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of ex-Presidents or their widows would be in no sense a condescension, but their indisputable due. The sooner Congress applies this remedy the sooner will the nation be fortified in self-respect.

HOW SOME CONGRESSMEN ARE HELPING BOLSHIEVISM The President's Efforts to Neutralize European Radicalism Blocked by a Snub From the House Rules Committee

IN THE brusque refusal of the House Rules Committee to permit a quick hearing for the bill appropriating \$100,000 requested by the President for additional relief in central Europe we have fresh proof of the sullen unwillingness of routiners in politics to understand the scope and nature of the crisis that confronts Mr. Wilson and other forward-looking statesmen abroad.

BEFORE THE PEACE CONFERENCE EVEN at this distance and with nothing but the carefully restrained dispatches for guidance, it is apparent that President Wilson is being made to feel a growing isolation in the midst of European officialdom as the time approaches for the formal conversations which are to precede the Peace Conference.

A STREET NAME WITH A THRILL THE movement started by the business men of Logan to name the Northeast Boulevard after Theodore Roosevelt not only warrants endorsement, but it is suggestive of a policy both stimulating to the civic imagination and exhibitive of good taste.

of Russia will be able to get a fair understanding of the motives of other nations tragically misrepresented in the philosophies of their present leaders. Bolshevism cannot be put down by guns unless the world is ready for more years of appalling slaughter.

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THE skip-stop issue has been needlessly befogged. Stripped of superlatives, the case is easily reducible to two pertinent questions: Is there specific evidence to prove that the trolley company's system is dangerous? Can it be demonstrated to be a public inconvenience?

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Congressman Moore's Letter Some Reflections About the Manchester Ship Canal—John S. Norris Protests Against Too Much Agricultural Department Supervision

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11. DON'T want to "cut up," or anything, but that dispatch of Raymond G. Carroll describing President Wilson's visit to the cotton mills of Manchester, where 55,000,000 spindles turn to the benefit of our American cotton growers, helps to explain the political differences that sometimes exist between the cotton manufacturers of New England, who compete with the environment of "Free Trade Hall," where the President spoke, and the cotton planters of the United States, who sell their raw material to the weavers and spinners of Lancashire.

IRA JEWELL WILLIAMS, who pulls a laboring oar for the Philadelphia law firm which contributed Francis Shunk Brown to the Attorney General's office and Jesse Court, has been consulting the Washington authorities about the Mexican oil situation. As Ira Jewell views it, the Carranza Government, under a so-called "new" constitution and certain countries are sometimes suspected of shaping constitutions to override existing legal conditions—has entered upon a policy of confiscation. It is contended that the commercial oil development in Mexico began only in 1906 and that the original prospectors purchased from private owners who had held title to their lands for from two to three hundred years, and that the Mexican Government showed no interest in the transaction until the developers had spent fortunes in making good. Having "struck oil" finally and struck it rich, the Government evinced an interest in their success—and hence the "new constitution" asserting the State's rights over the oil lands. Mr. Williams is concerned over the attitude of the Mexican Government; but he is not alone—England, France and the United States are having "conversations" with President Carranza about it.

NO ONE reads the Congressional Record! Well, those who have the habit of saying so may guess again. The pasting away in Honolulu of Robert W. Breckons, a Pennsylvania public school boy who was United States District Attorney for Hawaii under Roosevelt and Taft, utterly disproves the soft insinuation. Bob Breckons waited for the arrival of the Record after its long journey across the continent and its 2900-mile ride on the Pacific like the soldier boy in France waits for the coveted letter from home. He referred to it as "his Bible," found interest in the debates and kept track of public men and events by carefully perusing its pages. It served him so well in public and private life that, to use his own illustration, he "died in Congress" and shared in its happenings as though he were sitting in the gallery. Bob and his brother, Joe Breckons, a popular Washington newspaper man who died a year or so ago, and another brother, William, who is in the Federal service in Hawaii, kept close tabs on Pennsylvania politics, especially the politics of the Schuylkill Valley. Bob and Joe went West many years ago and figured in the politics of Wyoming. After serving in the Wyoming Legislature Bob moved on to Hawaii. Joe tied up with Senator Warren and came to Washington as his secretary.

THROUGHOUT the war period Philadelphia coal operators were in pretty close touch with what was going on in Washington. One of their representatives in the Council of National Defense and in other bodies having to do with the adjustment of mining and labor problems was Edward B. Chase, for a long time associated with the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company. Mr. Chase virtually abandoned his Philadelphia business connections to keep up with the war demand. It is not certain whether he and James B. Bonner, the "silent" but effective actuary of the steel interests, saw much of each other in Washington, but it is certain that each of them was on the job morning, noon and night. Speaking of Jim Bonner, it is fair that his friends of the Maritime Exchange and the Union League should know that probably no man was more welcome at critical times in the offices of the War and Navy Departments than was he.

JOHN S. NORRIS, president of the Philadelphia Produce Exchange, has let it be known in Washington that too much supervision by the Department of Agriculture is becoming irksome. Like every other department in Washington, the Department of Agriculture has been a fruitful field for growing bureaus. Its soil is well fertilized by appropriations. It has a tremendous crop of educators who write essays and tell the farmers how to run their business. But the particular educational bureau to which the Philadelphians call attention is the new bureau of markets. It has started on a butter and egg inspection tour which the produce men say is of doubtful utility.

ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT



THE CHAFFING DISH

FRUIT STANDS HAVE any poets of the city ever done justice to the little fruit stands? What a glowing spot of color they show in the gray perspective of the street! By one of the happy compensations of humanity, the meaner and more dingy the street, the more fruit stands and barrows you will find, generally presided over by Italians, who are, after all, the greatest lovers of color and beauty. How carefully they polish their nature's gleaming jewels, how cunningly they arrange them in pyramids and rows. And on a nipping cold day the apples and oranges seem to shine with a more brilliant luster. The snow may swirl round the windy corner where the humble merchant chafes his purple fingers, but the bright scarlet and yellow globes on his stand are a perpetual pledge of sunnier days to come. In summertime the law makes him cover them over with netting against the flies; but now his sweet merchandise shines in naked color. Blue and red and orange and green—all a feast to the eye. One need never despair of a world where beauty lurks on every street corner.

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- QUIZ 1. In what year did the Easter revolution in Iran break out? 2. Name three Frankforts in Germany. 3. Of what country was John Paul Jones a native? 4. What is the meaning of the American Indian word sagamore? 5. What are sabots? 6. Who painted the famous picture, "The Last Judgment," now in the Sistine Chapel? 7. When was the importation of slaves into the United States abolished? 8. Who is the merchant of Montreal? 9. Who laid the cornerstone of the original building of the Capitol at Washington? 10. Name three types of thermometers.