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A politician is known by the deals he makes.

"PIKERS" IN THOSE DAYS

SPEAKER REED boasted that this was a billion-dollar country, but in giving publicity to the idea he scarcely expected a committee of gentlemen from Europe to take advantage of the fact by coming over and undertaking to borrow the amount.

A few years ago a million dollars was an mormous sum. We speak of it almost with contempt now. We have passed from thousands to millions and to billions. Two centuries ago many Englishmen argued that their national debt was too vast ever to be paid and that sure bankruptcy was ahead. That was before the Napoleonic wars were financed. Yes, they were "pikers" in those days.

"Lend me a billion," is the measure of the world's increase in wealth since the advent of machinery. The world staggered along before on an agricultural basis. When mankind learned to change raw materials into finished products by means of machinery wealth was multiplied by a thousand. The cost of living went up also. The yearly budget of one great city now is as great as the entire national expenditure was before the Civil War. A single dreadnought costs as much as a whole war used to cost. An artillery engagement will wipe out a million dollars.

What's a billion, anyway? Within a few months the Allies may be back wanting to borrow two, and it would not be beyond the resources of this country to provide it.

VICE GETS WHAT IS COMING TO IT

NO SOPHISTRIES about denying to Market street resorts the privileges enjoyed by the first-class Broad street hotels confused the thinking of the License Court when it closed a notorious place near the West Philadelphia station.

The distinction between a disorderly resort and a respectable hotel or a decently conducted saloon is so clear that there never need be any confusion in the mind of a man who wishes to be fair. The difference does not consist in the presence or the absence of music or in the parade of paid performers among the tables or on a place cleared for them in a dining room, or the absence of such parade. If the, primary purpose of a place is to cater to the vicious it should be

rument. It is easy to see from those dobates, perhaps the most memorable docu-ments in Russian history, that a new power is rising in that country, a power composed of that constructive force and spirit of action which characterized the greatest of the Czars, Peter the Great, and the force of liberty, strengthened by the happy alliance with the democracy of western Europe. Who dare say, in the face of this power, that "Mother Russia" shall remain enslaved? The Duma is not dead; it is immortal.

THE TIME TO STRIKE

No REPUBLICAN today need hide behind Protection in casting his vote. The point has not yet been reached when it is claimed that to vote as the Vares and Mc-Nichol command in a primary is to be a Republican and to vote against their orders is to be a renegade. The primary was established to enable citizens to select their own candidates. They can if they will spike the Gang's guns today and wet its powder by repudiating the candidacy which has been foisted on them. They can send a message to the national party that will not be misunderstood.

Let no man be deluded by the noise of the Organization into believing that it is time to get on the band wagon and vote with the Gang. It is, on the contrary, most obviously a time when every good Republican should go to the polls with resentment in his soul because of the manner in which the party has been maltreated and betrayed. It is a time of all times to register a vote of protest, a time for every individual to make it his personal duty to ballot against Czarism, irrespective of its apparent power. There can be rolled up today in the Republican primary so magnificent a vote in opposition to Smith that a splendid victory for the people and the community will be augured for November. If all the unbossed Republicans of Philadelphia cast their votes today against the bosses' creatures, he and the men back of him will be whipped beyond all possibility of rehabilitation.

Were Smith the most efficient executive living, the manner of his exploitation should assure his consignment to oblivion. Had he a real record of accomplishment, still would his acceptance of the job of puppet and straw man render him unfit for elevation. The conspiracy could not have been put through without his consent. He joined in the deception when he protested his innocency at the very moment when the final plans in his favor were being consummated. He was a willing dummy, and what he has been as candidate he would be as Mayor.

Let every man carry his conscience with him to the polls today. He need only be a real American to resent the insult that has been heaped upon him. He need only be a good Republican to know that his first duty to the party is to free it from the parasitical leadership which has been strangling it. He need only be devoted to the principals of Lincoln and McKinley to realize that the first would have utterly repudiated, for moral reasons, the Smith connection, while the second, for economic reasons, would have pursued a similar course.

Not through Smiths or Vares or McNichols is Protection to be achieved, but through real fighting, thinking, independent-minded, able, constructive and efficient citizens, who are Republicans because they believe in the principles of Republicanism, and would be Re-

GLANCING AROUND THE VARIED SPHERE

Glimpses of Men and Places That Figure in the News - Romantic Career of Baron Reading, Head of Allies' Loan Commission

By LUKE GUARDIAN

THE man who heads the Anglo-French L Commission on Borrowing Money in America is the first Lord Chief Justice of England to wear a monocle. Of course, that is one of his least distinctions, and so is the fact that he is

one of the best

dressed men of Lon-

don. He was one of

the intimate friends

of the late King Ed-

ward, and used to

play bridge whist

about the



with that monarch. In jest the King once remarked, "I like to play with Isaacs, because he doesn't know any more game than I do." One might naturally assume, how-

BARON READING ever, that Rufus Daniel Isaacs-Mr. Isaacs that was, Baron Reading that is-knows a good deal about the financial game. His beginnings in business were not at all promising, for after his parents had provided him with enough capital to secure a place on the stock exchange he managed to bring himself face to face with financial ruin at the age of 26. But since that time Mr. Isaacs has fared better. Previous to that time he had some interesting adventures that ought to be mentioned for the sake of the romance which people like to find in the lives of great men.

His parents were wealthy, but the boy had read so many stories of the sea that he ran away from home and shipped aboard a vessel bound for Rio de Janeiro. He visited many foreign ports in the next few months. He soon tired of the life of a common sallor, however, and returned to England. He had already begun his education at the University College School and had studied in Brussels and Hanover. His family now tried to persuade him to finish at Cambridge University, but as he was anxious to start on a business career, his father gave him the money which the young man quickly lost on 'Change.

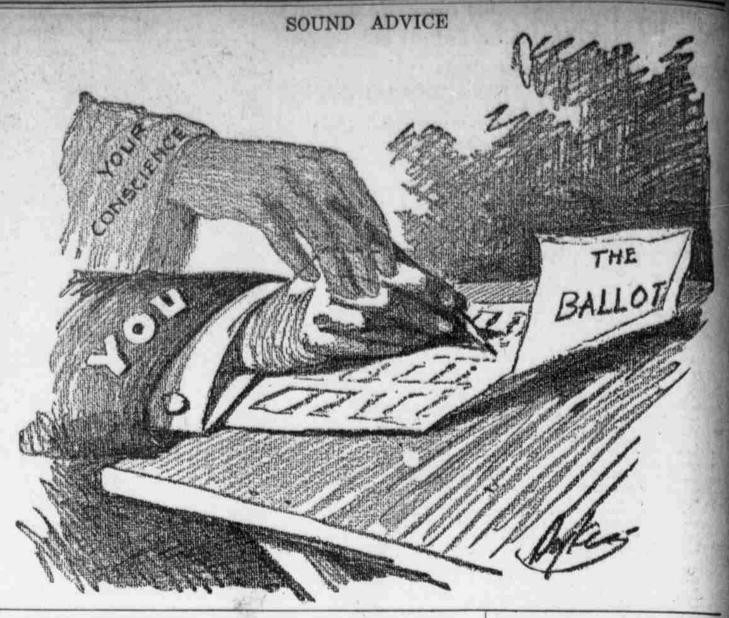
And then the future Chief Justice met an American girl, Miss Alice Smith Cohen, who fired his ambition anew. She urged him to study law. They became engaged and the couple spent their evenings poring over legal tomes. After a year of study Isaacs was able to pass the bar examinations. A little later he became a full-fledged lawyer. His marringe to the American girl followed.

Isaacs speedily won a great reputation as an expert in commercial law and bankruptcy cases, and many were the business tangles that he unraveled. His "head for business" was now proven. He entered Parliament and rapidly rose from one high office to another. though the squabble over Marconi shares threatened to end his brilliant political career. The investigating commission, however, exonerated both Isaacs and Lloyd-George, and it was not long afterward that Isaacs was elevated to the highest position to which a British lawyer can aspire.

He is the first Jew ever to become Lord Chief Justice. He is 55 years old and receives a salary of \$40,000 a year. He has a life tenure, but can retire any time he pleases on a pension of two-thirds his annual salary.

Munitioning the Allies

The morality of "munitioning" the Allies with funds is not so very different from the morality of "munitioning" them with other



THE RESPECTABILITY OF PIRACY

Charges Against British Prize Courts Cannot Stand After Consideration of the Glorious History of the Profession Honored by Captain Kidd and "Blackbeard"

By ROBERT HILDRETH

"PIRATES!" shout the meat packers to the British. And "Pirates!" shout the Toutophobes. It is an old name, older than "freebooter" or "filibuster" or "buccaneer." Piracy has been known since the days of Homer. The word, indeed, is Greek via the Latin, An attempt, unconscious, perhaps, has lately been made to limit the term to international law and to leave to the other words the highly important function of suggesting the romance in the spiendid-sounding exploits of Captain Kidd and Morgan and Drake and Hawkins and Bonnet and Jean Lafitte. That's quite wrong, but, after all, there's a definite historical distinction which sets the buccaneers in a class by themselves.

The title is applied to those daring seamen and fighters who made life miserable for the Spanish settlers in the West Indies in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Their depredations were inspired partly by the religious conflicts of the time, but principally by English and French objection to the foolish pretensions of the Spaniards to the trade of their own West Indies. A state of maritime warfare grew up between Spain and the French and English traders, who styled themselves "the brethren of the coast." The Island of Tortuga was the headquarters of the brethren, and here they established magazines for the lodgment of goods. Hither they repaired in times of danger.

Driers of Beef The Spaniards richly deserved all the trouble that the buccaneers gave them. They had killed off so many of the natives of Hispaniola that at this time the island was overrun with wild cattle, and it was this fact that led to the coming of the buccaneers. How the name "buccaneers" originated is told in a curious little book written by James Burney, a brother of Fanny Burney, and published a century ago. The Caribbe Indians, so he tells us, had a way of curing meat on a hurdle, which they called a "barbecu." We have the word "barbecu," by the way, from these Indians. Under the hurdle a slow fire burned. When cured the meat was called "boucan." This word the Indians borrowed from the French, but the French and English borrowed from the Indians their mode of curing meat, and hence they came to be known as "boucaniers"-that is, "driers of beef." They had established in Hispaniola. despite Spanish opposition, a flourishing business in chasing wild cattle, curing the mest and drying the skins. "Many of the French hunters," says Burney, "were natives of Normandy, and it became proverbial in some of the seaports of Normandy to say of a smoky house, 'C'est un vrai Boucan.' The French buccaneers and adventurers were also called "filibustiers." The word filibustier is merely the French mariner's mode of pronouncing the English word "freebooter."

mitting terrible atrocities and had him sent back to Spain in chains as a wicked pirate! But so many other great men of the world's history have lost their paragonic reputations that we need not now waste time trying to prove that Columbus was the victim of a dreadful error of judgment on the part of

poor Isabella. Then there was Francis Drake! He was a pirate pure and simple. Queen Elizabeth knighted him for piracy. Monarchs were no bumpkins event at that early date. He pillaged the rich Spanish possessions in America, came back to England loaded with booty, capturing a Spanish treasure ship on the way home, then started off again for America, attacked towns, carried off treasure and captured merchant vesse's, until he was afraid to return to England the way he came. That was how he happened to call around the world, gathering the spoils of piracy as he went. And when he did reach London, the Queen, the Ministers, the courtiers, the citizens and Drake and all his crew shared in the plunder taken from the Spanlards-four million dollars' worth of it. King Philip protested against the outrages that Drake had committed. So good Queen Bess knighted the freebooter and Drake thereafter was Sir Francis;

It would be easy to go on and mention many other names that have shed lustre on the practice of piracy-that of Peter the Great, for instance. It can be easy

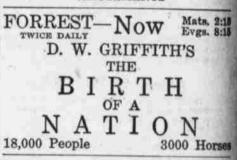
fervor during the last war with Austria, has been completely sold out and bids fair to rak next to the "Marcia Reale" as the most popu-lariar Italian composition during the present campaign. Both Mercantini's famous "Hyps to Garibaldi" and "The Bersaglieri," the sons of Italy's crack regiment, however, will give it a close run for second place.—Chicago Herald

RANGER'S SONG

When dun smoke hides the mountains from view, Then's when's work for a ranger to do. Then off for the forest and trackless waste The fire is raging; haste, ranger, haste! The waiting wilds are calling to you-There's work, man's work, for you to do. Hurry, hurry, don't tarry, don't wait. Husten! hasten: or you'll be fore late! Hasten! hasten; or you'll be too late!

Greedily, hungrily, writhing, twining, Wicked red, flaming, shining, With deadly fangs envenomed darting Hither, thither, blighting, smarting, ndish, hideous, dastard fire! Creeping, leaping, farther, higher! Puny man, you could as well Storm alone a citadel, As combat with this raging hell. --Olaf Stromme in the Seattle Post Intelligence.

AMUSEMENTS



B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE VAUDEVILLE'S SUPREME SENSATION

closed, whether it attracts patrons by music and cabaret shows or not.

The stupidest detective on the police force has intelligence enough to make the distinction between legitimate hotels and saloons and those that ought to be closed, for vice obtrudes itself so conspicuously that it can never be mistaken for virtue.

SPECULATING CLERGYMEN

NOW that the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, one of the best known clergymen in the country, has publicly confessed that he made a mistake when he began to devote his attention to accumulating a fortune by epeculation of one kind or another, the rest us can agree with him. We can go as far as he went in his remarkable confession in his pulpit, and say that the first business of a minister is to preach the gospel, and to preach it and live it with all his might.

There is nothing new in this. The surprising thing about it is that Doctor Hillis had to learn it in the bitter school of ex nce. He was not ignorant of that old roverb in which is concentrated the common sense of many centuries, namely that the shoemaker should stick to his last. The trouble with him and all others like him is that he and they came to think that they were the exception that proved the rule.

THE PHOENIX DUMA

THE proroguing of the Duma by the Czar and the arrest of eighteen Social Demooratic representatives, among them that dauntless fighter for liberty. Tchechidze, is unquestionably a great disappointment to e who saw in Russia's alliance with the politically Democratic France and England a step forward toward the democratization of the vast filay empire.

But to those who are intimately acquainted with conditions in the Czar's domains and the deep social disturbance in the minds of people as a result of the war, the fate of fourth Duma will not appear surprising. For, although, on the surface, that fate is lisr to the one suffered by the first and second Muscovite "parliaments" (the third a quite orthodox) in reality the dispersal the fourth Duma marks a new chapter in bry of the Russian people.

in the first and second Dumas were aboliabed in accordance with the advice and co-oper-ation of Potsdam. The fourth Duma died because it proved a formidable stumbling hioth in the path of those who desire to keep the yoke of oppression, both Russia and be-cause its opposition in the chamber was composed not only of Social-Democrate, La-borital and Constitutional Democrate, but of Oktial-rists and Nationalists as well. One need but read the recent debates in the Doms on the conscion of the full of War-ses to realise that great "Mother Russia" is methy with indignation at the in-filtelency corme first and second Dumas were aboliabed spiles and theathery of the Romanoff Gor-

publicans, not Tammanyites, if they lived in New York.

EVERY LINK MUST BE STRONG

NATIONAL defense can be effected only by a long chain, the strength of which is no greater than its weakest part.

Russia has been driven back on its western front because its railroads broke down. The reports from Petrograd announce that trainload after trainload of ammunition was held up on the railroads because the locomotives were not equal to the task put on them. Russia had the soldiers and it had the ammunition, but it did not have the means of getting the two together in the right place at the right time.

The British have the soldiers and they have adequate means of transportation, but they have not had ammunition when it was needed. By stupid blundering the munition workers were taken from the factories and sent to the front at the beginning of the war. The failure on the supply side of national defense brought about a Cabinet crisis last May. The British think that they can muddle through somehow. But their blunders are not cheering to any one but their enemiles.

They ought to be instructive to every American who thinks that it is possible to improvise efficiency in a profession in which success depends on the most exact attention to details. The neglect of one link in the long chain destroys the value of all the rest, a common, trite and obvious saying, but nevertheless so true that it has to be said time after time lest it be forgotten.

It is a gloomy day, but it can be made a bright one in the history of Philadelphia.

Swiss watchmakers are turning out munitions for the Allies with clock-like precision.

Senator Stone continues to be in a minority of one in demanding an extra session of Congress.

The dismissal of Dumba is not due to an error in translation, but to a mistake in in-

For the du Ponts to build a gunpowder factory in China, where powder was invented, would be like taking coals to Newcastle.

The great question is: Would the hyphens refuse to work in the munition factories if the United States were at war with their hyphen-land?

There was a time when all a man had to be was a demagogue to get a political job, but it takes trickery as well to put that sort of fellow over these days.

Sam Weller used to insist that "widders" should be spelled with a "we." If some Wel-ter of geographical knowledge would tell us whether it is Vilna or Willia he might eave to

roods, and there can be no doubt about the morality in either case. Secretary Lansing. in his note to Austria-Hungary, showed the close relation of the moral and the legal aspect of the situation which he so clearly illuminated. As to governmental interference, in neutral countries, with the trade of citizens in contraband of war, it is interesting to cite the words of two of the ablest jurists of American history.

Chancellor Kent, in his famous Commentarles, Vol. 1, page 142, says: "It was contended on the part of the French nation in 1796 that neutral governments were bound to restrain their subjects from selling or exporting articles contraband of war to the belligerent Powers. It was successfully shown on the part of the United States that neutrals may lawfully sell, at home, to a belligerent purchaser, or carry, themselves, to belligerent Powers contraband articles, subject to the right of seizure in transition. The right has since been explicitly declared by the judicial authorities of this country." Speaking for the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Story, perhaps the ablest jurist the United States has produced, certainly one of the most accurate in statements of what is law, said in the case of the Santissima Trinidad, 7 Wheaton. \$40: "But there is nothing in our laws or in the law of nations which forbids our citizens from sending armed vessels, as well as munitions of war, to foreign ports for sale. It is a commercial adventure which no nation is bound to prohibit; and which only exposes the persons engaged in it to the penalty of confiscation."

Another Runaway Boy

Everybody knows that Baron Reading is not the only famous man who ran away from home before he was either a man or famous. Ex-Senator Foraker, who for many years was known as "the greatest buildog in American politics," is now putting up a fight against a serious illness, but began his fighting days when he ran away from an Ohio farm to fight for the Union. He was sixteen years old then. He was ignominiously brought home, but there was no keeping him, so in 1883 he want to the front. He has many times told the reason why he draws no pension. The flaw in his record is this: He was two years under the regulation age when he enlisted, and to gain his point and yet save his conscience he marked the figures "18" on the soles of his shoes, boldly declaring that he was "over 18."

When Sherman's march to the sea had been completed, and Savannah had surrendered, it was young Foraker who was chosen to row down the river, dodging as best he could the infernal machines sown broadcast, to communicate with the Union fleet and thus with the world.

AFRAID OF THEIR DEBTS

on as the war ends it seems, the pro-paying war debts must begin. Maybe the reason the beligerents dun't care

But these distinctions, historical and terminological-what do they matter? A pirate's pirate

For a' that and a' that.

Then ho for a pirate's life! For piracy is eminently respectable. It is true that German submarines do not fly the black flag with the skull and cross-bones (s fing would get wet on a submarine); but the man who sank the Lusitania was awarded special honors by the Kaiser. The British prize courts, too, have recently set the seal of respectability on piracy. One common form of piracy, as everybody knows, is called "the freedom of the seas." It is sanctioned by international law and final approval in particular cases always rests with the judges of his Majesty's prize courts. But piracy was in good odor in earlier times, for the world does not owe all its progress to the present age. The buccaneers of whom we have just been speaking operated with the tacit and sometimes the explicit consent of the French and English Governments.

Some Illustrious Pirates

It is pleasant to think that the first of the pirates of the New World was no less a peronage than Christopher Columbus. His motives and actions on his famous voyage of 1492 were innocent enough, verily they were highly praiseworthy, but how much more laudable-according to modern standards of conduct-were the plundering expeditions on which he robbed the simple, inoffensive nawhich he robbed the simple, inoffensive ma-tives of America of their gold and other pos-sessions and followed that up by a polloy of ensisving and exterminating the people themselves! How weak-minded and soft-hearted must have been poor Queen Inshells, who charged the Great Liepovers: with commoreover, that piracy began in legitimate trade and commerce. Perhaps that is the reason why some of our prominent captains of industry and commerce of today are called "buccaneers" and "pirates."

Captain Kidd Vindicated

Where, one may rightly ask, is the ignominy of such an entitlement? We have wronged the reputation of many an estimable gentleman, including Captain Kidd. Up speaks Mr. Ralph D. Paine to set the matter right for the much-maligned captain.

"Doomed to an infamy undeserved, his name reddened with crimes he never committed, and made wildly romantic by tales of treasure which he did not bury, Captain William Kidd is fairly entitled to the sympathy of posterity and the apologies of all the ballad-makers and alleged historians who have obscured the facts in a cloud of fable." Read further: "Fate has played the strangest tricks imaginable with the memory of this seventeenth century seafarer who never out a throat or made a victim walk the plank, who was no more than a third or fourth rate pirate in the era when this interesting profession was in its heyday, and who was hanged at Execution Dock for the excessively unromantic crime of cracking the skull of his gunner with a wooden bucket."

Nothing more than a vindication of Captain Kidd is needed to remove the stain from the fair name of piracy. Every profession has its black sheep, of course, and the story of Blackbeard, a swearing, swaggering, throatcutting pirate, if there ever was one, only shows the possibilities of excess.

The inevitable conclusion of the matter is that piracy is mostly fiction. And even so, when you come to think of it, the literature which the subject has produced deals mostly with treasure-hunting rather than piracy itself. Stevenson's classic story of Long John Silver and the rest is a case in point. "The Gold Bug" and "Wolfert Webber" are other examples. Farther reacking yet is the infuence of piracy on literature (to omit any mention of literary piracy). Do you really want to know why the writings of Henry James are so deadly dull? It is because, as a boy, he never went on a quest for buried treasure. Stevenson did. So did Mark Twain. You know that, you who have read the chronicle of the great adventures of Tom. Sawyer.

ITALY'S MUSIC IN TRENCHES

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