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NOTHING DOING

THE Utah legislature has appointed four of its members as a committee to meet at Phoenix with a like committee of the Arizona legislature to discuss a proposition of the sale of our "northern strip" to the Mormon state. So far as Arizona is concerned there will be nothing doing. Even if Arizona should agree to the sale it is questionable if such a project could be carried out. The state of Arizona was formed in 1863 and its boundaries established. After the establishment of these boundaries we do not believe that any change could be made in them, except to form a new state out of a portion of it. The Utahns have a trade in view, giving to Arizona San Juan county, Utah, a county full fledged and with a complete county government in operation. But San Juan county is one of the poorest of the counties of the state and so far removed from the balance of Arizona that it could not even be presented to us as a gift. On the other hand our northern strip is one of the richest sections of the state, not only in minerals but in forests and well grassed areas. It is the winter home of thousands of head of Utah sheep and cattle and at the present time large number of homesteaders are farming several thousands of acres of rich lands. Some day it will have a county government of its own and be able to take care of its own interests to a greater extent than if attached to Washington county, Utah, and handled as a dependency of that county. Not one of the people residing in the "strip" want to be attached to Utah and the people of Mohave and Coconino counties will fight to the end against any proposal to take it from them.

The assumption that the Grand Canyon of the Colorado offers an impassable barrier between northern and southern Mohave county is all nonsense. The Grand Canyon opens out at the mouth of the Grand Wash and the river flows for a considerable distance through open territory. It is at the mouth of the Grand Canyon that a bridge is to be built under a law just introduced in the state senate by Senator Herndon of this county, and which would unite the two parts of the county. At the present time there are two ferries carrying passengers across the Colorado river and travel through the country has in no wise been held up by the fact that there is a river to cross. We don't want any more territory, but we are going to keep what we have.

IMMIGRATION

THE committee on Immigration in the House of Representatives, is considering radical changes in the immigration laws. Nobody appears to be at all sure that Europeans, or Asiatics, will wish to burden the affairs of the United States by adding their presence to our population in large numbers. Nevertheless, it is certain that the country has about all it can undertake to do if it provides the right kind of employment for the returning soldiers, and keeps the rust off the wheels of industry. It is estimated that 3,000,000 men were idle in the United States before the selective draft was put into operation. If this estimate is even approximately correct then the return of the soldiers to civil life will mean a great deal of unemployment unless measures are devised to put the speed belt on industry.

The argument seems to favor checking immigration; and the further suggestion is popular that the government should provide a vast amount of public construction. The carrying out of Secretary Lane's land development plans are regarded as important in that they suggest a way by which soldiers can secure a real home and a piece of land, if they will apply themselves to the task.

RECONSTRUCTION

PREMIER LOYD GEORGE: We must have reconstruction when we have the lessons of the war fresh in our minds. We must reconstruct when the national limbs are supple with endeavor and before they become stiff with repose and slumber, and you must reconstruct when you see you have behind you the great spirit of patriotism and sacrifice which has been raised from the depths of human nature in every house and every breast in this land. You must reconstruct when you have got behind you the momentum of victory to carry you through to an even greater triumph. That is why the whole field of national enterprise, of national endeavor and national resource and of material well-being is being examined carefully with a view to immediate action, before that great spirit grows cold in the frigid atmosphere of self-interest. Let us have it when the nation is riding the chariot of a high purpose ere it comes down to the dusty road. That is the time to reconstruct, that is the time to build; when there is fraternity throughout the land.

MUST CARE FOR SOLDIERS

HUNDREDS of thousands of soldiers and sailors returning to their homes after the war will find places they left occupied and jobs scarce.

Families and relatives should make plans to make places for the home-coming men and women who have worn Uncle Sam's uniform.

Private co-operation and state and nation must do their utmost to care for discharged forces if we would not swell the ranks of discontent.

A public sentiment must be aroused, to see that they are given at least as good a place in the social structure as they left.

Sound industrial conditions and a good business basis will do more to make this possible than anything else.

The gaunt and famished the lean and weary, the sick and wounded they hold their outstretched, empty hands toward us and beg for help. We, of all the people, are in a position to help them. Let us remember this on February 10-17.

Conflicting Thoughts



"OVER THE TOP"

TO BERT COFFEY, FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

"Uncle Sam" blew his bugle, the hills heard the sound,
And echoed it on, for five hundred miles 'round,
The boys from the mines and the camps without fear,
Promptly stood at attention, and each answered "Here."
Then a wild bucking broncho was brought to a stop,
So quick, "Coffey" nearly went "Over the Top."

He loved these great hills, where the wild heifers roam;
The sweet purple sage, he so long had called home,
But like "Isrial Putnam," of historic fame,
He left those red cattle right out in the rain,
Put his spurs to his broncho which caused him to hop,
And started for Kingman, and "Over the Top."

The silver-spurred boots were soon cast away,
The splendid broad Stetson, went into the hay,
His bright red "bandanner," his lariat so true,
Are as dear to his heart as the "Red, White and Blue,"
Those picturesque chaps—caused a moist tear to drop,
But Bert is determined on "Over the Top."

Then—Presto!—like magic the cowboy is gone,
And we see a brave soldier in trim uniform,
Bring his hand to his head in a splendid salute,
Then he steps on the train and from there to the boat,
Throws a kiss to the Goddess, for he loves her a lot,
And waits upon orders for "Over the Top."

He is in the first trenches—it all seems so strange,
To lie in a hole and not out on the range;
He thinks of his broncho,—his wild happy life,
Even pictures the girl who may yet be his wife,
Then he thinks of the Emperor, "the murdering sot,"
And waits upon orders for "Over the Top."

The night wind bring cries from mothers and maids,
The groans of the dying, and poor starving babes,
Then a wild cowboy yell, and hell started to pop,
As he leads his brave comrades right "Over the Top."

The Crown Prince cries "Himmel, I see stars mit stripes,"
"Och, Papa the autos, let us run for our lives,"
But the Emperor sees, in a strange mystic manner,
A bright figured flag,—It's that old red "Bandanner,"
Then he throws up his hands, and abandons all hope,
When he sees that wild cow-boy's long lariat rope.

The great cannons roar, the sky is all red,
Liquid fire,—Mustard Gas,—his comrades fall dead,—
The boy now a man with face set and grim,
Is chasing the German right into Berlin,
He kept right on going, till the Captain yelled, "Stop,"
The Armistice signed,—"We Are Over the Top."

Now Kingman in gratitude, gives the glad hand,
To all of her sons from the great sage-brush land,
Who offered their lives that the world, without fear,
Might enjoy the same peace, that God gives us out here,
And on "The Great Book," there will not be a blot,
On the names of our boys who went "Over the Top."
(Minnie J. Hardy, San Diego, Calif., January 1, 1919.)

"SMILES"

REPAREE

Tillie Clinger says that the reason she didn't last long as ladies' teller at the bank was because when Mrs. Pomperosity accused her of impertinence she told her to go chase herself.

STANDING ROOM

(By P. Betch, Co. 3, U. S. N. T. S., New Haven, Conn.)
Instructor—If an officer and a sailor are passengers on a boat should the sailor stand and salute when the officer is in view?
Rookie—Y-yes, sir, unless it's a canoe.

REASSURING HER

"I see they are going to tax talking machines."
"Well, my dear, that probably won't affect you, and if it does I'll cheerfully pay the tax."—(Louisville Courier-Journal.)

CUPID AND CUPIDITY

A Galveston widow says she's the latest proposal she has received was from a Houston insurance agent who said he had loved her ever since her first husband stung the company for \$10,000.—Galveston News.

VERSATILE

"Maid, very good needle-woman, and fond of animals, to valet gentleman."—Ad. in London Times.

DIDN'T DO SO BADLY

He—Have you ever loved and lost?
She—Oh, no; the jury awarded me \$7,000 damages.—Badley Bugle.

AS SHE IS WRIT

Card in restaurant: "Small steak, 20 cents, Extra small steak, 25 cents." Advertisement in poultry journal: "Plymouth Rock hens ready to lay \$1.25 each."—Our Dumb Animals.

AT THE DEPOT

"Good-by, dad, don't fail to write, even if it's only a check."—Widow.

Seeing the Whirl

Sarah—She says she's going to travel hundreds of miles on her honeymoon.
Jane—That's easy for 'er; 'er chap runs a merry-go-round.—London Tit-Bits.

DO YOU KNOW?

The Philippine islands are steadily gaining in the production of raw sugar. From crops of 345,077 short tons in 1913 and of 408,339 tons in 1914, the crop of 1917 advanced to 425,266 tons.

The analysis of cane and beet sugar is precisely the same when they are pure—12 parts carbon, 22 parts hydrogen and 11 parts oxygen.

The salmon spawning season in Alaska is ended. The collection of sockeye salmon eggs for the Afognak station totaled 54,681,000.

All fuel conservation regulations excepting in the use of gas have been revoked, effective January 10, by order of the U. S. Fuel Administration.

The forest area of Brazil is estimated at 1,500,000 square miles, or about 48 per cent of the total area of the country.

The Isle of Pines promises to become an important producer of iron, copper and other ores, as 11 mines have been located.

The first tenement house in New York City was built in 1933. It was a four-story building and stood in what is now Corlears Park.

GIVE

THAT OTHERS MAY

LIVE

February 10-17

SPEND LARGE SUMS ON NATIONAL ROADS

About \$300,000,000 will be put into road building this year, according to estimates by experts of the Department of Agriculture, submitted to the Division of Public Works and Construction Development of the Department of Labor. It is estimated that about half this amount will go to labor.

The \$300,000,000 of construction estimated will not be sufficient to make up deferred war construction, it is believed, for normally the amount spent on roads in the United States is not far below \$300,000,000 and during war times road building came almost to a stop in many localities.

Estimates prepared for the following states are considered accurate within 1 or 2 per cent, according to officials of the Department of Agriculture: Maine, \$1,500,000; Rhode Island, \$90,000; Connecticut, \$4,000,000; New York, \$12,000,000; New Hampshire, \$175,000; Kentucky, \$1,500,000; Alabama, \$1,800,000; West Virginia, \$16,000,000; Illinois, \$9,000,000; Iowa, \$15,574,000; Louisiana, \$4,874,000; Texas, \$20,000,000; Nebraska, \$1,857,089.07; North Dakota, \$3,000,000; Wyoming, \$653,000; Colorado, \$3,900,000; California, \$20,000,000; Arizona, \$900,000; Nevada, \$1,146,849.80; Idaho, \$1,000,000.

New Jersey, Maryland, and Montana are expected to make considerable expenditures on roads this year.

AMERICANS TO EXPLOIT TYROLEAN WATER POWER

A syndicate of Americans have been investigating the water power possibilities of the Alpine region of Austria and have decided to install a great power plant on one of the rivers rushing down from the Tyrolian Alps. The company is being organized with a capitalization of \$41,322,000.

The water powers of the old world have not been used advantageously, the power being taken direct from the rivers without conversion into electric power. All along the banks of swift running streams are to be found water wheels turning flour mills and other classes of machinery, but little attempt is made to bring it long distances into the cities for power and light. The new organization contemplates the transmission of power to many points where it will be used for the driving of machinery and the establishment of many manufacturing plants.

ANTIMONY IN TRANSVAAL

A new body of antimony is reported to have been opened up near Komati river, in the district of the Stensydorp gold fields, Transvaal. As the ore is found to be valuable, a mining company is now carrying on smelting operations on the spot.

The Victory Liberty Loan will come in April.

Electricity

The phrase "electricity is in its infancy," has no meaning to this generation. For us, today, electricity is fullgrown, a mighty and obedient servant, operating our factories, carrying us swiftly to our destination, lighting our streets and our homes; in a thousand ways making life easier, pleasanter, more profitable.

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