

...to take a job less pleasing. If he has a savings fund which will protect him from becoming a public charge and his family from undue suffering, well and good! He is entitled to choose. Otherwise he is not, and if he refuses honest employment he is not to be classed with the unfortunate but with the potential grafters.

As the winter goes on and applications for charitable relief begin to pour in, those in charge of administering it might, in the interests of justice, determine as far as possible whether inability to get work, or disinclination to take work when offered, is at the root of the trouble, and gauge the assistance rendered by the merits of the case.

**SELF-DETERMINATION FOR GREECE.**

There is a natural temptation for the Allies to interfere with the return of Constantine to the Greek throne. France and England cannot forget the meddlesome and harmful part he played in the early part of the world war, and they fear to have a pro-German king in Athens again, muddling the war settlement of the eastern Mediterranean countries. They cannot forget, either, that it was they who raised up modern Greece as an independent nation, and placed Constantine's grandfather on the throne, under a guarantee of constitutional conduct. It is a bitter pill, and perhaps a menace, to have the Kaiser's brother-in-law return to power.

Nevertheless, if it is the will of the Greek people that their exiled king should return, how can the Allies consistently interfere? If the principle of self-determination is sound, it is universal. Greece has, according to this principle, as much right to swing back to her ante-bellum regime as had the United States. When France and Britain intervened and drove Constantine from Greece, they gave as their legal justification the vote of the Greek nation in favor of Venizelos and against Constantine. Now, when that vote is reversed, the will of the people should still prevail.

The only legitimate question is as to whether the people have really expressed their will in this case. Constantine himself implies the doubtful nature of the verdict in the recent election, when he asks for a plebiscite on the specific question whether he shall return to the throne. If he wins in such a referendum, fairly conducted, no outside nation has a right to interfere. Fundamental principles of freedom are more important than temporary advantage.

Let the Greeks, then, take back their pro-German king if they will, and forego all the friendly co-operation of the Allies and the great advantages Venizelos won for them at Versailles. The rest of the freedom-loving world is bitterly disappointed, but the world can stand it if they can, until bitter experience brings them again to their senses.

**THE SELF-SUPPORTING CANAL.**

The Canal Record, the official publication of the Canal Zone, announces in its current issue that the canal is now fully self-sustaining. Operating expenses during the last fiscal year amounted to \$6,548,272. Receipts covering the same period were \$8,985,871, leaving a profit of more than \$2,000,000.

The total cost of operation since the opening of the Canal to the end of the last fiscal year is still a little more than \$2,000,000 in excess of the total revenue, but with an annual profit such as that of last year, there will not long be a deficit.

In the comparatively few years since its completion, Americans have come to take the Panama Canal very much for granted, forgetting the years of construction with their temporary defeats and difficulties. All obstacles were surmounted because the vision of what the canal would mean to the world existed, and because that vision was backed by money and brains and technical skill. When other great visions appear and their achievement seems impossible, it is well for the scoffers and the easily discouraged to recall such successes as the Panama Canal.

**REACTION IN GREECE.**

Once more Greece has demonstrated, as it did so often in antiquity, the fickleness of the public and the ingratitude of democracies.

Modern Greece, as established half a century ago by a friendly group of European powers, has been visited, as much of a democracy as Athens in the time of Pericles, though under the form of a constitutional monarchy. Always liberty has been emphasized and monarchy minimized. Now Greece has turned against her greatest living statesman and benefactor, Eleutherios Venizelos, and seems to favor a return to power of the man who has done her most harm—the exiled King Constantine. Venizelos had made Greece great through two Balkan wars, before the

world war broke. Constantine, brother-in-law of Kaiser Wilhelm, of Scandinavian blood and Prussian in training and sympathies, wrecked that work. He betrayed his country into a virtual alliance with Germany. When an election went against him, he overrode the constitution. Then the allied powers, which had set his dynasty on the throne, stepped in and kicked him out, to the relief of the majority of Greeks.

Venizelos proceeded to save what he could from the wreckage. He succeeded so well that after the Versailles treaty Greece was greater in extent, population and prestige than she had been at any time since the Turks entered Europe, and had a fair prospect of regaining the glorious old world-capital of Constantinople.

But vision and idealism have slumped somehow in Greece, since the armistice, as they have in other countries. Reaction has set in. The monarchists have grown stronger. The populace evidently has wearied of hearing Venizelos called the just and great. So Constantine may return to Athens, and Venizelos may go into voluntary banishment, as so many of his illustrious predecessors did in olden days, and again the allies may have a troublesome plotting enemy in the eastern Mediterranean.

**LAST DESPERATE APPEAL.**

The results of the Fourth Red Cross Roll Call so far have been very disappointing. Up to date there have been enrolled in the city of Sumter only about 850 members. Reports have not yet been received from the county. The number of memberships from the county heretofore has always been small, so it is not expected that the reports from the county will bring the total up to more than 1,000.

At present there is only a small balance in the chapter treasury and unless a very large number of membership come in it will not be possible to continue to operate the Red Cross Home Service.

The people of Sumter and Sumter county surely cannot realize what it would mean to close the Red Cross Home Service. Everyone is crying "hard times," and times are hard, but this is all the more reason for continuing civilian relief. Wages are being cut and people are being thrown out of employment on account of the financial condition of the country, and this winter will probably be one of the hardest that we have known for some time. As a result there is bound to be a great deal of suffering and distress in our community this year. There are many families that require every cent that the wage earner of the family can make to provide the actual necessities, and when the wages are cut or the man thrown out of employment there will be absolutely no way of obtaining these necessities except through the assistance of some social service organization. There are many families in Sumter at this time who are dependent upon the assistance which they receive from the Red Cross Home Service, and who would have no one to whom they could turn for assistance, if the Red Cross closes its Home Service section. Calls come to the Home Service every day for assistance. Only this week the Home Service secretary received a letter from a mother in Sumter county stating that she had five children, whose father was dead, and whom she was now unable to support, and asking for assistance. Numerous other cases of absolute poverty and distress which exist in this community could be given. There is scarcely anyone who is not feeling to some degree the effects of the low price of cotton, and almost everyone is forced to spend less and in many cases to cut expenses, but surely we cannot afford to cut our Social Service work, especially when we look around us and see so many who are in absolute destitute circumstances and without even the bare necessities of life. There is scarcely anybody in the town of Sumter who cannot afford to join the Red Cross at \$1 membership. Perhaps, it may mean doing without some little luxury or even making a sacrifice, but certainly this is not too much to ask for the relief of those in need. If everyone in Sumter, who could actually afford it, would join the Red Cross at \$1 membership there would be a plenty of money to operate the Home Service another year and much distress would be relieved in our community.

**Rat Killing in Paris**

Paris, Nov. 29.—The total number of rats killed in Paris since the opening of the offensive September 12 last is 101,548. No record has been kept of the births.

**Dr. Kendall To Be Tried**

Columbia, Nov. 29.—The case of the United States against Dr. Francis D. Kendall, prominent Columbia druggist, charged with violating the anti-narcotic law, will be tried in Charleston at the December term of federal court, it is understood.

**Cristobal, Nov. 27.—Senator Harding leaves tomorrow on the steamer Pastores for the United States, stopping at Kingston, Jamaica Tuesday, where the party will go ashore as guests of the governor of the island which is a British possession and then automobiling across the island and boarding ship again at Port Antonio bound for Norfolk.**

**DISASTROUS FIRE IN LIVERPOOL**

Fifteen Great Warehouses Set on Fire at the Same Time

CONSTABLES FIRED ON BY UNKNOWN MEN

Authorities Claim to Have Evidence that the Fire Was the Work of Irish Conspirators

Liverpool, Nov. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Fifteen warehouses in Liverpool and Bootle, a suburb of principally cotton warehouses in Liverpool, were set on fire last night. Two of the cotton warehouses in Liverpool were burned out. Gasoline cans and paraffin were found about the premises. It was stated in police quarters there was strong evidence that the fires were the work of Sinn Feiners.

Some shooting occurred after the outbreak of the flames. Constables on the scene were fired at and bullets passed through the clothing of some of them, but none was injured. One civilian was shot dead.

Five men were arrested in connection with the incendiary outbreak.

London, Nov. 28.—The Liverpool correspondent of the Evening Telegram in an untimed message today says: "An orgy of outrage and destruction believed to have been engineered by Sinn Feiners was carried out on 12 cotton warehouses and several timber yards here. Several warehouses were burning at once. Many of the fires still are burning."

The newspaper says a suspected man, believed to have been connected with one of the fires, when seized by a policeman pulled a revolver and shot the policeman dead. The man later was arrested.

The description of two men wanted in connection with the fires have been circulated by the police and it is believed, adds the message, that both are connected with the Sinn Fein movement.

London, Nov. 28.—A dispatch to the Press association from Liverpool says:

"An alarming outbreak of Sinn Fein violence occurred Saturday night shortly before 9 o'clock. Fires broke out simultaneously both in the south and north ends of Liverpool, also in Bootle.

"There were seven fires in Bootle and 11 in various parts of Liverpool.

"Subsequent discoveries revealed a well planned Sinn Fein plot to spread a holocaust of fire among the warehouses in the dock area. The fires were spread over almost all of the whole seven miles of the dock area."

"Owing to the inflammable nature of the contents of the warehouses the flames quickly gained a strong

hold, and by 1 o'clock in the morning the whole sky was lit up. The local fire brigade were unable to cope with the situation and were obliged to call brigades from other suburbs. The police commanded all telephone wires and took all steps to prevent further outbreaks by concentrating policemen along the line of docks.

"Three youths, watching the suspicious movements of two men at the cotton warehouse in Parliament street, warned the police who challenged the suspects. Thereupon the latter bolted and fired upon the police, who pursued them. The policemen were unhurt but a bullet pierced the heart of a youth, Daniel Ward, who was among those who had warned the police, and he fell dead.

"The fires, in some instances, were quickly quenched. Others, in cotton warehouses, burned fiercely the night long. One in the south end and another in Bootle at the north end as taken as proving that there was careful organization. It was found that all the locks on the warehouses had been cut with bolt cutters. Many empty petrol cans were found on the scene. Each fire was started at more than one place. At one timber yard there were three separate outbreaks."

"It appears that for each building marked for destruction there were allotted gangs, numbering about four to five men, one of whom stood sentry while the others cut the locks and applied the inflammables.

"Many fires were suppressed in their early stages, and in these cases there was clear evidence of incendiarism in the finding of rags soaked in paraffin and empty petrol cans and bolt cutters left behind.

"The most destructive fires were in two large cotton warehouses on either side of Jordan street which were not extinguished until 7 o'clock this morning when the buildings were completely destroyed.

"It is impossible to estimate the total damage, but it is known it will run into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

"The man who shot Daniel Ward escaped, but the police chased and captured his accomplice."

Belfast, Nov. 28.—A statement issued tonight from Dublin castle, after giving an account of the Liverpool fires and accompanying incidents, adds:

"Read in conjunction with the documents discovered last week in which plans for Sinn Fein reprisals against the English towns of Manchester and Liverpool, among a number, were detailed these things have a very sinister aspect. The fact of the police being fired on suggests that the methods of the Sinn Fein murder gang in Ireland are being employed against the English people even if the personnel of the murderers is not the same."

**Explosion Near London Kills 6, Injures 20**

London, Nov. 27.—Six were killed and twenty injured in an explosion at an industrial plant at Vertago causing great damage.

**11 FATALITIES FROM FOOTBALL**

The 1920 Season Shows Five More Deaths Than Last Year

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Football exacted a toll of eleven deaths during the 1920 football season, closing on Thanksgiving day, according to the Associated Press. The figures were five greater than were killed in 1919. Only two college varsity men were killed, the others being high school players.

**William is Not Broke Yet**

Former Emperor to Give Each of Children Eighty-Five Thousand Pounds Dutch Money

London, Nov. 27.—Former Emperor William during the children's visit at Doorn announced he would give each of them eighty-five thousand pounds of Dutch money so they could live in a manner befitting the Hohenzollerns.

**X-Ray Specialist Dead**

Famous Scientist a Victim of His Experiments

Paris, Nov. 29.—Dr. Charles Inffroit, the famous x-ray specialist, died today. His hands, which were infected by the x-ray, were amputated in August last.

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...a flood of "tips" be ...the police headquar ...offices and the of ...Maintenance League. ...this league reports that ...to get only one or ...100 times as many. ...says, "It means that ...is interested in the ...illegal liquor-selling in ...mean that, unquestionably, ...of real interest is the ...the sudden interest of the ...due, obviously, to the ...the public authorities began ...interest in enforcing the ...

...said that public officials ...the public attitude, and ...pected of them. That ...the truth. The other ...the people rise to an op ...for reform and improve ...they are assured ...efforts will not be wast ...official indifference or hos ...

...ation of private citizens and ...authorities is indispensable to ...of law-enforcement, and ...the enforcement of the ...laws. Let officials any ...show a sincere desire to stamp ...the illicit traffic, and they will ...all the co-operation they ...

...HOUSES FOR RENT.

"For Rent" columns grow in ...the daily papers of almost ...city. The people who flock ...office in answer to the lure of ...engages are jobless, and going ...the country. So great has ...the studios from the city to the ...the railroad office ...all their tickets twice in the ...of October, a thing rare in rail ...

...are already coming down ...the result of the decreased demand ...which means that life is ...back to normal faster than ...people expected. In the country ...and on the farm they are com ...in normal, too, since the ...tide has set the other way.

...paraging though the present ...status may seem in many ...this residence readjustment ...a comforting assurance that better ...are ahead for everybody. The ...who are left in town are realiz ...the value of jobs grown suddenly ...and are increasing production. ...men forced back to the country ...using country life with new eyes ...a steadily profitable source of in ...even if it lacks the temporary ...of profit of boom times in town. ...men, better interested, mean ...production on the farm. With ...production on the way both in ...city and country, and the ratio of res ...ients better balanced, it is but a ...step to good, sound, old-fashion ...prosperity.

...Prices, at least, are getting back to ...normalcy.

...One commentator on the proposal ...for a national tree suggests the hick ...Probably the prohibitionists ...won't consent until somebody takes ...the hic out of it.

**WANT WORK OR WON'T WORK?**

In a certain city, confronted with ...the unemployment problem, the city ...authorities made an honest effort to ...provide as many extra jobs as they ...could. Among others, many po ...tions in the street cleaning and ...garbage collection department were ...offered at \$5 a day. Although idle ...men by the hundred were walking the ...streets, not one could be found willing ...to perform these homely tasks. ...It is not surprising that a man ...would dislike to work for a lower ...wage than the one he enjoyed when ...times were good, or that he should