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TURN ON THE LIGHT.

The state officials cannot get busy too quickly in the drive on the persons responsible for the high cost of living. Dr. Barnard will have every one with him on this crusade, except the profiteers.

One of the first cases of alleged profiteering reported to Dr. Barnard was from Newcastle. It was alleged in this case that a farmer asked a retail merchant the price of apples. The merchant replied that apples were \$1.50 a bushel and that "they are scarce and hard to get." The farmer then informed the grocer that he was selling, not buying. The merchant then said to have offered the farmer 75 cents a bushel for his fruit. The facts were recorded by officials of the food administration and the information will be turned over to the Department of Justice.

Turn on the light! Let us see who is getting the money. We all know who is paying it.

ANOTHER RICHMOND?

Perhaps the talk of Senator Hitchcock as a promising candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1920 had some influence in causing the president to set him aside as leader of the administration fight for the league of nations.

BARNARD'S WISE COUNSEL.

Dr. Harry E. Barnard, state food administrator during the war and post-war period, intends to put it on a war-time basis. He has no faith in investigation and does not see how they can increase the supply of food. Dr. Barnard in his latest statement says:

"It would be unwise to draw now upon the stores of food that have been and are being accumulated for use during the winter months. The growing season is too far advanced to make it possible for us to increase the harvest. Our efforts must therefore be centered upon checking the tendency to speculation in foodstuffs both by the speculator in the market and the food hoarder in the home."

The housewife who buys more goods than the family needs is a speculator and her acts multiplied through the millions of homes in our country will exhaust the food supply and drive prices beyond reason.

"We cannot expect legislation which will upset or even disturb the old laws of supply and demand. There is now and will be for several months a world shortage of food and so long as that shortage continues food prices will be high. The only solution of the situation is, then, increased production. When there is in the world, and it must be understood that we are thinking now in terms of all the people of the world and not of the citizens of the United States or Indiana, more wheat than can be eaten in a single year, more meat than can be carried from one season to the next, larger stock of fruits and vegetables than can be consumed, when our stocks of

wool and leather and cotton are greater than the world needs, when labor is so plentiful that there is free competition in the labor market, food prices, clothing prices and the prices of all commodities will fall to a pre-war level. Until that time comes it would be foolish indeed to hope for materially cheaper living conditions. We can only hope that the supply of all commodities may be fairly distributed in the cheapest way."

## HELPING BILL.

It is reported that William Hohenzollern, formerly known to the German soldier as "poor old Kaiser Bill," will be defended by German counsel assisted by British lawyers, if he wishes them. No international lawyer will envy the British lawyers their job; but why didn't Bill apply to the American peace commission? After the showing the commission made in trying to protect him he should have been confident of their abilities as special pleaders.

## RUMANIA'S DEFIANCE.

Great as has been Rumania's provocation, she is not playing the part of wisdom in ignoring the orders of the Paris peace conference with reference to the treatment to be accorded Hungary. She cannot hope to play a lone hand long, and whatever loot she may take from the vanquished enemy will not compensate for the loss of respect and good will of her allies.

In violation of the terms of the armistice King Ferdinand's soldiers are reported to be plundering Budapest and to be carrying off vast stores of food, supplied in part by America, from the already impoverished country. Although it is retaliation for similar excesses committed by the Huns during their invasion of Rumania, the course is ill-advised, not only because it is in conflict with the peace terms, but also because it will prove embarrassing to the new Hungarian government which the allies desire to see firmly established in place of Bela Kun's government.

The peace terms represent the combined wisdom of the world's greatest statesmen and each of the nations of the alliance has had to surrender some of its individual preferences to promote harmony and in the interest of the common welfare. Rumania, not content with the agreement, is dictating her own terms. Threats of economic pressure made by the allies to induce King Ferdinand's government to conform to their wishes are said not to carry much weight because Rumania just now has good crops and is in no particular need of help from the outside. But no nation situated as she is can hope to maintain long a position of isolation. Rumania eventually will listen to reason.

## INCREASE IN SHIPPING.

The stimulation that the war gave to the growth of American shipping is shown in a new edition of Lloyd's register, which reports that the sea-going tonnage of the United States has increased 332 per cent in five years. No longer dependent on foreign bottoms, we are now in position to retain at home the large ocean-carrying charges which formerly were sent to Europe.

There are sentimental reasons, also, which make it gratifying that we have a big commercial fleet. There is satisfaction in the thought that the American traveler now can sail the seven seas on vessels flying the Stars and Stripes, thus maintaining a foothold on what is technically territory of the United States in all parts of the earth.

The appearance of the Star Spangled Banner in every quarter of the globe open to sea-going ships also will have the effect of bringing closer to the peoples of the world the power of the United States and realization of its increasing participation in international commerce as well as political affairs.

## "SIGN HERE" PREACHERS.

When William Howard Taft and other members of the League to Enforce Peace (by commanding the youth of the United States to do police work for the world) attempted to induce Chancellor J. G. Murray, of the Hartford, Conn., diocese, to sign a form letter asking the Connecticut senators to vote for the league of nations "without amendments or reservations" they got a reply which must have made them ashamed of their internationalism. It would be a pretty fair appraisal of a minister of the gospel who would put his signature to a form letter of any sort to regard him as a man who might crib his sermons from the homilies of those greater voices which have joined the choir invisible. Clergymen are expected to do their own thinking on the league of nations question.

BY the way, what has become of that "No beer, no work" slogan?

DEAD SHOT I CAN'T BE SUCH A BAD FELLOW - HE HIRED A ROOM OVER THERE - THE PEOPLE IN TOWN DON'T GIVE A MAN A FAIR CHANCE!

## HANK and PETE

YES - THE SHERIFF IS ONLY SUSPICIOUS AN' WANTS US TO FIND OUT WHAT HE'S DOING IN THIS TOWN!

THE BETTER YOU TREAT THESE MYSTERIOUS BANDITS - THE MORE INFORMATION YOU GET!

THAT'S RIGHT - I'M GOING UP TO HIS ROOM AN' FIND OUT ALL ABOUT HIM!

I'LL CLIMB THIS SPOUT AN' JUMP IN THROUGH HIS WINDOW - THEN I'LL FACE TO FACE AN' MAN TO MAN. I'LL MAKE HIM TELL ME!

AH! THEY ARE BOTH IN PERFECT CONDITION! I'M ALWAYS CAREFUL TO KEEP MY "SHOOTING IRONS" IN GOOD WORKING ORDER!

BE VERY CAREFUL AND SMALL THE MINCE MEAT PIES

BEFORE WE SAMPLE THEM BUT IT WILL PROBABLY BE ALMOST

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT ANYTHING IN THEM NEXT

## PETE BELIEVES IN DIPLOMACY

AS WE ARE NOT INFREQUENTLY DO

WE SAY THAT AS WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO A

PART OF THE BIBLE IS NOT INSPIRED

AND CHANGES THE SUBJECT TO THE HIGH

COST OF

LIVING OR SOME OTHER NON-CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT.

YOU CAN JUST WATCH SOME BOYS

AND KNOW THEY WILL NEVER BE PRESIDENT

A MAN IS NEVER QUITE THE SAME AFTER

THE FIRST BABY

OR THE FIRST AUTOMOBILE

OR THE FIRST TIME HE GETS HIS NAME IN THE PAPER.

WE USED TO LOOK FORWARD TO WINTER

DESPITE THE FACT THAT AS WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO A

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND WE HAVE TO

BE VERY CAREFUL AND SMALL THE MINCE MEAT PIES

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