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PRAYER OF THE TIRED ONE.

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When I shall reach, through Jordan's gloom,

The land of sweet accord,

I'll not want only standing room—

I'll be too tired, good Lord.

II.

I'll want no bright star on my breast,

To be a glory winner,

But just a shady spot to rest

For a mighty tired sinner.

—Frank L. Stanton.

Already the European war scare is sending wheat prices skyward and if a big war actually

The European breaks prices will go War Situation. much higher, judging from indications

A big war in Europe would enhance the price of foodstuffs and manufactured products everywhere and particularly in the United States because this would be the one great nation of the world neutral in the strife.

On the other hand a general European war would affect the world's financial conditions tremendously. European capital would be occupied in financing the war and just what effect the situation would have on this country is difficult to say. Seemingly we should not suffer since money is now easy in this country, since we have a great crop ready for market and since the government stands ready with abundant money to assist

if necessary in the crop movement.

But no great European war has broken out as yet and there may be no chance for a wholesale strife. It is not reasonable to suppose that those six powers are going to fly at a moment's notice into a war that will mean a terrific cost in money and lives and will mean nothing whatever to most of the countries involved. It is natural to suppose that the war will be localized despite present alarming stories. It all depends upon Russia which nation is deeply concerned over what is done to Serbia. But Russia is interested in Cervia for the sake of Russia not for the sake of Serbia.

It is entirely possible Russia will tolerate war by Austria upon Serbia provided sufficient guarantees are made by Austria that Russia's welfare in the south will be looked after. Should that be done we may see a war between Austria on one hand and Serbia and her Balkan allies on the other. Even that might be a war of some consequence but it would not be a candle to a general European war.

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The acquittal of Mme. Caillaux may have been an excess of leniency on the part of the French Jury. But jury that tried her. But Excused.

admittedly there was much to excuse her act.

Caillaux went to undue lengths in his personal attacks upon the minister of finance. It is one thing to criticize a public official or a public man for official shortcomings or for lack of official ability or integrity and a very different thing to hold that man's private affairs up to public ridicule and abuse. To criticize an official as an official is often a journalistic duty. To waste into a man's strictly personal affairs, even though they be justly open to censure, smacks of persecution and may well be frowned upon by the public. If such attacks were allowed there would indeed be a fertile field for scandal monger journals.

But that is not all to the story of Caillaux. The reports of the affair seem to show pretty clearly that he never assailed Caillaux because there was anything wrong with the latter's personal life but rather because his official actions were disliked yet could not be successfully attacked. Caillaux was an advocate of the income tax, a measure very unpopular with certain men of big incomes in France. Yet they could not attack him with success for favoring the income tax because it is a just tax. So Caillaux it seems set out to destroy Caillaux in

another way. Being unable to fight the cabinet minister on his record as a politician Le Figaro resorted to exploiting letters Caillaux had written to his wife before they were married. It was not reputable journalism and this is saying nothing for Caillaux either.

Further evidence as to the calibre of Calmette was produced during the trial when it was declared he had received large sums of Austrian money for what amounted to the betrayal of his trust as a French newspaperman. If that charge is really true it is not surprising the jury failed to convict Mme. Caillaux, guilty though she be.

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Seemingly the republican senators have come to the view that they have been mistaken in try-

Wise Action. ing to obstruct the administration's program

and are going to stand aside and allow the legislation to proceed. This is good news because it will guarantee the passage of the rivers and harbor bill and of the anti-trust legislation at an early date. These things will help the country. At the same time the republicans are wise from their own standpoint. They may truthfully disclaim any responsibility for any legislation enacted. They are not in control and the country does not look to them for leadership at this time. Nor is the country in much of a mood for mere obstructive tactics such as was used against the appointees to the reserve board and as has been used against the rivers and harbor bill.

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Some important developments have just occurred in connection with the wet and dry

Developments in the fight in this Wet and Dry Issue. state. The most interesting development is found in the agreement on the part of all concerned to separate the prohibition question from party politics and yesterday an added feature of interest came in the announcement by W. S. U'Ren that he will run for governor as an independent candidate, not as the prohibition nominee.

The Journal yesterday had the following pertinent comments on the separation of the wet and dry content from partisanship:

The separation on the initiative of the Anti-Saloon league of the dry issue from politics and party candidates is fitness.

It is a good thing from the dry

viewpoint. It is a good thing from the wet viewpoint. It is sound policy for the wet and dry issue to go to the people straight on its merits, to be decided strictly on its merits.

The plan pledges the dry forces to a strict neutrality between all parties. It pledges strict neutrality between all candidates. And on the other hand, the parties through their proper officers are pledged to a strict neutrality and the candidates for governor are pledged to strict neutrality in the wet and dry fight.

The plan clears the atmosphere for the drys. It clears the atmosphere for the wets.

Naturally, the dry and wet issue has no place in political alliances. Whenever leadership in that question forms a working agreement with one party or another, or with one candidate or another, it confuses the issue. It complicates the question by hitching it up with other questions.

There is already one prohibition party, and it has its own candidates. From the dry standpoint it would be a mistake to have two prohibition parties, all with candidates and one wet party as would be the case if another than the course mapped out by the Anti-Saloon League and the Committee of 100 had been pursued. From the wet standpoint, it would be undesirable, for nothing is more important to the wet forces than to have the issue divorced from uncertain alliances, and be settled for once and all on its merits.

From every viewpoint, the action of the dry leaders and the political leaders is sound. State wide prohibition is an issue peculiarly its own. It has supporters and opponents in the leading parties. To attempt to partyize it by making it a sideshow to either of the parties would lead to confusion and complexity, and prevent the kind of decision that everybody wants, to wit: a decision on whether or not Oregon shall be dry strictly on that issue alone, unencumbered, unmixed and without entangling alliances.

So settled, the question will be really settled and cease to be so much a subject of agitation.

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IN A MIRTHFUL VEIN

MARYLAND OUSTS BILLBOARDS

Hate off to Maryland.

She has cleaned her highway of signboards.

The cleansing process doesn't af-

fect the billboards that are erected on private property under contract, but it is only a question of time till they go, too.

The Maryland theory is that the public has some rights. The State proposes to protect itself from the defacement of the natural beauty of highway scenery, so far as that is possible. And, since that is progressive idea, it is expected to develop into a campaign against the billboard nuisance itself in due time.

That it took three thousand people to clear the highways of the signs on the day the state undertook the crusade is an indication of the extent to which the abuse of the people's property had been carried and how far it has been commercialized for private gain.

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"UNCLE SAM NEEDS A WIFE"

"Uncle Sam ought to be a married man. He needs a housekeeper."

That in substance is what the suffragists want to show in the movie play for which they are offering a prize of \$50.

"I know there must be a heart interest and a plot," said Mrs. Raymond Brown, president of the New York State Suffrage association. "But the play must be good suffrage propaganda or it will be of no use to us."

"The trouble with the 'The Fight' and other plays written by men from a suffrage point of view, is that they show women struggling for office. Now we do not want offices; we simply want a chance to put men into them who will carry out our wishes in regard to national state and municipal housekeeping."

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New Bug Hits Garfield.

POMEROY, Wash., July 29.—Some strange bug has put in its appearance in Garfield county and is devastating the hedges. Old residents of Pomeroy contend that the insect has been imported into the country in some way and that such bugs have never been seen here before.

Many experiments have been made to exterminate the bugs, but none of them have been successful without serious injury to the hedges.

A tube of insects has been sent to Professor Trevor Kincaid, head of the department of zoology at the University of Washington, for identification. Professor Kincaid also has been asked to suggest some method of extermination.

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HUNGER STRIKER EATS MEAL.

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Couple Planning To Spend 5-Year Honeymoon

SPOKANE, Wash., July 28.—Gilbert E. Counts of Spokane and Miss Daisy Schultz of Pomeroy, Wash., after their marriage this week will enjoy a decidedly novel five-year honeymoon. Following a summer trip to Oregon the young couple will enroll as students at Spokane university, taking the same course and graduating simultaneously five years hence.

As they first met at the university and their courtship was conducted there, college life is playing a prominent part in their destinies. Both will study for A. B. degrees and will take a year of post graduate work.

Miss Schultz followed ministerial studies last year, intending to prepare herself for foreign mission work, which she may take up at the conclusion of her studies.

Mr. Counts is inclined toward a somewhat similar line, having preached at a Spokane church in addition to pursuing his studies at Spokane university the last year.

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Firemen Tango at Fire.

WOODBURY, N. J., July 28.—While the flames were reducing to ashes the handsome home of Harvey Ziegler, near National Park, commuters from that place and other nearby towns hurried to the scene and aided in saving the furnishings. They got out the piano, moved it to the lawn, and, after the worst was over and nothing remained save the smoking ruins, someone sat down and started dance music. In a trice couples were swinging to the tango and hesitation.

Mr. Ziegler was in this city when the fire started and knew nothing of it until he reached the heap of ashes once his fine, handsomely furnished house.

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Big Library Meeting.

MENONINEE, Mich., July 29.—The Michigan Library Association and the Wisconsin Library Association joined here for the first time in the history of the two organizations in a meeting at which prominent librarians will discuss problems of the profession. Prominent speakers from other states are scheduled to speak and there will be a series of round table discussions.

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Eight Hour Law Certain.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—Employers throughout California are beginning to consider reorganization of their various lines of business to conform to the 8 hour day law, which seems certain to pass at the fall election.

The proposition is an initiative measure, so it will go through, if it passes at all, by popular vote, without awaiting action by the legislature. Sentiment apparently is strongly in its favor. It was estimated that fully half of the industries in the state will be affected, though some of them only by a few minutes daily. Retail stores will be especially hard hit.

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Becky Edelson (above) and Commissioner of Charities Katherine B. Davis (below).

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