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THE LABOR BOARD SPEAKS.

The first public act of the new railroad labor board has been to issue a statement of policy with regard to strikes. The statement consists of one tremendous and horrific sentence, as follows:

"It is decided and ordered by the board as one of the rules governing its procedure that, as the law under which this board was created and organized makes it the duty of both carriers and their employees and subordinate officials having differences and disputes to have and hold conferences between representatives of the different parties and interests, to consider and, if possible, to decide such disputes in conference, and where such dispute is not decided in such conference to refer it to this board to hear and decide, and it is further contemplated and provided by the law that, pending such conference, reference to and hearing by this board, it shall be the duty of all carriers, their officers, employees and agents to exert every reasonable effort and adopt every available means to avoid any interruption to the operation of any carrier growing out of any such disputes, therefore, this board will not receive, entertain or consider any application or complaint from or by any party, parties or their representatives who have not complied with or who are not complying with the provisions of the law or who are not exerting every reasonable effort and adopting every available means to avoid any interruption to the operation of any carriers growing out of any dispute between the carrier and employees."

Whew! Do you get it? Well, try again. Or if that suggestion seems to impose cruel and unusual punishment upon newspaper readers, take the version of it given in an Associated Press dispatch, thus:

"The board flatly declined to receive, entertain or consider complaints from strikers, declaring it would only hear those who were adopting every reasonable means of avoiding interruption of railroad service."

This is intelligible. Any newspaper man who wrote a sentence like the one issued by the labor board would certainly and deservedly be fired. The policy adopted is excellent; the statement of it is criminal. If the board wants to get anywhere with the public, the first thing it must do is to throttle its lawyers and reform its literary style.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN FUNDS ARE CONFESSION OF PARTY WEAKNESS.

The approaching presence of Messrs. Wood, Johnson and Lowden, in South Bend, incident to their aspirations to the presidency, would seem to indicate that republicans here, well as elsewhere, are conscious of the fact that a great deal of preaching is going to be required to rescue themselves from that spirit of unrest that has permeated the country; this, well as will need to be rescued the democrats from their lethargy. The republican party, to use the slang of the street, is "shot 40 ways" disagreeable to itself, and appears to realize that not only preaching but her customary barrels of money, are again highly essential to the healing of the wounds.

The primary canvasses of the various candidates for "G-d's Own Party" leadership, is serving as an awakening, quite without doubt, but to democrats as well as republicans. It is resulting in the expenditure of barrels of money, and that is attracting attention, and besides it is attracting attention to great differences of republican opinion. In the light of the notorious use of money by the g. o. p., in all its campaigns, there is nothing unusual from the financial standpoint in what is going on now. "Fat frying" has attached to republican campaign management for years. Charges that a million dollars have been pledged by corporations to promote the candidacy of Maj. Gen. Wood, and that Gov. Lowden is getting reckless with his own millions, are significant merely of the fact that the republican party is still the republican party.

To be sure, many laws to curb such expenditures have been enacted, but the evidence that crops out in practically every campaign shows that the practice of trying to swing elections with money is far from dead. Nor is it exposing any secret to set forth that much of the sentiment for Wood, or for any of the g. o. p. aspirants, for that matter, is wholly of the manufactured or propaganda variety. And the complaints of some of the other republican candidates against Gen. Wood on this score may be due not so much to shocked virtue as to envy of his liberal supplies.

Thus, while the menace of throwing huge sums of money into a campaign cannot be minimized, it is only typical of republican party methods to depend more upon the "practical work" of an organization than a straight-out discussion of the issues before the people. The management of Wood's campaign shows that, no matter how progressive he may try to look or talk, it is upon the old "practical methods" of the standpatters he is depending for success in the contest. The small number of contributors to his fund—just a few rich men—also gives away the claim that spontaneous sentiment is being found for him.

The significant thing, then, about the Wood and other g. o. p. funds is their disclosure of the emptiness of the party's claim that this is a "republican year." They show that there is nothing to the opposition to the democratic administration; nothing save

the propaganda or "manufactured sentiment" of republican professional politicians. It is to continue the manufacture of this sentiment that the republican millions will continue to be spent. The psychologists of the party are intent upon hypnotizing themselves into power by their big noises. If it were really the republican year that they would have you think it is, dependence upon brains, rather than bought humbug, would better serve a winning purpose.

DODGING THE PROFITS TAX.

There has been a deluge of "stock dividends" lately. Current financial reports show perfectly good stock being given away, to the value of hundreds of millions, by corporations, large and small. A 50 percent stock dividend, in addition to the regular dividend, is a common thing. Dividends of 100 to 300 percent are not unusual.

What does it mean? Simply that corporations are taking this method of distributing surplus earnings. Why are the earnings distributed in this way? Because if they were paid in cash, they would be subject to the federal excess profits tax. The supreme court has ruled that stock dividends are to be classified as distributions not of income, but of capital.

The average citizen does not follow the business or legal technicalities of it. He merely sees a lot of corporations making immense profits out of the high prices, and then, instead of sharing up with Uncle Sam, as congress and the public thought the law obliged them to, giving all that swollen profit to their stockholders by a subterfuge.

POOR PROSPECT FOR WHEAT.

The prospect held out to wheat and flour consumers by the report of the department of agriculture announcing the condition of winter wheat on April 1 is anything but encouraging. Indeed, the prospect is a distinctly poor one. The prospect is decidedly below the average for the 10-year period, while it presents a most discouraging comparison with the situation at this time last year.

The condition is given as 75.6 percent of normal, while a year ago consumers were cheered by a condition almost perfect, the figures being 99.8 percent. The average on April 1 for 10 years is 84 percent. Reduced to bushels, on the acreage sown, the forecast is for 483,600,000 bushels of wheat, while the actual harvest last year was 731,636,000 bushels. Last year only a trifle more than one percent of the area sown was plowed up because of winter killing, while much more will undoubtedly be abandoned for the same reason this year.

IN GERMANY.

A young American, accused of having participated in a revolutionary movement in Germany, has been sentenced to death by a drum head court martial. While the execution has been held up pending review of the case by Pres. Ebert, the action is a reminder of how they deal with foreign agitators in some other countries. If the American is guilty as charged, it is difficult to see how his country can save him from the penalty. The accused is alleged to have been caught with arms in his possession and in company with German revolutionists.

But this does not say that if the young man is executed it will not stimulate the demand here for merciless dealing with the Germans caught back of some of the dangerous agitations in this country. Had German discipline been applied here during the war a number of those now criticizing the government as harsh would not be continuing their trouble-making.

It used to be that dealers marked down their goods. Nowadays, a New Jersey consumer complains, they are so busy marking them up that sometimes they don't have time to erase the original markings.

Mme. Bernhardt plans another farewell tour of the United States. As long as she does not ask us to take the farewell idea too seriously, we shall be all-fired glad to see her.

There have been several killings lately, mostly of children, in which the slayer explained that "love" inspired the killing. Is love ever compatible with murder?

The snail may be unprogressive and unintelligent in some respects, but at least he has solved the housing problem.

When it comes to handling "waity" problems, congress is a complete success.

Disgruntled towns are complaining that there's no sense in the census.

Rules should be made of hickory—to be bent but not broken.

Other Editors Than Ours

PEACE RESOLUTION A SHAM.

(Bench and Bar.)

The peace resolution which the republican bosses have directed their party's majority in congress to pass is, as they well know, unconstitutional and must, under his oath of office, be vetoed by the president. The constitution requires that peace treaties shall be negotiated by the president and ratified by the senate by a two-thirds majority.

Because the peace of Versailles was negotiated by a democrat, the republican majority in the senate defeated its ratification. Republican leaders know that the peace resolution they now plan to put through congress by "road roller" methods is a travesty, a sham by which they hope to hide their responsibility for derailing a constitutional peace and fool the public into believing that the president and the democratic minority in congress share the responsibility for keeping the country technically in a state of war.

To such low estate has congress fallen in its game of partisan politics.

High praise for a piece of legislation enacted by a democratic congress was given recently when Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, in an address before the National Press Club, at Washington, said that, in his opinion, the Overman act was the finest "worded" piece of legislation ever enacted by congress except the Sherman act. It was the Overman act that enabled the president to transfer authority from one executive department to another to more expeditiously prosecute the war.—Washington Post.

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The Tower of Babel

By BILL ARMSTRONG

PA. PERKINS
SEZ:

With the prices now prevailing, potato bugs will doubtless soon be used for the pins and settings for the finer finger rings.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Dan Friesen, proprietor of the Economy department, has just returned from an eastern buying trip. Eight printers have been added to our composing room force.

Lloyd Greenman, the insurance man, was missing for a few hours Monday. He had purchased a pair of man's size overalls and got lost when he attempted to wear them.

Quite a little excitement was caused on North Lafayette street late Wednesday afternoon, when Dr. J. W. Hill, the eminent physician, rode through in a Ford coupe, labeled "For Sale Cheap." We couldn't figure whether the sign referred to the popular second lieutenant of automobiles, or to the eminent physician.

While ex-service men "up to and including the grade of 18" are agreed that the bonus legislation pending in congress is entirely just as it stands, the Chicago Tribune, a newspaper a hundred miles to the west of us, kicks over the traces and comments, treacherously, as follows on the situation:

Congress proposes to pay only the enlisted men and not the officers if the officers stand for that the officers are idiots. Congress endeavors to operate on the notion that the officers were aristocrats and rolled out of money into war and out of war back into money. In military matters congress is sublimely in asininity and hypocrisy. The officers were volunteers, who went in early and did their best to fit themselves to lead men safely. Many of them were young men in college or just finishing college and ready to take up their professions. They lost opportunities, time, and money. They bought their uniforms and had heavy personal expenses.

If the officers of the American Legion allow congress to proceed on the theory that an officer is not a soldier, is a glided aristocrat, and that the consideration they will hurt any army the United States may try to raise. If there is a bonus the officers should be in it.

IT SEEKS TO US TOM IS GETTING AWFUL PARTICULAR.

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age to Rome, gave Bridget vagrants throughout Scandinavia. There is a popular Norse song called "Brighidinn Ban mo stor" (Bridget, my white treasure) and another Bridget is preserved in romance since her blind lover is said to have recognized her by the touch of her hand after 20 years.

Bridget's jewel is amber, which preserves her bodily health and gives her immunity from contagion. Friday is her lucky day and two her lucky number.

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More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE

The Horoscope

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

A long chain of the most beneficial lunar aspects should make this a day of splendid accomplishment and gratifying fulfillment. There will be found to be a high stimulus to progress along all lines, with old congestions and delays swept aside with a minimum of effort, making way for movements and activities neither contemplated nor provided for. However, under the overwhelming force of the most benevolent of planetary influx, opportunities will be grasped and carried forth to the most successful and prosperous of culminations. But one note of caution is particularly cautions about the signing of all letters, contracts and documents.

Those whose birthday it is may look forward to a successful and prosperous year. They should sign all writings carefully. A child born on this day will be enterprising, lively, and will rise in life. It should be grounded in truth.

When Tommy wakened with a squeal He felt his tousled hair And thought he must be fast to feel The goblin's claws still there! The long, long years cannot erase The memory of that fright. Still little Tommy's little face Is dirty every night!

Compensation.

A professor of mathematics may not get a big salary, but at least he can make out his own income tax statement.

Signs of Peace.

We are paying less attention to war boards and more to out-of-board.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME

Facts about your name; its history; its meaning; whence it was derived; its significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel.

BY MILDRED MARSHALL

BRIDGET.

The quaint name of Bridget, so often in modern times associated with domestics, is in reality one of the most poetic of feminine names, emerging from a romantically and logically splendid epoch. It is said to come from the Brighid, meaning strength, and had its origin with Brighid, the daughter of the fire-god and the Erse goddess of wisdom, song and poetry.

Bride was their queen of song, and unto her, they played with fire-touched lips.

Brighid has been a favorite in Ireland since early times and was one of the first few Celtic names to find popularity in Europe. Her legend is explained through the story of the maiden who was brought up by a bard and afterward became a pupil of St. Patrick and from a solitary reclusion at Kildare, became head of 500 nuns and was consulted by a synod of bishops. She was highly revered and did much good work and when she died a copy of the Scriptures, too beautiful to be destroyed, was buried with her.

Brighid's Bell, which used to ring in church towers, was so called in honor of her, but the title was suppressed by Henry V. However she has always been a patron of Ireland, and Saint Brigid's or Brighid's churches are common in England and Scotland. Bridgetwell, where the palace of St. Brigid and after it became a prison, its name was used as an equivalent for all jails.

Portugal has a Dona Briges, which it honors as St. Bridget and Sweden claims a St. Bridget or Brigitta. One Swedish Brigitta, a lady of noble birth, who founded an order of Brigitte nuns and made a pilgrimage to Rome.

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