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It takes two blows to may reveal of	start a fight; one blow s coward or a

strong man.

An Initial Victory for Good Housing THE House yesterday refused to be made a party to the infamous scheme to take from the poor of Philadelphia the protection of an adequate housing law, a protection guaranteed by the last Legislature but up to this time nullified by Councils.

A change of four votes would have carried the iniquitous and toothless measure which was designed to feist on Philadelphia a substitute and worthless housing act.

Twenty-seven Representatives from Philadelphia voted in favor of backsliding and nine did not vote at all.

But there were five Philadelphians who stood fast for decency, respectability, honest housing and vindication of the authority of the State. Their votes determined the issue and made possible the defeat of the utterly indefensible measure which their colleagues Indorsed.

The names of the five who voted as good and true men might be expected to vote are Forster, Glass, McClintock, Wilson and Wobensmith.

Part of the Donkey Goes Home

CONGRESS adjourns tonight. Many of the members will never return to Washing-That they have been there at all only ton. their immediate constituents know.

Probably in no other Congress has individuality been so obscured. A few hig men have done all the talking and all the leading, under specific directions from the White House. There have been no stars on the team which Mr. Wilson captained. Now and then a Demosthenes has bobbed up only to bob down again just as quickly. Few national reputations have been made. Of the few members who are well-known practically all were well-known before this Congress sat. Whatever it has achieved these few men have achieved. The highest encomium the others have earned is that they were faithful followers, docile and obedient unto the end.

That much legislation of value was enacted is true; that more which was worse than valueless was enacted is also true. But what the Democratic party set out to do it has done. There are no excuses. It stands by its record and by that record it must be judged. The Congress was in the hollow of the President's hand and what he willed it to do it did.

How many readers can name ten, or even

small and too weak successfully to menace us without reinforcements from the mother country. These reinforcements cannot be landed, after war has broken out, if we have a fleet in the Atlantic adequate to our needs. And no Power without American possessions can bring troops across either the Atlantic or the Pacific Ocean for making war upon us provided we are strong on the sea. No war is in prospect for us at the present time, and the surest way to prevent war is to let the whole world know that we are able to sink both battleships and transports that seek to cross the ocean to molest us. It was an American who demonstrated that the destinies of nations depend on their strength on the sen. America should profit by the lesson which he taught and keep on building ships as the best insurance of peace.

Fight! The Issue Is Worth the Battle THE transit situation resolves itself into thin:

The Taylor program has been squarely bethe public for months. No argument of y weight against it has been found. Every ack on its merits has been met and the conents of the plan have been driven back, most cases with humiliation.

from the engineering viewpoint, the plan confessedly a triumph.

rom the financial viewpoint, it has been demonstrated that the city is amply able to finance the great project without putting any additional burden whatever on the taxpayers. The objections of Mr. McNichol and his

friends were shot full of holes at the legislative hearing.

The position of Mr. Stotesbury is an indignant denial that he could be responsible for or have anything to do with the infamous ordinance reported out by the Finance Committee. His company was for the Taylor plan last May and still is. It doubts merely its ability to finance its own part of the program, which is for equipment and operation and has nothing whatever to do with construction.

The opponents of rapid transit, having been repeatedly whipped in the open, have resorted to a trick ordinance, by means of which, while ostensibly working for rapid transit, they expect to kill the whole undertaking and bury it beyond hope of resurrection.

It is to prevent such an outrage that citizens are called on to march to Councils tomorrow afternoon and demand a square deal. There are two things on which they must insist; first, that the ordinance reported out be repudlated; second, that the legal orCinances prepared by the Department of City Transit be passed.

A Great Battle in November

THE woman suffrage amendment was re-L ported out of committee yesterday. Enough favorable votes have been pledged in the Senate to assure its passage. It has already passed the House.

It is practically certain, therefore, that the electorate will have an opportunity in November to vote on the question. That is all women have asked or expected to get. It is understood, of course, that political experts are not worried; for they are quite confident that they will be able to line up enough votes to defeat the amendment. The people, however, have a way of voting right on moral questions. A conscience vote can never be controlled. And the right of women to vote is essentially a moral issue, for it is against all American principle that the accident of birth should determine the political and privileges of inhabitants.

TERRE HAUTE'S YEAR UNDER NERO

City Hall in Possession of the Faithful, Who Fattened on Contracts and the Tainted Tribute of the Tenderloin-Fairbanks' Beer and Fairbanks.

By IRWIN L, GORDON III.

THE year under Nero" began in Terre Haute when Donn M. Roberts was elected Mayor. That year was the blackest in Terre Haute's history. Today he and 113 of his followers have been branded as criminals by a United States Grand Jury, and await trial on a charge of conspiracy. More than 50 of these men have pleaded guiltypleaded guilty to the technical charge brought against them by the Government. and to a long line of crimes-political, civil and criminal-which they committed in the name of the Organization.

Within this year contract grabs were perpetrated, liquor tribute was exacted, dens of vice mave up their blood money, while the Organization sank its fangs into every rough to sate its lust for gold and power. Within the year Terre Haute was struck with a municipal disease such as Philadelphia has been contaminated with since the days of the late Senator M. S. Quay, The only difference between the conditions in the two cities lies in the fact that the disease came quickly in Terre Haute; it was acute, while in Philadelphia it has had a slow, cancerous growth.

City Council the Chief Tool

The basis of Organization power in any city is the City Council. In Terre Haute this consists of one branch. It surrendered body and soul to the Organization. It did not surrender because it was a creature of Rob-He, like the Penrose leaders in Philadelphis, knew that his salvation rested in this body alone. The Councilmen were mere puppets in the hands of the Roberts-Fairbanks leaders.

Next, the City Hall must be filled with creatures of the gang. Every available job was filled. There being no civil service in Indiana, the task was an easy one-a Roberts-Fairbanks man filled every berth. If there were not sufficient berths, others were created. Thus, such positions as inspectors, park superintendents, city chauffeurs and many minor offices were created to place "the faithful" on the payroll.

Particular care was taken that the offices of Sheriff. Prosecutor and Magistrate were filled with firm Organization men. Dennis Shea (now under indictment) was Sheriff, Wernicke remained as Prosecutor, while Thomas Smith, also under indictment, the City Judge or Magistrate, took care of the police end of the Organization, and within a few weeks became notorious as a "strawbail" taker and friend of the crooks, Scarcely ever was an Organization man held for court. A tlp from the leaders and a man was free. Four notorious Chicago gunmen caught in Terre Haute were released to work for the Organization on election day. The Magistrate system was identical with the one in vogue in this city.

Roberts appointed one of his lleutenants. F. W. Holler, as chief of police. John F. Nugent, Roberts' personal lleutenant, was made assistant or night chief. These men have pleaded guilty to the present charges, confessed and laid the blame for the political dehauchery at Roberts' door. A brother of John Hines, the Tenderloin leader, was made assistant chief of the Fire Department. This man was suspended following his brother's confession. George Ehrenhardt and Harry Montgomery, contract friends of Roberts, became members of the Board of Works which awarded the municipal conwith El Talbott, City Controller, are now under indictment.

ONE ACT OF CONGRESS WHICH MEETS WITH UNIVERSAL APPROVAL



a profit of \$10,000 a year by selling cocaine. The dope fiend, the thief, the footpad and all that army of dissolute which feeds upon the Tenderloin life found this city a Mecca.

In a wide-open town, a town which attracted the sporting element of an entire State and visitors from Illinois, the borders of which are but 16 miles from Terre Haute much beer was consumed. Each disorderly house, each saloon, must be supplied. And what beer was used? Fairbanks'! The Cook beer, made in Evansville, Ind., the largest competitor of the Terre Haute Brewing Company's brand, was forbidden by the police department. If a saloonkeeper did not use Fairbanks' beer he could not operate a disorderly house in conjunction with his bar. His place was raided.

When the political house of cards tottered about these lieutenants of the Tenderloin, it was found that all were exclusive users of Fairbanks' beer, that Fairbanks held mortgages on their property and that their places were never raided. What was on these mortgages recorded in the Court House?

"In consideration of the undertaking of the Terre Haute Brewing Company to Induce the Wabash Realty Company to lend the mortgagors, the said mortgagors expressly agree to handle and sell on the above described premises for the term of five years. exclusively, the keg and bottled beer of the Terre Haute Brewing Company," Fairbanks, Tom Taggart's business partner, Donn Robshoes and talk largely about the weather erts' financial backer and the brewing and realty companies, is the name which is written on the crime of Terre Haute as broadly as that of Roberts-every citizen knows it, all the newspapers but his own, the Tribune, print it, but he has thus far escaped the investigators.

BEST THOUGHT IN AMERICA

DIGEST OF THE MAGAZINES

PERSONALITIES

T WOULD add to the galety and interest of nations if people were required to wear little placards around their necks, stating

briefly and explicitly all the important and noteworthy facts and incidents of their lives. Besides the help this would be to the police in detecting criminals, it would make it so much more interesting to meet people. Until some such legislation is enacted, it will continue to be more interesting to read about them. The carefully smoothed down, exactly-like-everyone-clse exterior which most of us cultivate, is really a bore and a nuisance. Republicans and Populists, grape-juicers and bar-keeps, people with romantic, adventurous and thrilling pasts-they all brush their clothes, are reasonably careful about their

serviveness, a self-assurance due to native resilience and ne'er-failing determinates something inherited from the boy who, at ik on the event of his first visit to London wrote home, "Went to the House of Parlia-ment. Very much disappointed with them Grand buildings outside, but inside very crabbed, small and suffocating, especially the House of Commons. I will not say, but i eved the assembly in a spirit similar to that in which William the Conqueror eyed Eng-land on his visit to Edward the Confesse, as the region of his future domain. Of vanity!"

sons is illustrated in the case of the John Hays Hammonds. Mr. Hammond, Sr., b chiefly known in these latter days as one d our foremost peace advocates. An article in the new McClure's (3) describes Mr. Hammond, Jr., inventor of "The Newest Terror in Warfare," a very deadly new projectile There is an interesting bit of psychology, too, in the words of the inventor, as he tries to reconcile his achievements with paternal ideals.

He has invented a projectile designed to scatter molten iron upon an enemy's defenses, and to throw forth deadly gases as it explodes. Next to the electric arc, therma produces the most terrible heat known. Is nited, it becomes a white-hot molten n at a temperature of 5400 degrees F. It will eat instantly through a steel plate. Imagine projectiles loaded with this substance, and with an acid whose fumes cause immediate death, dropped into a besleged town. Would such a weapon outrage the laws of nations?

(1) American, "Knows 15,000 Cattle Brands. (2) Collier's, "Lloyd-George Counts the (3) McClure's, "The Newest Terror in Warfare."
(4) New Republic, "Mother Jones: An Impression."

Daughters and Sons The incongruity of modern fathers and

five, of the Representatives who go into re tirement?

The Appeal to Caesar

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH has appealed to Caesar. The Organization is attempting to prevent the passage of his local option bill, but he knows the people of the Commonwealth are behind him. He has served notice that unless the bill is passed he will argue his appeal before the court of the whole people. Then, let the Machine legislators hold back if they dare.

The power is in the hands of the voters, whenever they choose to exercise it. Popularity is the breath of life to the politician. Without it he dies. No leader, however arrogant he may pretend to be, dares stand in the way of the undoubted will of the majority.

The Governor is displaying in this fight those qualities which his supporters believed he possessed. If he persists and meets opposition in Harrisburg by firing the conscience of the voters outside of the capital on the local option question, and on every other question with which he comes to an issue with the Organization, we shall know that there is a real man, as well as a consistent American, presiding in the Capitol.

Peace Will Be Made by the Navies

TASTERY of the sea in this war means Mastery of the land also. The blockade of Germany cannot be made effective if the blockaders are weak on the water. If Germany has ships enough and audaclous commanders, skilful in their operation, she can destroy the blockading fleets; but, if her navy is unable to cope with the sea force of the Ailies, Germany is doomed. She is fenced in by Russia and France on the land. At present her only outlets to the rest of the world are by the Balkan States, Italy, the Netherlands, and the Scandinavian countries. The door of Turkey is closed to her by the naval operations in the Dardanelles. The allied fleets control the Mediterranean, and fr it shall seem necessary Italy will throw the weight of her influence with the Allies and prevent the shipment of food and armament neross the frontier. The French and British fleets can control the Dutch trade by holding up all ships headed for Dutch ports and stopping supplies intended for the Kalser. Danish, Norwegian and Swedish ports can be controlled in the same way. Thus, in the event of the failure of the German navy to drive off the blockaders, the war will he transformed into a slege, and the slow work of starving the German nation into surrender will begin. There can be but one outcome

The German strategists foresaw such an outcome and they have been working at fovor heat for years to build a navy that should save the empire in the great crisis which they knew was impending. If the German diplomatiats had succeeded in keeping Great Britain out of the fight their plans would have carried auccessfully.

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The State is assured of one of the most spectacular and energetic campaigns it has ever witnessed.

The Highway to Death

THE laws of the Medes and Perslans were . mere temporary rules in comparison with the immutable laws of righteousness. And the penalties for violation of human statutes are as uncertain as the wind in comparison with the inevitableness of the punishments which follow the violation of the eternal natural laws. The horrible Windsor Hotel tragedy is an illustration of what follows the attempt to ignore them. The man and woman obeyed the commands of passion, They disregarded the laws of society. They acted as though they were a law unto themselves, with no obligation to respect the claims of others or the claims of the community at large. Violent death at the hands of another lay at the end of the path for the unfortunate woman, and death by his own hand was the fate of the man.

Whoever plays with passion in this way is oying with destruction. Forces more powerful than he are lurking in the shadows as he moves along the street and he knows not when they will fall upon him. And a woman lured on by the dulcet tones of desire finds herself, before she is aware, face to face with destruction. There may be apparent exceptions, but the news columns of the newspapers are filled with proof every week that the strait and narrow path is the way which leads to life and peace,

Reports from St. Petersburg are more interesting than those from Petrograd.

The outer defenses of the Dardanelles seem to have been largely psychological.

It looks as if the men would have to come out into the open in November and let their wives know whether they favor equal suffrage or not.

The urgent deficiency bill calls for an appropriation of \$886,000, or only a little more than his usual-monthly deficiency seems to the man living beyond his means.

Delaware has decided to retain the whipping post. Too bad that it has not authority to order that one be set up in the courtyard of the City Hall here for the benefit of those deserving stripes.

"Billy" Sunday does not go far enough. If the church members had been as active as they should there would not have been a single Philadelphian untouched by the appeal to lead a better life.

Cacil Chesterion may be a very brilliant and amiable gentleman, but the British Government wishes it distinctly understood that he is not an official Ambassador commissigned with defending its case in America. So it appears that his remarks must get States. We can be successfully attacked by | their weight from that of his more brilliant

Creator of Jobs

Roberts went to work. He first pushed an ordinance through the Council for three automobiles for the officials. Then he raised his salary \$1000 a year, tacked another \$1000 on that of the City Engineer and created many other minor jobs. Next came a boundary ordinance, which changed the outline of the city in order to favor certain landowners. By placing the boundary up to the curb of his friends' property, the street improvements could be made without the addition of assessments. One member of the Organization had about five miles of streets paved free of charge, This resembled, in part, the McNichol Northeast Boulevard scandal, but the real boulevard scandals were to come.

Roberts first tried to take from the city plans the main streets and saddle them on the township. He pushed the ordinance through the Council, but it was fought by the Pennsylvania Railroad on constitutional grounds. Roberts had planned to turn over the township contracts to his associateshad, in fact, let them, but was compelled to abandon the project when the fight began, as no one in the State could be found to fleat the bonds. He did, however, take some \$100,000 worth of surplus from a cemetery fund and invested it in these bonds.

The Great Contract Steal

Then came the gigantic steal-a steal in which there was fully \$100,000 to \$150,000 of graft-the letting of \$\$00,000 worth of paving contracts. The details of this contract grab will be shown later.

Terre Haute under Holler was another Philadelphia under a Henry Clay. The only difference between the men is that Holler has confessed, while Clay is waging a fight in the highest courts to keep himself from the penitentiary. Jack Nugent was the Tim O'Leary of the gang, bagman, tribute-taker, crook-protector.

A City of Vice

Terre Haute now became truly "the hell hole of Indiana." Here sprang up a mushroom growth which surpassed the Wood street, of this city, under the Reyburn administration. There were three hundred disorderly houses in the 6th Ward. More than 400 women were the inmates of these houses. Here, too, were more than 200 saloons, out of 256 in the entire city. A combination of the saloon and the brothel was soon formed. Doors, wide open, led from the barroom into the dens of iniquity. In many of the dives the women stood with the men before the bar. Indecent shows, vying with those to be found in Naples, were to be seen for a few cents. Depravity, such as could not be found in the Tenderioin of New Orleans, made this city its home. The Government white slave agents branded Terre Haute as the most immoral city in the country. More than 109 gambling houses operated openly.

Hand in glove with the vice traffickers were the dops-sellers, who paid their tribute to the administration. One man alone made

ONE OF CREELMAN'S "SCOOPS" How He Interviewed the Governor of the

Bank of England, With Important Results.

TAMES CREELMAN'S death in Germany while still in the prime of life recalls an exploit of which any newspaper reporter might be proud. He was in London at the time of the Baring case in 1890, and performed the unheard-of feat of securing, for the New York Herald, an exclusive interview with the governor of the Bank of England,

It is matter of history how the governor, the Right Honorable William H. Lldderdale, handled that crisis. He lived to see the Barings successfully liquidated and stronger than ever, with the financial situation in Argentina restored. The £3,000,000 gold, which he borrowed by means of acceptances from the Bank of France, returned in due course with the seals of the packages unbroken. The London market was tided over a desperate emergency, with the minimum of disturbance, although there were some 40 failures in the Stock Exchange.

Lidderdale died not long ago, having an estate valued at only £2000. He was a strong man and an honest one. But the idea of interviewing him was so remote that only an irreverent American would have thought of it. Creelman had no pass key or letters of introduction. He simply went to the Bank of England and starting with the astonished "beadle" worked his way up. He was sent from department to department, to the secret amusement of various heads, until he actually found himself in the presence of the governor.

But the joke falled to explode. Lidderdale was a long-headed Scotchman, much too intelligent not to see the value of publicity at such a time. He was no slave to precedent. He gave Creelman an excellent interview of a frank and reassuring character, which was published in the following Sunday's New York Herald. It was a great scoop, and the London papers spent money frantically on cable tolls, getting facts on their own situation from New York for their Monday morning issue.

A precedent was set, and since that time English financiers have been more approachable. It may be said also that publicity there, as well as in Wall street, has done much to clean up admitted evils, and to set honest finance right with public opinion. The story is well worth recalling, for it has an obvious moral which should never be forgotten.

EACH HAS TWO SIDES

God be thanked, the meanest of His creatures s two soul sides, one to face the world with. Boasts One to a woman when he loves her!

-Robert Browning.

when we meet them.

Magazine acquaintances, on the contrary, put their best foot forward. An enticing sentence, intended to pique curiosity, beckons to us: "Clutching the mouse carefully in her hand, she leaped from the tenth floor window"-in the five minutes it takes to read the sketch we get the full benefit of the 20 or 30 or 60 years it has taken that individual to live his or her life.

One of the most interesting acquaintances to be made in the current magazines is Lod Calohan, who is described in the American Magazine (1) as knowing 15,000 cattle brands. He is a Kansas City cattle inspector.

More than 2,000,000 cattle pass by Calohan annually for inspection at Kansas City, and from 300 to 600 of this number he picks out and returns to their rightful owners. Generally the cattle become associated with shipments by mistake, but sometimes the steers have been assisted in straying. When it develops that the cattle have been stolen, the inspector looks it up and brings charges against the "rustlers." Not only does Calohan recognize the brand, but he can pick out a stray steer from a bunch of cattle without seeing the brand. 'The actions of the stray steer give him the clue, and then he looks for the brand.

"I was raised up on a cow range in west Texas," sald Calohan, "and have followed cattle all my life, and, of course, studying brands and familiarizing myself with them has been my business training. I know brands pretty well and have been able to hold down my job,"

A Tom Green County man sold all his holdings in 1911 to a Panhandle cattle raiser. The Panhandle man shipped for a long time to another market, and until 1913 Calohan did not see the brand at all. Then there came a shipment with the mixed brands. Calohan never batted an eyelash as the cattle went past him. An inspector of another organization noticed the mixture and looked at Calohan inquiringly. "What's that brand, Lod?" he asked, "Looks like they're tangled." "Bob Robertson's old brand," replied Calohan. "He sold out in June, 1911."

War Ingredients

Declaring a war and commanding an army and fighting oattles are the spectacular parts in warfare, but there is another part, less appealing to sentiment perhaps, but more important than all of these, the man who finances the war. In England he is the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lloyd-George. He is described in Collier's (2) by H. B. Needham:

Standing by the firs at No. 11 Downing street, talking with Mrs. Lloyd-George, I had found myself suddenly face to face with the Chancellor. Quietly he had entered the room. Chancellor. Quietly he had entered the room, one arm about his little chum, Megan Arvon George. I saw a short, stocky man. There was nothing distinguished in his appearance, not at first impression. His healthy com-plexion, slightly gray half, brushed back from his broad forehead and stubby graying mustache, his clean-cut features and aleri-eyes might have belonged to a successful business man, say a well-to-do marchant of our Middle West. At first also he second jaunty, rathar than impressive, in his man-ner. But this was soon realized as a sulf-as-

I asked Mr. Hammond how he feels about the increased destruction of life that may re-sult from the introduction of his new profe-tile into actual warfare. He has received many letters of protest on this subject. The inventor frowned as he answered:

"'My Invention is not designed as a weapon against human life! Only the senth-mental hysteria of untechnical writers can associate this shell with wholesale human torture. I designed this incendiary shell for use in alege operations."

"For burning citles?"

"Yes, but notice of bombardment is al-ways given, so that the population may have time to leave."

"Will not this projectle, by its greater destructive efficiency, increase the horrors of

"'Probably it will, and, in my opinion, it's just as well that the horrors of war should be increased. It is an old idea, but a sound one, that the best way to stop war is to in-crease its horrors.'"

There is a kindly sketch of the notorious Mother Jones in The New Republic (4), persuasive through its impartial, rather judicial tone:

What Mother Jones really is, those must say who have seen her in her natural environment, trudging up some bleak canyon in deflance of martial law, to preach peace

and rouse war in an angry mining camp. She pictures for you the bull pens of Colo-rado, where men and women not charged with crime were herded in stockades, with out cover and without screen. In shamless disregard of the most elemental decencies of life. She introduces you to fine, manly young fellows, fit material for leadership, goads into resistance and mercliessly shot dows fellows, fit material for leadership, goadse into resistance and mercilessly shot down. Whether you believe her or not, your block begins to boil as you listen. Mother Jones lays her hand on your arm. "Don't blam the men, comrade. It's not their fault: it's the system." Possibly she characterizes the system by a term not yet attenuated in drawing room use. You steal a glance af the ladles: they are not in the least shocked, nor should they be, for if you really believe such horrors exist, how can you describe them in polite phraseology? From personal antipathies Mother Jones

From personal antipathies Mother Jones appears singularly free. As to her real char acter, middle-class rumor has associated all manner of evil with her name. She has fared as ill in this respect as Joan of Are fared as ill in this respect as Joan of Are however, you can know; she is old, and her life has not been lived in pleasant place Yet her eyes are clear and steady; the grass of her hand is firm and warm; her ways are screne and not devoid of dignity. Thousand of men love her as they loye their own mothers, and she goes fearlessly among thas who hats her and returns unharmed. You may believe that she is a perverse trouble maker, a seeker after notoristy, an exp-nent of abhorrent and dangerous principles when she calls you "comrade." Is this what might be expected of the concluding year of a dissolute life? If so, how mightilly have the moralists hied to us! acter, middle-class rumor has associated all the moralists lied to us!

WOE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The grand old State In filled with work We're headed straight For HRO. Columbia State