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HARSHER PENALTIES FOR ENEMIES

Congress is slowly but surely rounding out the legislation needed to put teeth into the laws to suppress spies, plotters and obstructors. There was a long and bitter fight in the senate over the sedition bill but it was finally passed by a non-partisan vote.

However, the department of justice made it plain that the existing laws were not strong enough to secure convictions in many flagrant cases. Various senators gave warning that unless the laws were strengthened and the pro-German agitators were rounded up and disposed of, lynch law would be resorted to more and more by the enraged people.

Senator Lodge of Mass. referred to a recent case where a man enlisted in our army and then deserted, taking with him government plans and information, and though this man was practically convicted of being a spy all that was done was to intern him. "That's what brings lynchings," he exclaimed. Senator Fall of N. Mex. declared: "Treason is being taught in lodge rooms of this country and I refer to the I. W. W."

Senator McCumber of N. Dak. was one of the most ardent champions of the bill. He asserted that bolshevik doctrines were being spread throughout the country and that the labor unions were being used as agencies for this propaganda. He accused them of "slacking on the job" and demanding "more, still more, always more." "I want unionism to get rid of the I. W. W. traitors. They have no country, no policies except those of destruction," said he. Senator Borah of Idaho said with regret that there is now no law to punish people who eulogize the kaiser, German "kulture" and German methods and deeds.

A DESERVED TRIBUTE

Col. Arturo Giovanetti, the Italian airman, said on his return from the war zone; "On the boat one evening a chap was heard to declare: 'I tell you, sir, they charged like demons. Talk about the Germans, the English and the Americans—bah, nothing at all. Nothing at all, sir, beside the way the French charged! It staggered me to witness it.'"

"Ah, a wonderful race, the French," said a divine. Are you referring, sir, to one of the Verdun charges, or to the charges at the Chemin des Dames?"

"What I'm referring to," the other chap replied, "is the charges of the Paris hotelkeepers."

WHICH ONE?

The explorer was relating one of his terrible experiences while in the African jungle. "Suddenly we found ourselves in the midst of a terrible conflict and at terrible odds! Ten to one."

"Were you one of the 10?" asked a friend, listening.

"No, I'll have you understand, sir, that I was one of the one," replied the offended one.

UNUSUAL PARAGRAPHS

The Osage Indians of Oklahoma are said to be the richest people in the world. Large sums of money are paid to them by oil companies for the use of valuable lands which they hold. The wealth of the tribe per capita is estimated at \$20,000.

While eating oysters which his daughter had sent him J. N. Roach, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., bit into a hard substance that nearly cracked his teeth. After examining the offending object Roach sent it to New York jewelers. A few days later he received notice that it was a pearl worth about \$1,000.

Attracted by the crowing of a rooster, a policeman in Washington, D. C., stopped a colored man who was hurrying down the street carrying two bags. Inside the bags were a number of chickens, some alive and some dead, which the negro admitted having stolen from a farmer. He was locked up and the chickens were returned to their owner.

A cat belonging in Marysville, Pa., ran amuck one day recently and scratched several dogs. Soon after one of the dogs became strangely affected and started off through the country. While going through a pasture over 30 miles away it bit a cow. An examination showed that the cow had contracted rabies and several other bovines in the neighborhood have since exhibited similar symptoms.

Believing that most of the badness in boys is due to their abundant energy and to a natural desire to "show off," Judge Arnold of the juvenile court in Chicago recently instructed policemen of the city to pick out the worst boy in each neighborhood and hold him personally responsible for the behavior of other boys of that locality. In this way his energies will be turned to upholding the law instead of breaking it, the judge says.