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A LARGE JOB

"All Congress needs to do this year," says a paragrapher, "is to enact legislation that will delight the farmer and Wall Street and the workingman and the capitalist."

That is only a part of it. Congress will be expected to satisfy every class of citizens, including the great middle class who do not fall easily into any of the four divisions given. All the professions, all the trades, all the industries and all branches of economic and political thought, not to mention the various groups of new-fangled reformers, will be found camping on the steps of the capitol demanding their particular favor or pamper—and what is worse, expecting to get it.

The new President will face the same situation. In fact, he is already facing it, and after a few weeks' intensive consideration of the demands directed at him from all quarters has gone to Florida for a much needed rest.

This is one of the inevitable accompaniments of a change of political control at Washington. It is particularly evident now because of the magnitude of the victory won by the incoming party. Every group or faction to whom a promise of any kind was made, express or implied, will insist on the fulfillment of that promise, with good measure.

No human being, no combination of human beings, could satisfy all of these accumulated and often mutually contradictory expectations. The new administration is going to have its hands full.

AN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY

An industrial employment survey of the country's major industries, with the exception of transportation and agriculture, is being carried on by the Department of Labor. Its results should be of permanent value to employers and employees in gauging the industrial situation in any or all parts of the country at any time.

Under the plan the country has been divided into nine districts, with a director for each district whose duty is the organization of permanent bureaus in all the large cities. The first figures from these nine districts should be available shortly.

The purpose of the survey as given by one of the directors is: "To establish a barometer which will indicate the labor employment conditions in the fields of American industry and business; to do away with irresponsible statements; to issue regular reports on the problem of employment; to compile such information on labor distribution and fluctuations as shall make it possible for employers to gauge industrial drift and for employees to anticipate the openings in the line of their training; to reduce periods of inactivity and loss of income; to aid in labor distribution; to help minimize over-production and to provide a method whereby the periods of unemployment between jobs are lessened."

If the survey results in all or most of these benefits it will be worth more than its cost. The main thing will be, when once the reports are issued, to induce employers to take intelligent advantage of them. If this is done successfully much of the present industrial evil and unrest should be done away with.

"REGULATIONS" FOR THE PACKERS

The bill regulating the packing industry, as passed by the Senate, looks like a present job on those who have been demanding such federal action.

This movement was inspired by the Federal Trade Commission, after its inquiry into the practices of the meat packers had shown the existence of grave abuses. As originally proposed, it would have provided a considerable amount of regulation. As amended, however, its passage, it may be said, is a compromise. While creating a "livestock commission," it also places the authority of the Federal Trade Commission over the packers and then leaves them to defend for themselves whether or not they shall become subject to the authority of the new commission.

Thus, as matters stand, the packers are to be "regulated" only if they voluntarily accept such regulations, which ignorant and credulous

lators. What the outcome will be calls for only one guess. It is evident why several bitter senatorial opponents of federal regulation acquiesced in the final passage of the bill.

It is now up to the House to stop such an absurd piece of legislation. Either the packing industry should be subjected to proper regulation by the federal government, without any equivocation, or else it should be left in its present status.

MALE DRESS REFORM

The long-tailed coat and hard-boiled shirt which formerly were considered necessary adjuncts to correct evening dress for men are gradually disappearing. Tomorrow they may be numbered with yesterday's seven thousand years.

It is reported on good authority that this winter in New York, well-dressed men particularly the young men, wear Tuxedo coats, soft white shirts with turn-back cuffs and low roll collars in the most formal fashion, rejecting with scorn the time-honored theory that when tuxedos are present the long-tailed coat, stiff-bosomed shirt, high collar and stiffly starched cuffs must be worn.

The war which accounted for so many changes, is responsible for that one. In the service these young men learned a good deal about the joys of comfort and informality. Having gained this knowledge, they refuse to give it up. A few sticklers among the "old boys" may cling to the more formal styles, but their number will decrease steadily, as it should.

A world which frowns on atrocious should not countenance anything so fraught with misery as men's out-style evening dress.

WHITE LIGHT ON THE REDS

Last October the Northwest Industrial Worker, an I. W. W. publication, asked these questions regarding the status of labor under Russian Bolshevism:

"Are the workers of Russia permitted by the government to organize upon their own lines without interference?"

"Are the workers of Russia permitted to travel freely through the interior looking for employment?"

"Are the workers of Russia permitted to maintain their own associations, without governmental interference?"

The obvious answer which any honest and well-informed person would make to all three questions was "No."

Along with them was the question, "What percentage of the workers in the large industrial sections are organized, and upon what basis?" The truthful answer to that would explain half the fallacies they voluntarily accept such regulations, which ignorant and credulous

minds still invest of the system of Lenin.

For putting these searching questions the editor of the publication was discharged. That, perhaps, was to be expected. Quite unexpected, however, was the statement, "The organized workers of the Northwest, who belong to the south about I. W. W., knowing that the editor was right, demanded his reinstatement, and obtained it."

Evidently even the most radical wing of American labor is getting its Russian thinking straightened out, and recognizing at last that the Lenin system is not industrial democracy but an industrial tyranny to which American workers never submit.

The people responsible for the campaign of hostility against the laborer race are merely those or four centuries behind the times. There were many of their kind in the Middle Ages—just as numerous, and just as mistaken.

It is reported that 35,000 miles of new paved highways are planned for this year. With all that quantity of good roads, we ought to get somewhere.

A bill has been introduced in a Missouri legislature, providing fines and imprisonment for "profligate undertakers and casket-makers." Why discriminate? Is it any worse to profligate in the necessities of life than the necessities of death?

Those who doubt that unemployment is compatible with a great industrial revival forget that a certain amount of firing is essential to a good head of steam.

If the reparations committee would devote less time to preparations and more to reparations if European situation would be adjusted more quickly.

Another loan of \$20,000,000 has just been made to Belgium. Is this what the disciples of isolation mean when they advocate leaving Europe a loan?

Too many Europeans—and too many Americans, for that matter—have an idea that the best way to get out of a financial hole is always to borrow more money.

"There's money in ads," announces an advertisement. Very likely; but the average nut seems to have a surprising talent for sliding onto it.

If there are any suppressors in the American business world, it's the men who know how to make out their income tax reports.

Instead of a blue Sunday, could it be the reformers compromise and make it gray?

Save let Russia work out her own salvation! And the more she works, the quicker the salvation will come.

"Activity Reported in Nation's Trade." Yes, we noticed that in reading reports on recent activities in Congress.

The war lesson people are slow to learn that war never pays.

Owing to illness in the Samuel Irwin family the Island City Club has been indefinitely postponed.

A lot of boys still in hospital would be glad to pay a 1920 income tax. How about yours?

Withelm says that if he is paid an annuity by Germany he will only be getting what is coming to him. Nay, Withelm! You'll never get all that's coming to you in this life.

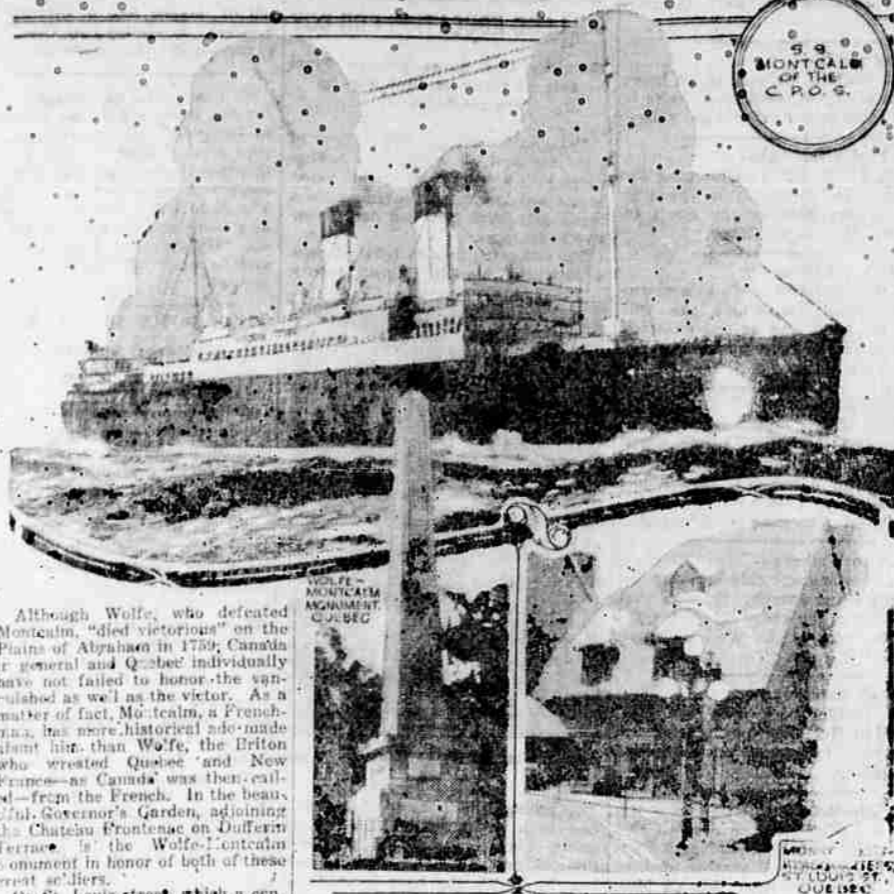
Redwoods in Italy. California's redwoods are commonly found plants in every section of Italy, and they seem to develop splendidly under the conditions of the Italian climate, says the American Forestry Magazine. In Bologna recently a redwood tree over four feet in diameter was cut, which had been planted only about 60 years ago. Sections of this tree are now exhibited in the Museum of the Royal Forestry college at Florence.

Could Be Bought Off. Alice was staying with her father one evening while her mother was away. The father, while reading, was wiggling the floor lamp and Alice spoke up: "You know mamma does not want you to play with that lamp," she waited a minute, then said: "If you will give me a nickel I won't tell."

Effect of Warm Beams. Some warm food at the right moment, as every mother knows, may send a child into convulsions. The wrong food at the right time doesn't have such an immediately apparent effect, but it may later be the cause of a mental convulsion which will seriously mar the child's whole life, says Mothers' Magazine.

Comfortable Cave. From Bend Ore. comes the interesting announcement that a few miles southeast of that town, at Horse Butte, has been discovered a "naturally heated cave." It apparently draws its warm atmosphere from a subterranean source. The cave, which is near the top of the Butte, first attracted attention by the wave of heat issuing from its mouth.

MANY MEMORIALS TO MONTCALM, DEFENDER OF QUEBEC



Although Wolfe, who defeated Montcalm, "died victorious" on the Plains of Abraham in 1759, Canada is general and Quebec individually have not failed to honor the victor. As a matter of fact, Montcalm, a Frenchman, has more historical significance than Wolfe, the Briton who created Quebec and New France-as Canada was then called—from the French. In the beautiful Chateau Frontenac on DuRoi Terrace is the Wolfe-Lentini monument in honor of both of these great soldiers.

On St. Louis street, which a century and a half ago was the fashionable promenade of old Quebec, is still to be seen a quaint building which was Montcalm's headquarters. The building, now used as a retail store, bears an inscription stating this fact. There is also a very striking and artistic statue of Montcalm in Quebec.

Very recently the great French soldier has been further honored by having a big steamship, the Lawrence which Montcalm had, The St. Lawrence is a fully equipped and is noted for its beautiful scenery. The river played a conspicuous part in Montcalm's strategy for Wolfe used it to secretly transfer his army from below Quebec to Wolfe's Cove above the city, thus by gaining access to the Plains of Abraham, from which the fortified city was vulnerable to attack.

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13 GRANDE NEWS 28 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the La Grande Gazette for Nov. 11, 1892.

J. M. Berry is erecting an addition to his home on Adams Ave.

BORN—In La Grande, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1892, to the wife of James Watson, a son. In La Grande, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1892, to the wife of T. W. Meyers, a son.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's parents, Nov. 3, 1892, Jay C. Hall and Lillia B. Teaford, by Elder G. W. Carper.

Joe Snodgrass, E. Griffing and A. Shaddock left this week in a moving wagon for the new town of Ore, which is located in the northern part of Washington. They took with them a load of provisions and will spend the winter there, it is probable.

For the first time in the history of La Grande, buildings which were left standing and the blackened skeletons on Depot St. give evidence of the good work of the fire departments and an adequate water supply.

Blue Mountain Hook and Ladder Company made its first appearance on the streets last Friday and spent a good share of the afternoon wearing out shoe leather and smoothing down the back streets. Considering that this is their first appearance the boys did very well. The next thing in order is a race with one of the horse carts.

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