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WHEN engineers disagree things become almost as serious as when doctors disagree.

IT APPEARS that the Mingo mine war is one in which watchful waiting does not pay.

WHAT would some of the Indiana constabulary propagandists do if the Hoosier State had one tenth the trouble being experienced in West Virginia?

PROHIBITION officers have announced they will make no attempt to keep the disarmament conference dry. If some delegate signs something that does not meet the approval of the folks back home he will have a good alibi.

Not Without Prejudice

The United States will enter the disarmament conference with a doubt as to the utility of the parley, which she herself has summoned, and a firm belief in future warfare and strife, if the words of the chief executive really reflect official views.

"It is perfectly futile to believe there never may be armed conflicts," said President Harding yesterday in addressing the Army and Navy College.

This statement, coming on the eve of a Congress to which the eyes of a war weary, debt burdened world have been turned in a rising hope that Mars could be forever banished from the earth, is a grave disappointment.

If the chief executive feels that wars cannot be stopped into what will, the disarmament conference resolve itself? Will it become a "hagman counter" in which the powerful Nations will trade with each other for support? Will it be the breeding place for an alliance to meet the conflict that is to come?

If the leaders of other nations feel, as does President Harding, that future conflicts will come, it is futile to talk disarmament, for each must arm for the day that is to come.

Nations think through their leaders.

America, therefore, will enter this conference with outspoken doubts as to its practicability. The American statesmen will assemble at the parley with mental reservations.

There is a feeling within the breast of every true American that the world war holocaust must not be repeated. They are prepared to back the President to the limit in bringing about a reduction of the staggering armaments that each year take their incredible toll of wealth.

America, the first to espouse the cause of disarmament which every nation fervently wishes for, must continue her lead in a movement that may emancipate mankind from warfare.

If America's leaders sense the hopes, the aspirations, the prayers of the people correctly, they will gather around the conference table with a firm resolve that there is the framework for universal disarmament and permanent peace.

Coins and Stamps

When the war was on, little or no attention was paid to coins or stamps, but as peace is established, these ever fascinating articles again present themselves. Indeed, the Government itself is engaged in special issues of money and series of stamps.

In Boston old and rare coins, some of which existed hundreds of years before the beginning of the Christian era are shown at a meeting of the American Numismatic Society. The United States mint is now putting out another hundred thousand more Pilgrim Tercentenary coins and these will be sold for \$1 each, though the denomination is only half that value. So great is the demand for such coins that they will all be taken up at once.

Of equal interest is the postage stamp in its many varieties. Recently in Paris half of a collection sold for over a million francs. It is reported that a 2-cent blue Hawaii stamp of 1851 brought 156,000 francs. In times of normal exchange this would be a fine fortune alone.

The Confederate stamps of America are so scarce that some bring a fortune. Only recently a variety heretofore unknown was found among the war correspondence of a governor of Virginia. The presence of stamps on old war envelopes converted estates which were regarded as of little value into modest fortunes.

Special issues or changes in stamps are so numerous that an amateur cannot keep a record complete. There were 3,500 varieties bearing the picture of Queen Victoria. The present Queen of Holland and the mother of the present King of Spain have both appeared many times on issues of their own kingdoms. In the United States but three stamps bear pictures of women. They were of Martha Washington, Queen Isabella—who assisted Columbus, and Pocahontas.

It is told of an old banking house in New York that stamps of large denomination of each special issue are purchased in great numbers. These are used as foreign correspondence where postage rates are high, but by sale of the used stamps to collectors the bill is very materially reduced. A 50-cent Columbian exhibition stamp of 1892 sold in England, after use, for 50 cents.

The collection of coins and stamps is a compilation of history and has a distinct use. It is really no child's play as might be presumed.

Not Indianapolis People!

That very small part of this community which is set upon saving a few dollars by depriving school children of proper school buildings is now much concerned because it says "the people of this city have been insulted" by the school board's ultimatum to the tax board.

As the school board addressed only the tax board and the ultimatum does not contain the names of any citizens, it would appear that the only "people" who could possibly have been "insulted" were the members of the State tax board. Two of them do not live in Indianapolis and that reduces the possibilities to one Philip Zoercher, who, we submit, is immune to insult. Consequently, if there has been any insulting, it has been done by those few selfish persons who appear to believe that the public of Indianapolis is devoid of brains sufficient to discern plain lying propaganda from truth.

The present school board has been compelled to increase its proposed tax levy to collect some of the money which the obstructionists prevented previous school boards from collecting when it was much needed. An attempt is now being made to arouse opposition to this increase and the hope is expressed that the taxpayers of the community will remonstrate against it.

If it were possible to submit this question to a referendum the results would be overwhelmingly favorable to the increased levy.

But the reactionaries who are opposed to this levy eliminated provisions for it before they started their propaganda. Also, they are now desperately fighting to prevent a referendum on the question of a plaza to be added to the State war memorial.

Their belief appears to be that through some unknown process they have become the spokesmen for the people of Indianapolis and their present ambition seems to be to make it appear that their prattle is the voice of the taxpayers of Indianapolis.

Did He Mean It?

The usual "alibi order" of the chief of police to the men under him to enforce the law in reference to gambling and bootlegging was given out at the police station Thursday. It come no earlier and no later than it always comes on election years and it was no different from the dozens that have been given out before.

Whether this order was meant or was not meant will be shown in the next few days. If Jerry Kinney really intended that the police should suppress gambling there will be great and unusual activity on Indiana avenue between the yellow bridge and Illinois street, and no policeman will be removed from the district for interrupting a gambling game as was done before the primaries.

If, on the other hand, the chief was merely keeping the records straight, the members of the force will be duly advised that his instructions mean nothing and nothing will come of them.

It is one thing to advise policemen to enforce the law on their beats for public consumption only and it is another so to advise them and mean it.

At this time it is impossible to tell whether Jerry Kinney meant it or not.

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The STORY of NINETTE

By RUBY M. AYRES

Who's Who in the Story

NINETTE, a tiny wif who first saw the light of day in cheap lodgings in a dull road in the worst part of Balham, is adopted by JOSEPH WHEELER, who shared his meager earnings as a scribe on a London paper, with the friendless babe. Ninette meets PETER NOTHARD, an editor, who resents her sickness and poverty and takes her to his sister, MARGARET DELAY, who has a home in the country. Ninette is introduced to ANDREW DELAY, Margaret's husband. DOROTHY MARYNE, a former sweet heart of Nothard's, is a guest at Margaret's house. In a lovely old place near by lives the wealthy DICK, frequently visits the Delay's home. Ninette meets RANDALL CAVANAGH, a wealthy man of London, who confesses that he is her father.

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