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Leadership Wanted

Conditions in England suggest that there is to be a new party alignment there, with David Lloyd George leading the Tory party, completely divorced from both Liberal and Radical groups. Old issues and old policies are no longer adequate to hold party strength together or to meet the needs of the new conditions of the new day. Out of the coalition cabinet of the war period has grown this disposition of the Premier to withdraw from groups with which he was once affiliated and to take up new principles and new friends.

The same thing under a different name occurred here. The old party issues are recognized as insufficient for the needs of the campaign in the autumn. What is to take their place is the question uppermost in the minds of those who will stand or fall by the platform that the party is able to build out of the material at hand. It is this fact that has made both Republicans and Democrats grasp at the ratification of the peace treaty as a campaign issue even at the cost of keeping the United States nominally at war with Germany for another year and more.

The country is more nearly ready to embrace real issues in a general election than it has ever been before. The people have given more thought to questions of social justice, class distinction and legislation, industrial problems and international relations than they have ever before given. The newspapers are more generally read and more intelligently interpreted than they have ever been. Public opinion is more nearly fluid than it has ever been known to be, ready for the hand of the great leader to mould it into form or for the demagogue to distort it into a menace to organized government and orderly institutions.

The lack of sufficient leadership is the greatest ill of the day for America. We need to have men "raised up" to rule over us, as of old the Hebrew God raised up Judges to guide the destinies of Israel.

Avoid The Flu—Stay At Home

Every day's report of the spread of influenza in Chicago should urge upon the people of the north shore a greater endeavor to keep this vicinity free from the scourge that made such ravages a little more than a year ago. Every possible precaution should be taken, every rule of health scrupulously followed, not only as a matter of personal safety against the disease but as a matter of public duty.

Maintaining the body in the very best possible physical condition is the very best preventive for influenza. By keeping up resistance to infection the individual stands his best chance of immunity. Plenty of wholesome food, plenty of rest, plenty of fresh air and exercise, the avoidance of crowds, over-exertion, of unnecessary exposure, these are the high points in self treatment by preventive measures.

Residents should, during this period of prevalence of influenza, go as seldom as possible into Chicago. They should avoid thus the crowd of the trains, the exposure of under-heated cars, and the fatigue of the journey.

Constitutional Reforms

Certain reforms seem to be definitely scheduled for inclusion in the new constitution that is to grow out of the labor of the convention now in process of being organized for work.

There is almost unanimous agreement that there must be a suffrage clause that will make the women of the state of equal political significance with the men. For seven years the women of Illinois have suffered under the discrimination of partial suffrage. They have been accepted as responsible citizens in the choice of the resident of the United States and the officials of the municipal government. But when votes were to be cast for the men who sit in the official chairs of the state government, women have found that their sphere was the home. A half loaf, even in suffrage, is better than no loaf at all, but the women of Illinois will not take it kindly if the men who compose the Constitutional Convention do not hasten to do them the full measure of justice so far as their power goes.

The needs of the taxing system for revision is another of the obvious duties of the Convention. There is little doubt that there will be prompt and earnest attention paid to the formulation of this part of the new state code.

Other forms of relief are in the program of action. The public will watch with interest the progress that is made towards the achievement of the task that has been set for the Convention.

Back To The Individual

The slogan of the Illinois Federation of Woman's clubs is "Don't Buy Now." The hope is that if the club membership of the state exercise that economy which buys only when there is absolute necessity the disparity between the supply of food and clothing materials and the demand will be reduced, if not eliminated, from the problem of the high cost of living. Individual clubs are asked to accept this motto for the guidance of their members during the present year and the request is being presented by club officials. But the practice of the recommendation must be an individual matter which brings us back to that point at which the remedy must be applied.

Individual effort is the only cure for the ills from which we and every country in the world suffer today. Underproduction can be cured only by the application of the individual to work. The demand upon the limited supply of necessary materials can be lessened only by a reduction in the purchasing of the general public. Economy and work, then, constitute the program for the present year if we are to progress materially towards that happy time when prices come somewhere nearer the old normal level.

Surprising Agreement

There must be considerable embarrassment in the Republican ranks in the Senate to discover that the intention to make the treaty of peace and the League of Nations hang over until the November election in order that it may serve as a campaign issue, is shared by the President. It is, we are sure, quite without intention, that the White House and the Senate chamber have come to agreement on any phase of the treaty question.

Whether or not we believe that the disposition of the treaty of peace and the covenant of the League of Nations is a matter for determination by a popular vote, it looks now very much as if that is the fate before it. There is no lack of opinion among the people as to what were good to be done in the matter of our foreign relations and obligations, but whether that opinion is based upon the solid foundation of right thinking only time will tell. Every evidence points to the fact that the people of the country are as competent to deal with this complicated question as their representatives in Washington, and they will probably give to the matter a more unselfish consideration.

DON'T FORGET TO GIVE FIRE TRUCK RIGHT OF WAY

This is just a gentle, yet firm reminder of the fact that when answering a fire call the local fire truck has the right of way at all times and need not recognize speed limits.

Vehicles on the street should be drawn up to the curb and stopped. If this rule is observed, it will lessen the danger of serious accidents.

NO FIRES FOR TEN DAYS

Since January 12 no fires have been reported to the fire department. Up to that time the New Year had seen six blazes in various sections of the Village.

TAXI OWNER ILL

John Iverson, proprietor of the Iverson Garage and Taxi service of Gage street, Hubbard Woods, this week was confined to his home on Center street.

CHURCH YEAR BOOK IS OUT

The Year book of the Congregational church was distributed at the church dinner Wednesday evening.

COMMUNITY DANCE

The Young People's Dancing club will hold another dance this evening at Community House. It will be "Favor" night.

CLERK-CARRIER EXAM

An examination for a clerk-carrier for the local post office is being held today at Community House.

VISITING RELATIVES

M. L. Adams, 1044 Elm street, is visiting relatives in Mount Vernon, Illinois, this week.

"LOUISIANA"

Vivian Martin will appear at the Community House next Friday in "Louisiana". Kinogram will be an added feature.

DANCE IS SUCCESS

The Triangle club scored a big success in their dance Tuesday evening at the Winnetka Woman's club.

GOLD PRODUCTION DROPS.

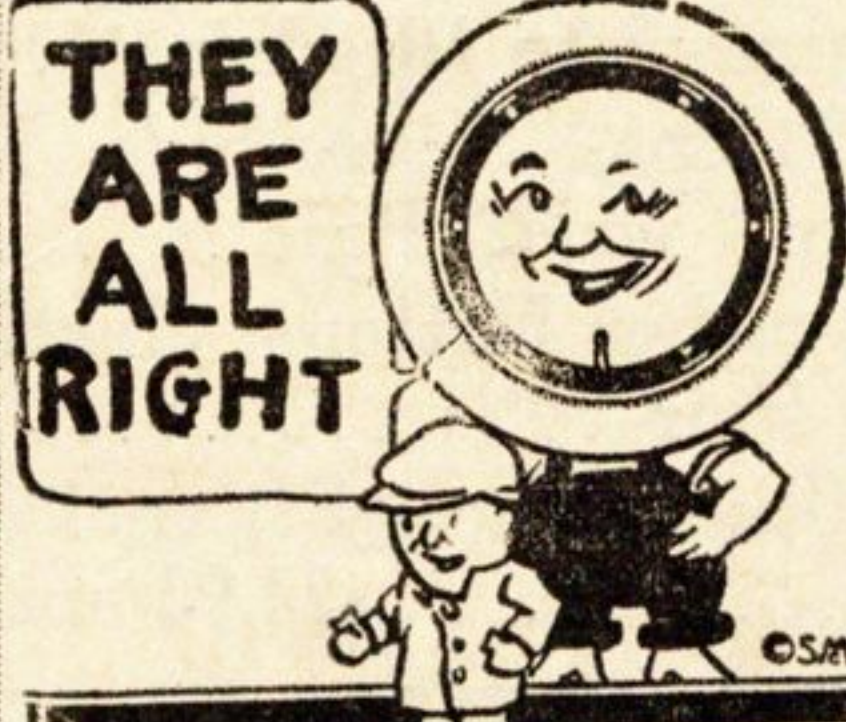
Gold production in the United States during 1919 was less by \$10,157,900 than the 1918 output, according to the statement issued by the bureau of the mint. In 1919 there were 2,829,395 fine ounces of gold valued at \$58,488,800 produced in the country.

California led in gold production with 840,738 ounces, Colorado was next with 470,998 ounces and Alaska third with 437,131.

Silver production in 1919 amounted to 55,285,196 ounces valued at \$61,966,412, representing a reduction of 12,524,943 ounces, compared with the 1918 output. Montana led with 14,940,527 ounces, Utah second with 11,906,152 and Nevada third with 7,312,454.

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CLASS BEGINS NEW TERM FEB. 5

The Art and Literature committee of the Winnetka Woman's club announces a second term of ten lessons in Intermediate French to begin February 5, under Monsieur George Cauuet. This class is composed of those who know some French and are prepared to give some time to study. Ten lessons have been spent in Verb drill, translation of English sentences into French, both in writing and orally, memorizing and conversation. The class meets on Thursday, at 1:30, at the Winnetka Woman's club. New pupils may enter at any time whether members of the club or not. For further information inquire of Mrs. J. R. Fletcher, 948 Hubbard street, Hubbard Woods, Tel. Win. 520-W. —Adv. T45-2tc



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GOLD AND SILVER REDUCED

Reserve stocks of precious metals in this country were reduced more than \$441,000,000 in the calendar year 1919, according to a statement by the Federal Reserve board.

Gold exports amounted to \$368,144,545, of which \$94,114,189 went to Japan, \$56,560,000 to Argentina, \$40,045,266 to Hongkong, \$39,109,769 to China, \$34,300,660 to British India and \$29,778,000 to Spain. Imports totaled \$76,534,046, most of it coming from Canada and Hongkong.

Silver exports were valued at \$239,001,051, British India taking \$109,189,718, China \$77,583,367 and Hongkong \$10,224,351 for coinage purposes.

The growing European demand of silver for currency was shown in \$15,635,380 exports of silver to England, \$6,588,197 to France and \$2,094,084 to the Netherlands. Imports of silver were \$89,389,536, of which \$63,303,437 came from Mexico.

CHERISH BOYHOOD DREAMS

Small boys who years ago were told they might some day be President of the United States are now maturely and numerous in evidence.—Washington Star.

A new Jewish battalion was formed last week in Palestine, which is to consist of members of three demobilized Jewish battalions.

Announcement

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