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The man who refuses to profit by the mistakes of others pays more for his schooling than it is worth.

EQUALIZE THINGS

BY SOME happy chance, the amendment providing for woman suffrage in Pennsylvania stands first on the list of proposed changes in the Constitution. Every change in the fundamental law of the State involves the right of voters to make the change. The first amendment asserts that right. It asserts in the simplest and most inclusive terms the principle on which the State and the National Governments are based—that the people of this country have the right to govern themselves. The privilege of voting has come to every voter at this election by the simple progress of the years. Under age, he watched; of age, he voted. By a merely negative accident, his sister and his mother have been denied the privilege. It is up to the accidental voters to equalize things. It is too late for argument and for re-creation. In six days the vote will be cast. Vote Yes.

GOING COLD TO SPITE THE TAILOR

IF A man should refuse to wear clothes to protect himself against the cold because the tailors were anxious to sell him a new overcoat and might make a profit, we should call him a fool. But there are some distinguished citizens going up and down the country arguing that the nation should refuse to make prudent preparation to protect itself against invasion, because, forsooth, munitions manufacturers are anxious to sell guns to it and to make the usual profit that accrues in a well-managed business. They would resent it if they should be called asses. They are posing as lovers of humanity and advocates of peace. If this great nation cannot buy an overcoat to protect itself against threatening weather without being swindled by the tailor or being inveigled into buying a bigger coat than it needs, then the people are bigger fools than their severest critics have suspected. But the nation is not made up of fools, and it does not intend to go cold to spite the tailor.

HELP THE BABIES

THERE is no worthier philanthropy than the Children's Hospital. The rich are giving of their abundance toward the fund now raising for it. They deserve all praise for what they are doing. Those who are not rich but with just enough for comfort are expected to give also. They know what suffering means and they are blessed with the love of children, and will, without any doubt, do what they can to make it possible for the hospital to help a larger number of cases. The convict who gave his last dollar to the fund just as he was entering prison to serve his sentence set an example that more worthy people might well follow.

A MATTER OF TRADE

THE incredible figures given out by the Department of Commerce on the export trade of last week are worthy of serious thought. Although this nation is at peace, these figures are in a fair way to represent the determining factor in the war. Although the figures indicate present prosperity, they warn against possible panic. Nearly one hundred million dollars' worth of exports left these shores last week. The gain is almost 25 per cent. on any previous week. The terminal facilities at New York are inadequate; railroads have declared embargoes on certain classes of goods in order to transport munitions of war. In every respect the situation is abnormal. What will happen in that brief moment of time which must come between the ending of this period and the beginning of normal trade? Is a wise foresight taking precautions against the confusions of that moment, or is America, prosperous and fortunate, going blindly on in its terrible faith that there is a special Providence to look after drunkards and fools? Drunk with success and blind with folly we should be if the present sufficed us.

"PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF"

THERE is a field for the operations of the National Americanization Committee which has been formed by a group of idle rich and educated poor, but it is not in the direction in which the organizers are looking. They are seeking to make better citizens of immigrants by impressing upon them the privileges of American citizenship and the duty of loyalty to their adopted country, as if the immigrants and their children were not frequently better Americans than some of the American-born. These people have come here because they knew the opportunity to get on is open to every man. Their children are taught patriotism in the public schools, and they eagerly absorb the lessons before them. There is no more inspiring scene than a schoolroom full of children who have just learned to use the English tongue singing "The Star-spangled Banner" and saluting the flag. They and their parents have the passion of recent converts for their new country. The educated poor and the idle rich, however, are apparently just discovered that America deserves their loyalty. Nothing should be done to discourage them. Let them continue to meet in the palaces of the rich and talk about the duties of citizenship, as they did at Vincent Astor's in New York about 10 days ago and as they are planning to do in Rittenhouse Square in this city next January. If they talk enough about the subject, they may begin to act as if they were Americans with some obligation to interest themselves in improving the government of the great cities. Our "best citizens" need Americanizing more than the immigrants, as every one at all familiar with the general run of the immigrants very well knows.

A HUNGARIAN'S VIEW OF AMERICA

Curious Old-World Views of Our Democracy—Experience Here Helps Returning Immigrants Stand Against Tyranny

By JOSEPH REMENYI, Correspondent of the "Hir" of Budapest, and other Hungarian Periodicals.

AFTER my stay of almost two years in Philadelphia, I am convinced of the fact that a European whose world view is already confirmed changes his attitude by simply stepping on the territory of the United States. Anatole France says, somewhere, that it is possible to converse with our furniture if we are surrounded by it for years. This remark is the variation of Taine's that even the strongest personality cannot escape the effect of his environment. So, when I, thirsting and hungry for all America could give, arrived in the harbor of New York, I could think of nothing else but this: that now at last I should be able to realize my ideas of personal and political freedom. And, moreover, I believed that I should find the opportunity to succeed existing in such profusion, on account of human equality and equal chances, that my faith in the goodness and greatness of humanity would be strengthened by what I saw going on.

Personal experiences have confirmed these impressions, and I shall try to illustrate what I mean by practical examples which indicate that American democracy is not spurious, but is the real thing and means opportunity for every one. On one occasion, when I was in Steelton, Pa., the Hungarians living there were celebrating a flag dedication, and in spite of the fact that my country has one of the most liberal constitutions in Europe, I experienced a wonderful softening at the following instance: The Hungarian peasant who has done nothing else at home but till the soil, but whose pride and dignity have not, however, been broken, even in the time of servitude, now as a factory worker in a strange land mingled with complete nonchalance with the city mayor and factory superintendents and other industrial and social leaders. A big banquet followed the dedication, where the superintendents of the factory appeared "in honor of their employees." I am positive that this instance seems natural enough for a real American, but in Europe if a factory superintendent forgot his high position and mingled spontaneously with his employees, he would see to it that the newspapers should publish his astonishing democratic viewpoint.

THE PART HE'D PLAY

YOU get up quite an affection for the little fellow that stands on top of your motor-car radiator. In the first place, he never has ideas of his own which may conflict with your ideas of right and wrong. He is silent. He is attentive to every sound and he veers with every wind. He goes wherever you drive him. Sometimes he is in the image of a traffic cop and bristles, but you know that he doesn't mean any harm. Sometimes he is dressed like Charley Chaplin, and you know that he is a merry jester. Sometimes he is a nondescript, but always he is a lovable and unobtrusive fellow.

VOTE FOR AMENDMENT NUMBER 2

WHETHER the electors vote for anything else next Tuesday, they should vote for the proposed Constitutional Amendment Number 2. This is the one which permits the city to increase its indebtedness by 3 per cent., "for the construction and improvement of subways, tunnels, railways, elevated railways and other transit facilities; for the construction and improvement of wharves, docks and for the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of wharves and docks, owned or to be owned by said city." Unless it is adopted, all plans for rapid transit and port improvement will be delayed for lack of money. It is favored by the leaders of all parties and all factions. It has been passed by the General Assembly at two successive sessions, and it has withstood all the criticism that has been leveled against it. Every one admits that it provides the only way out of the present financial stringency of the city. The time for argument on it has passed and the time for action will soon be here. If adopted at all, it must be by the votes of Philadelphia, and this means by your vote and by the votes of all your neighbors. So do not forget about its importance when you go into the polling booth, or you may find that all your anticipations of the benefits of the projected public improvements will be frustrated through your own neglect.

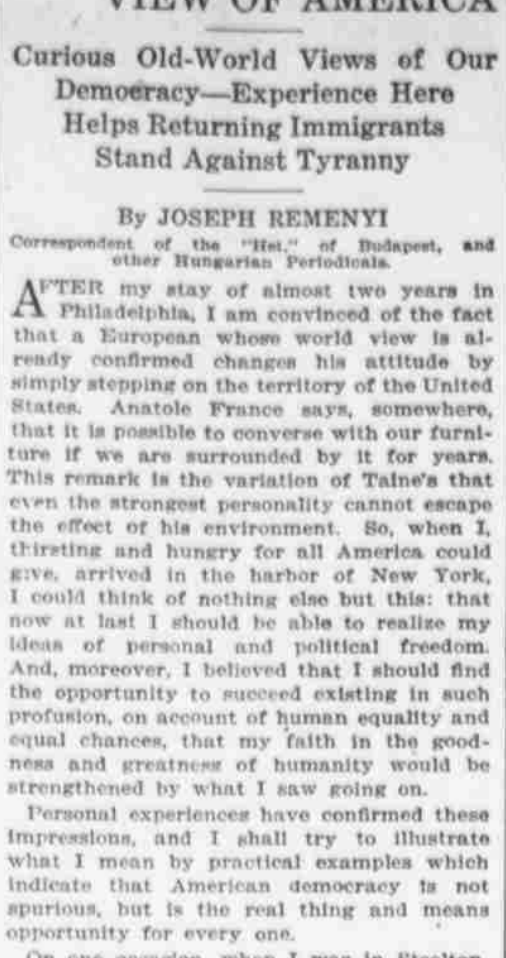
MORE TERMS OF PEACE

THE second, but by no means the last, fact of that merry farce, "The Terms of Peace; or, Whistling in the Graveyard," is now revealed to the public in the columns of the Hamburger Nachrichten, the Vossische Zeitung and other eminently impartial observers. The first act was produced by those notable jesters, The Allies, and was subtitled, "The Dismemberment of Germany." The olio was supplied through Austria, and had three turns—freedom of the seas, freedom of Poland and the great acrobatic twist, recognition of the rights of the Jew. Now, in the words of the Rheinisch-Westfaelische Zeitung, we learn the exact terms. Austria is to have Serbia and is to control the Adriatic littoral; Belgium is to become German, with a sop for Holland. France is to be deprived of her fortified places, and the territory now in German hands will probably not change. Russia is to give up Finland; Poland the Baltic provinces and Bessarabia; England must abandon her Mediterranean and African possessions; France likewise, and India is to become a semi-independent State under the suzerainty of Germany. Germany, it is understood, will amply recompense Bulgaria and Turkey, her faithful allies. In America we know the name for this sort of thing. It is nerve-colossal, unparalleled nerve. In Germany the report comes immediately before an announcement that Prince von Buelow will shortly lay before King Alfonso and President Wilson a proposal for peace. If this is merely a feeler, what will that proposal be? King George has gone to the front to see why his soldiers do not put up a better one. The "Bell Trio" for suffrage is now complete. Members: Justice, Liberty and John C. Germans are reported moving for peace. The direction is southerly, toward the Dardanelles. The slow progress of the Italian armies makes it possible to believe that the Lion of St. Mark's is time. At that, Smith is nearer to being a resident of Philadelphia than he is to being Mayor of Philadelphia. Victor Emanuel flew over the Austrian lines yesterday. As he dropped no poems no protests will be made by Vienna. And Smith has admitted that he is not sure of it. As the campaign progresses, however, he is getting surer—of defeat. The more majorities there are cast against woman suffrage the more certain it seems to be that some men do not know enough to vote. It is not often that a girl answers a want "ad" and finds a husband. Thank heaven that wooing is usually done in a more conventional way! A French astronomer has looked at the stars and predicts 20 hard winters for Europe. A good many laymen have looked at the trenches and say the same.

WAYS OF BARN SWALLOWS

Barn swallows are worth studying, because they are experts in the plastering business. They build their nests out of mud taken from the edge of a stream or of a deposit of clay near the well. The mud is carried on the upper bill in some convenient rafter or beam in the barn, and this bill is plastered into shape. When completed the nest looks like a semi-bowl. The inside is made soft and warm with grass and feathers. Christian Science Monitor.

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