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MOBILIZED FOR PEACE.

Compulsory social service has replaced compulsory military service in Bulgaria, although it is being enforced in only one district. The plan apparently is to try it out thoroughly on a small scale before making it nationally effective. The law requires men of 20 years and girls of 16 years to serve the state for periods of one year and half a year respectively. There are conditions under which this age limit may be varied upon application, and the term of service may be shortened if the drafted person is the sole support of a family. In cases of persons physically or mentally unfit to serve, or in cases of married women, a special tax is levied instead of actual service. Otherwise no evasion or substitution is permitted. Every person between 20 and 25 years of age is subject to call for four weeks' service in case of a national calamity.

It is hoped that the operation of this law will be:

- To organize and utilize the potential social man-power of the country for the purposes of increasing the production of wealth and the social welfare;
- To stimulate the love of physical labor and socially useful activity among all the citizens irrespective of their position and financial status;
- To foster a sense of individual and social duty with the aim of improving the moral and economic condition of the people.

All of this sounds like the outline for some ideal socialistic government. Many Americans have exclaimed at some time or other, "If only citizens could be mobilized for the pursuits of peace as they are for war, how much could be accomplished!" Few have seriously considered it as a possible measure for this stage of civilization. Yet here is Bulgaria actually trying it out. Perhaps in a true democracy the aim sought will always be to inspire every citizen to do his share of public service without any compulsion. Nevertheless the Bulgarian experiment is remarkable and worthy of close observation.

IF GERMANY WERE ON TOP. After all, the Germans are possibly suffering less from the presence of an allied army of occupation and a staff of allied tax collectors than the British, French and Belgians would have suffered if the Germans had accomplished their original purpose. Germany planned to sit in triumph at Paris and London levying tribute on her subject neighbors. German officials even boasted at the height of their arrogance, when they were pushing toward Paris and were sure of victory, that they would impose an indemnity upon the United States greater than the utmost reparation the allies have now demanded, and that they would seize and hold New York for ransom.

It is well to remember these things now, when the Germans are filling the world with indignant clamor. Some of the allies' exactions no doubt are unjust, and the general allied policy may be unwise, when considered in the long run, from the standpoint of the general good. But it helps an observer, in making a proper appraisal of conflicting arguments, to weigh calmly the dominant motives of the two sides, during the war and since, and figure what the situation would be today if the aggressors had won instead of the defenders.

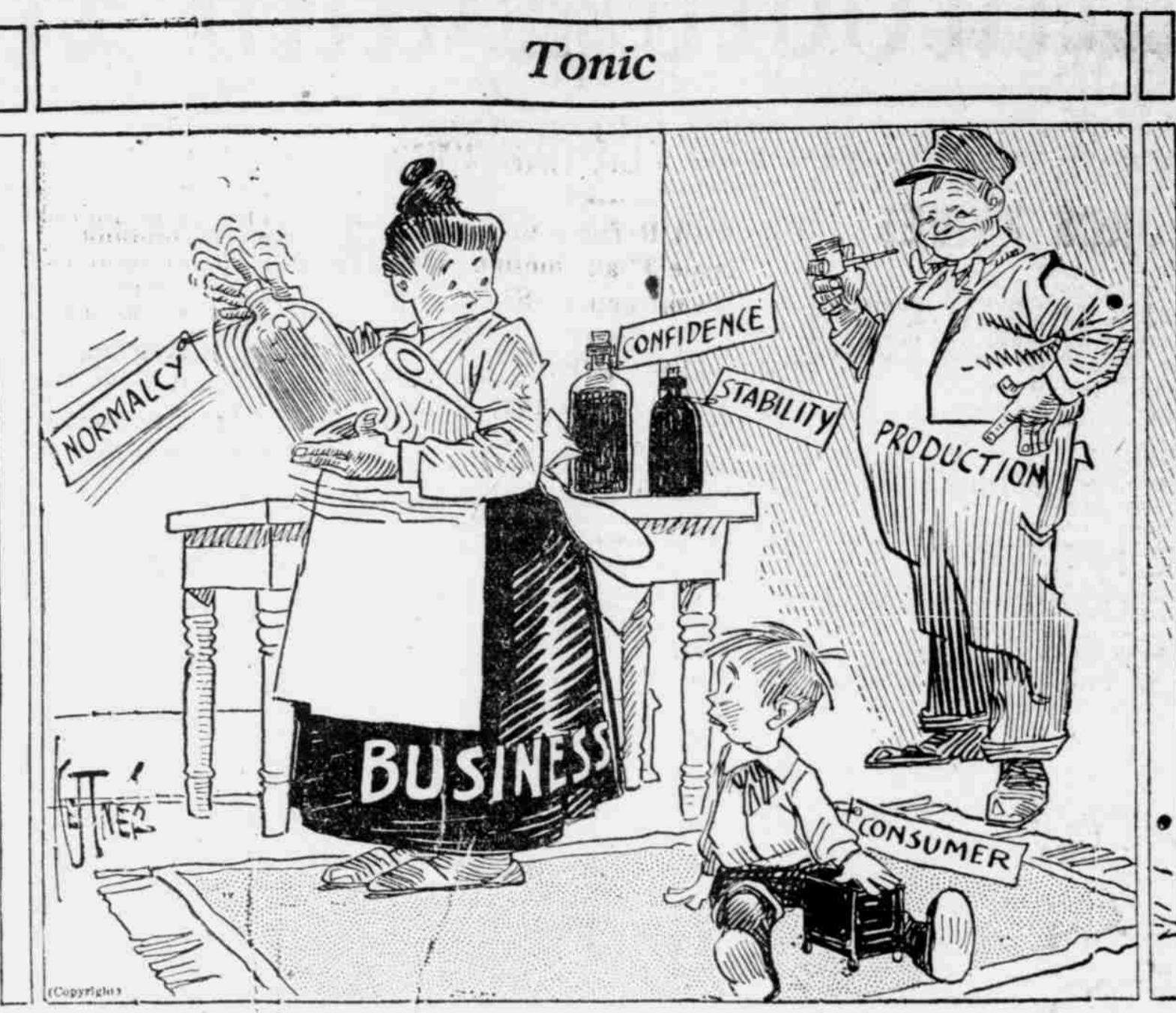
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The congressional team is generally very responsive to "Gee!" "Haw!" and "Whoa!" the first two years of an administration. Drive 'em hard, Mr. President, and get as much plowing done as possible before the horses start balking.

Women were allowed to serve on the jury of a New York court by the judge if they were brunettes. Blondes were barred because the judge declared them to be feeble. Was he ruthlessly judging all blondes by past personal experience?

Vermonters who believe in backing up the state board of education confidently expect the senate to do its duty toward the Stearns bill which the house passed yesterday, duty in this case being quick and easy death.

If the new administration succeeds in jazzing up the governmental departments, won't it have several thousand rebellious appointees complaining that they were hired on false pretenses?

Vermont maple sugar now takes the floor. Of course, the best of it is made in this part of New Hampshire.—Keene Sentinel.

Don't you find that the Vermont labels help in selling your product?

Somebody will doubtless get some bargains in automobiles in Connecticut Monday where 400 of the run-running variety are to be sold at auction by order of the United States court.

There are said to be 9,211,295 automobiles in America. A local man just back from New York says he "dodged 'em all."

That may be all right about collecting those customs on the Rhine, but what we'd like to know is when the allies are going to collect the war criminals.

Sure, a woman has as much right to smoke as a man. Also a man has as much right to paint his face as a woman. Rouse up, gentlemen!

If dress, drama, literature, art and conduct are not less moral nowadays than they used to be, they're certainly in worse taste.

It doesn't make the average income taxpayer a bit more contented about the tax

Tonic

to know that nearly all of it goes for military purposes.

With all their other troubles the New England railroads must now tackle the problem of adjusting train schedules to the daylight saving patchwork.

It will be easier to make peace with the Germans in Germany than with the German propagandists in this country.

VERMONT NEWS.

The convention of the Vermont state optometrical society will be held in Rutland May 25.

A. M. Kendall will observe the 89th anniversary of his birth at his home in Burlington tomorrow. Up to last August, when he was retired on a pension, he had been 51 years in the railway mail service, being for 35 years on the run between Burlington and Boston.

The report of the insurance commissioner, just issued for the business done in 1920, shows that Vermont companies wrote \$52,167,419.33 in risks, the amount of premiums received amounting to \$817,391.75. Losses paid amounted to \$458,709.45; losses incurred, \$442,062.80.

H. Merle Bottum, 72, who has maintained a herd of purebred Holstein cattle for a longer period than any other breeder in Vermont, died yesterday morning at his home in Shaftsbury. He established his herd in 1885 and had since sold more than 500 head of registered stock throughout the eastern states.

Because he made over his 1920 automobile number plates to conform with the 1921 plates, using paint and pounding one side of the "P" to make it a "L" in an attempt to avoid getting a 1921 license, Pascal Romano of Rutland was fined \$100 and costs of \$4.45 in Rutland city court Tuesday.

Approximately two tons of rock dropped about 10 or 12 feet to the sidewalk from the Summer street ledge in Barre sometime the other night without doing damage to anyone. The part of the ledge which fell protruded over the sidewalk and had appeared firm and safe for pedestrians to pass beneath. Hundreds went in under it daily, including large numbers of little school children.

Search is being made by Castleton authorities for Harry Bartell, 24, Stasno Hill employe, who is believed to be the man who attacked Harriet, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy, in a strip of woods in the rear of the home of Prof. P. R. Leavenworth late Tuesday afternoon. Officers arrived at the house where Bartell lived alone in Fair Haven apparently just a minute or two before he fled, for they found food on the table partly eaten, and a coffee pot still warm. Bartell is believed to have fled toward Whitehall, N. Y.

Mrs. Leonard Louks, aged 39, a resident of Brownington Center, committed suicide by shooting herself in the head with a .32-caliber rifle, at her home on Sunday morning. The tragedy was discovered by her mother, Mrs. Hollis Wells, when she went upstairs to call Mrs. Louks for breakfast. According to neighbors there has been more or less trouble in the Louks home of late and it is said that Mrs. Louks on several occasions had threatened to call Mrs. She leaves her husband and a young son.

And He Did!



The Springfield law firm of Blanchard & Tupper is to dissolve April 1, by mutual agreement, a partnership which has existed for 14 years, and H. G. Tupper will then open an office for himself in the Woolson block, in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. I. R. Doane. He will have for his clerk and bookkeeper, Miss Helen L. Whitney, who has served the firm in that capacity very efficiently for a long time. Judge H. H. Blanchard will continue to retain his office in the Bank block, and Miss Margaret Griffith, who has also been working for the firm, will remain in his employ. Jude Blanchard and Mr. Tupper have been in business together since April of 1903, when Mr. Tupper came here, after having served the firm in that capacity very efficiently for a long time.

The new armory at Newport will be opened with a concert and ball March 29, to be given by Company L of the Vermont National Guard.

A secret process, said to be unknown hitherto to the tannery trade, has been discovered by an Australian for making leather from rabbit skins and recovering the fur as a by-product in felt making.

Today's Events

Today is the 84th anniversary of the birth of Grover Cleveland.

The season of intercollegiate debates reaches its height today with contests scheduled at leading colleges and universities in all sections of the United States.

The baseball team of Waseda university, at Tokio, is to sail for the United States today to engage in a series of games with several prominent American universities.

Seventy-five years ago today the Mexican war was informally launched with a declaration of hostility to the United States issued by the Mexican commander at Matamoros.

Harvard, Yale and Princeton universities will engage in a triangular debate of the subject: "Resolved, That the employment of labor should abandon the open shop principle."

Three lending institutions of the Middle West, the Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois, will debate the subject: "Resolved, That the government should at once recognize Soviet Russia."

The subject of a debate between teams representing Colgate university and Williams college will be: "Resolved, That the federal government should own and operate the coal mines of the United States."

At Sevanee, Tenn., teams representing Tulane university and the University of the South will debate the subject: "Resolved, That the cabinet of the president of the United States should be composed of members of congress."

Vice President Coolidge, William H. Taft, General Pershing and others of national prominence have been invited to address a great Americanization rally to be held tonight in Madison Square Garden, New York city, under the auspices of the American Legion.

In the Day's News. Lloyd C. Griscom, who may be the next United States ambassador to Japan, is a lawyer practicing in New York, who has had considerable diplomatic experience. He comes of a family conspicuous in the history of shipbuilding on the Delaware. Educated at the University of Pennsylvania and at the New York law school, he decided on a diplomatic career, and went with Ambassador Bayard to the Court of St. James in 1883. Subsequently he was stationed at Constantinople, Teheran, Tokio, Rio de Janeiro and Rome; the Persian, Japanese, Brazilian and Italian appointments being among the highest at the disposal of the Washington officials. When in Tokio Mr. Griscom was an onlooker behind the scenes of the Russo-Japanese war, and the interest he then came to have in Japan and the Japanese he never has allowed to wane.

The Meddler. "If the coat fits you, put it on." The recurrence this spring of ice conditions similar to those which swept away the Connecticut river bridge between this town and the island a year ago the 28th of this month ought to awaken Connecticut River Power Co. officials to the apparent wisdom of dynamiting the ice at intervals between here and the dam at Vernon. Persons who have had experience with water and ice conditions similar to those in the Connecticut say that the danger of jams can be considerably lessened by breaking up the ice at different points and making what might be termed lanes in the solid expanse. It isn't possible, is it, that the Power company has hesitated to take such precaution for fear it would be an indication that the company considered itself in some way liable for the ice damage?

It is unfortunate, of course, that the local Red Cross chapter is obliged to give up its quarters on the upper floor of the federal building, for the rooms there are particularly well suited to the work and so far as is known no other use for them has been determined. However, general orders have gone out that Red Cross chapters are no longer to be allowed quarters in government buildings and there is no reason to believe that an exception would be made in the case of the local organization. The ruling means that the local chapter will have to find rooms elsewhere, and pay rent for them, but there is no doubt that adequate support will be forthcoming to continue the work in which the chapter already has made such an excellent record.

Today's Anniversaries. 1768—Lawrence Sterne, whose failure as a preacher led to his becoming famous as an author, died in London. Born in Ireland Nov. 24, 1713. 1837—Grover Cleveland, the only president to serve two terms that were not consecutive, born at Caldwell, N. J. Died at Princeton, N. J., June 24, 1908. 1846—John Miller, representative in congress and governor of Missouri, died near Florissant, Mo. Born at Steubenville, O., in 1780. 1871—The Paris Commune revolted against the government. 1889—Chile prohibited the immigration of Chinese laborers. 1891—Queen Victoria and Empress Frederick visited Eton college. 1896—Methodist Episcopal conference at Philadelphia voted to admit women as lay delegates. 1908—Harry Orchard was sentenced to death at Boise for his order of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho.

One Year Ago Today. The Ebert government resumed control of affairs in Berlin. Washington urged Peru and Bolivia to settle their differences amicably.

Today's Birthdays. William Salzer, former governor of New York, born at Elizabeth, N. J., 65 years ago today. Frank Moren, prominent as a heavy-weight pugilist, born in Cleveland, 24 years ago today. Edith Storey, well known as an actress in motion pictures, born in New York city, 29 years ago today. Xenophon P. Wildfly, former United States senator from Missouri, born in Audrain county, Mo., 50 years ago today.

Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.

Pop was snoozing and thinking in the sitting room and all of sudden he sed, Confound it.

Wy, wats the matter, pop? I sed, and pop sed, I told the tailor to come erround for this suit tomorrow and I ment to have my other trousers pressed so I wouldnt look like Charlie Chaplin wen I go down to the office tomorrow, but its too late now, confound it.

Me thinking, O boy, grate idee, Ill press them down in the kitchen and wen pop sees them in the morning he'll be glad as anything and Ill ask him for money for the movies.

Sounding like a pretty good of a idee by the sound, and I went and got pops other pants out of his room and snuck down to the kitchen with them, and nobody wasent down there and I heeted a iron on the stove and started to press pops pants on the kitchen table, wich nothing special happened till I held the iron too long in one place on account of starting to think of something ells, and there was a fierce smell and I quick took the iron off and wat was on the back of pops pants but a big skortched place the shape of the iron, proving wat did it.

Wich jest then pop called down, Wats hering down stairs, whose down there, is anything being?

Sir? I called up, and pop sed, Is anything hering down there?

I dont smell anything, I sed, Wich I didnt then, and I quick snuck up and put pops pants back, and this morning pop came down to brekfast with them on, looking down at them saying, Well for the love of Mad and all the little Muds, I thavt these trousers were in pretty bad shape but I had no idee they looked like Belgium jest after the war, wy theres a million creases in them, In a fine looking spectacle to be going down town.

And he started to eat his brekfast with a ipression as if it wouldnt be a good time to ask him for money for the movies, Wich I didnt, thinking, G, I hope he dont try to look at the back of them wats the skortch is.

Wich I hope he never does.

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