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Honesty is the best policy, but the policy of honesty is not best.

\$6,000,000 Is Only a Start

WHAT are the sensations of a gang of Councilmen who reads a paragraph such as this in the New York Evening Sun:

Philadelphia thinks it is waking up because it is spending \$6,000,000 for "real rapid transit." New York city is now spending \$300,000,000 for the same thing.

Does his heart rejoice with the glee of the rascally valet of picturesque romance who succeeds in holding his master up to public ridicule while he pretends faithful service?

The only difficulty with the views of such gentlemen is that Philadelphia insists on being a city up in the two-million class, on developing great problems in transportation

The Way to Deforeignize Is to Americanize

THOMAS R. MARSHALL expressed a feeling common in this country when he denounced those hyphenated citizens who swear to support the Constitution of the United States and yet yield allegiance to a foreign nation.

Repressive measures such as he seems to have in mind are ill-advised and dangerous, as past history has shown. Immediately there arises a contest of accusation and counter-accusation, and every man whose expression of opinion makes trouble for him becomes at once a martyr to free speech.

Let us have faith in democracy for a while longer, and let us put our emphasis, in our treatment of our citizens from foreign lands, not on deforeignization, where Mr. Marshall put it, but on Americanization.

Drawbacks to Virtue

CHICAGO faces a situation, indeed. It has a young lady on its hands. Incidentally, Philadelphia is responsible for it all.

The person in question arrived in the Windy City from Milwaukee. She was eighteen years old, and she had been supported by her Philadelphia brother until he married.

This is what the policeman in charge of the case says: "I have been to all the associations, societies, homes, bureaus and 'departments,' but as soon as it was learned the girl didn't need reforming, I was told it was a case 'out of their line.'"

Country Too Busy to Reform City
UNDOUBTEDLY the war on liquor will affect national politics next year, but not to such an extent as some of the speakers at Atlantic City predict.

It is largely because politics involves so many interests. Something like eighty-five per cent. of the area of the American nation, it is claimed, will be prohibition territory when the new liquor laws of several States have gone into effect.

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JITNEYMEN do their cause no good by insisting that if they are let alone the transit company will be compelled to reduce wages within a few weeks, with a strike as the inevitable result.

can survive only if the people want it to survive. It is unfortunate that Councils, in its usual blundering fashion, neglected to consider the interests of the people, but apparently devoted its effort entirely to protecting the transit company and the taxicabs.

The transit company is guided by men of brains, who are too well acquainted with the history of human progress to imagine that they can prevent the introduction of public conveniences. Horse cars gave way to the trolley. The trolley must meet the new competition of the jitneys, not try to destroy the industry.

Get the Convention

THE Republican National Convention next year will be held in Philadelphia, if Philadelphia makes up its mind to get it. Chicago has no half-Nelson on the gathering.

Frenzy Versus Facts

THERE are two or three facts which may be especially recommended to the consideration of those misguided and misinformed persons who are crying out so loudly against the exportation of arms and ammunition from this country.

The amount of exportation is actually too small in comparison with the requirements of so vast a war to have an appreciable effect on the outcome. The figures for the exportation of shrapnel are difficult to secure and verify, but it must be borne in mind that the huge money totals quoted in connection with orders and suborders do not signify immediate delivery of the goods.

A second fact worth noting in connection with the silly agitation for an embargo on arms and ammunition is that Germany has made no official protest against their exportation, for it realizes fully that there are absolutely no grounds in international law for such a protest.

Society Must Help the Doctors

THE State added immeasurably to its already great distinctions in medicine, when recently the Philadelphia General Hospital announced that the narcotic ward had successfully treated 250 drug fiends since the first of March.

All honor to medicine! But, as with so many diseases and their cure, it is not medicine alone that is necessary. The patient must bring a desire for freedom, and society must supply conditions under which continued health is possible.

Society has done much in the Harrison act, but it must do more. It must give the doctors a clean and decent city in which their labors may bear fruit.

Everybody is in favor of a merchant marine except the Government.

Between submarines and private war economy it's a "tight little sale" all right!

There is some reason to believe that if Huerta were back in the City of Mexico he would never recognize the old place.

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"Georgia mob lynches two negroes by mistake." Possibly this tends to show that there is safety in first degree conviction, but perhaps it only means that Frank's State is vindicating itself.

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NO DAY WILL BE SUNDAY BY AND BY

If Workmen Cease to Use an Hour of the Sabbath to Pray Employers Are Likely to Stop Giving Them Rest of the Day for Play.

By the REV. DAVID M. STEELE, D. D. Rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany. THE infliction of a fine upon the management of Woodside Park for allowing people to get-by paying for it—recreation there on Sunday has brought to the fore the subject of the proper or improper use of Sunday at public resorts.

This whole question is a most vexatious one; but to myriads of people it is an absorbing one. The time still waits for some one to speak all the words of wisdom that one or the other party to a controversy here have thought of.

For example, could Sunday conceivably be both in religion a holy day and in other things a holiday? The answer ought to be simple enough, for it is in the facts. The simple truth is that Sunday is already this very thing; that is, it is these two things.

What then is the line of distinction between two forms of the same thing, namely, Sunday recreation? Wherein is it right to ride through Fairmount Park in a carriage and wrong to ride on a merry-go-round at a public resort? Wherein is it right to eat ice cream in a hotel dining room or at a club, served by paid waiters, and wrong to have people buy it from a vender on a boardwalk and devour it out of penny cones?

The answer is that either may be right or wrong, depending upon why, but still more upon how it is done. If this is the case then the very motive and mood prompted by which and controlled in which one discusses this whole Sunday problem are the things of importance.

What Kind of an Animal Is Man?

Now, merely to hint at such a thing as this, let alone to say it, is to be misunderstood. And that is why the people who believe it seldom say it. Every one knows—at least if they have read their Bible they should know—that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.

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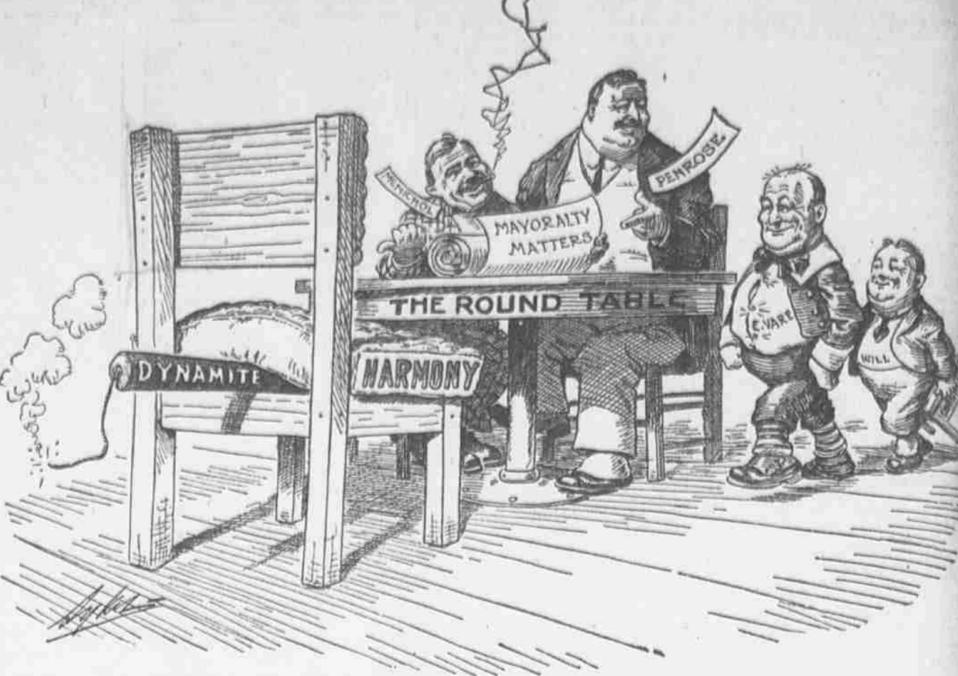
Less Politics and More Administration

He was a different type of man from any that had come to the front in the troubled years of Mexican independence, in that he believed that the primary purpose of war was not loot, and held that government owed some obligation to the governed.

TO THE MARCHING WOMEN

Oh, ye sturdy marching women, with your tresses and scorn, My mother would have fared with you, and I of her am born.

"TAKE A CHAIR, ED, WE MUST HAVE YOUR ADVICE ON THIS!"



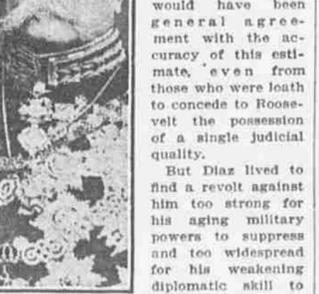
MEXICO'S ONLY INTERVAL OF PEACE

It Was During the Long Reign of Diaz, Who Ran a Government That Governed—How the Son of An Humble Innkeeper Rose to Power.

By GEORGE W. DOUGLAS

PORFIRIO DIAZ died too late to be fairly judged by the present generation and too early to discover what the judgment of posterity concerning him was to be.

He died in 1911, when President Roosevelt characterized him as the greatest statesman living and declared that he had done for his country what no other living man had done.



PORFIRIO DIAZ

1911, and immediately went into exile in Europe. The four years of chaos that have succeeded, however, had many observers to conclude that the fame of the man who ruled Mexico for more than thirty years is secure, after all.

The Mexico That Cortes Found

The task was not an easy one. The Mexico which Cortes conquered was a nation of idol worshippers. Human sacrifices were customary. Cortes found the temples with the human hearts freshly torn from the victims offered as burnt sacrifices to the gods, and he found the priests eating human flesh.

His Rapid Rise to Power

The story of his life for the intervening 60 years is the story of Mexico. He fought with the Liberals for orderly government, and was rapidly promoted through various grades in the army till he reached the rank of brigadier general.

A USE FOR FUTURISTS

To the query, "What Good Are Futurist Poets Anyway?" we venture the reply that they might be put to work naming Pullman cars.

CIVILIZATION AN OLD DRUNKARD

Civilization often seems like an old drunkard who is forever taking one more drink to work off the effects of a previous drink, or like a chronic debtor who is always borrowing upon the future to refund the past.

NEED OF WOMEN ON THE JURY

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—The women of Pennsylvania are to be congratulated if, upon a favorable vote upon the woman suffrage amendment, they become eligible for jury duty without further legislation.

SOME BOOKS TO READ

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—I am desirous of advancing my language and would like to take up a reading course. Would you please furnish me with a list of books I should read?

THE NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

Thus far it has not been shown that in the case of the Armenian episode, a violation of international law.—Springfield Republican.

It looks as if the Mexican revolutionary

It looks as if the Mexican revolutionary leaders had about decided to revolt rather than a foolish chance than a friendly hint.—Chicago Herald.

The wounding of J. P. Morgan by a

The wounding of J. P. Morgan by a presumed "crank" has no significance except in so far as it is a warning to the world of irresponsibility.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

When the LaFollette law drives out the

When the LaFollette law drives out the law vessels now flying the American flag there will be no incentive to take up this question with the hope of a long-delayed but lasting solution.—Tacoma Tribune.

The persistent agitation in this country

The persistent agitation in this country against the sale and export of munitions of war has a very little effect except to drive a hard, disordered mind into deeds of outrage and attempted murder.—Springfield Republican.

Events that have occurred since the

Events that have occurred since the deposition of the Diaz regime show quite plainly that Mexico was unprepared for any kind of a better government than that which she had been living under in peace and prosperity for a generation.—Buffalo Commercial.

When subjects of the Kaiser demand of

When subjects of the Kaiser demand of the American Congress to forbid American citizens to engage in the manufacture and export of ammunition, they are undertaking a forcible interference with American rights, with American commerce, with American property.—Louisville Evening Post.

To support a merchant marine by

To support a merchant marine by Government operation is only another way of sustaining it by subsidy, against which there is a tremendous objection in the Democratic mind, and such laws as the seamen's act can add to the expense of that support and maintenance.—Charleston Post.

If Germany wants to continue on

If Germany wants to continue on friendly terms with the United States she will have to seek to prolong the controversy, because the President's note requires a definite response to whether the German Government intends to continue to violate the rules for maritime warfare in her submarine activities.—Baltimore News.

AMUSEMENTS

WOODSIDE PARK THEATRE

V. A. U. DE VILLE

CHAPLIN NIGHT JULY 8—Prizes in Cash

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Conroy & Le Maire

THE MARKET ST. ABOVE 11th

STANLEY MAUDALL

GRAND AVENUE

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