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the state that the case be sifted to the bottom and that every suspected person be haled into court to explain his relations to the bank.

We were told that two former state officials were likely to be arrested. Amblor apparently is one of them. Neither the attorney general nor the district attorney has mentioned the name of the other.

FRUITS OF HESITATION REAPED IN LATEST MEXICAN INFAMY

Disgraceful Ransom Episode Is Further Bitter Pressure Upon Us to "Make Peace" Conclusively Beyond the Rio Grande

THE man who was later to direct the greatest military operation ever undertaken by an American army—the Argonne offensive—was the man who was later to direct the greatest military operation ever undertaken by an American army—the Argonne offensive.

Nobody doubted at the time—and subsequent events have richly confirmed the popular belief—but that General John J. Pershing could have captured Villa and any other outlaw and have completely restored order to northern Mexico.

Carranza had assured the government of the United States that he was equal to enforcing the elementary laws of civilization in the nests of Mexican brigandage and that his soldiers would compel their observance.

So far as Mexico's promised performance was concerned, it proved as worthless as a Bolshevik constitution.

The assumption that the constitutionalist president could fulfill his pledges was based upon perilous and academic illusion.

Meanwhile the insolence of the banditti has fatally increased. Venustiano Carranza is clearly incapable of governing the northern states of his own country.

In the capture and detention for ransom of the two army aviators, Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson, America's cup of humiliation is filled to overflowing.

Those who like to take short-cuts to riches are usually able to amble along in safety for a while. But most of them have to turn at some time or other to go back over their tracks for a talk with a judge.

They have their exits and no entrances, and no man in these times plays any part.

Great Britain has an adverse foreign trade balance of about \$4,000,000,000 and the United States has a favorable foreign trade balance of about the same sum.

The public would like to know who is director of supplies for the campaign of Joseph S. MacLaughlin, director of supplies for the city.

Old H. C. of L. isn't taking the count because of the surplus army food sale. It simply made him snap a little, but he'll be blowing as lustily as ever in a few days.

Disclaiming responsibility for an unsavory name, the Archduke Joseph evidently prefers to be known as a "Happenburg."

TEN BILLION DOLLAR JOB

That, at Least, Was Amount of Business One Man Had to Handle During the War—Some Notes of Notables

By GEORGE W. HICKS, of the Chamber of Commerce, who was active in war work in Washington, tells me of some unusual experiences.

Some of these ships carried machinery for future use at base depots near the coast. Mr. Hicks' department was one day notified that certain ships would be compelled to wait several days for ballast.

It is time for us to "make peace" on Mexico.

BACK TO EARTH

WITH the meeting of President Wilson and the Senate foreign relations committee today the league of nations issue and all of the innumerable post-war issues related to it in one subtle way or another are brought nearer to a rational settlement after weeks of delay.

The spectacle at Washington has not helped toward economic order either in the United States or elsewhere.

That dinner must have cost a fortune," said Montgomery with a sigh at the thought of his departed glory.

While the state librarian is describing this modern feast of Lucullus, my memory for an instant flitted back to another banquet. It was arranged and disposed of in the space of half an hour.

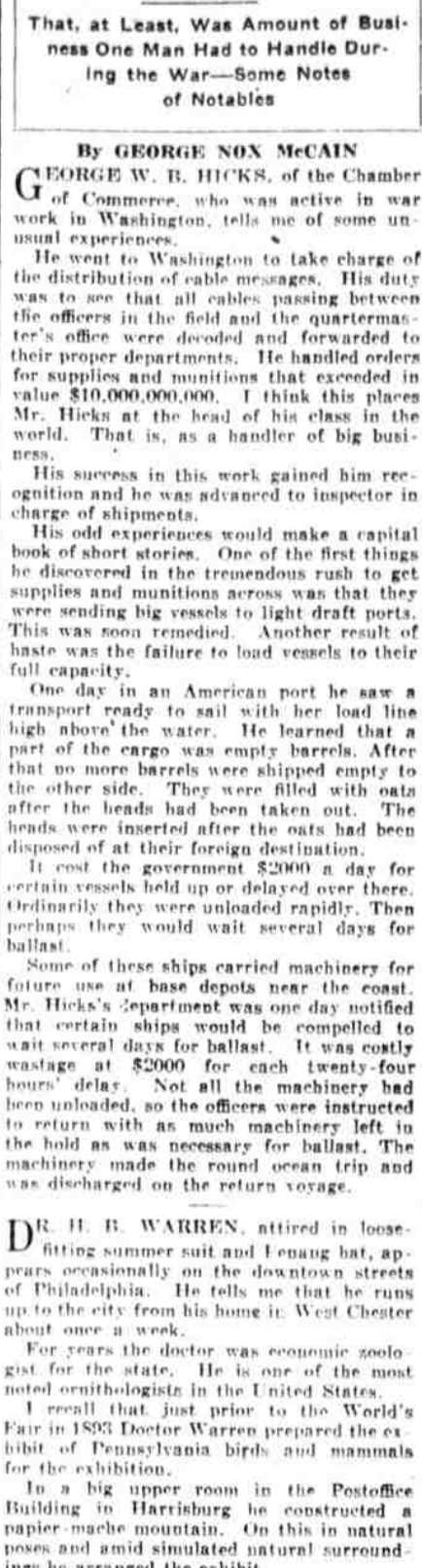
That paying teller who is said to have collected a fortune out of the North Penn Bank is said to be motoring around New York city. Undoubtedly, if he is as shrewd as a movie house as represented, he is getting a fortune out of his car as a jockey for the tractionless citizens of Manhattan.

Getting Gotham's Goat No city, it seems, is a hero to its own transit employees.

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No political lemon can stand the limelight of publicity.

AND HE'LL NEVER LEARN BETTER 'TIL HE'S TAUGHT



THE CHAFFING DISH

To a Trained Terrier Seen on a Leash, in the Park THREE times a day—at two, at seven, at nine—

STATE LIBRARIAN THOMAS LYNCH MONTGOMERY, whose acquaintance with books is not excelled by his acquaintance with men, was recalling some facts about Andrew Carnegie the other day.

My friend See—I'm writing this here in the near gloamin' of beautiful Washington Square, just to send a word of friendly greeting, though I've never met you, so far as I know, anywhere.

That's not to be congratulated, like all the rest of us.

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It seems rather as though the island in the Hudson, were beginning to distrust its own powers of entertainment. But then, when you can't get a drink, can't go to a show, and can't join the evening massacre on the subway, there really isn't so much doing in N. Y. after all.

THE PRINCE AND THE MAIDEN

DAPHNE stepped out of the water on the beach at North Arm and said to the dapper young man, "Are you the Prince of Wales?"

"I am," said he. "Sure?" she asked. "Quite," he replied. "Then I win ten cents," said she. "Fine!" said he. And when at last they parted he expressed the hope they'd meet again. "Tomorrow," said she.

With democracy and royalty on such easy terms, why borrow trouble? Youthful eyes are sometimes better diplomats than sagacious ones.

Mr. Gompers has a pretty level head and he has never committed himself to any wild socialistic schemes. We shall see what he says about the Plumb plan when he gets home.

BETTER WAIT A WHILE

MUCH can be said for and against old-age pensions, but this is not the time to introduce the system into the United States.

But the Perdicas episode offers both striking similarities and in its outcome significant contrasts. The bashaw of Tangier was in 1904 the Carranza of his region, assuming an authority which he did not possess.

But it was not really Raisuli whom he feared. It was the sharp and determined policy of the United States Government, summarized in the vivid phrase "Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead."

John Hay was reported to have sent that message to Mr. Gummere, the American consul at Tangier. Its authenticity has been since denied.

An American squadron under Admiral Chadwick steamed into the harbor of Tangier. There was no mistaking the resolution of the State Department. It disclaimed any endorsement of the bashaw's concessions to Raisuli, some of which were territorial.

Look upon that picture and on this. The plight of Lieutenants Davis and Peterson is not isolated. It is the culmination of a sickening line of criminal offenses committed against Americans in Mexico. It is the shameful inheritance of floundering, vacillation and sickly patience by the most powerful and the richest nation on earth.

A "sharp demand" is made on Mexico. Carranza is strongly urged to act to secure the prisoners' release.

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CAN SEGER DELIVER?

THERE are several hundred voters in the Seventh Ward who will be interested in the assumption of Dave Lane that Charles Seger, of that ward, can deliver between 2500 and 3000 votes to Judge Patterson in the Republican primary.

Perhaps Mr. Seger can do it. Governor Sproul polled 3700 votes there last year. It may be that there are only from 700 to 1200 men in the ward who own themselves and that the remainder take orders from Seger and wait until he gives his instructions before deciding how to cast their ballots.

If this be so then it will be interesting to have it demonstrated at the primary on September 16. And if it be not so, it will also be interesting to have it demonstrated that the votes of citizens by the thousand are not carried in the vest pocket of any one man and swung one way or another at his behest.

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MOONLIGHT

THE round, bright moon is soaring now on high; So swift it moves it almost seems to leap. Its tender rays on cities fast asleep Fall gently, gliding lofty spires and towers.

And wrapping all things in thin, golden mists Of slumber. In shady woodland bow'rs Far from the city's crowds the owl lists.

Half-dreaming, to the whispering of the leaves, And in broad fields a tiny, drowsy breeze— Enchanted by the spell the moonlight weaves—

Stirs once the sleeping flowers beneath the trees. Then sinks and lies upon the grass—sleep, —Frances E. Baldwin, in the New York Herald.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

QUIZ 1. What is the largest city in Germany after Berlin? 2. What is a begum? 3. Who is called the Father of English Poetry?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. An acropolis is a citadel or elevated part of a Greek city.

2. Calcutta is the largest city in India.

3. Seven articles compose the original unamended Constitution of the United States.

4. The Confederate States' flag was known as the "Stars and Bars."

5. Reykjavik is the capital of Iceland.

6. Herman Melville was an American writer, particularly known for his South Sea tales, "Typee," "Omoo" and "The White-Jacket." The centenary of his birth occurred this summer.

7. The dome of the Capitol at Washington is 287 feet high.

8. Theodore O'Hara wrote the poem "The Bivouac of the Dead."

9. Three scruples make a dram in apothecary's weight.

10. "Sang-froid" literally means cold blood.