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carrying out the arbitrators' decisions. In full sum the proposal would yield only an extended warning. Germany, under this plan, would have been compelled to submit its grievances to a tribunal.

PHILADELPHIA, AND NOT THE GANG, IS ON TRIAL.

THE pre-primary farce comedy has been played to the last act and the curtain has gone down on a moving tableau called "Harmony."

The Vares pretended that they were going to fight, but either their nerve failed them or they were bought off by an agreement under which they are to be allowed to continue to get their share of the spoils of the system of contractor bossism.

In either event the Organization has succeeded in perfecting its plans for continuing the invisible government that Elihu Root denounced in Albany last Monday.

The invisible government has acted. It is now up to the people who have the power, if they choose to exercise it, to say whether they like this sort of thing or not.

Paul stood by on a famous occasion, holding the garments of the executioners while they stoned a righteous man, and consented to his death. Honest and representative government cannot be stoned to death or chloroformed or sandbagged without the consent of the people.

And the Gang, which knows no more about Republican principles than about the theories of esoteric Buddhism, is planning to call upon the voters to consent to their own lynchings in order that it may be proved to the nation that this is a Republican city.

LEAGUE ISLAND'S PROSPECTS

THE Government is slowly beginning to understand the value of League Island and its vicinity as a naval base. The experts in the Navy Department have long understood it, but they have to work with a succession of lay Secretaries of the Navy, who no sooner begin to know something about their job than they are succeeded by another layman who has to begin at the bottom.

DANCING AND DECENCY

IT WILL not do for Philadelphia to be blown with pride at Sergeant Fenn's report on dancing at the Municipal Band concerts. Of 6750 couples, only 24 stood in need of reprimand. So it seems that 6726 couples, or something perceptibly more than the normal 99.64 per cent, mark, danced much and danced decently under the auspices of the city.

A GENEROUS PEACE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON dispatches on the possibility of peace are bound to be frequent in the next few weeks, but they are hardly likely to be so humorous as the one which has just been issued. That one schedules the German demands thus: Freedom of the seas, freedom of Poland, recognition of the rights of the Jews.

A POOR WAY OUT

LAWRENCE LOWELL, president of Harvard University, has summarized the clearest possible way, the etime of the post-millennium League to Enforce Peace in an article in the Atlantic Monthly he says: The proposal contains four points. The first is that members of the League should submit disputes to an international tribunal.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MRS. JONES

It's a Great War, But It Has Nothing on the Insurgency of Mrs. Jones, Who Provides the World With Gumption

DO YOU know who really developed the automobile? Twas Mrs. Jones. Not Henry Ford. Not Chalmers, nor Willys, nor any of them really developed the automobile. It was Mrs. Jones. All that those other fellows do is to make automobiles. Mrs. Jones buys them: Not Mr. Jones. Make no mistake about that. It's Mrs. Jones who buys the automobile.

And do you know why she buys it? Sometimes it's because she really wants one. Oftentimes Mrs. Jones wants an automobile because Mrs. Smith, next door, has got one. But just consider how much more Mrs. Jones has done than to buy an automobile. Jones himself isn't altogether a spineless person. When informed that he is going to buy an automobile, Jones is apt to kick. He is sure to say he can't afford it. He always does say that. And what he says is dandy true. But does that affect Mrs. Jones one particle? It does not. What if Jones can't afford an auto? What if there's no way to save up for one? What does a little thing like that matter? There's a perfectly simple way for the Joneses to have an auto. It's for Jones to make more money.

The Woman With "The Punch"

So Jones takes on a little night work. Or he works a little harder with his sales in the daytime and doubles his commissions. If Jones himself can't think of ways and means of making that extra money, Mrs. Jones will think of them for him. If left to himself, Jones would never on earth have an auto. He wouldn't have the gumption to get one. It's Mrs. Jones who generously provides him with the gumption.

Economists say that the auto is a dead loss to its owner. It earns no money and it eats up a lot. But only the brainless economist says that. Every minute of its existence the auto is paying a tremendous return to its owner. It's an invisible return, but it's immense. It's taking Jones out into the air. It's giving him health and pleasure. It's widening his horizon. It's taking him to see distant friends that he would not see but for his help. Above all, it's obliging Jones to make more money. It makes him add a lot to the wealth of the country.

And who's doing all this? Mrs. Jones. She's got the punch. Who is responsible for the enormous development of the summer outing among us, with travel abroad or at home, or perhaps a month at the shore or in the mountains? Mrs. Jones. Again Jones would never have the gumption to provide himself and his family with an outing but for Mrs. Jones. She sees to that. You may make up your mind that when Mrs. Smith goes to the mountains for four weeks Mrs. Jones is going to the shore for five. Let Jones grow as he pleases about the expense, about the time it will take him from his business. Let him prove as he will that he can't afford it. Mrs. Jones knows better. She's going to the shore, and she's going to take Jones with her. Once again the result is that, by hook or by crook, Jones makes the money. He also takes the vacation—which immediately benefits him precisely as Mrs. Jones foresaw. That month by the shore fills Jones with new pep. He comes home a bigger man with new ideas in his head. He's met other men and broadened himself by the contact. Those four weeks at the shore have made him a bigger Jones. And he not merely pays for those four weeks just past, but he makes enough money for six weeks next year, or perhaps a visit abroad.

But who made that man Jones make more money? Who lifted him out of his rut and got him in the way of bigger business ideas? The answer is Mrs. Jones. Who keeps religion alive today? Mrs. Jones. Who reads all the books and keeps literature alive? Mrs. Jones. Who sees to it that on election day Jones has his breakfast a little early, and so gets to the polls before going to work and votes against child labor? Generally it's Mrs. Jones.

A World Over Is Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones is achieving for the ballot herself just now. On every count she should have it. Chiefly she should have it because giving her the ballot is an extension of democracy. All the other arguments fade away beside that one. Doubling the number of voters doubles the chance of getting a little more brains into an election. It doesn't matter a bit if Mrs. Jones is a shade disappointed with the ballot when she gets it. The ballot isn't a magic wand that you have only to wave in an impressive manner to make the world perfect. The chances are that Mrs. Jones is going to be vastly disappointed with the ballot as a means of purifying the world. But what of it? The important part is not that Mrs. Jones shall get the ballot. The truly important thing is that she shall want it. By wanting the ballot Mrs. Jones shows that she is distinctly up and coming. We've got the idea that this world war is the outstanding phenomenon of the time. It's nothing of the sort. The outstanding phenomenon of the time is this enormous insurgence of Mrs. Jones. It's a truly great war. But it has nothing on Mrs. Jones. She's going to go on long after this poor war is finished. You'd better not scoff at "the cause"; better not laugh at this woman's movement. You're only laughing at yourself if you do. You may be irritated at Mrs. Jones for her everlasting butting in. You ought to be proud of her instead. Don't forget that Mrs. Jones is the other half of the race. And isn't it a good thing, on the whole, that Mrs. Jones has waked up? Don't you see what she's doing? She's doubling the volume of energy that moves the world. She's stimulating and quickening life. She wants things to get a move on. She wants Jones to get a better money-maker. She's giving him laws that he never had, autos that he never had, pleasures and health that he would have been too lazy to go out and grab! You've got to hand it to Mrs. Jones.

THE BULL MOOSE TRIO

George and Victor and Teddy. Victor and George and Ted—all that is left of the hapless Bull Moose! Its stomach, its tail and its head—San Antonio Express.

THE "FLEA OF NECESSITY"

If the Mackay lands were really up to date they would plead "necessity" as a defense for their invasion of Texas. Having stolen the Blue of the Boston Transcript of this spring and see what they are doing in Salem—Detroit Free Press.

"SAY, DAVE, LET'S HEAR THAT 'BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS' STUFF AGAIN!"



SPEAKING THE PUBLIC MIND

Views of Readers on the Municipal Campaign, Civic Conditions in Philadelphia, Workmen's Compensation, the European War in America and Other Topics of Timely Interest

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—It is well worth bearing in mind that the critical period in the history of the Pennsylvania compensation act is just beginning. Much depends on the capacity for administration shown by the members of the board. If the board does not prove itself equal to its great task it would have been much better to have stuck to the plan of a court administration. But there is every promise that the board will perform its duties with ability and tact. The employers have consented to war on the act. All-around cooperation is in prospect. The public body has a duty to perform, and that is to watch the progress of compensation in Pennsylvania in the next year without hastily jumping to conclusions on every kick of the chronic grumblers. The federal spirit should be one of helpfulness. A majority of the States have adopted compensation acts. Not one has yet changed its mind. Pennsylvania, it is safe to say, will not be the first to turn its face backward. S. H. Philadelphia, September 2.

or better still go down to Salem itself and see the process of regeneration that this "back number" city is going through, supplying ideal homes for people in moderate circumstances. Hiss! A great fire is not without its blessings. Don't prattle too much about the greatness of your city until you have cleaned out the rookeries and abolished the alleyways in the heart of your city. Shame on Philadelphia and Philadelphiaans for tolerating these archaic conditions. There is something economically wrong with your real estate problems here. More "To Let" signs on houses than any city I have ever passed through, and I have passed through a lot. The Evening Ledger, more than any other paper, has shown a disposition "to see the light." Fratricide humanity for awhile and study how your neighboring cities are handling this vital problem. Bring all the forces you command to work for the betterment of these conditions and when your efforts show actual results the multitudes will rise up and call you "blessed." HUMILITY. Philadelphia, August 20.

CITIZENS AND NATIONALITIES

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—After reading in the columns of the Jewish papers what kind of heroes and rioters the Jewish people of downtown are experiencing of late, I think it is an injustice to the Jewish as well as all the downtown citizens to have a lot of ignorant boys (like we have downtown, which I am very sorry to say) take things in their own hands, without even inserting an article in the English papers to let them feel ashamed of themselves and see their wrong doings. I also am of the strong belief that it is your duty as a newspaper to publish this news as well as any other news which is of public interest.

VOTE FOR BETTER CITY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Among all this wrangle between the different parties and their candidates for Mayor of one of the largest and most influential cities in the Union—one which by its early history in the forming of this wonderful Republic of the United States of America should stand forth as a shining light of patriotic government of the people, for the people and by the people; among all this wrangle of greed and lust for office and its spoils, not one word has been said by either side of what the candidate would do for the people who are expected to put him in this coveted office. People of Philadelphia! We have a right to demand from our candidate certain things. Let the majority decide what. Shall we be dumb-driven cattle, or shall we demand our rights? And what are these rights which our platform shall be based upon? First, work for every unemployed man in Philadelphia. How?

INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Many thanks for your vigorous editorials on the mayoralty campaign. I congratulate Root's recent speech on the invisible government—one of the greatest speeches in the political history of a generation by the most commanding figure in American public life today. FRED W. FOSTER. Philadelphia, September 2.

SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICANS

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I read with considerable interest the letter from "Scandinavian" on divers matters pertaining to the European war. Of course, like all supporters of Germany, he does not make any arguments, simply makes assertions, and such as insinuating as permissible in print. If "Scandinavian's" letter is to be taken as a sample of the reasoning—or lack of it—of, as he says, the most enlightened, purest-blooded stock in the world, it would indeed be a pity. In Scandinavia I know that people of his type are a very small minority, although by persistent howling in the newspapers and otherwise they try to give people the impression that they are a majority. In Germany no doubt the majority thinks like "Scandinavian"; in fact, every sentence in his letter is "made in Germany." The same attitude of superiority toward the rest of the world has long been one of the characteristics of official Germany. Why the editor, as proposed by "Scandinavian," should pick out a "tiny child in a street" of the same dimensions as the supposed English, minimum requirements for the army, which "Scandinavian" calls the standard, or why the editor should stand up in moving picture shows and lecture on his views on the war, seems a puzzle, but I suppose from his language that to "Scandinavian" mind it would be a brave thing to do. Other people would call it foolish. As "Scandinavian" to judge from his letter, is a big, husky fellow and a great fighter, he ought to go over to Germany and have a good time beating back the small English soldiers. AMERICAN, BORN IN SWEDEN. Philadelphia, September 2.

LEO FRANK'S TRIAL

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—What does Mr. Douglas McIntyre mean when he writes of Leo Frank's "trial or appeal trials"? Frank and exactly one trial. The Supreme Court of Georgia, we appealed to for a second trial, but according to Georgia law, this court is forbidden to grant new trials, except on questions of legal error. It is not allowed to review the evidence with regard to guilt or innocence. Frank's appeal was denied by the Chief Justice of the Court and one other Judge dissented from the majority opinion. When the case came up before the United States Supreme Court the decision of the majority was Justice Hughes and Justice Holmes (dissenting) that this case involved no Federal question, and, therefore, the decision of the Georgia Supreme Court in refusing to grant a new trial could not be overruled. FLORENCE FISSELL. Ventnor, N. J., August 30.

CITIES AS SPENDERS

Indebtedness of Municipalities Is \$67.51 Per Capita—Time to Consider Economy. What are you, Mr. City Taxpayer, buying with the money which you surrender to the tax collector? Frank and exactly one trial. The principal items of the expenditures were as follows: Administration \$5,000,000; Police Department \$7,000,000; Fire Department \$10,000,000; Sanitation \$4,000,000; Highways \$2,000,000; Charities \$2,000,000; Education \$11,000,000; Recreation \$2,000,000; Water Supply \$1,000,000; Interest \$2,000,000; Sinking Fund \$1,000,000; Bonds Retired \$4,000,000. For the 18 cities statistics have been kept for the 10-year period from 1905 to 1914, and during this decade it was found that the ordinary expenses of municipal governments had increased from 22 millions to 46 millions, or from \$12.25 to \$15.60 per capita. In 1914 the value of the

HOUSES—A TALE OF CITIES

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I note the short editorial "Two Cities" in the Evening Ledger which concludes with—"But there are more two-story houses in Philadelphia than there are lobster palaces in New York." Now after row, block after block, every house like every other house, not a shadow of a new idea of arrangement, while the architect keeps on, robbing us of God's sunshine, giving us more and still more of her same old type. Enough to drive one to madness by the very sameness. It might be a blessing to hear some of your architects take in some of the lobster palaces—it might shake them out of their lethargic condition. They might look around Kings and Queens Counties or even the Bronx, and see some of the two-family houses there, then go further to conservative New England—see what the Boston suburbs have to offer—abundant varieties of really livable houses. And while they are there let them look over the Blue of the Boston Transcript of this spring and see what they are doing in Salem—

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include: Highways (\$55,000,000), School buildings (\$25,000,000), Sewers (\$18,000,000), etc.

THE NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

What the national welfare movement needs today is less talk and more action.—Grand Rapids Press.

The Root address is one of the great political landmarks of the generation.—Washington Times.

American development has hitherto been largely dependent on foreign capital. The war will make that source for a long time unavailable. So that America will have use and even extreme, vital need for the bulk of its own capital for its own purposes.—Detroit Free Press.

A TASTY DISH

"Dear beloved Harmony," said Brother William Vare, "Thou art my one and only goal—oh, fairest of the fair. For Jim and Boies I do not care, Nor for the Mayor's lordly chair, Nor who shall sit within it, love, so long as thou art there."

AMUSEMENTS

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