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## Editorials From Over the Nation

### MAKE THE COAL INQUIRY EFFECTIVE

Chicago News: While the general coal strike was in progress last summer and the Federal government was vainly seeking to settle it, certain members of congress threatened seizure of the mines. They gave reasons for advocating that extreme policy.

The strike was settled by a compromise and the coal industry was afforded an opportunity to reorganize itself and solve its problems with the aid of impartial experts. A fact-finding commission was created by an act of congress, and the operators professed to be glad that such a body was to be put to work. There was a promise made that all books, records and accounts would be opened to the commission, since otherwise it could not gain sufficient information to justify it in making definite recommendations.

Mark the sequel. The fact-finding commission is encountering difficulties which only a few persons foresee. Operators have forgotten their promises. Not a few of them now refuse to answer questions or otherwise furnish facts to the commission. They seem to think that the public already has forgotten the strike and has relapsed into apathy.

A bill has been offered in congress to force the coal commission to force the production of books and compel witnesses to answer relevant questions. The act that created the commission failed to provide for such authority, because, presumably, the psychological factors at that time made it unnecessary.

The authority required should be conferred and effectively used if the coal operators are stubborn or evasive. Some of their lawyers have advised them that a measure compelling them to produce books and answer questions might be held unconstitutional. True, it might; but again it might not. The supreme court is not always rigorously technical.

If the operators should defy the commission and congress, after defying a re-awakened public opinion, they would not strengthen their cause. Further, the coal industry might not get another chance to effect voluntary reorganization.

### ALIMONY FOR MEN

Lockport Star: If the doctrine of absolute equal right and equal responsibility under the law is to obtain as some of the feminine extremists hope, the payment of alimony by women may follow as part of the price. That is, unless men display sufficient weakness to adhere to old-fashioned chivalrous ideas rather than to take advantage of his under the new regime.

Sometimes alimony is nothing but graft, and those who seek it, men or women, are condemned justly by decent public opinion. Sometimes it is demanded rightly as a fair share of property accumulated after marriage or because of burdens borne during it. A woman who is forced to seek divorce, yet cannot support herself or her children, manifestly is entitled to some provision. It may be that a physically helpless man might, in his turn, have some reasonable claim upon the lady's property or earnings. But that able-bodied man as a class should or would demand such support after a marriage had been dissolved is hard to believe, no matter what independent womanhood seeks to wish upon herself.

What probably will happen if women press on to their goal of complete economic as well as political freedom is that each member of the matrimonial firm will be self-supporting, and in the event of divorce, after equitable provision for the children neither will call upon the other for financial contributions.

### LIQUOR FOR THE SICK

Philadelphia Bulletin: Decision by the internal revenue commissioner that after three months none but the "in-bond" goods may be withdrawn for medical use, which correction to a state of things that should have been remedied long ago.

It is not an issue between wet and dry, but one of protection for persons who particularly need purity of supply. Even those who disapprove the medicinal administration of whiskey must admit that any given sick man should be of unquestionably good quality.

The government has a direct responsibility for the quality of the permitted supply of spirits, because the restriction necessary to prevent the excessive use of liquor have resulted in the production of immense quantities of deleterious illicit products, too much of which has found its way to the stores of the druggist. The honest druggist needs the protection, and the unscrupulous one the curb of this ruling.

### "FEED ME WITH APPLES"

Philadelphia Bulletin: How many the merchant stocked up with in order to his piece of humor on the American breakfast table. Once more the trifling home-wife feels assured of an abundance of things for her favorite apple pie. After last year's famine comes this year's feast, when the crop is estimated to yield 207,000,000 bushels of apples, or considerably more than twice the 100,000,000 bushels.

Apples are not only bountiful in quantity, but superior in quality to the fruit that survived the unreasonable alternations of high temperatures and frost last winter and during the winter of the summer and fall. The deeper color gives it having a higher sugar and acid content, and the "Volstead" act permits the willful dependence of good cheer at many a dinner board for several weeks.

### THE EATING QUESTION

It is a well known fact that the food that enters the stomach is not only the most important factor in the maintenance of health, but also the most important factor in the maintenance of life. The food that enters the stomach is not only the most important factor in the maintenance of health, but also the most important factor in the maintenance of life.

## Income Tax Facts

By Clyde G. Huntley Collector.

In making out his income tax return, the farmer is required to report as gross income all receipts derived from the sale or exchange of farm products, including crops and livestock, whether produced on the farm or purchased and resold. Where farm produce is exchanged for groceries, merchandise, or other articles, the fair market value of the articles received must be reported as income. A farmer who rents his farm on the crop-share basis must report such income for the year in which the crops are sold. Profits derived from the sale or rental of farm lands must be reported.

Every person whose gross income for 1922 was \$5,000 or over must file a return, regardless of the amount of the net income. If a husband and wife living together have an aggregate gross income of \$5,000 or more, separate returns or a joint return may be filed.

Regardless of the amount of gross income, Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue, reminds taxpayers that returns are required of every married person living with husband or wife whose net income for 1922 was \$2,000 or over, and of every single person or married person not living with husband or wife, whose net income was \$1,000 or over. "Net income" upon which the tax is assessed, is "gross income" less certain specified deductions. "Gross income" includes gains, profits, and income derived from salaries, wages, or compensation for personal service, of whatever kind and in whatever form paid, or from professions, vocations, trades, business, commerce, or sales or dealings in property, whether real or personal, growing out of the ownership or use of or interest in such property, also from interest, rent, dividends, securities, or the transaction of any business carried on for gain or profit, or gains and profits and income derived from any source whatever.

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## THE OFFICE CAT

Get a Bigger Drill.  
Just Tunkins says people like contrast. One minute they're reading the Office Cat and the next the murder news.

We don't know much, not expected to, for we don't get pay for knowing much. But we do know that the way to get the best of an argument is to stay out of it.

Little drops of water on little rains of mud, makes a helava difference in the price of land.

What we can't understand is how the \$15.00 clerk manages to dress better than the \$90.00 a week boss.

The way some people act they must have been born with monkey glands.

A pocket does not have to have a hole in the bottom to be quickly emptied.

Motorists will be glad to learn an auto-derailed train in Illinois.

If you are honestly trying to make others happy you need not worry about your own happiness.

John D. says to save Henry Ford says to spend it. Perhaps it is the practice of about 50-50 of what both says that keeps everyone poor.

Perils of the Period  
Headline - "Youth Takes Drink Falls into a Comm." He's lucky that his life didn't come to a full stop.

"I never did think very much of spirit rapping," confides Amos Tash. "If they have anything to say let them come right out and say it, then we can see what they are talking about." Never learned the rap language.

POEM  
(Dedicated to the Gracer)  
Little bits of parcels  
From the grocery  
Keeps the average feller  
In a state of poverty.

"Say It With Flowers"  
That's mighty fine, but the drawback is that the average man can't afford more than a whisper.

The supreme test of paternal love is when baby wants a drink about 2 a. m.

If Lincoln had lived in modern times he might have said, "Never float your carbuiter while crossing a track."

In ten years from today a fella will hafta to go up allday, turn to the left and cap three times in order to buy a package of chewing gum.

The human eye will soon arrive to see his customers a pain. And when his coming day will come, and wonder how in the name of Cynthus he ever made so much money and was able to save but two dollars per week!

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## The Vane of Popular Opinion.

Success is not only its own reward, but its own punishment. Failure should bring no penalty other than the regret and humiliation attaching to abject disappointment but, on the other hand, should merit some reward, at least sympathetic reward in the form of commiseration.

After executing five loyal patriots who attempted to aggrandize Greece by military exploit and territorial expansion, the populace, through its revolutionary government, is now making ready to prosecute, and no doubt, execute the prominent military officers who failed in the campaign against Turkey. Four generals will, in all probability, receive the same public manifestation of gratitude which was administered with guns to the martyred civic ministers.

How different would have been the popular status of these Greek leaders if they had been victorious! Had they extended the national boundaries and magnified national prestige, the mobs would be feting them and the very politicians who are condemning them to death would be crooking the knee to them for largesse from the public treasury!

No failure is so remorseful as nullified effort or crushing defeat in the vigorous advancement of a great hope or the pursuit of a lofty ideal. When the live expectation is wafted away on the last chance of realization, annihilation seems to be complete, there seems to be nothing more for which to exist and contend. All promise fades from life.

Yet, there is reward in defeat. For the ambition that is the spur to extraordinary endeavor and hazardous sacrifice, there is no terror in death, no disgrace in condemnation! and consciousness of duty faithfully performed makes the highspirited mind impervious to basest ingratitude.

Next to being grand in courage, it is noblest to be sublime in discouragement. Failure is a form of victory. Victory is the quality of soul which rises superior to every situation of success or failure.

The vane of popular sentiment shifts with every wind of intrigue or emotion. It varies with the moods of agitation. If it is ever steady, its steadiness is never certain. It is simply applause, deserved or undeserved, or blame, just or ungrateful. Popular sentiment is not worth having, as it cannot be kept and is of only fleeting and insignificant value.

## Mr. Harding on the 12-Hour Day.

Congratulating, in a written statement, the Federated American Engineering Society on its adverse report on the twelve-hour day, President Harding struck the keynote of modern industrial policy. His words expressed the opinion and feeling of all the people.

"The old order," he wrote, "must give way to a better and wiser form of organization, so that the proper family life may be enjoyed suitably by all the people." The prosperity of every business is the fitness which wholesome family life assures to workmen of all classes, the common laborer as well as the skilled mechanic. And happy family life is the culture and character of the nation.

An industry or business that must subsist on the twelve-hour day cannot long remain efficient, as its workmen cannot be efficient. A nation that does not afford its citizens ample time in which to think, read, rest and play is sure to retrograde.

## Principal of Vision by Wireless.

Motion pictures by wireless are tentatively promised by Edouard Belin, a French inventor. He is sure, at least, that he has discovered the principle of transmission of pictures of persons and objects in the air. It is but a step from flashing stationary objects to sending objects in action.

The principle is simple. Flashes of light are directed on a selenium element, which produces sound waves through another instrument. At the receiving end the sound waves reproduce the light flashes on a mirror. Belin synchronizes light flashes and sound waves.

Invention is progressive. One advance enables another. Some one else may hit on an idea to develop the impetus to transmit light waves, properly shaded, direct, over long distances.

A pig's eye has been transplanted in a New Jersey boy's empty socket and the surgeon says the boy will be able to see. He should have a keen-sight for acorns.

The foot the Turk has in Europe isn't the one he retreats with.

A deficit is something that may not be seen, but it can be felt.

## INCOME TAX IN SCHOOLS

(By The Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—The preparation of income tax returns is the latest subject to be added to the curriculum of Los Angeles public schools. For the convenience of those to whom the intricacies of the tax are a perplexing puzzle, a special high school class has been organized which meets one night a week under the direction of an expert accountant. No formal enrollment is necessary, and the taxpayer-pupil is free to quit the course when he has mastered enough of the subject to fill out his own income tax return.

## Constipation.

Constipation of the bowels is a stoppage of the sewerage system that removes waste matter from the body. It is as necessary that your bowels move regularly once each day, to carry off this waste, as it is that the waste pipes of your home be kept open and carry off the waste from the house. If you would enjoy good health, keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed.—Adv.

## MACAO HAS BOOM.

(By The Associated Press)  
MACAO, China, Jan. 27.—This quaint, old city, belonging to Portugal, although commercially and industrially dead, is experiencing a real estate boom and a period of high rents worthy of New York in the post war days. The situation is said to be due to the political unrest in Portugal, which in causing many to leave the mother land for her colony in the Far East.

## TEAR DOWN HALL.

(By The Associated Press)  
SANTA CLARA, Jan. 26.—The Science Hall at the University of Santa Clara, a campus landmark since 1861, will be torn down as soon as the new Alumni Science Building, now under construction, has been completed. It has been announced here. It was in this old structure that the late Prof. John Montgomery, one of the inven-

## lovers of the early aeroplane, carried out most of his experiments.

Atlanta Journal: Never lend a gun to a man who leads an aimless existence.

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