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The demagogue might last a little longer if he only mixed his buncombe with brains.

How to Settle the Full Crew Question

THE New York Legislature, acting under better advice than when Sulzer was Governor, is planning to repeal the full crew law. The majority of the Senate has agreed on a repeal bill, and the Assembly is likely to follow the lead of the smaller house.

The Public Service Commission was created to perform functions of this sort. There is a large group of questions involved in the regulation of the railroads which cannot properly be treated by inflexible legislation.

Are We Men or Just Burnt Mud?

WHAT to all appearances was a marble wall, capped by a granite coping, has surrounded Independence Square for years. They are tearing away this wall to replace it with one in keeping with the Georgian architecture of the Colonial period.

The Conversion of Secretary Redfield

IF AN effective law is passed preventing foreigners from controlling our markets, Secretary Redfield thinks that American chemical works and American manufacturers of dyestuffs could develop the dyestuff industry so that we would be independent of Germany.

Italy Will Enter the War

DRINCE VON BUELOW, German Ambassador at Rome, so the report goes, has notified Berlin that Italy has expended \$400,000,000 in war preparations since August last, wherefore action on her part is becoming daily more imperative.

Shoes with Cotton Soles may be Followed by Shoes Made without any Leather at All

Warden Osborne says that the cells in Sing Sing prison are not fit for pigs. But they were not built for pigs.

Women Police Officers in Chicago are Called Coppers, but They Have Not Yet Begun to Call the Husbands of Suffragist Husbandettes

The Allies have proclaimed a naval blockade of German East Africa. They may be expected to blockade German Samoa next.

Mr. Taft Does Not Go Far Enough When He Says that the Bane of America is Undigested Legislation

An anti-suffragist asks the New York Sun whether the men will permit the women to rule them. It is not a question of permission, but of getting along under feminine rule as best they may.

Delaware is Planning a Mothers' Pension Law, Backed by an Appropriation of \$7500

Delaware is planning a mothers' pension law, backed by an appropriation of \$7500. This is like promising a good square meal to a hundred starving men and then letting them into a dining room with about enough for one on the table.

are strong for participation. The time has come, they are convinced, when Austria can be humbled and the ancient glory of the Peninsula revived. The scales seem heavily weighted in Italy's favor. More than that, by joining with the Allies now she can practically decide the contest and thus win for herself a prestige and power never hitherto deemed possible.

Let the P. R. T. Prove That It Stands by Its Agreement

DIRECTOR NORRIS pointed out at the transit demonstration Wednesday night that the politicians at the time of the attempted gas steal in 1905 were not only attempting to "put one over" on the people of Philadelphia, but also on the company itself, which was likewise unwillingly driven by the same politicians into an apparent willingness to be the beneficiary of the steal.

The Quays of Terre Haute

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HANDS OF ESAU IN TERRE HAUTE

The "Organization" of the Indiana City Brewed a Muddy, Foul Concoction of Beer, Politics, Money, Contracts and Patronage, but the People at Last Refused to Swallow It.

By IRWIN L. GORDON

"The Hands of Esau" are as much a menace in Indiana as they are in Pennsylvania. The Taggart and Penrose hands, while dealing widely different national cards, play the same game at the State and municipal tables.

Politics and Money Make Good Mud. Fairbanks made his money through the Terre Haute Brewing Company. The brewery has a real estate department, known as the Terre Haute Realty Company, which floats saloon mortgages.

Terre Haute for decades was a Republican city. Vigo County, in which it is situated, was the same. As Fairbanks grew in power and his beer became popular in Indiana, a change was noticed in the political complexion of the region.

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He is a contractor, whose professional work for the city of Terre Haute stands as a faulty monument to him. Much of his strength has been acquired through the foreign vote. The Little Italy of the city belongs to him; the Negro vote is his, while the teeming sections of the city, the cheap boarding houses and the saloons form the nucleus of his power.

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Still, the good citizens of the city did not lose heart—they began again to fight Roberts and his gang for the election frauds. The case was brought before the regular Grand Jury. Judge Fortune called this jury, too. He was bent upon a political clean-up.

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BEST THOUGHT IN AMERICA

DIGEST OF THE MAGAZINES

- (1) Life—"Letters of a Japanese Schoolboy."
(2) Reedy's Mirror—"Billy Sunday."
(3) New Republic—"Blunders."
(4) Town Topics—"Saunders."
(5) McClure's—"What It Means to Be a Minister."
(6) Leslie's—"The Trend of Public Opinion."
(7) Atlantic Monthly—"Social Service and the Churches."

ABOUT BEING GOOD

BEING good used to be a solemn and boring business. It meant reading pious books like Baxter's "Saints Rest" and Young's "Night Thoughts."

Reference to Poole's Index, however, shows that "Billy" Sunday has never broken into the real magazine class at all. He has never got beyond the weeklies. According to Poole's, "Billy" first appeared in print with a notice in Collier's in 1911.

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Living on \$400 a Year

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