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

"WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SERVE ME?"

In his annual report Secretary of the Interior, Franklin K. Lane, [illegible] the directness and the fullness of this challenge that gives war its spell and likewise gives birth to its horrors."

"What can you do to serve me?" The secretary replies: "That question each individual and each department of the Government must give answer." For his own department he says that every agency and every activity that could be possibly used was speeded up to its fullest degree of efficiency.

The reports of many of the Government departments are records of marvelous achievements, and the Interior Department is entitled to full credit for the part it has performed in re-shaping our internal affairs. Mr. Lane says that "we have during the past year, had a glimpse of the expanding romance of chemical study." He points out that the increase in the capital invested in chemical industries jumped from $65,565,000 in 1915 to $99,244,000 in 1916; and up to September 1917, $65,861,000 over the preceding year.

Strangely enough it appears to have been accepted almost as an absolute conclusion that the United States could not make artificia colors and dyes. But the manufacturers of the United States are now represented by over ninety enterprises, each making special colors, and one hundred concerns making crudes and intermediates. Sulphuric acid has doubled in production. By-product coking doubled its capacity in the last three years. Gasoline production has increased from 35,000,000 to 70,000,000 barrels per annum since 1915. Potash production, another monopoly of Germany, is making real headway in the United States and although the production is small, solium salts have been substituted for almost all purposes except agriculture. Substitutes for Chilean nitrates have been developed to such an extent that it is now possible to produce our munitions independent of that country, if necessary. The smelting of the metals, iron, zinc, copper, antimony, tin, mercury, etc., and their alloys, have increased to meet the country's need.

These are but a few instances of our chemical progress. Our further advance in national development is indicated by the fact that we have told America that it must "know thyself." Mr. Lane defines this policy as sound Americanism; and in this supreme conviction and knowledge of our principles, and country's worth, we have made an appraisement, which in the language of the secretary has led to the conviction that "in all the domains of this great country extending from the semi-tropics, across the deserts, and most forbiding wastes into the far Arctic, we have come to believe that there is no land that is entirely valueless."

A Democracy at War

Secretary Lane owes his position in American public life to distinction that he won in his profession as a newspaper man. In his every day work he has the happy faculty of enlivening the dull recital of Government affairs with bright, sparkling gems of literature. Perhaps the finest tribute ever paid to "Old Glory" was Mr. Lane's Flay Day speech in 1914. The same "punch" and excellent choice of words that characterized the famous tribute to the "Makers of the Flag" is to be found in the secretary's words concerning our country's part in the world's conflict.

"A democracy making war is not in its normal line of life," says Mr. Lane. "And those who sneer or jeer because it does not play the game as well as might be, pay an unconscious compliment to the merits of free institutions. It takes time to accustom men to the short, hard words of command, and to the surrender of personal liberty. It is not easy, either, for a nation to turn its back upon the conception of a world where justice works out its ends by quiet processes, and in its stead come to the stern belief that the ultimate court is a battle field. So if there is wrenching and side-slipping and confusion there should be no surprise. The surprise to me has been with what comparative ease the transition has been made and how much unconscious preparation for the new work had already been made. Now, that our problem is to produce more than ever before, it is clear to be seen that the physical resources of the United States are to-day almost completely at the demand of the world's needs."

Vivid War Stories

Congressmen Johnson and Dill, of Washington, gave a very vivid acount of their experiences on the battle fields of France, to a body of newspaper men a few evenings ago. The Congressmen were taken into the first line of trenches, and one of them described the proximity to the enemy as "about the distance between second base and the home plate." The enemy discovered their presence, and the legislators were under fire, and mighty lucky not to have been killed.

Mr. Dill drew a realistic picture of the scenes along the battle fronts. He told how the congressional party traveled for hundreds of miles, and that they found the glamour of war absolutely missing. "I did not hear a band play, nor see a flag; neither did I see a Frenchman smile," he said. He related how he had asked the question in France: "Where are your young men?" The answer was: "Our boys of twenty-one look as tho they were thirty, and the men of thirty look as tho they were fifty."

"The shadow of the funeral is on every woman in France," observed Mr. Dill; "but in our travels by day and night, whenever we reached a gate or a bridge that had to be opened, the attendant was always a woman." "The women," he added, "are baring the burdens of the war, and in all France there is not a person who has any thought of giving up the struggle. The French fight always," he said; and notwithstanding his belief that the nation has reached its highest point of fighting efficiency, and is in a weakened condition to continue the struggle until Germany is defeated, is as strong a determination now, as in the beginning.

The congressmen have had wonderful experiences, and it is fortunate that a group of them have actually been at the front, and even been fired at, since the lessons they have brought home with them cannot help to be of immense benefit to Congress in framing its policies during the present session.

The Return of Congress

It is a mighty good thing for congressmen to go home occasionally. When the adjournment was had several weeks ago there was a feeling that many of the members had grown out of touch with their constituency. But now it is different. More than five hundred men in the two branches of Congress have been "feeling the pulse" of the people; and they are back on the job in the capitol. One of them expressed the condition in the lawmaking branch of the Government, as representing the "solidarity of the people, which if it were ever in question at all, is beyond question now." The congressman added: "As President Wilson represents it in going before Congress, he may lead, but he will have no need to urge." There you have the whole situation in a nutshell, and it is correctly stated, at least, as far as the sentiment of the members is concerned. They, at least believe that the President is entirely in the right in his policy, and they propose to follow him, almost in every detail, "till the boys come home."

WELL, DIDN'T HE?

Ward Owen, Press, Washington, Says the Road Will Be Continued

There never was better news come to the inhabitants living between Canisteo and Shingle-[illegible] when it was announced that the Government would take over and operate the N. Y. & Pa. railroad.

The following is taken from an Associated Press dispatch:

After throwing up the ghost and giving up all hope of saving the New York & Pennsylvania Railroad from the scrap heap, to which it was doomed, folk all along the line can be assured that nothing of the sort will happen. This being the glad tidings that was conveyed to this paper from Washington, D. C., sources this evening. "The Government will operate the New York & Pennsylvania Railroad and will not allow it to be junked," is in substance the text of the message.

Big men who had the interests of the property along the right of way at heart are mainly responsible for the assurance that the road will be operated. For some days past they have been working and were instrumental in giving the new life to the railroad. This is the best piece of news that people residing all the way from Canisteo to Ceres have heard in some time.

Canandaigua lake is frozen over solid.

Canandaigua is suffering from lack of coal.

Fuel conditions in the Tonawandas are acute.

Sanborn has a peeping Tom who uses a laddder.

Milk has gone to 12 cents a quart at Silver Creek.

Fire losses in Rochester for 1917 will run close to $700,000.

Despite the coal shortage Dunkirk is going to run its schools.

Mt Morris' new mail service is under way with two carriers.

Brockport is going to have a service flag with 77 stars in it.

Buffalo is being covered with large signs urging food conservation.

Inspector Meehan has placed a quarantine on dogs near Sanborn.

Ontario county's branch of the food supply commission has been closed.

Penn Yan says ice dealers fear the crop will become too thick to handle.

Natural gas has been boosted in Corning from 40 to 50 cents a thousand.

Dunkirk has started a fight to save the trees of the city from tussock moths.

Steuben county farmers have appointed a committee to form a farm bureau.

Factory building permits issued in Rochester reached a total of $341,950 last week.

Lancaster village and town and Elma town have adopted the state's sanitary code.

St. Patrick's church, Randolph, was destroyed by fire. Loss $20,00, partially insured.

Two state guard companies at Corning and one at Bath will be combined into a single unit.

The village of Falconer, a suburb of Jamestown, has had free mail delivery since the first inst.

What is claimed to be the finest ice that has formed in years is being harvested at Silver Lake.

Charles J. Rhoe of Geneva was unanimously chosen chairman of the Ontario county supervisors.

Albert T. Beardslee of Penn Yan has been recommended as food administrator for Yates county.

LETTER FROM WIGGINS

United States Fuel Administrator Gives Order of Albert H. Wiggins, New York State Administrator

January 1, 1918.—By virtue of powers conferred upon me I hereby issue the following orders, to take effect January 2, 1918:

1.—On Saturday nights lighting is permitted, subject to the restrictions imposed by order of the United States Fuel Administration, dated November 9, 1917, and order of the undersigned, dated December 8, 1917.

2.—On all other nights all signs of every kind, including merchants' signs, signs for theatres and all other places of entertainment, display signs, lighting on buildings and elsewhere, hotels and advertising signs, are ordered to discontinue completely.

3.—Stores and offices and commercial buildings not open for business shall not use inside lights more than absolutely necessary for safety. Cluster lights and illuminations generally must be reduced to only so much lighting as is necessary for safety.

4.—No more outdoor lighting shall be used than is absolutely necessary for safety, of streets, passages, dangerous places and protection of the public, or as required by law.

5.—No person, partnership, corporation or association furnishing electricity or gas or using the same shall use any coal, oil or gas or other fuel for supplying of electricity or gas, excepting subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in this order.

6.—County Administrators are directed promptly and strictly to enforce this order.

UNITED STATES FUEL ADMINISTRATION,
By Albert H. Wiggins, New York State Fuel Administratorr.

Miss Barbara Du Bois, home economics agent in Wayne county, has resigned to take up other work.

Three carloads of coal received in Franklinville has temporarily relieved the fuel famine in that village.

Meeting at Angelica, the Alleghany County Fair association seriously discussed the idea of abandoning the fair.

Indians have asked United States Attorney Edson to keep white hunters away from the Seneca reservation.

Lockport Elks will buy the Merchants' Gargling Oil building for a clubhouse. The purchase price is $29,000.

From Hornell comes word that the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern railroad will begin hauling large quantities of coal at once.

The Red Cross campaign in Warsaw resulted in the addition of 230 names to the roll, making Warsaw's total membership 1,677.

Perry reports temperatures as low as 16 below zero, but the village has plenty of coal and wood on sale and residents are not worrying.

Thomas N. Brennen, Niagara county superintendent of highways, says counties should get half the vehicle tax money to use for county roads up keep.

Many farmers around Clifton Springs are complaining because they are losing their crop of corn, which is being eaten by the crows and pheasants.

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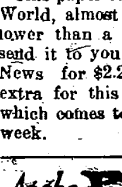

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Elba Reynolds, Surrogate of the County of Allegany, N. Y., notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Catherine Walker, late of Andover, Allegany County, New York, deceased, to present the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned Executor at the office of Jesse L. Grantier, Wellsville, N. Y., at 103 N. Main Street, on or before the 15th day of July, 1918.

Dated January 3, 1918.

DANIEL D. WALKER,
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