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LET'S GIVE ANOTHER YAWN!

Another probable week of being without street car service for Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago. Another week of idleness for the men and of loss for the street car company, one of the region's biggest taxpayers! Another week of stagnation in business for merchants and hampered production for the manufacturers! The issues in the application for a receiver and the mandamus proceedings are to be tried at Crown Point this week, but even then patrons of the line are in no wise sure of a return of the cars to service. It is a lamentable state of affairs. The majority of the people of the Calumet region are quite willing to pay the 7-cent fare. They think the company is entitled to it, but a few gentlemen in the Hammond city council declare that the company should spend \$400,000 before it is permitted to increase its fare, and they seem to control the situation. There is no concerted effort to get street car service. People fret and fume, but nothing is done. Oh, very well!

## WHAT'S THE GRAND IDEA?

Attention was called in these columns to the cock-and-bull story printed by the Chicago Post last week that 400 strike-breakers were imported into the Standard Steel Car plant by boat. It was lie made out of whole cloth. Not a single strikebreaker has been employed at the plant.

On Saturday night the Post started another astonishing story to the effect that the Standard Steel Car company was planning wholesale evictions and that the company's workmen had either to go back to work or get out of their houses.

These stories have interrupted the negotiations for settlement of the strike. They have stirred up a bad feeling. They have caused great annoyance to the Standard officials and to Adj. Gen. H. B. Smith. The latter set off, on foot, an investigation yesterday and found the eviction story was false, just as he found the strike-breaker story was false.

Just what the object of the Post is in printing such rot is hard to tell. Perhaps it is trying to break into the yellow journalism class. If the other news it prints is as unreliable as its Standard Steel Car strike stories not much credence can be placed in anything it prints. Such journalism is indefensible. There is no reason why the Post should malign Hammond institutions because it only sells a half a dozen copies here daily.

## AS IT IS DONE AT THE CAPITAL.

Any buyer of a Liberty Bond would be interested to talk with any half dozen "war workers" selected at random, and thus learn first-hand some of the amazing facts concerning the squandering of public money in the government service in Washington. Government em-

ployees have become so disgusted that they have talked freely with senators and will talk just as freely with others, telling of wanton waste which not only increases the burden of taxation but delays restoration of peace-time industry.

Although the armistice was signed nine months ago, there has been relatively small decrease in the number of government employees in Washington. In some bureaus the force has been reduced, but usually by the transfer of the employees to some other bureau where they are employed at the same or an increased compensation. Even the small reduction of force already accomplished has been attained only as a result of exposure and criticism on the floor of the Senate and House.

Scores of clerks frankly admit that they sit at their desks for a week at a time with absolutely nothing to do, and many more will testify that they can do in an hour each day all the work that is given them. When committees of Congress began to investigate expenditures the heads of some of the divisions realized that they would probably come in for criticism and the word was passed around that if any strangers entered the room, the clerks were to be busy. Although the instruction was not so bluntly expressed, it meant that the clerks must keep up an appearance of being busy, lest the force be reduced.

One clerk giving an account of the manner in which the appearance of work is kept up relates that it is the practice of many to start the day's work by writing half a letter on the typewriter, then taking another letter in hand go visiting some other clerk with the letter as a pretext. The half-finished letter left in the typewriter and the letter carried along, supplies an explanation for a half day's idleness. A little of that kind of waste of time is always expected and overlooked, but it is so common in some of the war bureaus in Washington as to amount to a public scandal.

A new kind of waste of public funds was disclosed recently when the "yeomanettes" were demobilized. The yeomanettes were women enlisted in the navy on practically the same conditions as men but assigned to clerical duty. Their services were retained some time after they were really needed, but finally discharge became necessary. When they were mustered out they were given travel compensation amounting to 5 cents per mile to their homes, but most of them were immediately given other employment in the navy department in Washington, without the loss of a day's time. The buyer of a \$100 Liberty Bond is not likely to feel particularly pleased to know that the \$100 went to pay the "transportation" of a yeomanette whose discharge was on paper only and who continued to draw a salary probably larger than that of the bond buyer, with an allowance of 30 days vacation and 30 days sick leave, each year.

And while this is going on, private enterprise is unable to get desired stenographic help.

## THE CARD OF THANKS AND ITS WORK.

Some supercilious persons poke fun at the so-called "card of thanks," the brief newspaper notice by which bereaved friends express gratitude to those who have helped them through periods of sorrow. Yet those who have been through sad experience have come up against places where they find the use of these cards very helpful.

It is not from any feeling of conventional politeness that a man is impelled to visit a newspaper office and insert a card of thanks. He has been through the experience of a distressing loss, is upset with grief, and burdened by the many things that have to be done at such a time. A great number of friends and neighbors have done acts of kindness and offered sympathy.

He wants to recognize all this friendly spirit, but finds it difficult to do so. He might sit down and write letters to every one. But few people have time for that. Many persons write letters with great difficulty. Some people have printed or engraved cards distributed, which is thoroughly appropriate. Yet there is always the likelihood that some people would be unintentionally omitted.

It is a simple and appropriate thing, in such cases, for a family to resort to the newspaper card, in which they can make their gratitude clear to all their friends. Thus they relieve themselves of a heavy burden in a time of strain, and show that appreciation which every one feels on receiving kindly acts.

Newspaper people have helped great numbers of bereaved families to formulate these notices, and are glad to offer their services to put the same into shape. They should do it, not as a mere item in a day's business like taking in a want ad, but with some feeling that they are helping in the exchange of human sympathy, and doing a bit to relieve the suffering of the world.—Lafayette Journal.

## The Passing Show

THE poor lone cucumber in our war garden

HAS succumbed to warts and curvature of the spine.

WOMANHOOD seldom

IF ever reaches a higher plane of

NOBILITY

THAN when it merely looks at a

place in

THE tablecloth where

HUSBAND has dropped a portion of

STEWED tomato

THOUGH the look is rather more

severe.

THAN usual.

OF course it's none of our darned

business

ABSOLUTELY

BUT it's a lot of the corn-fed girls

seen.

TO be saving wear and tear

ON their corsets

BY wearing these blouse things.

AS soon as the esteemed

NEIGHBOR women believe they have

ASCERTAINED definitely

THAT a well-matured girl is from two

MONTHS up older

THAN the person to whom she has

pighted

HER truth

THEY say she has taken a boy to

raise.

WOMEN are shrewder than most men

GIVE them credit for

A MAN may look untidy when he lets

HIS whiskers grow for four days

BUT his wife at least has

A LITTLE peace of mind

FOR she knows that he isn't flirting

with

OTHER women then.

THERE is entirely too much of

DON'T you?

help them. We will establish an information bureau in Waltham, Mass., where our secretary, George F. Waiters, will distribute pictures and literature describing what is proper dancing and what is not, upon request. The welfare workers really do not know themselves what proper dancing is. The bureau will solve that problem for them.

"Refined people will voluntarily adopt proper steps and positions; others will be made to."

Mose Christensen, of Portland, Ore., blamed the "Molting pot class" for "those startling conditions."

"When women stop twisting their spines into sailors knots from the waist down instead of from the waist up, the ball room will become a safe place for a refined young people," he asserted with energy. "Our music today is filled with half notes and three-quarter notes and it seems the most natural

of all public schools.

"There is a time and a place for everything. But the dance hall is no place for disgusting immorality."

Miss Luella Haines, of New Orleans, pointed to the fact that throughout the country there is a determined movement to reform dancing or banish it.

"This movement is more widespread than people believe," she said. "The fox-trot, waltz and one-step will be retained but all objectionable features will be taken from even these dances. Our modern stage is partly to blame."

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In this she was enthusiastically supported by Thomas McNaugh, of Pittsburgh, and Miss F. Kohl of Madison, Wis., Mrs. Gus Zimmerman of Cleveland; Fred Christensen, of Seattle, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Flynn, of Rockford, Ill.; E. B. Gaynor, of Chicago; E. H. Everett of Houston, Tex.; Miss Ida Knowles of New York and Otto Deinmann of Boston are also fully in accord with all of these views.

The National Association of Masters of Dancing and American Society of Professors of Dancing, the two oldest associations in the United States, have amalgamated and are meeting in joint session. Their combined forces have pledged themselves to fight for proper dancing until the battle is won.

GREENSBURG—H. B. Kroh, field secretary of the Hoosier State Automobile Association, was here in an effort to reorganize the local motor club and bring about affiliation with the state organization.

HUNTINGTON—Shortage of houses here caused Prof. Troy Smith of Port Muncie, Ind., and Prof. F. W. Neal of Muncie, to resign their posts at Huntington College and return to their homes.

BRAZIL—When miners at the Génie mine learned that the price of fuses had advanced from seventy-five cents a roll to \$1.50, fifty of them walked out to await adjustment by union leaders.

## HERE'S THE LATEST.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Already

the country's foremost dancing masters are ready to offer a new step or a series of them—to take the place of the discarded shimmy. It is to be known as the Internationale because it contains steps representing all of the allied nations.

"The Internationale is quite simple," as Oscar Durysa demonstrated it and above all is moral.

"You see, just take two steps forward, then three quick balancing steps, left foot to the right, right to left and left to right. Then step to the left side with the right foot and click the heels together. That is army tape. Repeat the same to the left side. That is navy tape. Then two steps military in effect, to the right angle forward. That is the military dash of France."

"Put in a few recognized variations and you have the Internationale."

thing in the world to do a contortion act instead of executing an artistic step. No wonder our European allies are alarmed over the introduction of American dancing into their hitherto dignified dancing circles. Our music—the so-called American music—is nothing but an adaptation of the negro cake-walk.

"We are establishing a national school for music and dancing and it will set the standard for dancing throughout the country. It is very singular that the government should have exempted dancing classes from a war tax on the ground that they are a part of the nation's educational system. Dancing should become part of the curriculum

in all schools.

THAT'S DIFFERENT

By Probasco.

YOU KNOW ME, UNCLE WATSON—I'M ONLY TOO GLAD TO PROTECT AN' TAKE CARE OF YOU THE REST OF YOUR DAYS!!

YOUR VAST FORTUNE MEANS NOTHING TO ME—IN FACT I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO LEAVE ME ANY OF IT—I JUST ENJOY BEING NICE TO YOU!!

BUT I HAVE NO FORTUNE—I'M AS FLAT AS A VICTROLA RECORD!!

THAT'S DIFFERENT!!

DARL ROLL TO THE DOOR HOUSE

ALIBIOS!!

## HANK and PETE

THEY CHANGE THEIR COURSE



By KEN KLING

## ASSORTED NUTS



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