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WHY IT WORKS IN BOSTON THE Boston plan of taking the police out of politics has worked well because It took the control of the police department from the hands of the politicians who controlled the city.

Boston is Democratic. Massachusetts is Republican. The police commissioner is appointed by the Republican Governor. He has thus far been a man of high ideals, who under any system would have kept the police out of politics. But the Democratic ward leaders in Boston have found it impossible to use the policemen to help them control their wards. And the Republican ward leaders have not been allowed to use them for any such purpose

The Boston plan might work here. And then again it might not. If the minority Republican faction in this city belonged to the faction which was in control in Harrisburg and was able to name the local police commissioner, the chances are that a man would be named who would use the police to defeat the local majority faction of the party. This would happen unless there was an honest disposition to take the police out of politics. And if there is such a disposition the police can be taken out of politics under the present system. A mere change in the machinery will not change the nature of the product.

A DEMOCRAT CRITICIZES THE ADMIN-ISTRATION

TT is gratifying to find such evidence of economic sanity in Washington as that which Senator Gore, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, manifested the other day when he criticized the price-fixing of

The action of the government in fixing an arbitrary price, he said, caused a loss the farmers of \$400,000,000 in 1917 and a similar sum in 1918. The price fixed for the new crop will enable them to recoup mselves for their losses in the two preceding years. Whereas, if the price had been allowed to take its natural course under the operation of the law of supply and demand, they would have made money, the consumers would not have suffered any worse than they did and it would not be necessary for the Government to appropriate several hundred millions to meet the difference between what the market price is likely to be next summer and the price fixed by the President's proclamation.

Senator Gore is a Democrat and cannot be charged with partisan political motives in criticizing the course of the food administration. Indeed, he protested against the price-fixing program before it was adopted, said what every one familiar with such experiments knows, namely, that they had never succeeded.

Incidentally, the Senator reminded us that the world supply of wheat is not so large as had been supposed, so that three or four hundred millions instead of a billion would probably be all that would have to be appropriated to assure the arbitrary price of \$2.26 a bushel to the farmers.

WHEN AN ALIEN HAS NO RIGHTS

NO MATTER how many times a point of law has been decided a lawyer can always be found who will accept a fee to ask the courts to pass upon it again, This profound reflection is suggested by the action of a lawyer who sued out a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of fortynine undesirable aliens who are awaiting deportation in New York,

The lawyer doubtless knew that the erit would ultimately be denied, for the eme Court passed upon the question re ago. It was raised in the case a distinguished British intellectual anarchist who came to America to lecture. He did not advocate violence, but he did preach opposition to all governments. The migration authorities ordered his deportation. His lawyers sought his re-lease and sued out a writ of habeas corpus and pleaded the provision of the stitution that the privilege of the writ sould not be suspended except in exdonal circumstances. The case was aken to the Supreme Court, which decided that the guarantees of the Constiare for the protection of citizens of the ed States.

But even if there had been no court on on this point, there is undoubted sower under the authority of the imraiion laws to deport every undesirable Hen in the country,

SEEDED: SERUM FOR INDIFFERENCE PLAN for spending \$211,000,000 to overme the handicap of the port of New arising from the fact that the city an island has been outlined by Gus-Lindenthal to the New York and New y Port and Harbor Development Com-

includes a belt-line railroad on the Jersey shore extending from Staten 4 to Undercliff, on the Hudson, and at freight classification yard on the Jersey mendows, from which local and be distributed in carload lots

to Jersey City and Manhattan by way of railroads running into Manhattan through tunnels. A three-mile tunnel under the bay from Greenville, N. J., to Bay Ridge, L. I., is also included.

No such enormous expenditure as is contemplated by these plans is required to put the port of Philadelphia into condition to handle freight. Railroads from the West and South can be connected directly with the piers on the Delaware River and freight can be transferred directly from the cars to the holds of the ships. And there is room for freight classification yards within convenient distance of the railroad terminals and the piers on the river. Everybody knows all this so well that he is weary of hearing more about it. But the port languishes and we do little more than talk about developing it. What is needed is the discovery of a serum for the cure of indifference. Then something may happen.

THE COVENANT WHICH OPENS THE DOOR TO A NEW AGE

Dreams Turning to Reality as Comprehensive League Program Forecasts Impossibility of War

PHE most comprehensive buttress ever created in support of the moral will was revealed in Paris yesterday when President Wilson read the closely reasoned tovenant agreed upon by the commission in the League of Nations. Beside the impliations of this stupendous document the magnitude of the war shrinks into insignificance, save only if regarded as the instrument most directly responsible for the foundation of a world-peace pact. If atonement is possible for the monstrous tragedy of universal strife, it is clear that it can only be made by the execution of a resolve

But it is clear also that rarified idealism.

however fervently applauded, is by itself

an insufficient stimulus to good behavior in a world of error. Where selfish interest. colored either by hope of gain or fear of punishment, can be made to coincide with fundamentals of right, a heartening approximation of justice can be attained. That is so in all states whose laws are kept. The "covenant" aims to apply the principles of such a balance universally. It is a titanic ambition, realization of which will change the whole course of human history. Formerly, however, it was the fashion to characterize it as a glorious dream. But that was before the whole earth was shocked to its foundation by a war transcending all mundane conceptions of horror. It is not alone, therefore, high thoughts which have sped forward the League of Nations plan with such enthralling rapidity, but bitter, agonizing necessity That was the motive which completely altered the order of proceedings in Paris It is the same motive which re-enforces the moral values of the covenant with unprecedented practical bulwarks. The machinery is so specific, so mindful of a host of eventualities that there is inspiring warranty to entertain the hope that war

will be made impossible. The document

specifies more checks than any panacea

for peace ever devised by recognized

authorities. The program seeks to consider

The President's share in it has obviously been extremely potent. The world has been hearing much of "compromises" while the commission was at work, and doubtless many adjustments have been made. None the less, several of the most important provisions are vividly expressive of the American viewpoint. Old treaty obliga tions inconsistent with the terms of the covenant are automatically abrogated All subsequent agreements between any of the contracting parties shall be regarded as unbinding until published. There is to be no world state or world police Indorsement of the mandatory colonia system for the residue of defeated empires is categorically made and linked up with modifications in sympathy with the doctrine of self-determination.

The economic boycott is to be the first punitive weapon employed against refractory members of the League. Under neces sity, the application of armed force will be "recommended" by executive council.

The administrating machinery of the League is of a nature whose value can only be proved by experience. The executive council and the body of delegates suggest analogies in their composition and functions to the American Senate and House of Representatives. Vital coercive authority rests in the smaller body, in which the smaller nations will have four votes, with the representatives of the United States, France, the British Empire, Italy and Japan, which Powers inevitably constitute the backbone of the league. But the judgment of the body of delegates, in which all the signatories to the League are represented, may be invoked if certain formal rules of procedure are observed.

The compulsion to arbitrate questions of international irritation is made extremely drastic, and a great variety of contingencies have been foreseen. They include squabbles between League members and non-League members, disputes between outsiders, who, if refractory, are obliged to enter the association, and threats of armed force if all other methods, including the interference of a permanent court of arbitration, fail. If war, after all the mollifying machinery has unavailingly operated, is deemed unavoidable, League members are obligated not to resort to the sword until three months after ad-

judication of the issue has been made. It may be argued, of course, that dis honor can attain extravagant extremes as in the case of Germany, but that shadow is upon all man-made laws. Illegal acts are committed in the best administered countries, but such performances by no means wholly discredit the rule of good governments. The League machinery has the potentiality of a mighty warde of moral force, and that is precisely what moral force in this world of human weaknesses needs to be effective. Infractions of the League piedges are made exceedingly unattractive, and the fate of any nation which indulges in them is likely to

malcontents. Those which remain without the League will have no easier time than any erring signatory, for the covenant is not merely a scheme to band arrogantly together a group of a few domineering Powers, but it actually undertakes to comprehend in its lofty scope the political world. naturally includes Germany, obvio

furnish a salutary warning to all other

"No state shall be admitted to the League unless it is able to give effective guarantees of its sincere intention to observe its international obligations." But same behavior will secure admission, without which the League, which will prescribe the extent of disarmament to which the various nations must agree, would eventually be incom plete.

Many skeptice will be heard before the involved procedure, including ratification of the draft by the Peace Conference and by all the constituted home authorities of the nations, has been attained. Objections that it won't work are invalid, because judgment without trial is indefensible. But where criticism is even more likely to be forthcoming is in respect to the colossal scope of the plan. "You can't change human nature on so vast a scale." is the pat formula. History has something say on this theme.

Mankind abolished slavery. Mankind abolished religious persecution. The record leads directly to the concept that mankind will abolish war.

The third universal reform is surely imaginable in the light of such precedents. Moreover, the world, with the wondrous accomplishment in Paris to hearten it, has triumphantly passed the stage of the "thin" and abstract. It is in sight of the solid and concrete foundation of the great redemption.

HURLEY SEEKS LIGHT IN DARK PLACES

THE shipping policy of the United States will not be settled by the national referendum which Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, is asking the United States Chamber of Commerce to take. The referendum will assist Congress to an under standing of what the commercial bodies of the country think on the subject. But unfortunately many of the commercial odies have no well-grounded opinions to express. They have only impressions and prejudices. A referendum to be worth while ought to be preceded by a campaign of education, in the course of which the arguments for and against the different forms of shipping control are fairly set

forth for the information of the ignorant. There are large sections of the country where the average man is supremely indifferent to the whole subject. He does not realize that the prosperity of his business is dependent upon the development of the ports on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and on the use of those ports by oceangoing ships. When he thinks of it at all he says that he does not care whether his grain is carried abroad in an American or British or a French or a Japanese ship. long as it is carried. He has not even learned the lesson of the last four years, that a nation dependent on foreign-owned shipping in time of peace must also be dependent on it in time of war. The campaign of education must start with driving nome the fundamental proposition that we must have a merchant marine approximately adequate to take care of our foreign trade.

When we admit that we must have a merchant marine, then we are prepared to consider whether the merchant marine shall be publicly or privately owned; whether it shall be assisted by subventions or subsidies, and whether the ships shall be a part of a naval reserve to be operated by naval reserve seamen with the government paying part of their wages.

The referendum plan under present circumstances is interesting but not impor-

The difference between Thomas Edison and Mouth Disease James M. Beck is that Edison can kick his outstretched hand with his foot and Beck can open his mouth and put both feet in it.

the Germans will demobilize, but Bill Hohenzollern beat them to it by demobilizing to Amerongen last November.

What is so delightful as a day in June February?

Mr. Wilson ought to arrive in the United States in time to celebrate Washington's Birthday.

Director Wilson says there will be shake-up in the Police Department unless there are fewer shake-downs in the streets.

Those burglars frequenting the fur stores must be laying in a stock for use next summer. No one is wearing furs now,

There is no anti-monopolist so rash as

object to the plan of the League of Nations to monopolize the war-making power Now if the charter framers can do as

well as the men who have drafted a constitution for the League of Nations even Senator Vare should be pleased. Henry White, who heads the Peace Conference committee on transit, has an easy

commissioner of Philadelphia. Wilson instructs U. S. Mission-Headline. He seems to have been instructing the peace conference also. But what else could you expect from an ex-professor?

job in comparison with that of the transit

As the grandmother of the revolution considers what has happened in Russia, she must be reflecting that it is a wise grandnother who knows her own grandchild.

Representative Medill McCormick is induly alarmed about the Monroe doctrine His demand for a heresy trial of the President on the ground of apostasy will not excite much apprehension anywhere.

So have the times changed! They used discuss poker in the good old days and the Governors of the Carolinas were wont to talk of irrigation. Sooner or later, if peace has a long nough reign, lives lost by the war will be

less in number than lives saved by the war-

as a result of the great strides made in

surgery during hostilities. With a six-hour business day in the deariment stores from 11 to 5, how is the husband to manage to do the little shop-ping errands for his wife which he is in the oit of getting rid of on his way to the

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Washington Not Interested in Free Ports - Discrimination Against Officers Serving at Home-Rollin L. Dixon's Services as an Aerial Photographer

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15. DRESIDENT JOSEPH R. GRUNDY'S eloquent appeal to the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association for protection to American industry and freedom from vexatious legislation is being circulated in the Capitol, where the impression prevails that a tariff bill will be one of the early tasks of the Republican House in an extra session if the President calls one. And while most Republicans are prepared to initiate tariff legislation, the Taussig Tariff Commission, under the inspiration of former Congressman Kent, of California, who was for Wilson, although he called himself an independent in politics, is pushing the "free port" idea and gathering in some Republican support for it. Among those whom the plausible Californian quotes as favoring the free port for Philadelphia are Nathan T. Folwell, of the Manufacturers' Club; J. S. W. Holton, of the Maritime Exchange, and H. K. Mulford, of the Chamber of Commerce. Thus far, however, the Democratic Ways and Means Committee has permitted the free port bills to slumber and there is no dikelihood of their reappearance this Congress.

ONE of the big war factors was stevedor-ing. It facilitated the movement of troops and supplies. D. J. Murphy, Jr., of Philadelphia, who had much to do with the Delaware River end of the Government's stevedore business, has been telling his Washington friends about the services of the officers who had to stay on the wharves in the United States morning. noon and night, without getting a chance to shed their blood in France. He thinks they have been prejudiced in the distribution of honors and has come to the conclusion, after consulting members of the Military Affairs Committee, that the Overman act, which gave the President authority to rearrange and reclassify the departments, is responsible for the over-

DRETTY rough on Wilmington and other Delaware River towns which have been making water-front improvements to hear of the discontinuance of the Clyde Line, or of any line running from Philadelphia to New York or southern points. There is a suspicion here that the railroad administration has much to do with recent developments in steamship management. The McAdoo plan for co-ordinating rail and water transportation is a part of it, but the boost ing of freight rates on waterway service to equalize those on the railroads constitutes the big interrogation point. Wilmington, for instance, under the guidance of a harbor board, of which Charles Warner is president, has been contemplating a seaboard pier development at the mouth of the Christiana River, and it is naturally concerned over the railroad-waterway situation. . . .

WiTH the outgoing of Brumbaugh's sec-retary, Mr. Ball, and the incoming of Sproul's secretary, Henry S. McDevitt, memories of former Governors' secretaries are revived. Lew Beitler went in with Stuart, Walter Galther with Stone and Bromley Wharton with Pennypacker Some day, if they get together early enough, a real live organization of Governors' secretaries may have some weight in the Commonwealth. Such an association, however, should be started at once, since a society of ex's soon disintegrates. At the Roose velt memorial exercises in Washington the one ex-President of the United States, William H. Taft, came down the aisle alone.

WATCHING from time to time the great price-guarantee bill in its formative stages have been C. H. Bell, W. K. Woolman, Hubert J. Horan and A. B. Clemmer, all of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia. These men, who are interested in the grain trade round about Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, are none the less concerned in the activities of the grain men of the West and Northwest, who have figured extensively in the effort to secure an appropriation of more than a billion dollars to make good the President's price absurances to the wheat producers. They sat with the "horny-handed" from Indianapolis, Chicago and other grain centers, and listened intently.

THE Wanamakers have a real live booster in Dr. Joseph Kossuth Dixon, leader of the Rodman Wanamaker historical expeditions to the North American Indians, who comes to Washington frequently to keep in touch with Indian legislation. On his recent visits the doctor has been without his son and boon companion, Rollen L. Dixon, who is now serving as a second lieutenant in the air service. The junior Dixon, who is an expert photographer, having helped his father on certain expeditions to obtain the picturesque among the fleeting race, was discovered in the army and finally put into the overhead photographic service. Captain Michel, of the French army, has pronounced him one of the most expert serial photographers in the world.

MUCH money is being spent by the govtion idea through such bureaus as that of naturalization in the Department of Labor and education in the Department of the Interior. There is also an association in Phiradelphia watch is specializing on this work among Jewish immigrants, the president of which is Louis E. Levy. Mr. Levy and Jacob Ginsburg, vice president of the association, have been keeping in touch with the restrictive immigration legislation recently passed by the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, to which they are opposed. Thus far the Committee on Rules, through which it was proposed to rush this legislation, has not yielded to requests to hasten these measures out of order. Meanwhile the task of those who labor among the foreign-born in Philadelphia and elsewhere is to keep on with the work of molding into good citisenship those from foreign climes who are already in

IN SIGHT?



RUBBER HEELS

THE draft of the League of Nations covenant was a very agreeable Valentine for the world.

The only thing we missed in it was "May

Our nomination for secretary-general of the league is Colonel House, viz: Wholly unquotable, Always ungoatable,

Secretly notable. Silence's spouse-Darkly inscrutable. Quite irrefutable.

Nobly immutable

Edward M. House! There is a conspiracy of silence about Colonel House, and he is the ringleader.

Certain Statesmen

at Gettysburg Three score and ten days ago Woodrow Wilson left this continent, dedicated to the proposition that a league of nations must be founded to safeguard the peace of

Now we are engaged in a great and acrinonious discussion, arguing whether that league, or any league so conceived, can ong endure. We are met on a great battlefield of tongues. We are met to dedicate portion of it as the final place of silence for those who shed their arguments freely that the league of nations might not live It is altogether fitting that we should do this.

But it is rather for us here to be dedicated to the great talk remaining before us; that from these perished arguments we take increased loquacity to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of oration; that we here loudly resolve that the world shall have a new birth of argument, and that government of the nations, by the nations, for the nations, shall no perish from the earth.

The iron has entered my sole, cried Miss Ann Dante as she stepped on a tack,

Mr. Wilson, speaking in Paris the other day, mentioned the "miracles of comprehension" the war has wrought. We can also think of some miracles of ncomprehension.

The Fisher Poet sailed in a ship of fancy On the grim gray billows of Time, And I caught a netful of silver joy In cunning meshes of rhyme. CHARLES WHARTON STORK. Yes, Wharton, but where is tif

Sonnet on Colonel House If a man holds his tongue You cannot contradict him,

That rise up to afflict him. The thoughts left unuttered Will never embarrass you, What you just muttered Will not stay to harass you.

It's the words he has swung

And if you don't ink it You won't have to edit it, If you just think it You can't be discredited.

And so, when it comes to distributing credit In the matter of silence, you have to hand

Dock Mottoes What avails it that another loves you

The Superman The man I give toast to And praise in this sonnet Has never played host to A bee in his bonnet. Remarkably moderate, Thoroughly sane,

Indeed odd and odder it Seems to my brain So few are inclined to Give heed to his tone,

But still have a mind to Fool views of their own. The wisdom of Sinai is his by the shelf: Of course you divine I-allude to myself. DOVE DULCET.

Now that the Germans have given up their morning hour of hate they no longer observe a hate-hour day

Boston is shortly to begin celebrating the centennial of James Russell Lowell, and intends once more to be the hubbub of the

universe. All patent medicines, says a doctor friend of ours, have practically the same ingredients: a narcotic, a laxative and a bitter.

litical speeches. Becky was Sharp, but Beck is sharper

The same analysis applies to most po-

The longest long trail is that of the

after-dinner speaker. SOCRATES.

Kissing in Alsace Kissing was very much in evidence in

Alsace, where pretty Alsatian girls, in the costume of their country, were seen to throw their arms around the necks of the President and his companions and to receive a good hug. M. Clemenceau, for example, the octogenarian Prime Minister, kissed a great many of these pretty girls, saying aloud the while, "Ah, if I were twenty years of age again!" General Guillemot, Marshal Petain and even the immortal Foch showed that if they were great warriors they were also very human I have a suspicion that many of the English correspondents were absent from this part of the function or they would have written quite brilliant letters on kissing as a fine art.

I met, for example, Mr. Gerald Campbell the exceedingly able correspondent of the Times, but while I read many fine articles from him on the subject of Alsaco and Lorraine, I missed a descriptive sketch on "the generals and the girls," which should have appealed to his Irish heart .-Clement Shorter, in the London Sphere,

Winter may get us yet. The famous blizzard of 1888 came in March.

A Loftier Desire

"A German wanted; experienced. Apply This advertisement, which appeared in a Manchester newspaper, caused great

The manager of the firm concerned, which has a bleaching, dyeing, printing, and finishing works, states that an amusing mistake has been made. "We want an agerman and certainly not a German," he said. An ager man is a worker in charge of a machine which fixes colors." - London Evening

Movie Rashness

We have tried to be sane in the matter of popular prefidice against German music, but when a five-piece picture show orchestra undertakes to play the "Ride of the "Val-kyries," then the A. P. L. and its alited

A SWITCH IN TIME

There is a nimiety, a too-muchness in all Germans.—Coleridge, "Table Talk,"

THERE'S still too much too-muchness, Assertive such-as-suchness, Complacent over-Dutchness... In German thought and act: Both root and branch need thinning, Bismarckian disciplining-If left to think they're winning,

They will have won in fact! They must be taught the blunder Of legalizing plunder,

And should be taught it under The victims whom they robbed. What is there harsh or spiteful In yielding to the rightful The taming of the frightful

Why should we give a button That wolf should lack his mutton? It's only fair a glutton

Should tighten up his belt. Have done with mush and twaddle; No conscience-stricken model Strayer for saints to coddle, This shark of Lys and Scheldt!

-Richard Butler Glaenzer, in New York Times. If the social welfare conference in Har-

risburg can tell how to make the church social interesting it will fill a long-felt want.

Joseph H. O'Brien, the new magistrate now holds three offices and runs a mbing shop, must be seeking to break the

What Do You Know?

1. What is the first name of President Poincare of France? 2. What tragic event, potently affecting the

twenty-one years ago today?

 What kind of a window is called as "oell de boeuf" and what does the name mean? . How do ten-penny nails get their name?

5. What is the capital of South Dakota? 6. What is the overhang of a ship?

7. Who wrote the music of the opera,

8. What is the longest river in Asia? 9. How many times in American history did the Whig party win a presidential

10. How many articles compose the drafted plan of the League of Nations, which has just been unanimously adopted?

Answers to Yesterday's Ouis

 Phillip Scheldemann is the new chancellor of Germany. Six Russian factions which have accepted the invitation to the conference at Prinkipo are those of the Bolshevists, the Ukraine, Ufa, the Crimea, Letvia and Esthonia.

Hammock comes from the Spanish hamaca, which is derived from a Caribbee word in use when Columbus discovered the West Indies.

According to the last census, Rhode Island was the most densely populated State in the Union.

5. The so-called "pitcher-plant" eats insects in mercury.

7. Jonathan Trumbull was an American patriot, friend and adviser of Washington, who is said to have given him the name "Brother Jonathan," subsequently used to personify the United States.

8. Banda Oriental (Eastern League) sometimes used to describe the Bo American republic of Uruguay.

clumbur's son Ferdinand accompanie the great discoverer on his fast vey age to the New World.