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While we are today riding in automobiles and electric cars, the ideas of the great majority of us are still traveling by stage coach—Clifford Howard.

SECRETARY LANE

OREGON will not suffer at the hands of Secretary Franklin K. Lane. He is a just man. He is out of the West, and as such, knows the needs of the West.

As Governor West well says, Secretary Lane "has a great mass of detail to give attention to, in connection with irrigation subjects which are thrust upon him, and it is probable that the progress of the Tumalo work has not been brought to his attention."

It is entirely safe to assume that whatever was promised by Secretary Lane will be performed.

A NATIONAL AFFAIR

GOVERNOR AMMONS, testifying before the federal industrial relations commission, declared that the Colorado coal miner's strike was a national and not a local affair.

President Wilson evidently takes somewhat the same view, for he has appointed a commission through which future differences between operators and miners may be settled.

It is clear that if United States troops are necessary to preserve order in a state, then the reason for sending them there is a national affair.

In naming the new commission President Wilson said his purpose is to create an instrumental body which disputes may be amicably settled.

The time to settle a dispute is before the fight begins. Both capital and labor must in time recognize that truth.

Colorado's labor war was proved the utter uselessness of stubbornness. The president has held out the olive branch to both miners and operators.

It will be up to them to accept or reject it. A proper regard for their own welfare and the prosperity of the state dictates that disputes such as have injured Colorado be settled early.

THE CHOLERA MENACE

WRITING from Przemysl, Austria, William G. Shepherd confirms reports that cholera has entered as a new factor in the European war.

His diary of a day with the Austrian army, published in The Journal's news columns, is first-hand evidence that the horrors of war are to be multiplied by a devastating epidemic which in times of peace is hard to control.

Weeks ago it was reported that cholera had appeared in Galicia. Again the dread disease was declared to be raging in Galicia and certain districts of Poland.

Mr. Shepherd's account of what he saw near besieged Przemysl confirms reports which were discounted because they came from sources unfriendly to Germany and Austria.

Now, however, it is established that Europe stands in danger of pestilence, in every age the mighty rivalry of the god of war.

The significance of Mr. Shepherd's story from Przemysl lies in the fact that cholera is an actual

WHEN MEN ARE IDLE-NO. 6

THE unemployed in Portland can make no greater mistake than to listen to the counsels of I. W. W. agitators. The agitators advise the idle men to make demands that are impossible.

The trouble with the average I. W. W. agitator is that he comes to this country from over seas and out of countries where speech is not free, where government espionage haunts every man, where freedom of action is largely controlled by autocratic power, and where liberty and freedom as we know them, are the individual's dream, not the monarch's purpose.

The agitator thus comes to the United States with hereditary prejudices against government and against all things that savor of authority. He takes no trouble to find out the fundamentals, the relations and the real liberties under the American system.

In Oregon, human liberty exists in its highest form. We are a complete democracy. The individual is sovereign. There is not a law that individuals, acting together, cannot repeal.

These are the facts that belie the foolish and ignorant fulminations of I. W. W.-ists. Their advice to men who have no employment is a prejudiced, untrustworthy and unreliable advice.

The American government is now engaged upon the most exhaustive study of the issue that was ever undertaken. A commission of nine men with \$100,000 in hand for employment of experts and conducting investigations is directing its energies to this deep-rooted question of unemployment which as baffled every civilized country in the world.

Three years is being devoted to the investigation. When the report is finally made, it will probably present the most valuable information that the world has yet obtained on the subject.

The commission comprises three employers, three representatives of organized labor and three independent citizens. It is giving exhaustive inquiry into the industrial relations and is searching for the causes that gave this country of almost inexhaustible natural resources an unemployed army of more than 3,500,000 in 1907.

The commission has divided its work into four principal fields. These are the relations between unskilled labor and industry, between private agencies and industry, between industry and public agencies, and finally a study of the courts in their relation to the labor problem.

Thus, a great government has its forces a-field in an endeavor to find out and remedy the causes by which there seems always to be in the country an army of men and women who want work but cannot get it.

Even if it is possible for discipline in camps to save the armies from decimation, there will yet be great danger to people in the rear.

DAYLIGHT LEGISLATION. The approach of the legislative season is heralded by a general suggestion of reform in legislative methods.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Discussion is the greatest of all reforms. It is the only one that touches the souls of men and awakens them to their responsibilities.

The subaltern was being put through an examination in geography, wherein he proved himself astonishingly ignorant.

Landless Man Asks Chance. Ridgefield, Wash., Dec. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have taken quite an interest in the discussions in your valuable paper in regard to getting back to the land.

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A FEW SMILES

An old couple emerged from the Northwestern station and started up Madison street. As they passed a news stand the old gentleman stopped.

There are times when the tender passion is a tough proposition. Many a pracher exhausts his congregation before he does his subject.

As long as some men are able to contract new debts they don't let their old ones worry them. No matter how low a dressmaker cuts an opera gown, she gets the bill high enough.

Among the other able bodied Hars was their merry in the afternoon when the man who said he liked baked possum better than turkey for his Christmas dinner.

It is a safe bet that the lonely silk handkerchief with his monogram in one corner will lead the list of father's Christmas presents.

Now is the time to take time by the forelock. If you have, you know the expression in the eyes of those Belgians who were being taken to England.

Did you ever look into the eyes of a frightened dog, or see terror in the eyes of a man? If you have, you know the expression in the eyes of those Belgians who were being taken to England.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Ready-made advice seldom fits the case. When a man has gone to seed it is time to plant him.

When a bachelor tires of the simple life he gets married. There are times when the tender passion is a tough proposition.

Many a pracher exhausts his congregation before he does his subject. Many a man fails because he would rather make money quickly than honestly.

A man always tells his wife he does not care what the neighbors say—but he does. As long as some men are able to contract new debts they don't let their old ones worry them.

No matter how low a dressmaker cuts an opera gown, she gets the bill high enough. The claim has a larger mouth in his neighborhood than a man, yet the claim never talks about his neighbors.

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Complete in five news sections, magazine and pictorial supplement and comic section, all superbly illustrated.

In the Magazine. Here are some of the good things for next Sunday: An Artist in Antwerp. William A. Sherwood, an American artist, hid in a cellar until the city hall fell and then escaped with his paintings to the United States.

Aid for the Wounded. Young American architects, business men and doctors answered the war's call from Paris by becoming carpenters and masons to complete an unfinished building that it might be put in readiness to care for the men wounded and gassed on the battlefield.

Treitschke's Famous Essay. Heinrich von Treitschke, the Prussian professor of politics, has been called the Machiavelli of the nineteenth century, and his teachings are considered by some as having resulted in the war.

Jacob Schiff on the War. That America should and might exercise a powerful influence toward the ending of the war and the creation of a real and permanent peace is the opinion of Jacob H. Schiff of New York, whose ideas are concretely expressed in an exhaustive interview reported by Edward Marshall.

With the Photographers. Two pages will be devoted to the reproduction in large size of four of the most interesting photographs from the war zone received during the week. Those having to do with the strange appearance and manners of the East Indian troops engaged in the war are especially interesting.

On the Lighter Side. Twenty minutes' worth of short stories are included in the hope that they may raise a smile or two in minds made serious by the perusal of the war articles.

The SUNDAY JOURNAL. 5 CENTS THE COPY EVERYWHERE. What's the Use Hanging Back? From the Philadelphia Ledger. The new currency system is in operation. The war has contracted productive industry in Europe to the vanishing point.

Let Stocks Alone; Buy Good Bonds. But the case of good bonds is different. Already, in this country, trading in them has been resumed and stocks would soon be reopened.

Neutrality and the Press. Ridgefield, Wash., Dec. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—When English ships stop in the port of Seattle, they take therefrom copper and other goods that they were in need of.

Farm Success and Failure. Dufur, Or., Dec. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—For 40 years or more I have been hearing of "Back to the farm," "Back to the land," "To the country," "The landless man," etc.

A Countess' Curse. Recent cablegrams advise that the health of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is again precarious and that his life may go out in the sadness of war.

Not by Any Means. From the Sioux City Tribune. If everybody acted on advice the early shopping rush would be about as hard on the poor clerks as the late shopping rush used to be.

Belgium, Land of Desolation. It was almost all one village, with a people who had not the slightest idea of what was in store for them. Today is a desolate country, where a burned or cannon-crumbled house excites no remark, and where dead men are so common and so numerous that death seems an incident of every minute.

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