

As the World Wags

By FRANK FAY EDDY

ITS GEORGE AGAIN—meaning Lloyd George. The irrepresible, indefatigable, egotistic, vain, indispensable little Welshman looks up like a cork on top of every political storm in Great Britain. His staunchest defenders admit that he is an opportunist. His record shows that he has eventually betrayed every policy he has espoused and the political effect of his leadership has been to practically wipe out partisan lines of cleavage formerly existing in England. There are only those who are for George and those who are against him. His strength lies in the fact that his many and zealous enemies are divided and factional. This added to the still more per-

reason for calling it, namely to cope with the problem of disarranged finances, although the conference will do what it can with this problem. But the sulky refusal of the United States to co-operate makes any final settlement impossible.

THE MAN who has a plan to offer in the midst of confusion and turmoil has the advantage. Lloyd George always has a plan. There is much that is contradictory and indefensible in his political career but he gets things done. He is never overawed by parties. Rather he uses party organizations to accomplish his purposes.

PARTY COWARDICE is the blight which afflicts our American public life. The Harding administration is one of compromise and conciliation. There is no evidence of courageous facing of live issues. That is the reason why the Genoa conference was side-stepped. The republican leaders are waiting for the election to make up its mind before venturing on the stormy waters of Europe.

Lloyd George would have forced the issue on his party. He never drifts. He leaves that for his opponents. Hence he emerges after every predicted eclipse stronger than ever.

"THE 7 LAST WORDS" TO BE SUNG SUNDAY

"The Seven Last Words of Christ" is the title of an Easter cantata which will be sung by the University of Oregon vesper choir at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Those who are familiar with the music and singers say that the production will be a great and best service of sacred music given in Eugene this year.

The soloists are: Madame Rose McGraw, soprano; John B. Siefert, tenor; J. Erwin Mutch, baritone. The accompaniment will be played on the pipe organ by John Stark Evans.

The cantata opens with a tenor and baritone duet. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," followed by the chorus, "He is dead guilty. Take him. Let us crucify him," which represents the clamoring of the mob, thirsting for the Saviour's crucifixion.

The second word, "Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me, Amen. So I tell thee," is another tenor and baritone duet. "See, O woman! Here behold thy son beloved," the third word, "God, my Father, why hast thou forsaken me?" is a dramatic climax sung as a solo by Mr. Mutch, considered by many the high point in the cantata.

"I am athirst," the pathetic sixth word of the Saviour, is sung as a tenor solo. "It is finished," the soul-stirring last word, is sung by a trio and chorus.

The singers have had considerable experience in singing the cantata to be given Sunday. Madame McGraw sang solo parts in it a year ago. Mr. Siefert was the tenor soloist in the cantata when it was sung in the Greek theater of the University of California last year, when the accompaniment was played by an orchestra of 100 pieces and the vocal chorus numbered 300 voices.

Mr. Mutch was for four years the principal soloist in the cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York. He is considered one of the best singers of sacred music in the country. John Stark Evans is one of the leading pipe organists of Oregon and has the reputation of being one of the best choir directors in the state.

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A meeting will be held this evening in the Red Oak district north of Elmira where Mr. Swain will explain the poison campaign. Similar meetings have been held in most of the Lane communities. The federal expert is spending a couple of days in the Mohawk valley organizing it for the war. Two or three times as many gray diggers will be killed this year as last, predicts Ira P. Whitney, county agent, who says the program will make great inroads on the mole and gopher population also, through trapping.

SPRINGFIELD NEWS

Former Resident Passes Away.
Mayor Egimann is in receipt of a message that Charles C. Macdonald, a former resident of this city and for two years candymaker at Egimann's, having left here February 3, passed away at his residence in Ridgefield, Washington, after seven days illness from heart failure and complications. He was laid to rest at the Rose City cemetery in Portland. Beside his wife he leaves one married daughter in the east.

Here From Reedsport.
Lee Craft, who has been employed at Reedsport for the past three months, returned to his home here on Thursday.

Leaves For Medford.
J. W. Baker left for a few weeks' visit with friends and relatives at Medford.

Has Surprise Party.
Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd on Wednesday evening gave a surprise party in honor of her husband. The evening was spent in cards.

Leaves for Portland.
Mrs. Anderson, of Winnipeg, Canada, a niece of Mrs. Hannah Holmstrom, who spent a few days here visiting her aunt, and has wintered in California, left Thursday for Portland. She was accompanied by Mrs. Holmstrom, who will visit in Portland and Vancouver. They motored.

Springfield Personals.
The Ladies' Aid society met on Wednesday afternoon in the basement of the church.

Mr. Southwick left Friday for Newport where he will be employed.

Mrs. Bessie Grimes of Heppner has been spending the past two weeks here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luby. Fred Bress Siltanen left.

Mrs. N. L. Howard is spending a few days visiting her mother Mrs. Brown at Fall Creek.

Harry Carsaw and family have moved to Pe Ell, Wash., where he has opened a store.

Candidates Must File and Voters Register by Apr. 19

The political situation is beginning to warm up, and during the last few days speculations are rife as to whether there will be others file for office before the time for filing closes, April 19. On this date the registration books will be closed and persons desiring to vote at the May primary who are not registered, will have to be sworn in at the polls.

People who have changed their place of residence from one precinct to another must register again or be sworn in. Those who were sworn in at the polls last election are automatically registered if their cards are filled in correctly but the county clerk advises such persons to check up on their registration.

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Weatherford, Texas, April 7.—Expressing opposition to everything that the Ku Klux Klan stands for, "as far as I know," Federal Judge James C. Wilson, addressing the chamber of commerce last night declared Senator Culbertson "did not miss it far" when he said "if permitted to continue, the Klan would soon overthrow the government."

The federal judge stated that it was nothing more than a form of anarchism, building.

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