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AN IMPORTANT WEEK

America has celebrated a good many special "weeks," but none more worthy of adequate observance than that in behalf of disabled soldiers which is to begin on May 29.

The announcement of the plan comes from the headquarters of the National Disabled Soldiers' League in Washington. The week is designated as a period in which the American public will be asked to give especial thought to the country's war cripples. It is hoped that churches, schools and all sorts of organizations, private and public, will conduct exercises and hold meetings in order to "arouse the interest of every patriotic citizen and secure moral support and co-operation for measures to alleviate the suffering of those wounded and disabled in the great conflict.

Governors of several states have issued proclamations calling upon their states to take active part in this movement. Others are expected to follow promptly.

Every ceremony held in observance of this particular cause should have one underlying thought—that the interest aroused shall be lasting. The week will amount to nothing if it ends in a lot of gilt-edged talk about what should be done, but brings the doing no nearer accomplishment. What the boys need is action, prompt, effective and continuous.

THE NATIVE INCREASE

The New York World rejoices because its foreign population is now only 2,900,000, and two residents out of every three are native Americans. Most cities, in America and elsewhere, would consider that little ground for congratulation. One alien out of three is a pretty big proportion. The nation as a whole considers itself not very well off with one foreign-born person out of eight.

There is, however, cause for congratulation in New York because the ratio of alien-born has actually decreased. Similar satisfaction is found in the 1920 census figures for the whole country. Thanks to the late war, with its effective human blockade, the percentage of foreign-born is a little lower than it has been for half a century. But in jubiliating over this fact, citizens should not forget that the average new-comer nowadays is harder to assimilate than his predecessors were a generation or two ago, and that there is far less vacant space calling for them in this country.

Time was when the free and unlimited importation of aliens was a good national policy, and they were welcomed accordingly. Today nobody wants them but big employers of cheap labor.

LOST AND FOUND

A visitor walking into a school room the other day found the children playing "lost and found," a game to teach the little children to learn their names and addresses and to give them to policemen who came to their rescue, so that they might be sent directly home.

One child played the part of policeman, another was "lost." Other children played the part of parents. Aisles were strewn with dolls' dresses and hats. A police station was in the corner.

Wasn't that a game which it would pay parents to play with their children? Tears and anxiety would be saved in many an instance if a child were trained, as soon as he could talk, to give his name and the address clearly and correctly whenever he was asked.

The policeman found the lost child crying on the street. He asked her name. She told him but could not tell where she lived. "That's too bad," said the youthful officer, "for if you knew I could take you right home. Now you'll have to go to the police station and wait until your mother comes there to ask for you." The mother wept at home, and the child wept in the station, until the mother brought herself to go there to seek her

POLITICAL HISTORY

May 16, 1771.—Battle of Alamo, N. C.

May 16, 1801.—William H. Seward born. Secretary of State under Lincoln.

May 17, 1872.—Joliet and party start exploring expedition of Mississippi Valley.

May 17, 1741.—John Penn, born. A signer of the Declaration of Independence.

May 17, 1877.—Grant started on his trip around the world.

Tenth President

John Tyler—Whig.
Inaugurated April 6, 1841. Age 51.
Term of office, 3 years, 11 months.
Residence, Williamsburg, Va.

Born, March 29, 1790, Greenway, Va.

Died January 18, 1862, Age 71.
Graduate of William and Mary College.

Author of English Literature.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

The editor of the Weekly Hicough who was cited for contempt of court by Squire McSpadden a while back, informs the scribe he wasn't responsible for the piece in question. His wife, who helps him get out the paper, didn't like the squire's wife, he says, and when she set the type for the McSpadden piece she let her feelings get the best of her. Since he never reads the Hicough himself he says he didn't know anything about it 'till his attention was called to same few days ago.

Since haircuts has went up to 65c a copy, many of our citizens are thinking of taking up fiddling.

Local Lore

Bill Smith appeared on our streets yesterday in a set of new summer scenery. Look out, girls.

Still the Winner

The other night a young man was visiting his best girl, and he stayed on and on until she became very sleepy indeed. Also she had to work the next day and thought it time to give him a hint that it was time for him to go home. Finally she said:

"Don't you think you had better phone for a taxi to go home in? It's so late now and there have been several robberies out in this part of town after midnight?"

The young man was visibly pleased at her suggestion.

Her Object

"Maud wouldn't say a word to the reporter about her case unless he'd promise to print her picture." "Vanity, I suppose."

"No, business. She says that in her previous divorce case her photographer got her a new husband almost immediately."—Boston Transcript.

The United States

The United States is a large body of laughter loving people completely surrounded by Trusts.

It is the richest country in the world, nowhere is food so plentiful, nowhere are the cows so friendly and the hens so industrious.

When the hens die they go to join their unhatched children in cold storage Heaven, where they live forever. So too the cows, so too the fish, if there is room for them; if not, they are turned into fertilizer to keep them from scaling down the market price.

To add to the meritment of the people, the Sovereign Farmers and Financiers passed an amendment to the Constitution and Holy Writ (see 1 Tim. V 23) abolishing Temperance, the sin of resisting temptation.

At their bidding thousands of acres of deadly grape vines have been destroyed, and if these great and good men fulfill their promises, ere long the nation will be saved from the ravages of the vicious tobacco.

The United States is a large dry country bounded on the north by Canadian Club whiskey, on the south by Mexican Pulque, and on the east and west by salt water. The population consists of 100,000,000 thirsty souls, some of whom are Americans.

Religious to a fault and ambidexterously prodigal they nevertheless show signs of reverting to the Archaic Anthropoids.

A race of strap hangers is developing. At certain hours of the day they may be seen seeking their habitations in great flocks swinging from strap to strap.

The original inhabitants were Red Indians, these were supplanted by Pale Pilgrims, who first settled the country and then settled the Indians.

The Indian practice of painting and wearing feathers shocked the Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers, but the Pilgrim Daughters made a note of these fashions for future use.

The capital of the United States is Washington—named after a famous Britisher who won American Independence from George the III, the fat German King of unbounded mind, then boiling down the British Throne.

New York is the tallest and noisiest city in the world, speaking a babel of twenty different languages besides English.

A. W. Nelson wonders why Everett's trousers always carry an umbrella.

Don't live for yourself alone, nor die for your life.

WAGE CUTS NOT BASED ON COST

EMPLOYERS HELD IGNORANT OF LIVING CONDITIONS.

Agents of Bureau of Labor Statistics Are Collecting Accurate, Up-to-Date Data.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Agents of the bureau of labor statistics, department of labor have begun work on the collection of accurate, and up-to-date data on living costs in order that reliable information may be available for wage adjustments.

Perhaps the principal labor problem today—at least from the employers' point of view—is this very matter of wage adjustment. The employer, though he lacks definite evidence on the point, nevertheless contends that living costs are diminishing and as a result wage reductions are being put into effect generally.

The employees on the whole feel that the adjustments are being made arbitrarily and with little regard to lowered expenses in the family budget, and the result is friction and ill-feeling.

Investigations to Be Made.

The bureau of labor statistics will send investigators into about 30 cities to pursue inquiries along the same lines as those followed during the war and after the armistice. These investigators will collect actual figures as to family expenses covering every necessity of life and making fair allowances for the requirements of recreation, education and health.

The work will be started not later than June 1, as the department realizes that this is a hurry-up job and that in many parts of the country peace may depend largely on the rapidity with which it is performed. Workmen are much more ready to accept reductions, if reductions must come, when they can be convinced that the purchasing power of their wages will not be reduced.

War Situation Is Cited.

During the war the adjustment of wages to living costs was determined on the basis of figures collected by the bureau, and enforcement was possible through the war labor board and other governmental agencies. Most of the governmental supervision has now been withdrawn, but the division of conciliation in the department ordinarily has little trouble in bringing about voluntary agreements in disputes, if both parties can be convinced that justice is being done them.

It is certain that wage reductions will be resisted vigorously unless workmen are shown that their standard of living is not being lowered. To the employer reductions in food, costs and clothing costs appear ample reasons for cutting wages in drastic fashion.

Other Expenses Stay Up.

But while these items have been lowered rents, car fares, light and heat and other items less prominent, yet bulking very large, have remained in general stationary, or have been increased. The workman is fully conscious of this and the data obtained by the bureau of labor statistics probably will help greatly in interpreting the workman's view to the employer, and vice versa.

An interesting experiment connected with wage reduction, but more important as a measure for stabilizing industry, has been undertaken in Cleveland, where the garment manufacturers and the international women garment workers' union have entered an agreement for a wage reduction of 9 1/2 to 13 1/2 per cent, on various jobs, on the condition that the manufacturer guarantee 40 weeks of employment during the year in two periods of 20 weeks each, with two-thirds pay for any week in those periods when employment is not offered.

Fund Must Be Provided.

The employers must provide a fund to cover this guarantee, and the workmen receive one week's vacation with pay. The agreement has been held by many persons to constitute a great advance in the stabilization of industry and solution of labor problems.

The prospective revolutionary moves in Great Britain have been considered by labor union leaders here as due to unemployment, maladjustment of wages to living costs, and, while the American Federation of Labor feels that its withdrawal from the labor international has been justified by conditions abroad, these same conditions have been regarded as a warning against unwise attacks on labor in this country.

WORKERS OF RED CROSS TO MEET

BAKER, May 17.—Final arrangements for the Regional Conference of the American Red Cross, to be held in Baker May 18, 19 and 20, have been practically completed. Reservations have already been made for twenty-one division office workers and chapter secretaries and board members and it is expected that a number of reservations will be wired in between now and Wednesday. For the purpose of preventing waste of time when the conference sessions begin, a careful program of events has been mapped out. The program begins at ten-thirty Wednesday evening with the registration of delegates at the Red Cross office, No. 200 Baker building, where all sessions are to be held. Each program is open to the public and special programs will be

Pictorial Review Patterns

New Wash Waists

Several Dozen Attractive Models just in today

Several newly opened cases of fresh new Blouses were opened for the first time today, and are now on display, awaiting the selection of all who desire something different in a blouse of Voile or Organdy. They are nearly all made of very fine quality voile, with Organdy collars and cuffs. Some are trimmed in narrow lace, some are marked in different shades of blue, rose and pink, some are embroidered in these colors and still others have collars and cuffs entirely of lace. All are so very attractive that you are sure to see them if you visit this store. All sizes and plenty of styles to select from. All price at \$2.25 each.

STRAWS

It is often a waste of time to tell a man anything for his own good, but still we announce the arrival of our new straws. They are more captivating in style than ever before. There are mallards, smooth and rough—also Panamas, and imitation Panamas of good quality. Prices are.....\$1 to \$6

Golf Shoes

A genuine Golf Shoe, of rough grain Norwegian Calf leather, plain toe, Oxford. Spikes are in proper places on heel and sole. A good fitting Oxford, made by Hirschheim—especially adapted to wear for golf. See window. Price \$4.50.

\$2.25

ELGIN EAGLE TO SCREAM

ELGIN, May 17.—The Elgin Ad club members, 59 strong, dined at the Sommer hotel Thursday night and discussed ways and means of burying Old Man G. even and of celebrating his demise by a full three-day Fourth of July observance.

Committees were appointed to arrange for the opening of Elgin's new \$25,000 race track, for boxing, wrestling, baseball and other sports, and for speaking, eagle screaming, pink leonards and all the sundry concomitants that go to make up a real old-fashioned Fourth.

Several other important local community projects were also discussed, including support of the local concert band, the Elgin baseball team and one or two local road projects.

GROWERS FIX RATES FOR BERRY PICKERS AT 35c PER CRATE

FREEWATER, May 17.—The strawberry growers of the Sunny-side district have decided to pay 35 cents per crate for picking and 12 1/2 cents per crate for packing.

INDIANS BECOME PANIC STRICKEN AT SIGHT OF AURORA BOREALIS

SAN BERNARDINO, May 17.—

Appearance of the aurora borealis Saturday night caused the Indians on the Colorado desert to become panic stricken, according to reports brought from there. The phenomenon as seen from the desert was declared to be one of rare beauty. The reflection of the lights on the surface of the lake made the scene the more spectacular. The altitude in Bear valley is 8999 feet, the result being that the sky there appears half ablaze.

OBSERVER WANTS AIDS ARE WORTH YOUR READING

Sport Bulletins

Wins First Meet

MISSOULA, Mont., May 17.—The University of Montana won a track meet from the University of Idaho, 62-1-2 to 54-1-2, here Saturday.

By losing the relay by 7-8-9-10 miles, Idaho was at a disadvantage. This was the first time that Montana has won a meet with Idaho.

Pope Breaks Record

PULLMAN, Wash., May 17.—The

University of Washington with a total of 84 points defeated Washington State College in the annual dual meet between the two schools Saturday. The Sun's College made 47 points. Pope, of the University of Washington, with a throw of 159 feet 7 inches, broke his own discus record for the Northwest conference, established at Seattle a week ago with a throw of 145 feet 10 inches.

EUGENE, Ore., May 17.—The Oregon Agricultural College defeated the University of Oregon Saturday by a score of 71 to 69, in the annual dual field and track meet between the schools, making it four consecutive wins.

Art Trick of the university, hurled the javelin 193 feet 1 inch, a new conference record, adding nine inches to the old record he established at Seattle in the dual meet between the Universities of Oregon and Washington. Oregon scored the greatest number of points in the field events. They were completely outclassed by the Aggies on the track.

Clayton Ingle, of La Grande, took second in the pole vault for Oregon.

Sunday Games Are Off

PIERRE, S. D., May 17.—Sunday baseball will not be permitted in South Dakota is an admission fee in charged, the state supreme court ruled in a test case of the "Sunday Blue Laws" brought against Allen Grothof, South Dakota, motion picture proprietor, who was charged with operating his theatre on Sunday.

TACKLE

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