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WE'VE GOT THE PORTS; LET'S USE THEM

THE Standing Committee on Terminals appointed at the September convention of the American Association of Port Authorities has addressed a letter to members of the association which is so important that we quote from it liberally as follows:

If ports on the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard and upon the rivers ever hope to secure the opportunity to do the export and import business to which they are entitled by their natural advantages, they must act decisively and without delay.

The existing discrimination against certain ports can be reached in two ways, both simple and with united action of reasonable certainty of accomplishment. First, the Government can order a separation of rail and terminal accounting, which will expose the huge burden now borne by shipper due to the fact that under normal conditions the water terminals of all our railroads, excepting at New York, New Orleans and San Francisco, are given a port free on all shipping trackage.

Second, in virtually every port on the Atlantic seaboard there are discriminations of rates and service operating against the free and full use of these ports. Every port on the Atlantic seaboard is of much more than a local interest as a port of export or import trade, either in normal times or in war times.

The campaign for proper utilization of American ports is not an anti-New York crusade. It is a pro-war and pro-American agitation, having as its objects, first, the relief of present congestion, and second, preparedness for postbellum trade.

Probably because we have so many of them we have underestimated the importance of ports. They do not make that mistake in Europe. Witness the emphasis on the territorial status of ports in all of the proposed peace terms heretofore stated. Austria clings to Trieste, Serbia wants a port, and Russia, thwarted in Europe, pushed a railroad to the Pacific in order to have an all-year harbor, later fighting a great war to keep it. We, with a dozen fine ports, have permitted the railroads by discrimination and other practices to nullify a great national advantage and overcapitalized New York harbor while undercapitalizing every other harbor in the country.

THE FAITH WORTH WHILE
WE HAVE received many letters from laboring men who want to know why we object to the Garfield order when they do not. "We are satisfied to make sacrifices," runs one of the letters.

Fine! But nobody is complaining about the sacrifice. What men are complaining about is that conditions should have been permitted to arise that would justify the "halt" order. Every American is willing to make any sacrifice whatever that is necessary, but no American wants to make a sacrifice that is unnecessary. It is not so much a question of making sacrifices as it is of making sacrifices that will win the war. Sacrifices which do not work toward that end may be meritorious spiritually, but they are of no practical benefit.

DOCTOR SCHELLING'S CHALLENGE
HOW deeply the moral questions involved in the world's tragedy have penetrated every phase of our life is exemplified in the fact that once more two

University of Pennsylvania professors of International Law have fallen out over definitions of Germany's guilt. Professor Schelling takes issue with Professor Jaastrow. He reads in the latter's book, "The War and the Bagdad Railway," a "fabric thread" through a color dangerously un-American, and he is informed that "trustees of the University and thinking men and women in many walks of life have been disatisfied with the easy and noncommittal reviews of this book."

LET THE CABINET FACE CONGRESS
IT WOULD have been a miracle, Elihu Root declared on Saturday, if a great body of public servants selected in time of profound peace had all proved to be the right men for war, and—

THE cabinet did not happen. England had had to change and change again; France had had to change and change again; Italy had had to change and change again; Germany had had to change and change again.

THE country is taking stock of Mr. Wilson and the members of Congress, for the time has definitely come when the executive and legislative branches of the Government will either clash as they have not clashed in many a year or agree upon a co-operation such as has rarely been attained in our history.

Without careful reform the national Legislature will even more dangerously approach the perilous model of a mass-meeting in its Ministerial responsibility supplies the only conditions which have yet proved efficacious in the political education of the world, for vesting recognized leadership in men chosen for their abilities by a natural selection of debate in a sovereign assembly of whose contests the whole country is witness.

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ANOTHER ADDRESS AT GETTYSBURG

Governor Pennypacker Introduces The Then President Roosevelt

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On Decoration Day, the thirtieth, Roosevelt made an address at Gettysburg from the platform which had been made for Lincoln. It was the first time he had ever been upon that field.

THE battle of Gettysburg, momentous in its exhibition of military force and skill, tremendous in its destruction of human life and consequences which, in their effect upon the race, are limitless. As the seeds of the cocle are sown with the wheat, so in the Constitution, adopted by the fathers in 1787, lay the seeds of an inviolable struggle.

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"POLYGAMY SEQUEL OF WORLD WAR?"

Will Germany Repeat Practices After the Thirty Years' War? Will World Follow?

WOMEN the civilized world over are preparing to block any suggestion that post-bellum polygamy be resorted to to repopulate the depopulated nations. The suggestion comes from a Prussian publicist, who has written a treatise to prove to German women that not only economic but religious reasons justify the bearing of children fathered by other men than their husbands.

STATECRAFT as a warrant for polygamy is nothing new in German history. Former Ambassador Gerard, in his "My Four Years in Germany," writes: "To the outsider the Germans seem a fierce and martial nation. But in reality the mass of the Germans, in consenting to the gross practices entailed by their enormous preparations for war, have been actuated by fear."

THE fear dates from the Thirty Years' War. In 1648, when the Treaty of Westphalia was concluded, Germany was almost a desert. Its population had fallen from 20,000,000 to 4,000,000.

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GARFIELD ORDER IN READERS' VIEWS

Suspension of Industry to Ease Fuel Crisis Criticized and Defended

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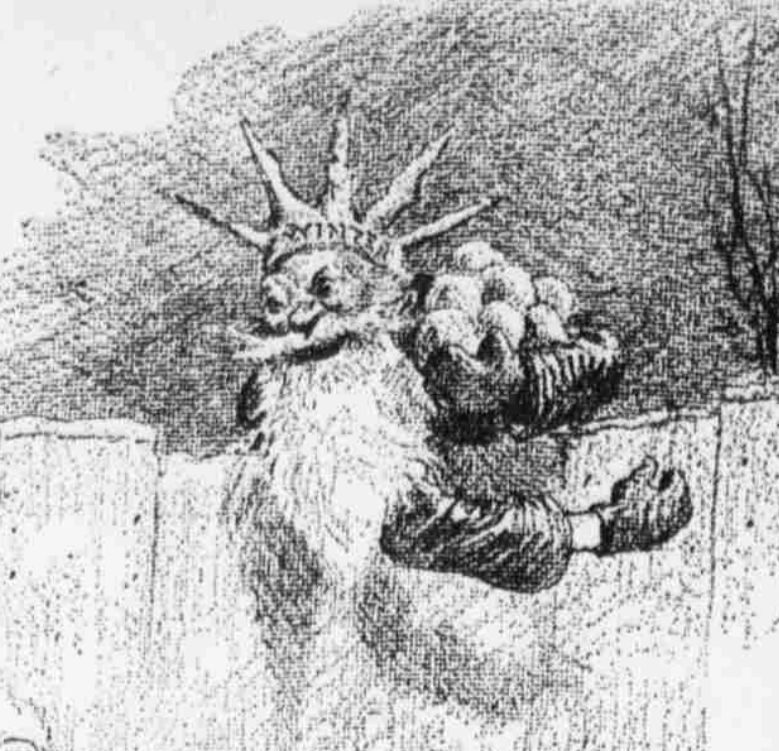
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