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One crooked deal will destroy a political reputation built up with much care.

EFFICIENCY THE BEST ECONOMY

THE public is not so well pleased with the efficient conduct of the business of the Postoffice that it will welcome the abandonment of the pneumatic service between the main office, the substations and the railroad stations.

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THE MESSAGE

early man, discovered by a sorel bee with pop in his appendix and stored in a paint-worn splay in the shade of an old russet apple tree that brings sweet reflections.

TRUCE OF THE SPADE

MEN who fought for the adoption of the new transit plans and men who fought against them unite today in the formal ceremonies of starting work on the Broad street subway.

THE combined efforts of these interested allies was not enough to prevent the people from having their way. If ever there was a victory won by the citizens, who wanted better transportation service, over the selfish forces joined to increase private fortunes, it was when Councils finally consented that work on the new subway and elevated lines should begin this year.

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"BRANDYWINE DAY" AND A DAY IN 1777

Battle Won by the British Showed the Mettle of the Continentals and Cheered Their Commander—The Fight for Philadelphia

By CHARLES F. KINGSLEY

TODAY is "Brandywine Day." The anniversary of a battle commonly regarded as one of the minor engagements of the Revolution, though followed by the British occupation of Philadelphia, is being celebrated with a pilgrimage to the historic ground and the dedication of markers.

Brandywine, on the 11th of September, 1777, was the first event of the "campaign on the Delaware"—the first resistance offered to the British plan to take Philadelphia. In the summer of 1777 practically all the American territory in British hands was a small area around New York city.

Army Redeems Itself

Washington had had many discouraging experiences with the militia, who deserted from the army almost as fast as they enlisted, and sometimes Zenger, and who, from their lack of training and of enthusiasm for "the cause"—except when the enemy was in the immediate neighborhood of their homes—proved most unsatisfactory soldiers.

Stone, in "The Struggle for the Delaware," calls Brandywine a clear victory for the British, but this statement should be taken with reservations. There was much of real success and real hope for the Americans as the fruit of defeat. The Continentals fought with great bravery, responding quickly and gallantly to every demand upon them.

FALSE REPORTS PLAY A PART

Though the Americans were outnumbered at Brandywine the result might have been somewhat different but for a poor information service. That was before the days of field telephones and airplanes. Sullivan, in command of the right wing of the American army, received erroneous reports as to the movements of the British, and Washington, who followed the instincts of a great soldier in advancing as he did, was misled in the same way.

TEXAS VIEW OF CARRANZA

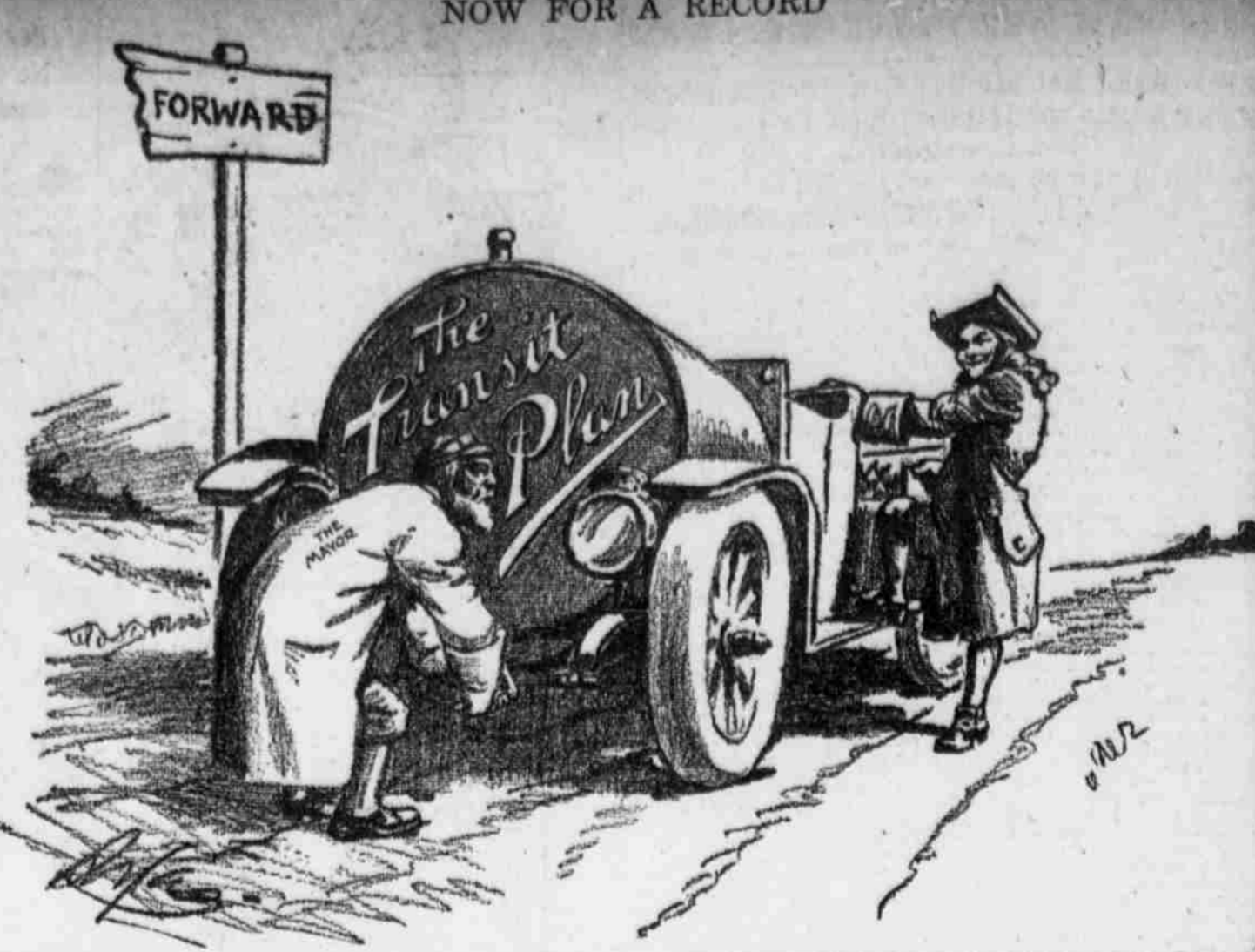
CARRANZA has been clamoring for "recognition," even demanding it, indeed, as his right. Still it would hardly be rational to suppose that Carranza craves that particular form of recognition which the press dispatches hint in emphasizing the statement that much of the firing across the Rio Grande near Brownsville during the last few days has been done by the uniformed soldiers of his army.

VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY

An earlier instance of the promptness with which the American Government has seen fit to act where long delay was promised by the failure of a foreign government to take action is the dismissal of the British Minister, Crampton, in 1855. Crampton and several consuls violated the neutrality laws in securing enlistments for the Crimean War.

FIRE LOSSES IN AMERICA

The total fire loss in the United States and Canada, including forest fires, has averaged \$21,000,000 a year for the last five years. Since the beginning of this century we have lost more than \$2,500,000,000 worth of property. The per capita fire loss in the United States is \$155, as compared with 4 cents in France, and 30 cents in Germany.



HANDING THE HAT TO DIPLOMATS

The Manner of It Is According to the Book, but Varies According to Cases—Instances in American History Before Dumba Meddled in Our Own Business

By LUKE GUARDIAN

SOME diplomats, so called, having become "persona non grata," take their departure gracefully, under the guise of a leave of absence, and others have their walking papers forced upon them. Cases alter the circumstances.

NO TIME TO PARLEY

"It is an accepted rule of diplomatic usage," says Foster, "that every government has the right to determine for itself the acceptability of an envoy accredited to it, and that if his government does not recall him upon request, the government to which he is unacceptable may dismiss him."

A ROUNDABOUT DISMISSAL

Secretary Jay wrote to Jefferson, instructing him to make known to the French Government the offensive character of Moustier's conduct. Jefferson thought the matter too delicate for official dealing with the Foreign Minister, so he asked Lafayette to assist him.

OPINION IN EUROPE

AMERICANS ABROAD ARE DISGUSTED WITH THE POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION

A Scotchman who was in business in the United States for 25 years, but is now in Europe, has written a personal letter to one of the editors of the EVENING LEDGER, containing matter of such general interest concerning the state of mind of Americans abroad that for the information of a wider circle the pertinent paragraphs are made public.

A GOOD THING

When it rained yesterday, I 'pose You stood and flattened out your nose Ag'in an upstart wind-spane And grouched and wished it wouldn't rain; Because you didn't like it none You wanted just blue skies an' sun, And the rain clouds was in the way And sort of spoiled a busy day; And so you watched it with a frown; The while the heavy drops came down.

I think it's fine no man's allowed To choose the weather, the whole crowd; Of what he gives, and what him fired; Whilst as it is we never know What way the wind's a-gonna blow. Or if it will be wet or dry, Or be a blue or cloudy sky; And that uncertainty is what Makes this world a beauty-spot.