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A Reform That Will be Appreciated

Extravagant expenditures of public funds was one of the charges which the Republican leaders brought against the Democratic administration. They pointed out many incidents where economy might have been applied, but the one that impressed the American voter most was the unnecessarily large number of federal employees.

It is charged that thousands of men and women are on the federal payroll whose work could easily be done in a few hours daily. A wholesale reduction of the personnel of many departments could be effected without impairing their efficiency.

To the task of eliminating these superfluous employees, whose wages and salaries go into the millions, the Republican party will address itself as soon as it takes over the government. President-elect Harding promised that he would eliminate hundreds of thousands of unnecessary federal employees.

This will be no easy task, for it will require first of all a thorough survey of almost all the governmental departments to determine how many employees are actually needed to perform the work in a satisfactory manner. When the lopping off process begins, it also will be found

that many of these men and women hold their position through political pull, which will be expected to the utmost to keep them on their jobs.

The abolition of useless posts in the federal service also will be attended with difficulties, for politicians are loath to see positions abolished for which they had slated their friends and supporters.

Many difficulties are ahead of the man who tackles the task of reducing the number of federal positions and employees. President-elect Harding has had enough experience at Washington to know what is ahead of him in this respect, and probably has worked out a plan whereby he will be able to attain what he has in mind.

Of one thing he may be sure. He will have the support of the people in his reform movement. They know that they are paying the salaries of unnecessary employees by increased taxation, and will be glad to learn that steps are on foot to curtail one big item that enters into every appropriation measure.

Rigid economy for a few years would enable the government both to reduce its demand for money for current expenses and to reduce the national debt. The interest on this debt alone is a staggering item.

The cost of increased taxation is to be found not only in sums of money we pay to the government, but also in the cost of the commodities which we buy. Every manufacturer and retailer is forced to enter the cost of taxation into the price he demands for his commodities, so that in the long run the ultimate consumer pays his portion of them.

Let the useless and superfluous employes of the government be discharged. Abolish his job. The American people are willing to see a program of economy tried out in Washington.

Answers to Questions

Farmer Boy.—(1)—Where is the home of the pumpkin?—The home of the pumpkin is believed to be America. It has been found growing wild in Mexico, and was under cultivation by the aborigines in Florida, Mexico and the West Indies, when these regions were first visited by Europeans. Dr. Gray, the botanist, believed that all species except gourd squash are American. The species and varieties of this vegetable have been so confused that this is not certain. The cheese pumpkin and the sugar pumpkin are used for making the celebrated New England pumpkin pies. In Europe the pumpkin pie is prepared by making a circular opening in the top, the center of which is the stem. Through this hole the seeds and pulp are removed, and the cavity filled with sliced apples, spices and sugar. The whole is then baked and served. (2)—What is the history of the saddle?—In the earlier ages the Romans used neither saddles nor stirrups. Saddles were in use in the third century, and are mentioned as made of leather in 304 and were known in England about 600. Stirrups were not known before the fifth century, and not in general use before the twelfth. Side saddles for ladies were introduced by Anne, queen of Richard II, in 1355.

Readers may obtain answer to questions asked by the Palladium Questions and Answers department. All questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

It has just been revealed that Prince Rudolph, one-time heir to the Austrian throne, was slain by a blow on the head with a bottle while talking with a baroness. Inasmuch as this happened in 1889 we don't see why Europe should get all smoked up over it. Unless somebody, of course, is trying to get up an excuse for another war.

The Bolshevik government is collapsing again. The only nations are raw apples. Inasmuch as we paid 10 cents for the last raw apple we had, it seems to us the Russians are living high.

There was much gloom in Washington this week, and Secretary Colby was the only member of the cabinet visible. It matters not how dismal things are. Bainbridge usually is around somewhere in sight. In fact, he seems to be the only bright spot in an otherwise dead, dark, gloomy administration.

We are charmed to note in a recent advertisement of the telephone company that the company now has 15,599 operators. But we wonder why, when we want a number, they have all gone to lunch at the same time.

We don't want to appear ungrateful or bored or anything of that sort, and the question may be one of intense importance in certain sections of the globe, but personally we are about fed up on G. K. Chesterton's opinion of G. B. Shaw and G. B. Shaw's opinion of G. K. Chesterton.

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Spanish Bakers Declare Strike; Government Acts

(By Associated Press)
MADRID, Nov. 12.—Bakers in this city declared a strike yesterday. Government authorities have taken steps to supply the people with bread and military bakers have been called to the ovens. They were unable to fill all demands yesterday, however, and lines of people stood all day outside of shops.

The trouble arose over an order that bakers reserve all flour provided by the food ministry for the manufacture of "controlled bread" for which there is a fixed price of 72 centimos a kilogram. The master bakers discharged 700 workers employed in making what is known as "luxury bread," and retained those making "controlled bread." The latter demanded that their comrades be reinstated, and struck when the employers refused to accede.

Dinner Stories

"You naughty child, where have you been?" demanded a Baltimore mother of her hopeful. "I believe you have been fighting again with John, next door. Just look at your clothes! I'll have to buy you a new suit!"

"Don't scold me, ma," responded the youngster. "You ought to see Johnny! His mother will have to buy a new boy!"

"I came down to the seaside to hear the breakers roar."

"But there is a noise that drowns that out."

"What is it?"

"The roar of my husband when he bawls me out for my big bills."

"I simply can't understand the combination of my wife's clothes."

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UNEMPLOYED WORKMEN STORM BERLIN FACTORIES

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Three thousand unemployed men in the city of Ber-

lin part of whom were armed, stormed the Lion metal works there yesterday, drove out the proprietors and engineers and extinguished the furnace fires, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from the German capital. In the north side gas plant of Berlin it is said workmen drove out the industrial council and established a political soviet.

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Today's Talk

By George Matthew Adams

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Co-operation is a very long word, but it expresses what the world needs above almost anything else.

Watch a great building rise. It is not the work of one man—but of scores. And the work of each and every man has to dovetail into the work of every other man—or else the building, when finished, is faulty and insecure.

The best conducted office is the one in which every worker understands—and carries out—the line of co-operation.

Elbert Hubbard once wrote a piece of wholesome advice that has walked its way around the world. This is what he said: "Get in line—or else get out!"

Either work hand-in-hand with those with whom you associate—or find a place where you can.

Where there is friction, there is great loss.

The smooth running machine is the one where every single part works noiselessly in its place.

The great press which printed this newspaper, has a thousand parts. But should any one part—no matter how small or seemingly unimportant—get out of sorts, the entire machine would immediately be affected seriously.

The trained orchestra leader knows instantly the minute that his piccolo player lets out of key!

Co-operate. Do your work hand-in-hand with the organization with which you are connected.

Learn to work and to live in the spirit of co-operation.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Full soon the blizzards will be popping, and hanging snow wreaths on our brows, and we'll be asked to do our shopping as early as the law allows. It seems no time since bells were ringing, proclaiming Christmas peace once more, that happy time when Dad was bringing a ton of jacks from the store. It seems no time since old Kris Kringle propelled his flivver through the night; the echo of his sleighbells jingle seems all around me as I write. And now we're facing Winter burly, and soon each sheet at which I glance will say, "Please do your shopping early, and give the weary clerks a chance." No doubt the children think the seasons have much like snails or turtles race; but we old lads have sundry reasons for cursing Time's indecent haste. A summer's gone before we know it, an autumn smiles and then it's through, and even a highly moral poet is moved to language warm and blue. The sexton to his rope is clinging, to ring in Christmas joy and cheer; and soon the old boy will be ringing some other bells—and we won't hear. The sky is gray, the wind is surly, more desolate the landscape grows; oh let us do our shopping early, and give the sway-backed clerks repose.

Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

Rev. Levi T. Pennington made a forceful address at the East Main Street Friends church, using as the basis of his talk the words of Christ, "Lift Up Your Eyes: the Fields Are Already White Unto the Harvest." His sermon was in connection with a big evangelistic revival lasting for several weeks.

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Friends Workers Find Tasks Awaiting in Backward Serbia

"Soap for Serbia" expresses one of the pressing needs of the Balkan kingdom, according to Elmer H. Jantz of the American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, who has just returned from three months' relief work in southern Serbia.

Serbia is troubled by bandits, and a "housing problem" created by the destruction of thousands of Serbian homes by invading Bulgarians during the war.

In this backward kingdom, which has only three newspapers and movie shows once a week in some of its cities, Mr. Jantz found the people decidedly primitive, particularly in the rural sections. A gigantic "housing problem" is being tackled by the American Friends' Serbian Unit; and the people are being supplied with food and medicines.

All Carry Guns.

Every man carries a gun in rural Serbia, Mr. Jantz says, partly for defense against bandits who infest the hills and partly because of racial animosities. The Albanians and Montenegrins, he says, are restless under Serbian rule.

Mr. Jantz spent three months at Djurovac, after working in Vienna and France for sixteen months. In Petch, a city of 20,000 population near the Albanian border, where the American Friends conduct a hospital, he found Mohammedan customs prevailing to a large extent. The Turkish women wear veils and the Serbian women blower-like trousers. A meal consists of cheese, bread, paprika, a sort of pie containing cheese, and a big bowl of milk into which every diner dips his spoon. Knives and forks are unknown, Mr. Jantz says, and the women wait until the men have finished eating.

Deplorable Conditions.

Deplorable conditions prevail in Petch. Whole villages were destroyed during the war, and many of the people live in houses with cows, pigs, goats, dogs and cats. As there is no sanitation, rats, mice and lice abound.

The American Friends' Service Committee have established a hospital in Petch under the direction of Dr. Antoinette E. C. Russell, of Philadelphia, two nurses and a staff of native workers. Andrew Pearson, of Philadelphia, son of Professor Paul M. Pearson, of Swarthmore, Pa., is in charge of the unit's work. The hospital, which occupies a reconstruction building once used for a barn, has 26 beds and an operating-room. The department for children is on the lower floor and there is an outdoor dispensary. There was only one civilian doctor for a population of 20,000 and no civilian hospital before the Friends began their work. The only orphanage in the district,

which was in a filthy condition, was taken over by the unit.

Agricultural Help.

Apart from the medical work and assistance given to orphans, a program of agricultural help is being conducted among Montenegrin refugees who have settled in this district. Dr. Russell and her assistants are endeavoring to teach the women to take proper care of themselves and their babies. Hundreds of children have ulcers and running sores, and suffer from diseases brought on by a filthy environment. The women know absolutely nothing about the hygienic care of babies.

Lack of soap and clothing is causing an epidemic of skin diseases; and the Friends have discovered that a sulphur bath and clean clothes are a wonderful incentive to a Serbian or Montenegrin farmer to begin building a new house.

House Building.

House-building is another important work undertaken by the American Friends. Five hundred Montenegrin families who were brought into Serbia by the Austrians to construct railroads and who could not return to their homes owing to terms of the peace treaty, have settled within a few miles of Petch. The Serbian government allotted 40 acres to each family and the Friends' Unit helped these people to erect two villages, paying them for their labor with food rations. Two styles of houses have been erected, one of brick with red tiled roofs, and another consisting of a double partition of logs with stones and mud packed between.

The first group of the Serbian Unit, six in number, left New York July 30, 1919, and arrived at Salonica, August 28. There they were joined by George Innis, an English Friend, working with the Serbian Joint Supply Commission, who assisted the unit in all of its early plans.

Another group of six workers started work at Leskovatz in October, 1919. At a later period the work was transferred to the Petch area.

STOCKHOLM OFFICIAL AWARDED NOBEL PRIZE

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 12.—Charles Edouard Guillaume, French head of the international bureau of weights and measures, was today awarded the Nobel prize for 1920 for physics by the Swedish Academy of Science. His discoveries relative to the alloys of nickel steel won him this honor.

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