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## KEEPING SELFISHNESS IN LEASH

**ACTION** by business and industrial trade associations to maintain respect for the law and the government would go far toward preventing unrest among our people engendered by certain dissatisfied and radical elements," is the declaration of Attorney General Daugherty to the Philadelphia board of trade. "So long as the mass of the people realize that government can endure only through righteous observation of law and order and justice, the nation has nothing to fear," the attorney general continues.

The public must admit that the obverse of this must be true when the mass of people fail to realize the foregoing fact, and that the nation has everything to fear when individuals and factions begin to act as if they could be laws unto themselves.

Trade associations absorb hundreds of thousands of persons in their various organizations. Each association is organized with the purpose of furthering the advantage and interest of its own clique of workers. So narrow is the groove of selfish ambition in which some of these trade associations operate that the last few years have afforded striking examples of the lengths to which factions will go in order to secure an advantage that perhaps may react in the most harmful way upon the freedom and welfare of their fellow men, even their fellow workers.

A republican government is set and grounded upon the principle that each individual or group must ever keep paramount the good of the majority. Strict observance of law keeps this standard steady for the law and the constitution abide by the principle. When any association, no matter how powerful, seeks to raise its own interests upon the crushed interests of the general public, the government trembles. Continuous onslaught of this kind is more than detrimental.

America is the earthly paradise of those engaged in the trades and the operation of business. The American workman is a king when compared with his brother of Europe, and when a trade association rears its own advancement above the law which is its protection, it may for a temporary gain, spell out its own destruction.

This doctrine must be instilled into the mind and heart of the great masses of raw unassimilated citizens, lately a part of the nation. It is ever the unlearned radical who is ready to ignore the law. Business and trade associations have their work cut out for them in holding fast to a course of law and justice. It is tremendously difficult to be organized for the advancement of group interest and to hold such ambition so that it will not infringe upon the rights of others.

## HER FAITHFUL PUBLIC

**THE** divine Sarah, idol of the French people, is lying at death's door with practically no hope for her recovery. With magnificent courage, however, she refuses to give up, sending messages of cheer to the outside world, and words of love to her anxious countrymen.

Bernhardt is an old woman, yet at the time of this latest seizure she was studying with undiminished enthusiasm the presentation of a new part in a play which was shortly to be produced. She had confidence that for ten years longer she would hold her place on the boards and her place in the plaudits of her admiring audiences.

The famous actress' confidence in her never decreasing popularity is not misplaced. So long as Bernhardt can muster the strength to trail her seductive robes across a stage, that long can she count upon an audience happy at the sight of her. The faithfulness of the audiences in France and Italy to those actors and actresses who have once

## THE MAID ON THE COURTHOUSE

"I think everybody should play bridge," said the Maid on the Courthouse to the janitor this morning.

"Play at bridge," corrected the janitor, who is a member of the Corsairs Club.

"I stand corrected," said the Maid, "but even so, I have spoken."

"I like 500 better," said the janitor.

"So do I," agreed the Maid. "But the bridge stuff is the rage and it is worse than 500, so we should play bridge."

"Do you play a pretty fair game?" asked the janitor.

"That depends whom I am playing with."

"I was not speaking of honesty, but of ability," declared the janitor.

"I see. Well, I trump my partner's ace quite frequently, play

made good is a thing for envy among the professional fraternity over here.

America affords a fickle public, demanding something fresh and new all the time, and above all, youth and beauty in its theatrical productions. America has never produced a star to equal Sarah Bernhardt and it never will for its public will not shed the encouragement nor the loyalty that makes it possible. When physical beauty begins to fade, no matter how high the flame of talent burns, the woman actress is relegated to the shadow. To the French it matters little that this wonderful woman is but the shriveled husk of her former physical radiance. They look beyond this to the white light of genius, and, if, as the physicians claim, Bernhardt never comes back to the stage again, her loss will be felt more keenly than the loss of the most promising young talent of all France.

## RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

**THE** administration is pleading to be allowed to proceed according to its own plans in regard to the attitude of the United States toward Europe. The President in a letter to the Senate asks that the premature amendment suggested by Senator Borah be defeated so that plans now being formulated by the President and his cabinet may go ahead unhindered.

That the request of the President will be given due consideration goes without question. Surely the President of the United States and his cabinet who have been living with the European situation for months past, weighing and balancing, studying and watching, are more capable of formulating for this country a policy under which we may act, than Senator Borah and any supporting faction, who may enlist under his banner.

The people of this country realize that a crisis is at hand which demands all the wisdom that the statesmanship here can command. There are certain European problems coming out of reparation disagreements and selfish political attitudes that America cannot nor will not touch, but there is an economic situation which must be saved if the United States can do it, and action here will probably call the United States into closer relationship with the other nations than it has hitherto been our policy to observe.

Whatever the outcome, no small senatorial group by its leader ever so brilliant can presume to direct the expansion of the American foreign policy. This administration may stand or fall by its action now, and since the responsibility rests with it, it should surely be given a free hand to proceed as it sees best. Since Senator Borah has himself witnessed a need, and gathered himself and his followers toward a similar end to that in the minds of the administration, why should he not put his own strength and influence behind the wishes of the President in this matter?

## FAIRMONT HAS GRIPPE

**FAIRMONT** seems to be suffering an epidemic of old-fashioned grippe; probably flu in a light form. Physicians are overworked taking care of the number of cases that have developed. The patients are thoroughly miserable, but are seldom dangerously ill. Families are taken with it in one, two, three orders, thus proving the contagiousness of the disease.

Especial care should be taken by those afflicted to avoid passing the illness on to others. What may be a case involving but a few days confinement for one person, may prove fatally serious for another. All grippe cases should be isolated, and it would be better not to receive callers at all in the home where one or more cases are present.

While many welcomed the unusually warm and sunshiny weather extending over Christmas, finding it delightful to stroll in the open without heavy wraps and the usual trappings of Christmas weather, yet those days seemed veritable trouble breeders for the public health and there has been a tremendous sum of bad colds following, with grippe complications in dozens of instances. Almost invariably this is true when unseasonably warm weather prevails in winter time. It is hard to find the reason, unless the people carelessly expose themselves or, what is equally dangerous, fail to regulate the temperature in their homes, and become overheated as a consequence.

Certainly the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company pays a lot of taxes in West Virginia. Nobody denies this fact upon which the distinguished representative of the B. & O. dwelt so impressively in the conference here on Thursday. But how much money does the B. & O. derive from its West Virginia business? Which way does the balance dip most heavily? Will the mere payment of taxes discharge all the obligation of the B. & O. to West Virginia and her people.

Goloshes will now come into their own. The young ladies have been practicing a good while with this kind of footwear, doubtless getting ready for this kind of weather. Preparedness is the right idea.

The New Year's resolution has become more of a popular joke than a real, serious pledge, but joking aside, why not a new and better program for the new year? None of us are so good but what we might be better and since there is room for improvement, why not strive toward it? Aiming high never hurt anyone, and all human achievement is built upon ambition.

## RUFF STUFF

Charley Hodges in the New Dominion gets his nose up in the air and throws a few stink bombs at Pitt.

"I imagine you are popular at a bridge party."

"Terribly," said the Maid.

"Terribly is right, no doubt," said the janitor.

"But what gets me," said the Maid, "is the serious manner in which many people go about this bridge stuff. They think that the whole point is to win, forgetting that relaxation is the real point. It is different than poker—poker players never worry about winning; they just play for amusement or chips."

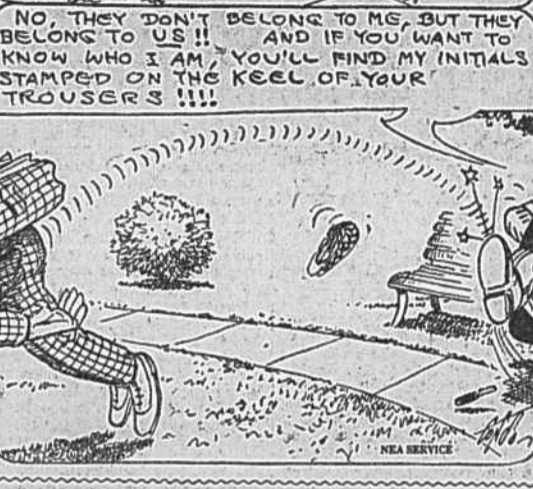
"Good night, nurse," said the janitor.

"Good morning, judge," said the Maid.

About twice as much power is required to stop an express train as to start one.

According to oculists, women generally have better eyesight than men.

## OUTBURSTS of EVERETT TRUE



## BERTON BRALEY'S POEM

**LIGHTS.**  
 Mountains have mighty magic, the sea has a wondrous lure,  
 And the spell of the desert-places is a spell that will long endure.  
 But deep in the hearts of the city-bred is a love too great to pen.  
 For the lights, the lights of the city, that summon them home again.

Though the sons of the rearing city shall roam to the ends of earth,  
 Straining in work and battle, idling in love and mirth;  
 As the darkness falls about them, they shall peer across the skies  
 For the lights of the city, to gladden their homesick eyes.

And they in their sleep shall vision the glamorous streets that glow,  
 With the lamps of ten thousand motor cars that scurry to and fro,  
 And the flare and glare of the blazing signs where the rushing crowd goes by,  
 In the lights, the lights of the city, that flaunt against the sky.

When once their wonder grips you, you shall no more be free;  
 They wield enchantment greater than mountains, waste, or sea,  
 Though you wander the wild world over to the furthest haunts of men,  
 The lights, the lights of the city, shall summon you home again!

## ENTERPRISE

Miss Anna Gail Tetrick is confined to her home with tonsillitis. Bernard Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rice, was taken to Mason Hospital at Clarksburg last Thursday where his tonsils were removed by Doctor Sloan. He returned home Friday evening and is getting along nicely.

W. S. Wise has visited friends at Wyatt for the past week.

Miss Irene Shafer of Fairmont and Miss Guenadine McIntire of Enterprise were shopping in Shinnston Wednesday.

Miss Georgia Sprigs, fifth grade teacher of the local school, is spending the holidays with her family.

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Artists and photographers say a woman's face usually is more beautiful seen from the left side.

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**BENJ. FRANKLIN STORE REOPENED**  
 Candy Firm Reorganized With Store Here Under Direction of C. B. Ambrose.

The Benj. Franklin Candy Co. store in the Osgood Building, 422 Main street, was reopened today under the new management and supervision of Clyde B. Ambrose of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ambrose was in Fairmont yesterday making final arrangements to re-establish the candy store. For a number of years Mr. Ambrose served the United States government as a pure food expert and he recently became affiliated with the reorganized Benj. Franklin Candy Co., whose headquarters and factory are in Washington.

For several days the local store was closed due to the reorganization plans being carried out but it was temporarily opened to take care of holiday shoppers who desired their favorite Benj. Franklin candies for Christmas. Saturday a week ago was unusually heavy in point of sales, according to the statement of Miss Sylvia Connor, and the stocks were considerably depleted. However, there has been a sufficient variety of candy on hand, according to Miss Connor, and fresh shipments will soon be on the way from the Washington factory each day.

Mr. Ambrose returned to Washington last night, but before doing so had occasion to look thoroughly over the city, remarking that Fairmont impressed him more favorably than any other small city in which his company is operating stores.

Benj. Franklin candy is made in the most sanitary way of pure, unadulterated ingredients, Mr. Ambrose said. It is "old-fashioned" candy quite like the best sort of a cook would make at home in her own kitchen and its widespread popularity is largely due to its "homey" appearance and deliciousness, Mr. Ambrose declared.

The Benj. Franklin candy store will be open every day and also during the evenings until 9 or 10 o'clock.

of R. & S. Evers McIntire, Washington Lodge No. 179, G. O. P.—Noble grand, E. E. Billingsley, vice grand, Elisha Brumage, secretary, S. K. Jacobs, treasurer, A. L. Mason, Loyal Sisters Rebekah Lodge No. 135—Noble grand, Mrs. Eva Hay, vice grand, Mrs. Floesia Wood, secretary, S. K. Jacobs, treasurer, J. P. Sandy, The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges will hold a joint installation on Saturday evening, January 20, at which time several grand lodge officers will be present to assist D. D. G. M., L. O. Fitzhugh, and D. D. G. M., Mrs. Yost, in the installation work.

**Will Remove Bottling Works.**  
 The Victor Bottling Works, which have been in operation here for the past twelve years, will be removed to Fairmont shortly after the beginning of the new year. The name will also be changed and will thereafter be known as the Whistle Bottling Works. Charles C. Sellers is the owner and manager.

**Personal.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sandy of Liberty, Sask., Canada, arrived here recently and will spend the winter in this section.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Finley Oakes were visitors in Clarksburg on Friday.  
 James P. Sandy of Hutchins was a business caller here on Friday.  
 The family of R. R. Hayes moved into apartments in the Sturms Building on Wednesday of this week. They recently came here from Clay County.  
 Charles L. Whitman of Middleton was a business visitor here on Tuesday.

**WORTHINGTON**  
 Lodge Notes  
 The various lodges of Worthington have elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:  
 Evergreen Lodge No. 14, K. of P.—C. C. Glenn McKnight; V. C. Elisha Brumage; prelate, Ray Edgell; M. at A., Dave Thorn; M. of W., F. M. Billingsley; M. of P., E. L. Billingsley; M. E., A. J. McDaniel; I. G., I. H. Nicholas; O. G., John Heflin; K.

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