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OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From the Seat of Government by the News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones.

SHIFTING SCENES

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—It's a dizzy job following the affairs that surround this little burg of Washington, in which so many newspaper writers live, move and have their existence. Congress is again back on the job, and it has a lot of big problems on hand. The Administration keeps the lawmakers busy, and it is a cold day when a new Mexican crisis, a railroad strike, a leaky-Lawson, or some other kind of a sensation fails to materialize.

With the re-convening of Congress came the controversy over President Wilson's message to the warring powers. The war game is too big, and the war-wives too numerous, to permit attempts in the interest of humanity to interfere with stockholders dividends, without some kind of a rear-bench reared. Naturally enough Lodge and Gallinger led the fight against the endorsement of peace by the Senate.

President Wilson started Washington almost out of its boots when he began visiting the Capitol at the beginning of his administration. Now he has increased his speed, and is following up the precedents he established in visiting Congressmen in their offices. This is the Wilson way of putting legislation through Congress in a hurry. The President has figuratively "brought down his fist" and declared that there must be legislation to carry out his policy with reference to the railroads. Committees having bills in charge in the two branches of Congress are using their earnest endeavors towards straightening out the railroad muddle. It is expected that the Joint Committee, ordinarily spoken of as the "Newland's Committee" which is to attempt an analysis of the entire railroad situation, will soon resume their hearings. These hearings will extend over the year of 1917.

The Harrow and the Plow

That is a pretty little ceremonial which Secretary Lane has devised for making full-blooded American citizens out of Indians. The Indian is brought forward and informed that a federal commission, having investigated his circumstances has determined that he is entitled to take the responsibilities of citizenship, by being released from the paternalistic care of the Indian Bureau. The Indian is handed a bow and arrow, and is directed to shoot the arrow. After doing so, he is told to take into his hands the handle of a plow. Then he is informed: "You have shot your last arrow; but you may keep that arrow, it will be to you a symbol of your noble race and the pride you feel that you came the first of all Americans." With reference to the plow he is told that "the white man lives by work. From the earth we all must get our living and the earth will not yield unless man pours upon it the sweat of his brow." Being presented with a flag, the new citizen takes it in his hands and repeats these words:

"For as much as the President has said that I am worthy to be a citizen of the United States, I now promise to this flag that I will give my hands, my head, and my heart to the doing of all that will make me a true American citizen."

Lawson's Disappointment

Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, must have been keenly disappointed because there were no bands to meet him when he came to Washington to tell about the "leak" that had such an important bearing upon conditions in the stock market. Lawson announced that he was going to sit in the gallery of the House on the afternoon of January 2nd. If he kept his promise he must have been very much disappointed be-

cause his passage was undiscovered. The author of "Frenzied Finance" was disappointed before he reached Washington, and even the newspaper reporters, usually hungry for copy, could not enthrall over Boston Tom.

As a result of the agitation growing out of lack of protection furnished important diplomatic correspondence, it is likely that the State Department will be more careful in future. Congress has interested itself, and will attempt to plug up some of the cracks through which Wall Street peeks to its material advantage.

Carranza's Will

General Carranza is understood to decline acceptance of the agreements between the American and Mexican commissioners, fixing conditions for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico on the theory that to unite in making conditions for such a withdrawal that there might follow the implication of approval and assent to their entrance into Mexico. So far the stubborn old Mexican has fairly bullied his way through American diplomacy, and the Washington government has goodnaturedly humored him time and time again. If there is any foundation for the belief that you give a man rope enough, he will hang himself, then it is probable that it will not be long before some new Mexican leader will replace Carranza, and ask for recognition from the United States.

Improving the Egg Yield

According to a statement from Henry M. Camp, director of the Agricultural Lime Bureau, crushed oyster shell food may be kept before laying hens as a means through which a good hard egg is produced. A record kept at the Government Chicken Yard, of the amount of oyster shells fed to a laying hen, showed that in one year one and three-tenths pounds per hen was consumed as at cost of about one cent a hen per year. It is also pointed out that the calcium mineral matter taken in by the young chicken in the feeding of oyster shells, may have a tendency to strengthen the frame of young pullets and make them stronger and healthier in later life. It is further shown when beef scraps was fed to hens, the average egg yield was 137 eggs per hen a year, and when beef scraps were not fed, ninety eggs was the average yearly yield.

An Excess of All Lawyers

There are about 120,000 lawyers in the United States, and yet three-fifths of the members of Congress belong to that profession. That is, this tremendous percentage that makes up the national law-making bodies, is chosen from among a group, comprising less than half of one percent of the gainfully employed men of the country. Journalism, education, real estate and banking, are all represented in Congress in proportion to their numbers throughout the country. Farmers and "business" are under-represented.

The Production of Petroleum

292,300,000 barrels of crude petroleum was produced and marketed in the oil fields of the United States in 1916. This was an increase of 11,000,000 barrels, or four percent over the previous year.

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Mother, if your child whines, is fretful and cries out in sleep, he is probably suffering from worms. These parasites drain his vitality and make him more susceptible to serious diseases. Quickly and safely kill and remove the worms from your child's system with Kickapoo Worm Killer. This pleasant candy laxative in tablet form quickly relieves the trouble and your child brightens up. Get Kickapoo Worm Killer at your Druggist 25c.—Advertisement.

Annual report of the grape harvest of 1916 has just been compiled at Dunkirk and shows a net loss of 2,765 carloads. Despite this market decrease, the receipts are \$63,178 greater than in '15. The highest price ever demanded for fruit were paid by consumers this season.

Sign Boards on the Up-road

By Hamilton B. Williams

Fundamental in all religions and philosophies of mankind is the truth that only by Seeking and Sacrifice shall one enter into any kingdom of knowledge.

The ultimate goals are Truth, Light, Freedom, Life. They have an extraordinary price—wanting.

Finally there is thrust into every hand at some station along the Life-Trail the shuttle of Sacrifice. This is given us all that we may fit our garments against meeting God. Many cast the shuttle in the dust and with other shuttles weave earthly stuff into life. But they who keep the shuttle of Sacrifice shall find it to be the key of the Door of Life.

"He that would keep his life must lose it . . ."

What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his life—in the process? His life? Consider any possible punishment in comparison with the tragic possibility of losing life as it should be lived on the earth.

A great many passionate appeals are made to keep people from losing their souls. Consider carefully those quests of the world which involve the loss of life.

Out upon the streets from world's beginning certain prophets have sounded the note of warning. Socrates stands out gigantic among men as a Road-Guide.

"Know thyself: be obedient to conscience." This was his word which put finis to his earthly career (they thought) but which has given him immortality both here and beyond the stars.

Jesus was given exit for being a truth-sayer. That was His triumph, the cross, for it released a God-filled life into the social body, with considerable potency, my friends.

I beheld yesterday upon the streets a crowd of people pressing close a man who had lifted up his voice.

Oh Voices in world's wilderness of streets, how many folks you have stopped and cried in some God's name, the dream, the hope, the dread, the warning, the inspiration, that, flaming in the heart, drove you from furrow temple, desert, shop, unto the multitudes.

INTERESTING NEW YORK STATE PARAGRAPHS

Back in the '60's Cattaraugus county had two assembly districts. Now it has but one.

The Orleans county supervisors have appropriated \$1,300 for the establishing of a farm bureau in Orleans county.

North Tonawanda's curfew law, which has been a dead letter nearly a decade, is to be strictly enforced hereafter.

Buffalo's postoffice receipts during 1916 totaled \$2,486,675.40, which was nearly \$150,000 more than the previous year.

Drillers for the Oil & Gas Producers' company of Buffalo struck a 30-barrel oil well near Addison at a depth of 1,000 feet.

Jamestown is facing a potato famine. Grocers have been obliged to cut down orders and postpone deliveries in some cases.

The commission on new prisons was reported to have agreed on Wingdale, Dutchess county, as the site of the new state prison.

Trust companies of this state had total resources of \$2,744,317,081 on Nov. 29 last, it was announced by State Superintendent of Banks Richards.

Investigation of charges made by a Rochester minister of discrimination against colored pupils in Caladonia schools has disproved the allegation.

William R. Doran of Brooklyn has been appointed an attorney for the state excise department, succeeding C. F. Murphy, resigned. The salary is \$5,000 a year.

George A. Glynn of Syracuse has been elected chairman of the Republican state committee, succeeding Frederick C. Tanner, whose resignation was accepted.

High school building at Medina, N. Y. and 28. The teachers of the school come from the New York state college of agriculture at Ithaca.

The state must spend at least \$2,000,000 a year for the next five years to take care of over-crowding in the insane asylums, according to a special message sent to the legislature by the State Hospital Commission.

Standing on a platform over the home plate at the Ferry street baseball grounds, Billy Sunday, the revivalist, will hurl the first "thunder-bolt of truth at the base of iniquity" in his Buffalo campaign on Sunday, January 28.

Plans for the new Sing Sing prison buildings drawn by Lewis P. Pilcher, state architect, were approved by members of the special prisons commission at a meeting in New York. The state has appropriated \$760,000 for the work.

Ability to read and write the English language would be made one of the qualifications of a voter in this state under the provisions of a proposed constitutional amendment introduced by Majority Leader Brown of the senate.

Mrs. John E. McElroy, of Albany, who for three years was mistress of the White House during the presidency of her brother, Chester Alan Arthur, died in Atlantic City after a brief illness. She was born in Greenview, N. Y. in 1829.

Unless the New York Central railroad issues an order within a week entirely prohibiting the sale of liquor on trains, or restricting it to "wet" territory, in which the law is the Anti-Saloon League of New York state will ask for the arrest of Alfred H. Smith, president of the road, it was announced by William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the league.

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