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Willing to Try Officer (to Tommy, who has been using the whip freely)—Don't beat him; talk to him man—talk to him! Tommy (in horse, by way of opening the conversation)—Ah coom from Manchester.

Says the Girl on the Film Dishwashing becomes a genteel vocation when it is called "domestic science."

Very Comical One death has already resulted from the epidemic. It is a comical sight to see politicians and physicians hurrying from place to place in the city, posting up warning signs.—The Jerseyville Republican.

THE HONOR SYSTEM RETURNS.

ONE of Governor Withycombe's first moves as executive was to abolish the "honor system" established at the state penitentiary by Governor West and go back to the old system of brutality, armed guards, espionage and idleness that has always made for viciousness, crime and extravagance.

Much abuse and vilification had been heaped by a partisan press upon Governor West for his prison reforms, inaugurated despite bitter opposition and without sanction of law, to accomplish which he had to resort to many expedients. But the system justified itself and proved a success and stands out as perhaps the greatest work of his administration.

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The restoration of the honor system is a vindication of its establishment and must have been a bitter pill to the governor as it is a repudiation of his policy of antagonism to the human welfare propaganda that featured his predecessor's administration.

NO CAUSE FOR SHAME.

HENRY WHITE, former admassador to France, in an address to the Navy League, says that European diplomats respect a nation "in exact ratio to the fleets and armies which are looming in the distance, prepared if necessary, to back up its diplomatic representations" and wants as our foreign representatives men trained in a school of these ideals.

This is in accord with the jingo hysteria that asserts that the United States has forfeited the respect of Europe by not joining the world-wide conflagration and indulging in bloody and costly war, war with any or all nations.

The European war is the best answer to the rotten, intriguing, decadent diplomacy of the old world. What use or benefit is such a government or such a diplomacy, if it ends in wholesale slaughter, destruction and bankruptcy of the governed? Should not such a poor scheme of government, such a miserable makeshift for diplomacy, be forever consigned to the scrap heap?

Why should America care what Europe thinks—a Europe whose sense is honor is best shown by the designation of national treaties as "scraps of paper"; a Europe whose diplomacy consists in deception, exploitation and betrayal of the weak for the aggrandizement of the strong?

What brought on the war? The plundering autocracies, aristocracies, plutocracies of nations, selfishly seeking perpetuation and extension of privilege. Who pays the bills and furnishes the cannon fodder? The common people—the toilers, supremely led like sheep to the slaughter.

The benefit of feudal kingcraft and feudal diplomacy will be in evidence for generations to come in the halt and the lame and the blind—in demoralization, in bankruptcy, in staggering taxation.

What value is such diplomacy to the world? Of what use is such government?

The war, let us hope, marks the collapse of the old system, for it chronicles the most awful failure of government in history. Let us hope it inaugurates an era when diplomacy does not depend on militarism—when something besides fear of big guns and battle ships rules international relations.

Let the United States not be ashamed of its ideals of democracy—of a diplomacy based upon truth, justice and liberty, instead of armed might. The blush of shame should rest upon those who are urging, under the pretense of patriotism, the abandonment of the ideals of democracy and the substitution of might for right. Let us not discard the new world hopes and aspirations of humanity for the relics of feudalism, barbarism and tyranny that the monarchies of the old world point to with pride in a world war.

TARIFF ON LEMONS ASKED BY WORKS

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Debate on the sugar tariff bill was continued in the senate today with its passage virtually assured. A final vote was to be taken before adjournment today.

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Senator Works declared that when the tariff law was being framed, a "corrupt lobby" used its power by false representations, to reduce the tariff on lemons to less than half a cent a pound and that it resulted disastrously to the American lemon industry.

CUMMINS NAMED FOR PRESIDENT IN IOWA PRIMARIES

DES MOINES, Ia., April 11.—On returns available today on yesterday's primary, H. W. Marsh, of Waterloo, led E. G. Dunn of Mason City, by a wide margin for democratic national committee man. Marsh's adherents claimed that his supporters had also been elected delegates at large to the national convention.

Senator Albert B. Cummins, republican candidate for president of the United States, was far ahead of the number of votes cast for President Wilson, the democratic candidate, in some precincts the names of Root, Roosevelt, Hughes and Sherman had been inserted in the ballot in place of Cummins. Hughes appeared to be the favorite and as far as can be learned Sherman got one vote in the state.

Elmer J. Burkett, of Lincoln, Nebraska, on the strength of today's returns, is believed to have polled nearly twice as many votes for the republican vice presidency as did his opponent William Grant Webster of Chicago.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: While the revival meetings and Mothers' Day are yet fresh in the minds of the community please allow me space to present at least one reason why I was not converted.

One convert said to me, "Ah, when it is too late you'll be howling to save your soul, I pray for you and I pray for your mother."

I thought of the preacher's text announced at one of the meetings: "Take the child and nurse it, and I will pay you."

I have sympathy for my Christian friends, but what can be said of those (who at least ought to know better), who perpetuate bigotry and dogmatic religion on the poor believer. Pity is good enough, if not too good.

They have preached the idea that "True, honest liberalism is not fit to live by nor fit to die by." To all friends of mothers in the name of honest belief I dedicate this poem:

MOTHER WAS ALWAYS GOOD. Kind friends I want to say, With this, my pen, in hand; Of mother who's laid away At rest in the "silent land," Tho' death is ever so sad, And never seems understood; Of one thing we can be glad For mother was always good.

Honor was given mother— He just and ever brave, And kind to one another; These were the lessons she gave, And she never would weary Of doing the best she could, To make home bright and cheery, For mother was always good.

Mother was always ready To lend a good helping hand, To the poor and old unsteady Unfortunates of our land, And she held no pious creed, Priestcraft she ever withstood— Of such she had no need, For mother was always good.

Her children she has guarded Beyond temptation's call— Her time was well awarded, For she left no children small, Truly a woman's blessing— The pride of womanhood, The right to fond caressing, For mother was always good.

And now that her soul is free From the cares and trial so soft, Somehow it comforts me That you've made her pillow soft, I know you'd love her stay, Had you the power, you would Not have let her go away, For mother was always good.

We stand on eternal shore, And bid our last good-bye, Where friends have gone before In a peaceful rest to lie. When mother had passed away She knew it should Be true and pleasant to say "Dear mother was always good." W. G. KNIPS.

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PROSPERITY TURNS BIG U. S. DEFICIT INTO A SURPLUS

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Even the government revenues are feeling the effect of reviving prosperity. A year ago the deficit was piling up bigger from month to month. Expenses were largely in excess of revenues and everybody in the treasury was wondering when it would be necessary to begin selling canal bonds or asking congress to authorize a special bond issue. Now the tide has turned. The deficits are growing smaller.

Revenues Increasing February was the first month in which revenues were again bigger than expenditures. During that month there was a net excess of income amounting to \$5,952,491.60, whereas at the end of February, 1915, there was an excess of disbursements—that is, a deficit created—amounting to \$15,070,624.94. In March the net excess of income up to the 25th was \$3,572,325. During the corresponding period a year ago the disbursements had exceeded revenues by \$6,382,294. Last year the government piled up a deficit between July 1 and March 25 amounting to \$100,764,689.

For the same period ending March 25, 1916, this deficit is only \$37,399,299. These better balances on Uncle Sam's books are the result of larger receipts from customs, internal revenue, income taxes and miscellaneous sources. The customs revenues for the month of February of this year as compared with February a year ago were nineteen instead of fourteen millions. Of internal revenue the receipts were thirty as compared with twenty-four million. Income tax was \$2,006,807.86, as compared with \$502,845.03. The miscellaneous receipts are about the same—three millions.

Twelve Millions Gain The total receipts for February, 1916, were \$55,432,813.85, as compared with \$43,420,813.85 a year ago.

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