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DEFEAT MR. SHEATZ.

Just two years ago the city of Philadelphia was stirred to its center by what was characterized as an attempt to steal the gas works. The gas plant of that city is a municipal asset. Ten years ago it was leased to the United Gas Improvement company for ten years, upon condition that time notice would be given if the city desired to abrogate the contract. Two years ago the machine bargained with the captains of industry to extend the lease and the community revolted. One result was the election of Berry and a victory for civic righteousness in municipal affairs. The machine was routed "horse, and dragons."

The other day councils of Philadelphia did precisely what the people said, two years ago, they shouldn't do. That is to say, the municipal legislature of the city refused to enact the necessary legislation to serve for a revocation of the contract which gives the United Gas Improvement company control of the gas plant indefinitely and so far as we are able to discover the people have made little if any protest. What was a great crime two years ago is a matter of indifference today, or has been condoned. This is the lamentable condition of affairs which menaces the perpetuity of the government. It implies that the spirit which two years ago was paramount in the popular mind has already been silenced and that there is now no objection to spoliation.

This reaction on the part of the people of Philadelphia is the logical result of the election of John E. Reyburn to the office of Mayor. Mr. Reyburn is a scrupulously honest man. But in office he is agent of the machine and does whatever he is told. The latest order is that the gas works shall continue under the control of the machine. Notwithstanding its proved incapacity and dishonesty the monopoly is to continue in control of the gas trust and the people are to continue paying excessive rates for gas. Mayor Reyburn could have prevented this outrage but he was too busy with his personal quarrels to give such a trifle attention and councils have practically renewed the lease of the gas works indefinitely.

Mr. John O. Sheatz has no more valid reason for claiming popular favor than his predecessor in the appropriations committee who was defeated by Mr. Berry. His reputation for integrity and probity is no greater than that of the average man. Mayor Reyburn stood as high in popular esteem as Mr. Sheatz ever aspired to. Yet the election of Mayor Reyburn has worked the forfeiture of every advantage gained for civic righteousness through the uprising of the public conscience two years ago and the election of Sheatz to the office of State Treasurer this year will have the same effect throughout the State. Therefore it is the obvious duty of the people to defeat Sheatz.
—Belleville Watchman.

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C. June 27, 1907.

Reports from the President's summer home, Sagamore Hill, indicate that the President is enjoying his vacation. But the theory that it was to be a workless season has already disappeared as it was well known in the first place that it would do. Secretary Taft has just been up here to talk over his western trip with his chief. He said after returning to Oyster Bay that it was a purely personal visit and that politics were not discussed. But everyone knows that visitors are not supposed to divulge the exact nature of their conversations with the President. So it is possible that the subject of Ohio was mentioned in the conversation.

The other members of the Cabinet are always running up to Oyster Bay on one pretext or another. Secretary Metcalf will be the next visitor, having a number of naval matters to present including the final disposition of the contract for submarine boats for which Congress appropriated \$300,000 at the last session. The tests of these submarines at Newport have recently been concluded and while one type of boat seemed to have all the best of the competition, there were points of excellence about both of them and it is possible that the contract may be split and a part of it go to each firm.

After Secretary Metcalf gets through with the President Secretary Root has arranged to have a conference with him. One of the most important points he will discuss will be the consummation of a commercial "arrangement" with France. It will be noted that this is nothing so formal as a treaty or even a convention. It is just an arrangement. The President has become tired of sending treaties to the Senate and having them pigeonholed and the result is that the most of our commercial relations with other powers are being made by documents that do not have to go to Congress for approval. This is executive usurpation of the legislative function of course. But it has worked so far and the country has been the better off for it. The Senate deliberates and deliberates until the crack of doom or adjournment which is the same thing.

France has been very anxious to conclude some commercial arrangement with this country that will be as satisfactory as that recently entered into by the United States with Germany. Ambassador Jusserand, the French representative in Washington, has gone over the subject carefully with Secretary Root and the plan that has been decided on between them is believed to be as good a one as can be secured under present tariff conditions.

Army and navy officers do not often confess any interest in the performances of a mere "showman," but there is a deal of talk in both Departments over the performances of Lincoln Beachy, the young aeronaut who this week sailed in an airship over Fort Wadsworth outside of New York City and dropped some paper "bombs" among the big guns, enough, had they been cans of dynamite to have blown the whole fort out into the Narrows. It was merely a show ascent from one of the summer amusement parks near by. Beachy did not even take the management into his confidence as to what he intended to do. But he carried along with him several big paper balls weighted just enough to fall straight. His course took him over Fort Wadsworth and he tossed the "bombs" into the fort from a safe elevation of nearly 3,000 feet. It just showed what an air ship could do to a fort or a fleet under service conditions and has set the whole of the War Department talking dirigible balloons in a way that they have not been talked since Santos Dumont made his first successful flight. The War Department has balloon corps and now has accumulated ordinary spherical balloons that are merely intended to be used for observation. But the field of usefulness of the steerable balloon is such that it is receiving considerable attention.

While there is always a possibility of ordinary fleets and forts being rendered useless by the appearance of the practicable airship, the Navy Department is going ahead with the construction of vessels that will put this country well abreast of any other naval power. The latest is the launching of the scout ship Chester which is the first of the naval scout class constructed in this country. She is the first of three ships of the same class that were appropriated for by the last congress. She cost a little over \$1,500,000. She will have a speed of 24 knots and this is great-

er than any other ship in the navy except the torpedo boats and the destroyers. At the same time she will have a main battery of four 5 inch rifles and a minor battery to match. Her speed will not be quite so great as the scout ships of some of the other powers, but she will be able to keep up her contract speed for a longer time and under worse weather conditions than any other ship afloat. She is not the first scout ship of the navy though she is the first that has been built in this country. The Department bought the New Orleans from Brazil just after she had been completed in Europe about the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. She could only do 21 knots under the best conditions and her guns were not of the standard navy calibre, necessitating special ammunition for her. But she was a trim, effective ship and was of so much use as a scout and a dispatch boat that she has been improved on and added to the navy as a regular type.

An interesting question has come up before the pure food board of the Department of Agriculture. It is what constitutes "Scotch Whiskey?" There is an immense amount of so called Scotch whiskey imported to the United States. By far the most of it never saw Scotland and some that is made there would not be allowed to be sold in England by the board of revenue. Some of the importers have raised the question with the Department of Agriculture and a decision on the subject is awaited with great interest. Meantime the average citizen will continue to drink "Scotch" high balls without questioning their nativity.

Take it With You on Your Trip.

July Lippincott's contains the latest automobile novel by C. N. and A. M. Williamson. Its title is "He Who Stole and Rode Away," and it appears complete in one number of the magazine. This means that the plot is packed full of meat—not padded out to make so many pages of print. Like "Brown" in the Williamsons' early success "The Lightning Conductor," this new hero is a gentleman-chauffeur, and the girl is a "winner." The characters are real flesh and blood people, and the reader is thoroughly in sympathy with plucky "Larry O'Hagan" in all his exploits, which sometimes threaten to land him in jail—but eventually bring him to a state nearer Paradise. The short stories this month are "Dinny O'Neil," by Seumas MacManus, a lively tale of the days of the Irish Rebellion; "Enter, a Lady," by Will Levington Comfort, the well-told story of a defaulter; "A Personally Conducted Adventure," by Capt. Lloyd Buchanan, the love-story of a Son of Yale; "Mr. Carter Feels His Oats," by Sarah Chichester Page, a Southern tale of love and exquisite humor; "At the Door of the Cage," by Adele Marie Shaw, emotional story of absorbing interest; "From the Land of Ought," a clever sketch by Jane Belfield; "Angel Paradise," by George Edwin Hunt, full of human interest; and "Isaiah's Daddy," by Ella Middleton Tybout, an amusing, easy-dialect darky story. A particularly timely paper by Col. Willard French is entitled "Why is Perpetual Peace Impossible?" This presents the question plainly—and answers it with equal candor and force.

Mrs. Van Vorst, whom President Roosevelt delights to honor, contributes an extremely engaging talk about French working-girls, their lives and their rates of wages. Its title is "Grisettes and Midnettes."

Elbert Hubbard's "Thoughts on Liberty" are concentrated essence; big ideas boiled down to small space.

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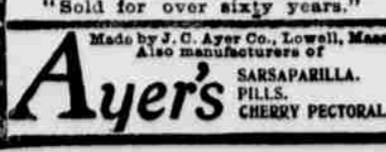
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