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## BRINGS PRISON REFORM NEARER.

**P**RISON reform in Delaware has been brought much nearer by the masterly address delivered before the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and its guests yesterday by Lieutenant Commander Thomas Mott Osborne, formerly warden of Sing Sing prison in New York.

His address and the offer to introduce a reform system in the New Castle County Workhouse within three months challenged the attention, the respect and the appreciation of all who heard him, and led to action which is sure to result in remedial measures.

The Delaware public is not satisfied by any means with the way things have been going at the Workhouse. It wants a change and when that change comes it should be along scientific lines which will lead to things better for the public and better for the prisoners.

## TARIFF MUST BE RESTORED.

**T**HE fact that we are a creditor nation means, as the figures of our commerce already show, a great expansion in our imports. To the extent that these imports are supplied by finished manufacturers they will compete in the domestic market with domestic products. Then we shall either find markets abroad for our surplus products or cease to produce them. And everyone understands what cessation of production means.—Oscar King Davis, Secretary Foreign Trade Council.

It means a repetition of what we experienced in the early Nineties, under the Wilson-Gorman tariff law. That law became effective August 27, 1894. Imports jumped from \$655,000,000 in 1894 to \$732,000,000 in 1895; exports slumped from \$869,000,000 in 1894 to \$783,000,000 in 1895.

The notice which President Cleveland had served on employers, that protection was to be destroyed and that wages must be reduced, served as a warning to them to give up all thought of expansion and to prepare for betterment.

Nine months after Cleveland was elected the New York Commercial Bulletin, a free trade journal, told the American workmen that "labor may be expected to yield its quota of concession," and that "those who have taught workmen that a reduction of the tariff does not mean a relative reduction of wages have adulterated a great reform with a very paradoxical doctrine," and the New York Journal of Commerce declared: "An average reduction of 20 per cent. in wages is demanded by the necessities of employers and equally by the true interest of labor."

It means that what we were beginning to experience in 1914, when the Wilson-Underwood law was turning the balance of trade against the United States and hundreds of thousands of workmen could not find jobs until the European war again started our mills to going and cut off foreign competition. Free trade is as efficacious as universal bolshevism in causing a cessation of production.

If we can not compete in the home market in normal times against goods made in foreign countries at production costs and wage-scales far below our own, how is it to be expected that we can ship those goods which have failed in competition at home to other fields of competition where the same foreign-made goods are sold?

Of course there is but one way to meet the situation and that is to protect American industries from too intense foreign competition by means of adequate tariff duties. The efficiency resulting from control of the home market and consequent maximum operation, results in a minimum unit cost of production which will put us in a fair way to meet competition in foreign fields. Even the tariff commission is beginning to catch a glimpse of that truth, but the Democratic party never will, because that party is controlled by men who are either in the importing business, or who want to market raw cotton abroad and purchase imported goods at cheaper prices.

The President failed to induce the Senate to make the "supreme sacrifice" but there is nothing to prevent his trying to make some of his heads of departments practice a little economy in public business.

## WOULD TAX STOCK DIVIDENDS.

**R**EPRESENTATIVE GREEN of Iowa, has introduced a bill imposing an excise tax on corporations making stock dividends. Any corporation making a distribution of capital stock during 1920 without receiving payment for it will be subject to a tax of fifteen per cent. on the face value of the shares issued, according to the provisions of the bill. The Ways and Means Committee of the House has not yet considered a means for replacing in the government treasury an amount equal to that which must be refunded under a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court. The court declared that stock dividends are not taxable.

"The committee is waiting for some reliable information as to the loss of revenue from this source," stated Representative Fordney, chairman of the committee. Mr. Fordney stated that the tax proposed by Representative Green may be adequate to meet the deficit.

## COMBATting BOLSHIEVISM.

**A**NYTHING that will assist in the great and nation-wide movement against bolshevik sentiment and practice in this country should be welcomed by all patriotic Americans.

The radicals are attempting to obtain a foothold here and to undermine our American institutions. Thousands of agencies are co-operating with the Federal Government in its educational campaign to combat this evil. One of the most important and potential of those agencies is the moving picture theatre.

It is pleasing to note that the Queen Theatre in this city is co-operating in the movement. Thomas H. Ince's production, "Dangerous Hours," which deals with "Reds" of the parlor and militant classes and which now is on show there, is calculated to arouse and crystallize true American sentiment against everything that savors of bolshevism and the other isms which would inject into our social and political life those things which have written such bloody and unwholesome chapters in the histories of Russia and other European countries.

The Hoover propaganda is the smoothest that ever reached our waste-basket.—St. Helena (Ore.) Mist.

Never having refused a nomination, Mr. Bryan is too old to begin now.—Toledo Blade.

## PERSHING AND PERSHING THOUGHTS.

**W**HEN Nebraska speaks, the nation will listen. Give Pershing a majority that will insure his nomination at Chicago.

Not a "Red," not a malcontent, not a man who does not believe the American institutions are sound, will vote for Pershing.

Those smug politicians in Washington who raised the cry, "We don't want a military man for President," were merely trying to be forehanded. They realize it is going to be a tough battle for them to hold their places against doughboy opponents two years from now. Nebraska is going to be a terrible disappointment to these politicians when it gives Pershing a big majority.

Fanaticism and foolishness have run the country long enough. Let's try Pershing and production.

The people of Nebraska are wealth makers, they are taxpayers, they are developers, they are trail blazers. They have made this State blossom like a rose, and now they are all primed to blossom a President. His name is Pershing.

Perk up production and prosperity and get America back on a peace basis with Pershing.

A hundred American cities which have roared a welcome to John J. Pershing, the man who put the Kaiser to saving wood in Holland, will be looking toward Nebraska on April 20.

Pershing's platform: "Peace, prosperity, production, plenty!"

## THE ROBOGOELIN.

**D**ISCUSSING political bosses, the Saturday Evening Post says that the people are used to taking the cards that are dealt to them.

Only a few weeks back the Post published an article by Sam Blythe, one of its regular correspondents, in which Mr. Blythe said that Taft and Hughes and Wilson were nominated in opposition to the wishes of the politicians and that the politicians, "capitulated finally, as they always have capitulated."

Wouldn't it be well for the Saturday Evening Post to find some plan of campaign upon which it could be consistent?

With Mr. Blythe saying that the politicians have always capitulated, and the editorial page of the Post saying that the people are used to taking the cards that are dealt to them, the readers of the publication are likely to have little confidence in the political opinions of either the editor or his correspondent.

## LEAGUE IS DEAD.

**P**REMIER LLOYD GEORGE says that "in so far as I am aware, the treaty has been neither accepted nor rejected by the Senate."

Of course he is informed of the votes that have been taken, and that the treaty has been returned to the President.

If that does not constitute a rejection from the English point of view, what does?

Twice the Senate has voted decisively not to approve the document, followed the last time by a resolution returning it whence it came.

Both in spirit and letter the treaty stands rejected.

## PERSHING AND HIS CANDIDACY.

**D**ISCUSSING the Republican nomination for President, the Washington Times Review says:

General Pershing is looming in Washington as a very probable "Compromise" of Republicans for presidential candidate to be chosen at the Chicago convention in June. The Capitol City papers reflect a current opinion among congressmen and politicians to the effect that Pershing is not unlikely to be the medium through which the Republican party will cope for a return to the White House in November.

"In the G. O. P. preliminaries" says the Washington Times, "political observers at the Capitol profess to see Gen. John J. Pershing looming as the compromise standard bearer."

Reviewing the Republican presidential field this paper has to say in an article of March 11th: "In the Republican ranks conditions are equally chaotic with Wood, Lowden, and Harding battling each other for delegates and the Progressive Senators lining up behind Hiram Johnson."

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Here in Delaware there also is a strong undercurrent of opinion in favor of Pershing for President. There are many Republicans who feel that the national convention can perform no more important service to the Republican party and the public than to nominate Pershing.

## HARDEST WORKERS POOREST PAID.

**T**HAT the postal employees are among the poorest paid but hardest worked of any of the employees of the Government was the assertion of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah a few days ago when the Postoffice Appropriation Bill was before the Senate.

He explained that in some of the old departments the older employees are paid on about the same basis as the postal employees, but he asserted that in the newer bureaus one-half of the employees could be dismissed and the other half do the work more efficiently.

Better pay for postal employees appeals strongly to the sense of justice of Delawareans.

## FARM LABOR SHORTAGE GENERAL.

**W**ITH the crop season of 1920 scarcely commenced, reports from the agricultural district are to the effect that there is a very embarrassing shortage of farm labor. From Vermont, for example, comes the report that not half the sugar maple trees will be tapped this season because of the inability of the farmers to get help to do the work.

That shortage is by no means peculiar to Vermont. It applies equally to many of the agricultural sections of our State.

Having failed to run international affairs to his satisfaction, Mr. Wilson might try to run the affairs of America to the satisfaction of Americans who are getting mighty tired of paying the expenses of a wasteful administration.

Nothing even exposes religion more to the reproach of its enemies than the worldliness and the hard-heartedness of the professors of it.

Memory is the only paradise out of which we cannot be driven. Indeed, but our first parents were not deprived of it.

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul; and the heart of man knoweth none more fragrant.

The Prussian diet meets occasionally, but it doesn't meet the demand of Prussian appetites.

One who goes to Berlin in these troubled days may get both beer and bier.

## With the Paragraphers

The defeat of the peace treaty in the Senate was calmly received in France, indicating that the heart of the world isn't so easy to break after all.—Litchert, National Republican.

Life may be prolonged to 1000 years, says a scientist, but what is worrying the Democratic party is how to prolong it after 1920.—Philadelphia North American.

## FEW ACCESSIONS FOR P. E. CHURCH

Statistics Show Membership Increase in 1918 Smallest in U. S. for 30 Years

## ALL DENOMINATIONS SHOW DECREASES

**NEW YORK, April 7.**—The smallest annual increase in Protestant church membership in the United States for thirty years is that recorded for 1919, in statistics compiled by Dr. H. K. Carroll, who prepared the first official census of regions, made public last night by the Christian Herald. The increase for 1919 was only 56,000, as compared with the average increase for the ten years previous of 771,947. The slump started, he said, in 1918, which showed an increase of only 155,000 members.

The hitherto most prosperous denominations in the United States showed the following decreases for the year: Methodist Episcopal, 69,940; Presbyterian (U. S. A. Northern), 32,303; Disciples of Christ, 17,645; Methodist Episcopal (South), 16,404; Northern Baptist Convention, 9,556; National Baptist Convention, 35,007; Presbyterian (U. S. A. Southern), 8,811; United Presbyterian, 2,861; Cumberland Presbyterian, 1,643; Welsh Calvinistic Presbyterian, 992; Norwegian Lutheran, 2910.

Among the reasons assigned for the decrease were the interruption or suspension of regular work of many parishes by the war, calling of pastors from their pulpits by the concentration of efforts in military and other gigantic drives for funds, and a great increase in deaths, due partly to the influenza epidemic.

## ELECT ASBURY TRUSTEES.

John McIntosh, Thomas B. Blest and Joseph T. Barlow were elected trustees to serve for the next three years at a congregational meeting in Asbury M. E. Church last night. Charles E. Quillen, president; Thomas B. Blest, secretary, and John McIntosh, treasurer, will comprise the official board. P. C. McCollie acted as judge; A. B. Cullen, secretary, and W. T. Parker and Edgar H. Adams as tellers.

The quarterly conference scheduled for tonight, was postponed until April 22.

Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, has never been defeated for office during his public career of more than a half century.

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**WM. H. STAATS**

405 MARKET STREET

## To the Citizens and Automobilists of the City of Wilmington and the State of Delaware

A bill has been introduced in the State Legislature known as Senate Bill No. Nine, which aims to empower the City Council to tax all automobiles owned and operated in the City of Wilmington. This is an additional levy to State Registration and the amount is tentatively fixed at \$5 per car.

## We believe this taxation unfair:

First—Because the State fee is already proportionately high compared to other States.

Second—Because any vehicle can become liable to the tax as soon as it enters the city. Under these conditions a car from another section of the State can be taxed as soon as it enters this city. Also a car from a neighboring State can be taxed as soon as it enters this city.

Third—Because the other States will justly resent being taxed and will retaliate by not extending any reciprocity to Delaware.

Fourth—Because at the time the last registration fee was fixed, it was understood no further taxation would be made. This agreement should be respected.

## RESULT: All visiting automobiles will avoid Wilmington

Every citizen, every automobile owner—either passenger car or truck—every merchant is vitally interested in this matter and should understand this bill.

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