

made common property." It is outrageous, thinks this paper, that in a crisis like this a man should go to prison—as one has already gone—for knocking over a rabbit in the harvest field. Bold words are these, even for a Liberal paper, and far reaching will be their effect. What with Lloyd George nibbling at the rent roll, and the public's assertion of its right to use the land to grow food, England is in the way of realizing great things. s. c.



Constructive Advertising.

Newspapers have sought to ingratiate themselves in the public favor by ventures covering the whole gamut of human activities, from financing an aerial expedition to the North Pole to distributing patent grease spot eradicators; but it has fallen to the lot of the Chicago Herald to undertake something really meritorious. In its proposition to send a ship load of toys from the boys and girls of America to the boys and girls of the warring countries of Europe, the Herald has hit upon an idea of great worth; for it is doubtful if any other one thing could do more to lighten the gloom of the afflicted homes on Christmas day. It is the little things that contain the finest sentiment; and it is at Christmas tide that the heart grows warmest. Whether we shall at that time see the killing still under way, or merely the stricken homes, nothing should be left undone by us in this country to extend our sympathy, and to draw in return their love across the boundary lines. Whatever will tend to wipe out boundary lines, or overcome the idea that stranger is synonymous with enemy, is good. s. c.



A Tory Tax Measure.

More taxes on labor. No more on privilege. That is the program of the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee in dealing with the deficit. The adoption of this measure taxing freights and liquors will show once more how Congress may have a Democratic majority but not a majority of democrats. s. d.



An Anti-Democratic Bill.

The pending undemocratic Burnett immigration bill, which adds to and intensifies the barbarous features of existing immigration laws, has been matched in absurdity by a bill introduced by another non-democrat, Representative B. P. Harrison of Mississippi. Mr. Harrison's bill would exclude from re-admission all naturalized citizens or other foreign residents who have left the coun-

try to take part in a rebellion or war. To the Burnett bill which would penalize foreigners who seek entrance, Congressman Harrison would add a measure to penalize some who would leave. Under it, should a Russian refugee return to his native country and take part in an unsuccessful movement to establish a democracy there, he would be denied re-admission, although that denial might send him back to the vengeance of the Czar. That it would be inconsistent, if nothing worse, for an American legislative body to adopt such an act is made clear by the National Liberal Immigration League in the following brief statement:

Monuments opposite the White House commemorating the deeds of Rochambeau, Steuben, Kosciusko and Lafayette—all foreigners who did great service for our country. Ought they to have been excluded from their respective countries because of service here?

According to Congressman Harrison they should have been. s. d.



Judicial Contempt of the People.

Defenders of judicial sanctity have an unusually hard job should they try to defend the act of Judge Strong of Trinidad, Colorado. This judge has summarily convicted of contempt and sentenced to fine and imprisonment two citizens of the State who exercised their constitutional right of circulating a petition for recall of another judge, named McHendrie. Technically the charge of contempt was based not on the act of demanding a recall, but on the statement of reasons for such action. But the State Constitution specifically allows petitioners for a recall to state their reasons for the information of voters. Strong's act amounts to a claim that judicial authority is higher than that of the people of the State. Such a claim is not new, but has never been so openly flaunted before. It is now for the people of Colorado to say whether a judge's contempt of their rights shall go unpunished. s. d.



Progressive Democracy in Pennsylvania.

In Pennsylvania the Progressive party candidate for Governor, William Draper Lewis, recognizing the need of a union of all democratic elements, has withdrawn to help election of the Democratic candidate, Vance McCormick. He has thus set a splendid example which should have imitators. It would be well if Congressman Mitchell Palmer were now to withdraw from the Senatorial race and help so good a democrat as Gifford Pinchot to defeat Boies Penrose. There should