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THE SOURCE OF JOY—Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Psalm 86:4.

When you ask a politician, "Are you wet or dry?" he generally says "Yes."

Now we know why this canny generation deserts the home. A statistician reveals the fact that the home is more dangerous than the street—there are more people killed there by accidents.

MISPLACED BLAME

Military training in colleges and universities isn't, according to records from various institutions, gaining in popularity and number participating. At the University of West Virginia, the college of the City of New York, the University of Wisconsin, and others the Reserve Officers Training Corps has fallen to pieces for lack of interest and support.

That is hardly to be wondered at and little to be worried over, but the Chicago Tribune, self-styled "The World's Greatest Newspaper" and always seeking to make a great to-do about nothing, objects seriously to this tendency in our universities and raves at length about the influence of professorial pacifists on students. We quote part of the comment:

"It is a sign of mental infirmity that the pacifist opponents of the R. O. T. C. never try to relate their rhetoric to plausibility or probability, to conditions, facts or prospects or to anything resembling cause and effect. They have rancor and timidity, physical flinching, added reasoning, suspicion, pompous illusions and gross fears, but never anything that can be laid alongside a fact or will stand a shot of common sense. Yet this unreason infests the professorial mind, and the men who are given their responsible positions to teach youth to meet life prepared to understand it, deal with it and make the best of it, send their pupils after moonbeams, chimera and the blood-sweating behemoth."

Which, when interpreted, no doubt means that The Tribune objects to R. O. T. C. opposition and suspects professors of teaching things that are contrary to The Tribune's idea of citizenship. We have no doubt that the suspicion is well founded but it would be a very unusual circumstance if it were not. Ideas of citizenship, of the value of military training in schools, of ways to prevent wars and still maintain our national identity differ greatly. The Tribune may have one, the University of Wisconsin another—and both might have some merit.

If it's a question of placing the blame for the loss in popularity of military training, however, The Tribune errs in blaring so much about peacefully inclined university professors. Radical and pacifist as some of them may be, they could hardly destroy by force of opinion the interest in a cadet corps if that student activity possessed much real merit. The students have probably decided against military training in their individual cases as adding little or nothing to their preparation for business or the professions and that has settled the matter. They seem to have found more interesting, if not more important, things to do and have set about doing them.

The Observer is inclined to the opinion that military training is very valuable as a character builder. We also believe that preparedness is the greatest protection against the devastations of war. But since this is a democratic nation and we are supposed to have and encourage democratic educational institutions we would never favor compulsory military training as a part of their curricula. If those favoring and sponsoring an R. O. T. C. cannot make it attractive enough and obviously beneficial enough to attract sufficient participants, then it deserves to fail. Speaking of the pursuit of moonbeams, the Chicago Tribune presents itself as a good example when it places the blame on professors.

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ABE MARTIN



I don't think Cal objects to another term as far as the presidency is concerned. I think he just don't choose to be photographed ever ten minutes for another four years. There may be some good in ever-buddy, as th' sayin' goes, but life's too short in this fast age to hang around till it pops out.

LEGISLATORS TURNED BACK BY SOLDIERS

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tionary meetings whether held at the capitol or any other place within the state.

The soldiers were dispatched with a view to barring entrance to the capitol before 10 o'clock when the house of representatives was scheduled to convene to discuss five charges against Governor Johnston and three counts against Harry B. Cordell, president of the state board of agriculture.

Capitol Under Guard

Armed officers of the guard were assigned to the various entrances of the capitol. Only one door remained open and all persons who sought entrance to the building were subjected to questioning until their identity was established.

Scenes at the capitol recalled the stirring days in 1923 when Governor Walton refused to call a special session to investigate his administration, as Governor Johnston also has declined to do. After several days of negotiations in which no legislators were allowed in the building, Governor Walton approved the session and was impeached.

Representatives H. Tom Kight, chairman of the house committee which prepared the charges against the governor, declined to reveal the specific nature of the charges today. He has repeatedly charged irregularities in the appointment of officials in various departments and in the expenditure of funds.

Test Case Pending

A test case also was pending in the supreme court today to determine whether the legislators were entitled to pay in view of the former decree holding there was no authority for the session.

Shortly after 8 a. m. guardsmen at the entrances to the capitol were removed and all persons were allowed to enter the building without questioning.

Guards were placed before the criminal court of appeals, and the state supreme court chambers, with orders to allow no one but justices and employees to enter.

The legislators did not leave the capitol in a body, but in small groups and singly.

"The house will meet right here in Oklahoma City, the seat of government," H. Tom Kight, chairman of the house investigating committee, told newspapermen, "watch us for the next 24 hours."

Senate Willing to Meet

A member of the senate said that body would not recognize the military guards and would proceed to hold a session if the house succeeded in placing charges before it.

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ELECTRIC CHAIR AWAITS MURDERER

Young Negro Is Rescued from Relatives of Dead Girl by Officers

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Dec. 12. (AP)—Rescued by the guns of officers from the hands of a mob, Larry Newsome, young negro, awaited in the Raleigh state prison today his execution on Jan. 13 for the murder of Beulah Tedder, a farmer's 15-year-old daughter.

The attempt to mete out rough and ready justice to the negro was stopped only by the barking of Sheriff W. D. Grant's gun after he had pulled Newsome from the hands of the girl's relatives, who pounced upon him yesterday as he sat in court. The trial, the first on Sunday in North Carolina, proceeded peacefully thereafter, with hurriedly called national guardsmen of Battery A, 113th Field Artillery, sitting about the prisoner with a play of side arms.

William Tedder, brother of the girl, who, with the father, Eric Tedder, led the attack on the negro amid cries of "get him" and "take him" was subdued by the officers and handcuffed to two of the men throughout the remainder of the trial. The father also was placed under guard. An automatic pistol which Henry A. Grady, the presiding judge, placed on his desk beside him also assured peace.

Many persons in the crowded court room surged forward to aid the Tedders as, five minutes after court they strode forward down the aisle and pulled the negro from his chair. A near riot ensued before Sheriff Grant and his deputies rescued Newsome who lost some of his clothing in the melee. The prisoner was thrust into an ante room, before whose door Grant wheeled and fired two shots into the air as a warning to the crowd.

Fifteen minutes after the case went to the jury a verdict of guilty was returned. Newsome was hustled into an automobile and under troop escort was taken to Raleigh. His trial ended 60 hours after the Tedder girl's body was found in a cotton field, with the throat cut. The killing was traced to Newsome who, Deputy Sheriff J. C. Kornegy said, later confessed.

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John A. Pender Goes on Trial in Portland Court

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RED WORKERS IN CONTROL; CANTON SITUATION GRAVE

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from a communistic move within the ranks of the present faction controlling Canton. No anti-foreign sentiment was evident.

Advices from Hongkong stated that the disorders were "suspected of being instigated by Russians." C. C. Wu, foreign minister of the Nanking nationalist government, said "the uprising was undoubtedly directed by Russians."

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