.

Thirty-seven million microbes of all species are inhaled by a person employed ten hours a day indoors in industrial centers.

The bears this year are very lightly furred, and the squirrels have stored comparatively few nuts, indications of a mild winter.

The human heart beats 38,000,000 times a year; three billion beats for three score and ten.

British people are adverse to frame houses, despite a comparatively mild climate.

Tight collars hinder the normal supply of blood to the head and thus affect the action of the brain.

Wisconsin leads the nation in the number of pure bred Guernsey cattle.

Two years ago Premier Hughes of Australia purchased on his own responsibility fifteen million dollars' worth of merchant ships. They aided in the defeat of the submarine campaign, and cleared clogged warehouses of grain in Australia. Their net earnings to date have been sufficient to pay off the capital cost.

Sir Oliver Lodge says there are more atoms in a tumblerful of water than there are tumblerfuls of water in the Atlantic.

The first two Germans whose extradition was demanded have been returned to Lille, France, where they will be tried for crimes committed during the deportation of the women of that city.

The clergy of the Church of England, many of whom are heavy stockholders in British brewing interests, are evincing strong opposition to the growing prohibition sentiment in England.

Reports persist to the effect that preparations for the trial of the Kaiser are being rapidly pushed in London.

A New York hold-up man says the only person he fears is a woman with a hat-pin.

The German mark, having lost three-fourths of its normal value, German workmen can be induced to work overtime only by promises of payment in food. Two pounds of lard, or any other kind of fats, will buy much labor; it induced miners to work overtime.

Less than one-fourth of the soldiers of George Washington's army were native Americans. Scotch, Irish and English born soldiers made up the majority.

Senator Watson, in reply to a question put in the Senate, said that "fundamentally there is no difference between Socialism and Bolshevism."

Current history classes studying the Covenant of the League of Nations in various high schools, have been interfered with by school boards which charge "politics."

The German sub-committee which is investigating the causes of the war has published the following telegram from the Kaiser: "His majesty does not care a bit about President Wilson's offer. If a breach with America cannot be prevented, it cannot be helped. Events are developing."

School teachers in the Republic of Panama were on strike for two days, returning upon government promise of better salaries.

The name "German-Austria" is abolished in favor of the name "Republic of Austria."

Special orders for sugar have been placed with Sugar Equalization Boards in Massachusetts to feed the bees. A ton and a half has been allowed for 2,000 swarms.

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