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The wealth of this country depends upon the labor of the average man. It also depends upon the ability of the exceptional man to multiply the value of the products of the labor of the average man...

Position of United States Can Be Vindicated Diplomatically THE British notes are diplomatically weak...

For a blockade to be legal two things are necessary—it must be effective and it must be impartial. The blockade of Germany is neither...

God of the Fields as Well as Churches ONCE upon a time it was sacrilege to pray to God in any building but a consecrated church...

Colorado Takes Another Step Backward CONFESSIONS to a priest are privileged. Confessions to a lawyer are privileged...

Is Councils Afraid of Business Methods? THE farce-comedy which Councils calls city finance is still running. The Municipal Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas Courts are still issuing writs of mandamus...

From King to Kaiser IT HAS been the unhappy fate of Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany that, with a reputation for originality, he is constantly being anticipated in his major activities...

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CIVILIZATION STILL ALIVE AND KICKING

The World Remains Faithful to the Bathub and What It Represents Despite All Wars and Rumors of Wars.

By B. K. LITTLE BECAUSE a man puts on overalls to do a dirty piece of work does that signify that he has lost all taste for white gloves...

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the dog bit him or an automobile ran him down you might still have something to remind you of how he looked. But do you know that you might never have had that picture of Willie that the moving picture picture enthralls you every night...

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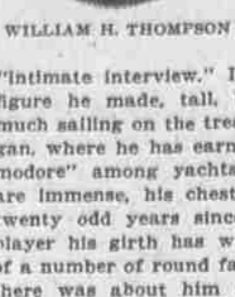
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WHAT OF MAYOR THOMPSON NOW?

A Presidential "Possibility" Assists in an "Intimate Interview" Myth of the Car Strike Settlement—Lorimerism Redivivus. A Remarkable Chapter in Municipal Politics.

By WILLIAM L. CHENERY

MAYOR "BILL" THOMPSON was distinctly pleased when he learned that the people of Philadelphia were interested in his career. For Chicago's sportsman chieftain has lately been spoken of as a presidential possibility...



WILLIAM H. THOMPSON

As soon as he conveniently could—the interruptions were many—his Honor settled down in a comfortable chair and began chomping a huge cigar by way of preparation for an "intimate interview"...

With celebrities, it is said, preliminaries should be brief, and accordingly Mayor Thompson was asked how first he became interested in politics. He was silent for a minute or two...

"Well, anyway," says the cheerful alarmist, "look at the Germans. They've taken us straight back to barbarism, with their gas bombs, their treatment of Belgium, their sinking of the Lusitania and all the rest of it."

Back to Barbarism? Not Yet They might have had us back in barbarism already if we had felt no indignation at all these things. But our old friend civilization is not quite dead so long as there is one country left to protest against such things as we have protested. No, this country is on higher ground than it was even in 1776...

The consequence was that William Hale Thompson did come into office with few strings. As he says, he is free in the sense that few executives of great American cities have ever been able to boast. But at this point, to understand the man, it is only just to hear his enemies and to recall the incident of "Eugene Pike, City Comptroller."

"I expect them any time from the Sherman House," is the reputed reply. The Sherman House was the political headquarters of the Thompson campaign.

Thompson called in Pike to explain his initial interest in politics. That touches the heart of the situation. Thompson came into contact with social and political forces of whose meaning he had not the slightest glimmer, say his enemies, and these forces made him "A fool for luck" in their way of stating it...

When a new baby comes to a family in this country it is customary to say, as in Holland, "The stork has arrived" though as a matter of fact we have no true stork...

AN OLD SAW RESET The German slogan seems to be: Hew to the line; let the ships fall where they may.

GALLANT INCREDULITY We refuse absolutely to believe that the big bell "babe" because bulls have tongues.

AMUSEMENTS B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE CHESTNUT AND TWELFTH STREETS "The Meistersingers"

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