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PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1915. An honest man is as honest in the dark as under an arc light.

Who's Being Muled?

Either the railroads are being cheated in New Jersey or the public is being muled in Pennsylvania. When the cost of a trip to Atlantic City and return depends on whether the passenger knows or does not know the advantage of waiting until he gets to Camden to buy his ticket, there is something radically wrong.

Scandalous Proceedings

Admitting his own ignorance of the record, but citing Senators Cummins and Kenyon in such a way as to reflect indirectly on the Supreme Court of the United States, Senator La Follette petitioned the President to grant a respite in the case of the International Lumber get-rich-quickers, who had defrauded, and had been convicted of defrauding, thousands of innocent investors of several millions of dollars.

The Sure Winner

Lincoln Bachevalier gambled with death in the air had been for the purpose of developing the art of flying there would have been some compensation; but he was merely a doer of stunts for pay. He was the operator of an airship willing to risk his life to give a new thrill to the multitude.

German Diplomacy Fails Again

Count von Buelow, who was sent to Rome to persuade the Italians to remain neutral, seems to have been prepared to pay a price for it. He advised Austria-Hungary to cede Trentino to Italy at once and to agree to the rectification of the Austro-Italian frontier.

Justice Can Establish an Alibi

Respect for courts and lawyers is weakened by the latest Thaw verdict. Thaw killed a man and escaped a sentence to death, or imprisonment for a long term, only because his shrewd and cunning lawyers proved to the satisfaction of the judicial authorities that he was irresponsible.

At the Zenith of His Power

From the time of his nomination to be Minister of Finance until about the period of the outbreak of the war with Japan, M. Witte was at the zenith of his power; this was the moment of his most effective influence. He found the finances of Russia in a condition of protracted deficit, of inflated currency and unstable credit.

came under the jurisdiction of the New Hampshire courts. After a long legal fight he was returned to New York to be tried on the charge of conspiring to escape from the asylum. But the jury, in its wisdom, has decided that the man was guilty of no crime, because, forsooth, he "had no criminal intent."

The New York authorities are not yet through with him, and will try today to have him sent back to the asylum in another way. Even if they should succeed, they cannot wipe the stigma from our system of legal procedure which has been placed upon it by Saturday's acquittal.

Our Marine a Common Target

The belligerents have put chains and balls on the free commerce of the United States. The interests of neutral Powers have been brushed aside as if of no consequence whatever. The lanes of ocean travel have been interrupted and a few nations, because they happen to be at war, have assumed and are exercising the right of veto on any neutral commerce which they happen not to like.

Puerile Objections

Most of the objection to revising the Constitution at the present time comes from men who are afraid that the convention will be controlled by delegates who believe in woman suffrage and in prohibition. They are afraid to let the people decide for themselves what sort of a revision of the fundamental law should be made.

A Good Railroad Man

Sergius Witte was a good railroad man. His love for mathematics and engineering increased his interest in their practical application, while his sense of responsibility impelled him to devote himself to a thorough comprehension of railroad management in all of its departments.

Made in Germany

Briefly, but comprehensively, Bishop Brewster, of Connecticut, sums up in the North American Review (3) his interpretation of "Ethics Made in Germany."

Feminism and Natural History

From the Bridgeport Standard. George Bernard Shaw would have the world believe that free will in the choice of a life-partner has always been a myth as a male prerogative. Warren Blake, in the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, ventures the suggestion that Shaw studied natural history and was thereby aided to see the feminine world in a new light.

THE SITUATION

WORLD'S TRADE OPPORTUNITY. REPRESENTATIVE. IRVING THOMAS. BLOCKADE. IF WE CAN'T, YOU SHANT. Your friends, THE BELLIGERENTS.

COUNT WITTE, THE MAN AND HIS WORK

One of the Most Important Figures in Modern Politics in Europe. His Career Suggestive of Characteristics of American Life.

By the HON. CHARLEMAGNE TOWER Formerly Ambassador to Russia and Ambassador to Germany.

IT WILL probably be a generation, it may be a century, before the life of Count Witte, which has just come to end in Russia, will be fully estimated and adjudged; but the world knows enough about him now to recognize that one of its most effective and important figures has disappeared from the active politics of Europe and from the stage of human affairs on the Continent.

His singularly diversified career, however, was made up of services to the Russian Government and people, the results of which are so far-reaching and complex that it is difficult to trace them singly at the present time, though it has left its stamp indelibly impressed upon the progress and development of the Empire, and will undoubtedly distinguish him as one of the foremost constructive statesmen whom Russia has produced.

Sergius Yulievitch Witte was born in Tiflis, on the 17th of July, 1849, and spent his early youth in the Caucasus, so remote from the capital or the influences of its surroundings that it is a part of his remarkable fortune that he ever emerged from there at all to gain prominence of any kind in the Empire. From his rugged appearance and his disregard of form in the midst of a court of great brilliancy, with his large frame, not overcarefully clad, and his total lack of polished manner, even at the height of his political power, arose the belief which was general in St. Petersburg that he was a peasant, or at least a man sprung from the people.

He was sent to school at Tiflis, though while he was yet a boy his father was transferred to a Government post at Kishineff, where the son entered the gymnasium and thence went to the University of Odessa, in 1866. There he showed such ability as a mathematician that he was graduated with honors four years later, having decided to fulfill his strong desire to become a professor of mathematics, which, if he had succeeded in doing, would probably have led him into a peaceful life at Kieff or Odessa.

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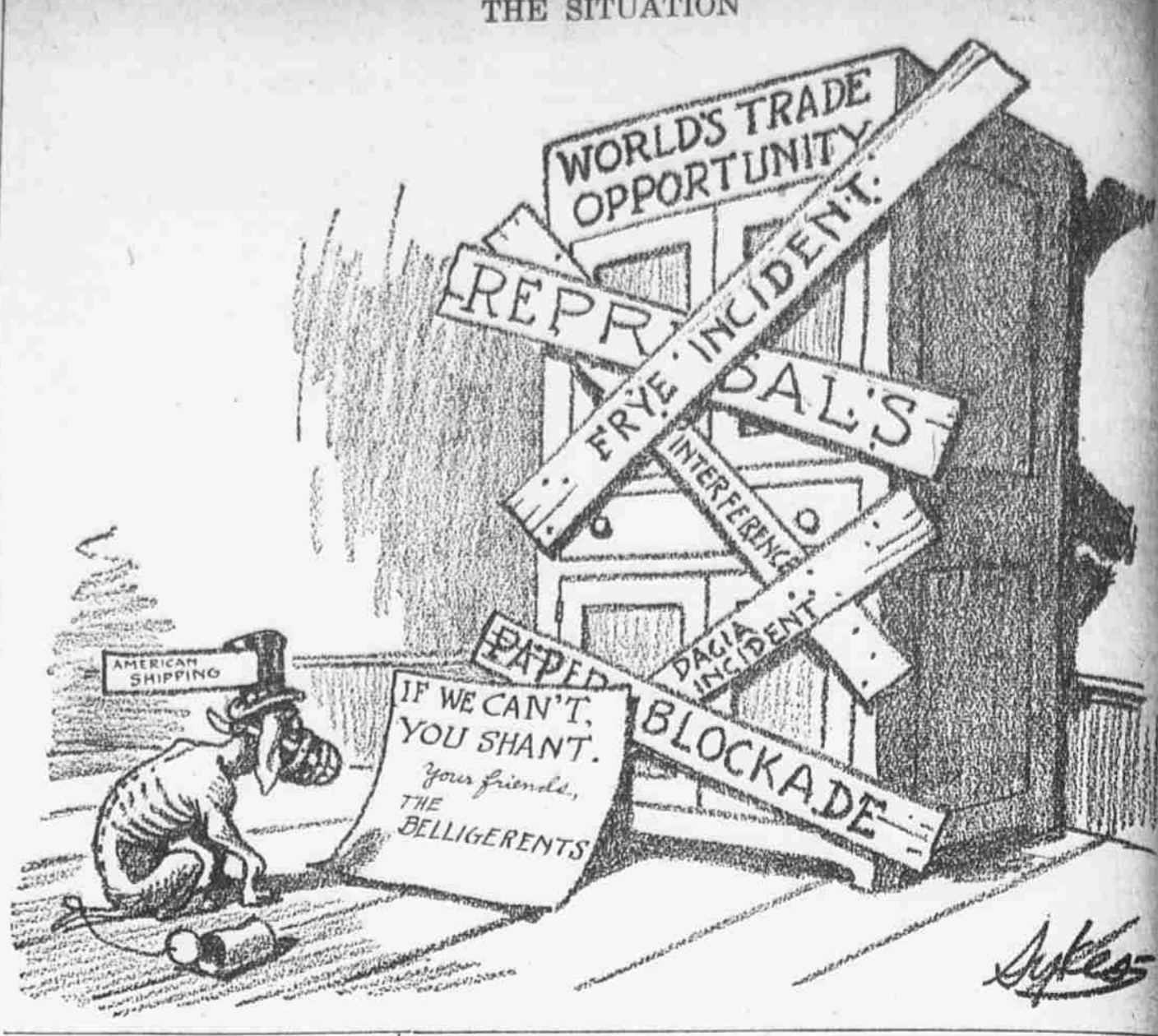
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BEST THOUGHT IN AMERICA

DIGEST OF THE MAGAZINES. (1) Century—"Cabbages and Kings." (2) North American Review—"Ethics Made in Germany." (3) Forum—"Concerning Fatherlands." (4) Review of Reviews—"A German Economist on Conditions in War Time." (5) Metropolitan—"German France."

GERMANISM

IN THE war of words which has swept over the United States since the first of last August, Germany may be termed the Bone-of-Dissension-in-Chief. German life, ethics and Kultur; Nietzsche and Bernhardi; the Kaiser and his American representative, Doctor Dernburg, have all been targets for volleys and cross-fires, night surprises and sorties.

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