

FACING THE FACTS AT LAST



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GOMPERS MIGHT HELP

OPPOSITION of the anti-secession bill in Harrisburg think that if Samuel Gompers could be allowed to talk for five minutes on the floor of the House he would make its passage impossible.

THE INEVITABLE HAPPENING

THE world has been treated to more unfounded gossip during the last six months than in any similar period in a century.

When the treaty in its final form was handed to the German delegates we began to get the same kind of unfounded gossip from Berlin that had been coming from Paris.

WHY THE BORDER IS QUIET

CARRANZA declares the Juarez incident "closed." A courier from the camp of Pancho Villa significantly announces that his chief will make no reprisals because of the border battle.

ORLANDO REPUDIATED

INTERPRETING the temper of a country through the action of its Legislature is not invariably a safe guide, as witness the misrepresentation of the widespread sentiment for the league of nations by excited American senators.

her by this sort of rot as the utterance itself is unjust to the invaluable aid which the associated powers contributed to that nation in her darkest hour.

Through the murky political haze which has settled upon Rome it is discernible that Signor Orlando is less of a jingo than at the time of his melodramatic exit from Paris a few months ago.

FACTIONALISM MUST NOT DEFEAT THE LOAN BILL

Members of Councils Should Agree on the Plan to Raise Money for Permanent, Not Temporary, Improvements

THE members of the majority and minority factions in Councils should promptly come to an agreement on the loan bill, which failed of passage this week.

Most of the work for which this money is to be borrowed is imperatively needed. Some of it can be delayed and some of it, according to the plans of the original ordinance, is work which ought to be paid for out of current revenues instead of from the proceeds of a loan.

As the matter now stands both factions are jointly responsible and reprehensible for the failure to act. If a compromise shall not be reached and the deadlock continue, the minority can justly charge the opposition with refusing to consent to reasonable modifications in the plan based on sound principles of municipal finance.

When the schedule of improvements to be covered by the loan was first published, this newspaper protested against some of the items on the ground that the cost of them should be met out of current revenues.

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CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Washington Watches Penrose and the Vares—Local High School Boys in the Navy—Gossip About John B. MacAfee, William T. Budd, Colonel Elliott and Others

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ple do not care who builds their sewers so long as they are built properly. The wisdom of other reductions made can give rise to honest difference of opinion.

But there is an earnest desire throughout the city that work on permanent improvements which has been delayed on account of the war be resumed as quickly as may be and that Councils take the necessary action to make that resumption possible.

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It has become the fashion to describe the ex-Emperor as a "pitiful figure," as a lamentable weakling from whom it is hardly worth while to withdraw the cloak of oblivion.

Fortunately, the Paris peace-makers had no patience with such sophistry, and the provision which their treaty makes for solemn official examination into his iniquity is one of its strongest moral bulwarks.

There is much satisfaction in sending boys to Annapolis who make good. The examinations are severe and the boys who stand all the tests may be set down as exceptional.

CONGRESSMAN BILL BROWNING

Came a fish dinner to his colleagues on the naval affairs committee at the conclusion of the big fight on the naval appropriation bill.

THE BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts are still assiduously searching for Good Old Scouts.

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Director General of Railroads Hines says he expects a great decline in the price of materials and an increase in the available skilled labor, which would offset the need for an advance in freight rates.

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