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A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

One of the most interesting proposals put forward in the name of the new administration is the combining of the army and navy departments under one head.

Some criticisms of this plan seem based on a wrong interpretation. It is said that the combination proposed would be a step backward to primitive simplicity.

PAVING FOR EDUCATION.

In most institutions of learning in the past the cost of education has greatly exceeded the tuition charged.

We have business education on a cost basis in the belief that it should be regarded as an investment which will ultimately pay good dividends.

The school authorities recognize that many students possess limited funds when they commence their training.

The idea upheld, that the business training is an investment to the student which is worth paying for, is good.

In the end, it appears, education can only be paid for fully by service to civilization and to mankind.

its youth. School taxes and tuition pay only a small part of the cost.

TRUTH FROM RUSSIA.

The latest authentic news of a vital nature from Russia was brought the other day by Morris Schwartz.

"The people are dying not only from exhaustion and privation, but from ghastly, terrifying fright—fear of what the government will do.

"The informers of the Bolsheviks are everywhere and a man who offends in any way is dragged from his bed at the point of a bayonet.

These are not mere words. He speaks from bitter experience. He and his wife went to Russia as to a Promised Land.

"I have learned my lesson," says Mr. Schwartz. "I believe that the capitalistic form of government has made mistakes.

THE RUSSIAN MESSAGE.

The executive committee of former members of the Russian douma which has headquarters at Paris, has sent to Boris Bakmetieff a message for the American people.

Mr. Bakmetieff was asked by the committee to explain to the American people the difference between this uprising and previous military expeditions against the Reds.

"We do not ask the United States to participate in the situation in any way politically," said Nicolai Avskentieff.

This sounds like sound sense. Moreover, said Mr. Avskentieff:

"The executive committee decided last January that Bolshevism can be defeated only from within and not with expeditions such as that of Gen. Wrangel.

This is no half-naked demand for recognition of a government which is no government but a horror; this is no weakling plea for undeserved help.

CARELESS SHIPPERS.

Americans like to believe that they do things a little better than other peoples. Yet here is a dispatch from Uruguay voicing a complaint which has been heard before.

can city printed pictures of a number of these damaged shipments and then wrote:

"Such occurrences lead to strained commercial relations between the United States and Uruguay. Since European production has been augmented, Uruguayan merchants have received better treatment from European manufacturers.

If Uruguay were the only country where merchants have complained of American carelessness it might seem to be the fault of a few shippers only.

Here is an excellent and simple way to improve foreign trade. To send out American goods as well packed as they are made is an act of patriotism.

RAILROAD WAGE REDUCTIONS.

The railroad employees, three times in the last few years, demanded and obtained higher wages on the ground that they needed more money to meet the increased cost of living.

It is the same principle, with its application inverted. And the railroads' argument seems as sound as the brotherhoods' was last year.

This is intolerable and unfair. Even a public service corporation has a right to live, as long as it gives service.

This principle is being applied in many other industries and is bound to be applied in the railroad industry.

IF GERMANY WERE ON TOP.

After all, the Germans are possibly suffering less from the presence of an allied army of occupation and a staff of allied tax-collectors than the British, French and Belgians would have suffered if the Germans had accomplished their original purpose.

German officials even boasted, at the height of their arrogance, when they were pushing toward Paris and were sure of victory, that they would impose an indemnity upon the United States greater than the utmost reparation the allies have now demanded.

It is well to remember these things now, when the Germans are filling the world with indignant clamor. Some of the allies' exactions no doubt are unjust, and the general allied policy may be unwise.

Fewer persons were killed on railroads in 1919 than in any year since 1898.

ON ACCOUNT—of the W. O. W. convention being in session, the regular monthly meeting of the camp has been postponed until Wednesday, the 23rd.

FOR SALE—Dixie Triumph wilt resistant seed from cotton that made bale and half the acre, carefully ginned to prevent mixing.

PEACE BETWEEN REPUBLICS

Panama and Costa Rica Accept Mediation by United States

Geneva, March 13 (By the Associated Press).—The league of nations today published dispatches exchanged between Panama and Costa Rica and Sir Eric Drummond, general secretary of the league, in which the two republics notified Sir Eric that they had accepted mediation by the United States in their frontier dispute.

Panama and Costa Rica each holds the other entirely responsible for the difficulty along the border between the two countries. Panama reiterates her refusal to recognize the decision of Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court in denouncing the frontier and reserve the right to demand an indemnity for the expenses of defensive expeditions.

San Jose, Costa Rica, March 12.—The Costa Rican government has dismantled the telegraph line on the Panamanian border.

Mr. S. I. Till Proud of Men of Sumter.

"The men of Sumter do things right" was the statement made by Mr. S. I. Till when the men of the McLeod-Wesley Bible class won a point and a signal victory over the Bible class of Florence yesterday morning when there was present at the Sumter Sunday school Bible class one more man than Florence was able to muster.

This contest between Sumter and Florence will close on Easter Sunday and all men who possess any degree of city pride should take an interest in this contest as it is being watched by all men's classes throughout the entire state.

The zebra's legs have no warts.

Thirty-two per cent of the farm houses in the United States have running water in the house.

Has the league of nations no garden hose to play on Panama and Costa Rica?—Boston Herald.

Police Dots.

Several cases of petty larceny came up before the recorder on Wednesday which were duly disposed of by the dispensation of appropriate sentences issued by Judge Hardy.

After a search, a note to the effect of the front deskment form was discovered in the possession of the man who had been arrested on the charge against him.

Roosevelt Tindal was brought before the recorder upon the same charge as was Dave Washington, namely for the receiving of stolen goods.

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charge as was Dave Washington, namely for the receiving of stolen goods. He was truthful throughout, admitting his guilt.

Robert Pool was committed to the county jail on Wednesday to await his trial for the receipt and larceny of stolen goods.

It is reported that the police are on the job several parts of the week and are constantly rounding 'em up and bringing 'em in.

RIOTS IN EGYPT

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WHY INCREASE SURPLUS? To the Farmers of South Carolina: It is generally agreed that a 6,000,000-bale crop of cotton this year would net the South just as much as a \$12,000,000-bale crop.

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