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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

Opening a New Route to Liverpool.

A steamer loaded with meat at Chicago has just sailed for Liverpool for the benefit of anyone not wholly familiar with the geography of the Great Lakes, it may be explained that the vessel's course lies through Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, the Welland Canal, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence river.

There has long been communication between Great Lakes ports and Europe but little use has been made of it. Seldom in a season has a foreign ship been seen at Chicago, Cleveland or Buffalo. From now on, such traffic will be common. Other flags may not become familiar on the Lakes as they are on the Atlantic and Pacific coast, but the Lake ports will be thronged with ships flying the Stars and Stripes bound to and from other lands.

The "Lake Granby" is the first to be put to this use of a big fleet of steamers built in Great Lakes shipyards by the emergency fleet corporation. They are of uniform type, smaller than most ocean freighters, made so in order to get through the canal. They are said to be thoroughly seaworthy.

They represent one or the many in-

direct benefits accruing to the nation from the war. They provide a greater outlet for American goods, tapping directly the rich interior of the continent for the foreign market, making many interior cities world ports, easing the pressure of eastern railroad transportation, making money for exporters and lowering the cost of goods brought from abroad.

Considering the Mass of Independent Voters.

In spite of the action of political leaders, most Americans are not yet convinced that the league of nations is necessarily Democratic, and that opposition to it is necessarily Republican. Both parties are dividing noticeably on this big issue, though their division is not so great in the case as it might be on the basis of unbiased individual judgment.

Party leaders, however, are prone to forget a very important fact—that about one-third of the voters in the United States are no longer tied definitely to either party. It fluctuates between the two in national elections, according to one party or the other happens at the time to stand for what they want done in national affairs. It is this big block of non-partisan voters which determines that intangible but potent thing called national opinion, and which will decide the present issue regardless of the personal views of United States senators.

It is to be expected, too, that echoes from the present controversy will be carried over into the national campaign next year. It will go hard in that campaign with any party that does not do what the majority of voters want done this year.

The politicians know that. And this is why, even in the midst of the furious senatorial debate over the peace treaty, they are keeping their eyes to the ground.

Industrial Democracy Survives in Canada.

Canada, like the United States, repudiates Bolshevism. The big "general strike" in Winnipeg has ended. The Reds are ignominiously routed. Some of the more conspicuous of them are under arrest for "conspiracy." The rest have lost their aggressiveness. This is the second act of a big industrial drama whose first act, was staged in our own Northwest. Defeated at Seattle and foiled in their efforts elsewhere in America, the revolutionists tried Canada. They seemed for a while to be making real headway. They succeeded in tying up pretty nearly everything in Winnipeg. They fomented strikes in other provinces, and seemed to be seriously threatening the stability of the Dominion. But it was mostly bluff, and the ambitious scheme has collapsed.

proved itself thoroughly American, true to the traditions of industrial fairness and decency. The more conservative, level-headed labor element has the upper hand. The plan for one big labor union, with power and will to call general strikes on little or no provocation, is repudiated. Labor unions retain their own right of self-determination, instead of yielding to the tyranny of a labor dictatorship. It is a good omen for future industrial progress on this continent.

Alvin York's pastor was invited to attend a vaudeville show in Nashville, and he went. Later he wrote a letter saying: "It was entirely different from what I expected. I am very sorry I was there, and have deeply regretted for the same." Oh, cheer up, Parson! A lot of us have been fooled the same way about a show, and bought our own tickets besides.

Nine years ago a New York auto mobile savant was indicted for killing a man with his car, and the indictment was dismissed. Recently he killed another man in the same way, and was sent to prison for three years and six months. This is a mild sentence for manslaughter, but it shows progress.

According to many liquor champions the returning soldiers were going to have something to say about the prohibition measure. And from cursory observation, about all they've done along that line since they got back has been ordering ice cream sodas.

Italy, in a fit of hysteria, has upset her government, and Americans labor in vain to see what the hysteria is about. Italy has got all that she went to war for, and more. Smatter?

German-Austria complains that the peace terms leave it without means of defense. Austria needn't worry. Nobody wants it.

Resolution Passed By Pomona Grange On the Death of Withycombe

Pomona Grange, of Union county, has adopted a resolution on the death of James Withycombe, former governor of Oregon, written by M. L. Carter, as follows:

WHEREAS—The Supreme Ruler Has decreed that all must die, And the summons oft is answered In the twinkling of an eye— There is none to be exempted, Neither lowly nor the great, All will find St. Peter waiting For the password at the gate;

WHEREAS—Our friend, James Withycombe, Has answered to the call— He had fought the good fight bravely, Loved and honored by us all;

He had reached the highest office In the gift of any state— Whose career would be more fitting For us all to emulate?

THEREFORE— We resolve to follow In the way that he began, Living on life's busy highway, There a friend to every man; With a firm and steadfast purpose, Every duty to perform, For his hand was ever ready And his heart was always warm.

The Gangers' representative, The Farmers' champion, His trials now are ended With a verdict of "well done." Let all of us appreciate the loyalty he gave, And as a loving tribute place a garland on his grave. April 28, 1919.

Summer Complaints Quickly Relieved "About two years ago when suffering from a severe attack of summer complaint, I took Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it relieved me almost instantly," writes Mrs. Henry Jewett, Clark Mills, N. Y. This is an excellent remedy for colic and diarrhoea and should be kept at hand by every family—Adv.

Rather Spoiled the Effect. There was company for breakfast and sister, wishing to look her best, donned a little lace breakfast cap and pretty little negligee. As she appeared in the doorway of the dining room little brother cried, "O-a-h look! She is all decorated up!"

NEW TODAY

LOST—Baby's jacket and chain bearing letter on lock. Return to Palace confectionery. 7-251

FOR SALE—Pack saddle and complete outfit; 52-lb. riding saddle. Apply Observer. 7-310

FOR SALE—House on east X avenue, or will trade for modern 2 room house. Phone Red 1941. 7-2-8tp

FOR SALE—Heavy team, harness and wagon. Applr A. L. Johnston, R. R. No. 1; just east of Grange Hall and first house west of Zach Chanda's. 7-2-4tp

When you are in line for a camera or kodak go to Silverthorn's Family Drug store. There you will find every model of machine, Brownie Cameras from \$2.13 to \$13.00. Folding Promos from \$5 to \$15, and kodaks from \$7.50 to \$68. 6-27-1f

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. featuring 'Decorate Your Home' with various products like Boys' Kaynee Wash Suits, Mesh Bags, and Slip-on and Shawlette Sweaters. Includes illustrations of children and product details.

Large public notice for the Fourth of July parade. Features an illustration of the American flag and text: 'ATTENTION All service men are requested to report to Captain Bouvy at 8:30 o'clock on the morning of July 4th. Please sign record card, have photo taken and select officers at that time. Every person taking part in Fourth of July parade will please assume their position from the rear, and report to their Division Commander promptly at 9:15 o'clock. The parade will start promptly at 9:30. Anyone not in line will be left out for the parade moves at that hour. PARADE COMMITTEE'