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A giggling man makes a dollar out of a dime, but the broad-minded captain of industry makes it do the work of a double eagle.

Do Not Delay the Hall

DISPUTE over the location of the convention hall ought not to divide the forces working to secure the next Republican National Convention for this city.

Out Goes the Public Service Commission

BANG! Out goes the Public Service Commission! The Governor is the biggest surprise package drawn in the game of politics in many a long day.

Who Will Reap the Ripening Harvest?

SUPERSENSITIVE persons who feel squeamish about the sale of munitions of war to the belligerents should not make the mistake of assuming that all of the billion dollars' worth of 'war orders' which have been placed in this country call for guns and ammunition.

Twenty More Evidence of Honesty

JUST ONE more evidence of honesty had reached first by virtue of a base on balls. Another out and the local pitcher would hang his name in the game's hall of fame.

"Cheer Me! I Did It!"

THERE is a mistake somewhere. The New York American, for instance, informs an anxious public in appropriate headlines, that the 'Liberty Bell will be sent to Fair on Mr. Hearst's plea.'

The Country Without a Man

HURTA has good reason for feeling that "anarchy" is not a strong enough word to describe conditions in Mexico. A veto has been established on the acquisition of the Presidency by any man who is strongly suspected of murder or openly boasts of complicity in wholesale lawlessness.

Lawless Destruction of the Dresden

THE British Government has apologized to Chile for having sunk the Dresden when that vessel was interned and at anchor within Chilean territorial waters.

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Holding office is just dreading the Brumbaugh broom one day after another.

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Reports of war between Japan and China seem absurd. Why should Japan go to war when it is getting everything it wants by simply demanding it?

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imagined Belgium might do it she were not violated. England cannot afford to practice similar lawlessness and offer the same sort of excuse in extenuation.

The difference is that London is quick to apologize. Nevertheless, the destruction of the Dresden in the circumstances will remain a black stain on England's flag and a stigma on the record of the officer primarily responsible for the outrage.

Make the Majority for the Transit Loan Overwhelming

THE achievement of rapid transit in Philadelphia depends not only on a favorable vote April 29, but also on the recording then of a preponderant majority in behalf of the \$2,500,000 loan.

All popular elements apparently are united in support of it. Yet enmity to the project has been so insidious and so subtle have been the plans evolved to defeat it that vigilance continues to be imperative. There are powerful influences which are determined that Philadelphia shall be a surface-car city and never anything else.

A huge majority is requisite if Council is to be brought to a realization of the determination of the people. A bare majority would convince many Councilmen that it was safe to trifle with the proposition.

It appears that opposition to the loan amendment at Harrisburg has disappeared or is dormant. Senator Vane, who has been more apt than any of his rivals in diagnosing public sentiment, declares that it will go through. He usually knows what he is talking about in such matters.

The situation is very much simplified. It has resolved itself for the present into the casting of a large vote. To get rapid transit the people have nothing further to do just now than vote for it.

There are two great things to be accomplished by the election. The first is the authorization of the loan and the other is the recording of a public mandate to Council.

Work Worth More Than Wages

IT is a bold experiment, but the man who will follow his fortunes without hope for his success is not a man to be envied. Even the laboring man has come to see that every strike costs more than it ever gains.

THE PRESENT

Though they should be going to live three thousand years—and as many times ten thousand years—still remember that no man loses any other life than this which he now lives, nor lives any other than this which he now loses.

WELCOME, SWEET SPRINGTIME

A bluebird springs upon the ledge, A lark sits singing in the hedge, Sweet perfume scent the balmy air, And life is brimming everywhere.

THE RISE OF A NEW BELGIUM

RECONSTRUCTED Belgium, absolutely free of German domination, and a Belgian-British alliance that will practically control the commerce and industry of Europe is the result of the present war.

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EVERY MAN HIS OWN HENRY FORD

Employees of the Dennison Manufacturing Company to Run the Business—The Promise of Success in a Big, Bold Experiment.

By BURTON KLINE

IT MAY sound absurd to say so, but every time a poor but intelligent man marries a rich woman he repeats on an individual scale the broad relations of labor and capital. If that young husband has any sense to him at all, even his wife, in any moment of trifling differences of opinion, cannot convince him that he has not contributed to their union as important a portion as the wife herself.

The Dennison Manufacturing Company, of Boston, makers of tags and other indispensables, have just given the latest and most sensational token of the rise and spread of this idea. Henry Ford as one stroke knocked in the head the old economic system of buying his labor in the lowest possible market.

A Revolutionary Step

The details of this new and revolutionary step in the history of industry have been made familiar enough by now. The rich wife has deeded over not the whole of her property—not more than a fourth of it—but the husband is to run the house. To speak in cash figures rather than in figures of speech, the old stockholders in a \$6,000,000 concern are to keep \$1,500,000 worth of preferred nonvoting stock, and the employees are to divide among themselves \$1,500,000 of common and voting stock, and run the business.

Strikeless Employers

The answer is that the laboring man wants something more than power. He has a deep-seated dislike of being thought a species of being separate and removed from the being who employs him and pays him wages.

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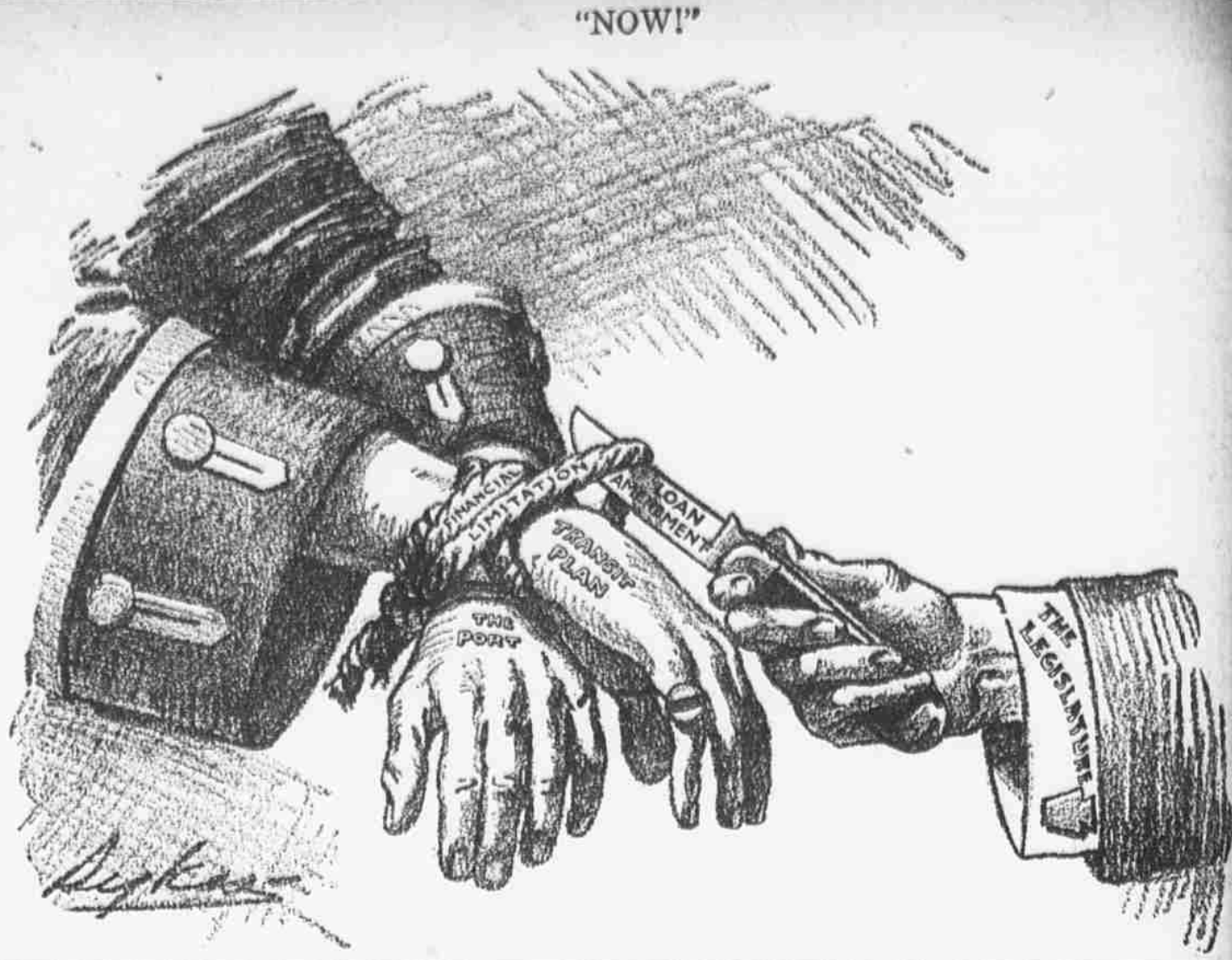
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of pressing his claim to recognition of the value of his toll.

So the merit of the Dennison scheme. It is a frank and voluntary recognition of the investment value of work. It is a recognition of the fact that work, backed by fidelity, intelligence and character, is worth a little more than wages.

GOVERNMENTS

EVERY cloud has its silver lining, and how that we have fully grasped the shame and degradation of barbaric warfare, our writers are reminding us of some of the possible compensations which may result out of the present European conflict.

The magazines this month present nearly 20 articles on economic and governmental conditions, and easily three-fourths of this number consider situations as shaped and affected by the war.

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From the Kansas City Star. "Seven commandments" for the guidance of people who live in the city have been issued by the Brooklyn Tenement House Committee.

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We shall meet but we shall miss him. There will be one vacant chair. We shall linger to careen him.

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- (1) Century—"The Fall or Rise of Socialism."
(2) Current Opinion—"Effects of the War on the Progress of Social Reform."
(3) Atlantic Monthly—"National Efficiency Under Free Governments."
(4) Forum—"Collectivism."

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- attempt to transform this war of defense into a war of conquest which would only prepare new conflicts and create new abuses. Plans are under way to hold a great international congress at the same time and place as the peace congress that is expected to be held by the plenipotentiaries of the warring countries when the time comes for the cessation of the struggle.

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