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IT IS A SHOWDOWN

WE KNOW no partisanship in this war and no politics. Any American who devotes himself to the service of either in this great crisis belongs to hell fire and is sure enough of getting there.

We are extremely gratified that the President met Senator Chamberlain's address in New York with a sharp public statement. God save us from a Chief Executive who has putty where his spine ought to be!

But we need not accept the President's declarations as a termination of the controversy. Far from it. What we applaud is his readiness to meet the issue squarely now.

The abortive attack of Senator Stone, who loves to play with fire, commands little respect and carries even less weight because the Senator's policies in late months have been painfully distasteful.

It has served, however, to clear the atmosphere. We may anticipate a debate of the first magnitude, in which many whispered charges will come to the front, and the country will be able to gather from it conclusions considerably more definite than any now in vogue.

It would be a miracle if the organization of this prodigious war had gone forward perfectly. The President admits that it has not. He asks for a nod of confidence on the ground that mistakes are being corrected as fast as they are discovered and that no blunder is repeated.

need be. Some must give their lives and others, what is dearer than life, their reputations. Nor need any man, even the President, expect to escape the darts of criticism. The job's the thing, and the only thing, and the job must be done no matter who or what falls by the wayside.

IS McADOO RESPONSIBLE?

MIL McADOO has gone before the Senate and announced that the railroads will need \$1,000,000,000 to put them on a war footing. He told the Senate that Government control of the roads should not be limited to any fixed period, but that as a principle he opposed Government ownership.

The result is, that whereas if Mr. McAdoo had spoken thus in full Senate his words would have been taken as an expression of the Administration's permanent policy, under the less dignified circumstances we are left wondering whether he was speaking for Mr. Wilson and the Cabinet or only for himself.

We pointed out yesterday that there is good reason to believe that much of the present friction between Congress and the Administration would disappear if Cabinet members could appear on the floor and take ministerial responsibility in the debates. Here is a case in point.

PUT "LABOR LOYALTY WEEK" IN PRACTICE NOW

LABOR'S Birthday is some weeks off. Hog Island needs 30,000 additional war workers now. "Labor Loyalty Week" does not have to wait upon the calendar till February 12. The Alliance for Labor and Democracy in association with the American Federation of Labor has a fine idea in its proclamation for "Labor Loyalty Week" in connection with the Laborer's natal day.

Honest Abe, whose name inspires Americans for all that democracy means, was not too proud to split rails. He would not be too proud to take saw, adze and hammer to help build ships at Hog Island in the present emergency.

PENNYPACKER ON PENROSE

WHEN a man guesses right once he may be only a good guesser. But when he guesses right a second and a third time you begin to believe that he is not guessing at all, but knows what he is talking about. The old idea was that Quay and Penrose had the same amount and the same kind of influence over Governor Penrypacker.

Governor Penrypacker did not have the integrity of a Roosevelt or the eloquence of a Wilson with which to take his place in the Senate. He was personally responsible he gave us of his best. To the Senate he sent Knox, whose name "was not on the Penrose list."

It is proper to ask the clergy to aid in the collection of the income tax, their parishioners having seen to it that so few ministers have any of their own to pay.

GOVERNOR PENNYPACKER WINS FIRST TILT WITH PENROSE

Appointment of Knox to Succeed Quay Was a Victory for the Governor—He Tells How He Disagreed With Penrose

PENNYPACKER AUTOBIOGRAPHY—No 56
THE death of Quay left Senator Holes as the titular head of the Republican party in the State. On the third of June, along with Dr. Henry D. Heller, the quarantine physician; Charles H. Heuser, health officer; Lieutenant Governor William M. Brown, Senator Penrose and many others, I went down the Delaware River on the tugboat which had been given my name to inspect the Quarantine Station.

Penrose "Carefree"
Soon after Quay's death I said to him: "Senator, there will be a great contest in this State over the election of the next Governor and you had better be making your arrangements now in preparation for it."

His reply was: "Nonsense, there is not a sign of disturbance anywhere in the State. It would cost \$250,000, and there is not a man in the State who would be willing to spend the money."

There was a vacancy in the United States Senate to be filled. If Quay ever had the thought that his son Richard might succeed him there, as J. Donald Cameron had followed his father, he never even gave me a hint of his wish.

But about upon the heels of this stimulus an eagle, which I called the "Happy Flycatcher," hurried with this message: "Liberty with the elements, wherein the 'wind' is made to blow—or at least to sound—two ways at once."

The contest over the list. His name was not on the list. The interview then ended. A day or two later I was invited to dine with the Farmers' Club at the farm of A. J. Cassatt in Chester Valley. There were present, among others, George F. Baer, Wayne MacVeagh and Senator Penrose.

Every man should have his little pig in a new food conservation slogan in country districts. And every city home should get rid of its big one.

He, through his intelligence, experience and knowledge of the law, soon took a commanding position in the Senate and the State never was more worthily represented there.

President Taft, a place in which the incumbent, if he fails, is sure to get the blame, and, if he succeeds, is sure to have some one else receive the credit. I accompanied the appointment with an opinion giving my view of the effect of the provisions of the Constitutions of the United States and of the State differing from that which had been expressed by Mr. Carson and been supported by the newspapers.

JOY! HERE'S A NEW AND HUMAN POET

Riding Pegasus by Night and Floorwalker in a Department Store by Day

WHEN little Johnny Keats first discovered the poet Homer he likened the joy he felt to that which comes to "some watcher of the skies when a new planet swims into his ken."

But you, gentle reader, are to have the privilege of sharing our pleasure in the discovery of one who is not only a true poet but a live and very human creature, who, though he rides his Pegasus by night, is a floorwalker in a New York department store by day.

It is here that the book begins and it is here that a prayer is asked for the soul of the scribbler who wrote it for the glory of God, the honor of Erin and the pleasure of a woman who came from Both—his mother.

THE STONE'S SPEECH
My love has crossed an ocean. Over which no breeze blow. But a steady, steady rain of rain and drizzle sea. To come in dreams to me.

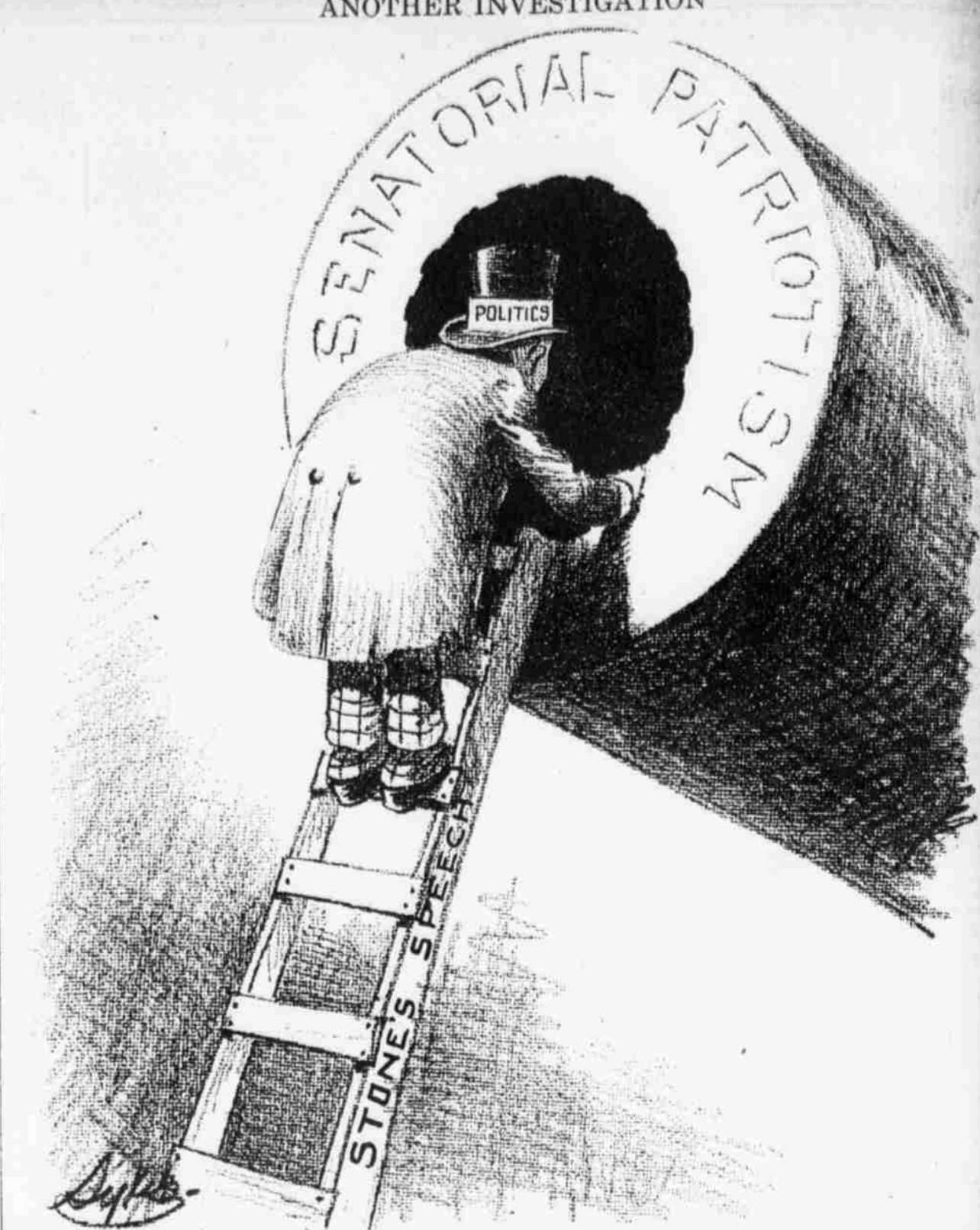
It's a shame that we haven't the room to give in full so tender a lyric as that "on Erin's Island" in praise of the memory of "Fair Maevie," but here's a stanza: A thought of her is like a dream. And dreams of her to my spirit seem.

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Drawback Would Open a "Free Port" in Every City
Still further, the regulations under which the drawback has been paid are so complicated that unless the amount of foreign material used is very great and unless the duty paid was very high no manufacturer would attempt to get his money back. It cost more time and trouble than it was worth.



THE FREE PORT PLAN

All of Its Advantages Can Be Secured by an Extension and Simplification of the Drawback Provisions of the Tariff Law

By GEORGE W. DOUGLASS

THE suggestion of the establishment of free ports in America for the development of manufactures for export, there is a hearing on the subject in Philadelphia today—has appealed to the imagination of the inquirer ever since it was first made.

Yes, look at Hamburg, and what do you discover? When the free zone was established it was hoped that a great manufacturing center would be created, which would send its products into all parts of the world.

What Do You Know?

- 1. What is a "soviet"?
2. Where is the "Hague"?
3. What part of the United States is affected by the Garfield coal order?
4. What is meant by the "War Cabinet" now being discussed in Congress?
5. What is the "band and brass" movement?
6. Who are the "Mazzar" maniacs?
7. What does C. O. mean in the army?
8. What is the classical name of the Dardanelles?
9. What is "French leave"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and publisher of the New York World and other newspapers, employed a School of Journalism at Columbia University.
2. Salmon was the science of life; divided into anatomy, breeding of animals, and botany.
3. Bernard Baruch is a New York broker, now a member of the Council of National Defense.

McAroni Ballads

DA PEANUT EDITOR
I'm editor for dees peanut stan'
An' dat's about so mooch as I can do;
But you are wisa newspaper man,
So don'ta mind da theengs I say to you.

W'at for you gona care to hear da way I run dees leetla place from day to day?
W'at good for you to know da way I plan?
For makes trade for dees my leetla stan',
An' try my many customer to please?
Steell eef you want my story here eet ees:

I have so many peopla here to suit I makea try for kat da besta fruit.
An' w'en dey come I put da besta kind.
Een front, an' g'ed da worsta 'dem be hind.
I don'ta put a sign on dem: "Oh, see How rotten all dese goods of mine can be!"

SUFFRAGE AND THE SENATE

An Analysis of Alignment on Basis of House Passage of Amendment

ANALYSIS of the vote whereby the woman's suffrage amendment passed the House of Representatives fails to justify the optimism of the leaders of that cause, who already see the senatorial acquiescence at hand and State ratification coming. On the contrary, it appears to indicate that the real struggle is ahead.

THE MAKIN' O' CORPORAL BYRNE
I, J. Byrne, of Philadelphia, on his way to New York yesterday, passed here, and, as usual, had a little to say. He said that he had been in the army for some time, and that he had seen some things that he would like to tell you. He said that he had seen some things that he would like to tell you.