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TRAFFIC BLOCKADES

TRY for a trolley ride in the central section of the city any of these fine Saturday afternoons and you will think twice before wishing anybody a happy Christmas.

Mr. Mitten and the Mayor and the police are forever telling of the confusion caused needlessly by drivers and chauffeurs who "drag" the trolley cars.

It is clear that not only the trolley system but the streets themselves are now taxed to their maximum capacity and a little beyond.

As a preliminary to the holiday season the police might well begin to enforce the law which provides detention and fine for those who unnecessarily stall street-car traffic.

WINGS
TEN men were killed in the transcontinental air race arranged by the army to try out men, machines and methods of aerial navigation.

One of the naval planes, traveling at the rate of ninety miles an hour in a fog, almost hit a mountain on the island of St. Michaels.

IN A NUTSHELL
IF ALL of us received what we think we earn and deserve it would be necessary to plunder a dozen of the adjacent planets regularly once a week to fatten the pay envelopes.

SLEEPERS IN THE SENATE
MR. PENROSE manifested commendable sensitiveness and a right appreciation of the fitness of things when he wrote a formal note to the chief clerk of the Senate with a view to letting the country know that it was one of his colleagues and not he who slept during a recent session in the chair labeled with his name.

THE NEWEST PROFESSION
THE proposal of the Senate interstate commerce committee to penalize those who deliberately foment big strikes is not without reason.

capital alike to be mutually suspicious and mutually unfair.
Strike sentiment created artificially is a dangerous thing for everybody. No one in this world is satisfied. There is none of us who is not always willing to ask for more.

THE FORGOTTEN MAN MUST BE IGNORED NO LONGER
He is the Real Party in Interest in Every Dispute Between Labor and Capital

WE CALLED attention the other day to the necessity for recognizing in labor controversies that the chief party in interest is neither the employer nor the employer, but the public.

To put it in another way, the chief party in interest is what the late William Graham Sumner, of Yale, used to call the Forgotten Man—that is, the honest laborer, whatever may be the kind of labor in which he is engaged, who is ready to earn his living by productive work.

The men in conference in Washington are forgetting this man just as he has always been ignored in industrial disputes.

When the labor delegates offered their resolution that the right of the employees to select the men to deal with their employers should be recognized they were not thinking of anything but themselves and the members of the labor unions.

When the employers offered their resolution that "the right of the employer to deal or not to deal with men or groups of men who are not his employees and chosen by and from among them is recognized" they were thinking, not of industrial peace, but of a way to retain the fullest possible control of their own businesses regardless of anything else.

Each group is insisting on the application of a form of paternalism in which it shall be the parent and the other group the child.

The employees insist that they shall tell the employer what he shall and shall not do, just as a mother tells her child when to go to bed and when to get up.

There is much prating about liberty and much ignoring of the fact that when you talk of liberty you must have two men in mind, yourself and the other fellow.

Every extension of your freedom trespasses in some degree on the freedom of the other man and every extension of his freedom trespasses in like degree on your liberty.

It is about time that we stopped prating about liberty and began to find out what it means and then to practice it by insisting that the other man be allowed to enjoy the same freedom on which we insist for ourselves.

It has been the business of government from the beginning of time to deal with selfishness, rapacity and fraud. Murder, burglary, forgery, grafting and sex crimes are manifestations of one or another of these vices.

An attempt to tie up the industry of the country in order to force a higher rate of wages may be a manifestation of all three. It trespasses upon the rights of the Forgotten Man. It makes it more difficult for him to earn a living and to support his family.

That Hog Island launchings should be so common as to be commonplace is a tribute to the shipyard's efficiency.

superior to their private and selfish interests.
It is scarcely an exaggeration to liken them to two burglars incendiaries who have set fire to a building, in order that they might get the loot which it contained, and then begun fighting in the street over the division of the spoils, forgetting that the fire would destroy everything and that there would be nothing left for either.

THE BURDEN OF PRESIDENTS
IT HAS often been said with some truth that the President of the United States is the most powerful man in the world.

Neither the House nor the Senate seemed to be concerned with the problems of reconstruction while Mr. Wilson was in Paris, though they had little work to do.

Woodbury, N. J., has Skyward Its Flight offered a reward for the return of a bridge which once spanned the Great Egg Harbor river and now has been stolen by some persons unknown.

Good for Whatever Reason
The dressmaking classes of the public schools have increased 200 per cent.

Get New Point of View
Penn students who have been war service are better students because of that service.

And It Might Have Annoyed the Burglar
A burglar operated and did not awaken her husband until he had departed.

Quick Action on a Dead Certainty
Revenue raiders found 400 quarts of whiskey in a Pittsburgh undertaking establishment.

As an embalmist fluid it was conceded to be more efficacious on the quick than on the dead.

In view of things expected of the industrial conference it would appear that some of the anti-strike clauses written into the railroad bill by the Senate interstate commerce committee are a trifle premature.

A combination of Bolshevik and Hun is as distressing as that of St. Vitus's dance and inflammatory rheumatism, dreamed of by Mark Twain.

German poets are now fulminating against the Poles. John Bull will be interested to note that "Einie is hagin hobblin" with an "ym hof" ate.

Girls-show fans declare that a forthcoming musical production presented to be wholly without a chorus won't have a leg to stand on.

Sparrow's name suggests a prize fight. And nobody needs to suggest "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"

No one objects to the rehabilitation of the German; it is the recrudescence of the Hun that the world has reason to fear.

THE WAR'S VERBAL BEQUEST

A Host of Vivid New Words, From an Amazing Variety of Sources, Clamor for Entrance Into the Dictionaries

SOME persons, especially those under the impression that skepticism makes for wisdom, are inclined to doubt that the world after the equivocation of war has changed as much as the idealists and optimists said it would.

Not so the philologists. They will admit, if need be, that selfishness dominates human motives as of yore; that civilization is not purged of brutality and that the millennium is still far distant.

ANTE-BELLUM English, with its draft upon all the languages of the earth, was a simple matter. But its structure was simplicity itself compared with the contemporary article.

Slang is ephemeral and often purely local. The American who cries "I'll say so!" today, exclaims "Sure, Mike!" some years hence.

It is exceedingly difficult to explain how the popularized "doughboy" originated. The Oxford Dictionary declares it to be a dumpling.

One scholar rather unconvincingly traces back the word to the large globular brass buttons worn on infantry uniforms during the Civil War.

NATURALLY the influence of French over our war-made vocabulary was profound. To that tongue we owe "camouflage," obscurely associated with a French theatrical slang word for "make-up."

CHARACTERISTICALLY enough, English slang became only partly Americanized during the conflict, and the same may be said of our own distinctively native terms.

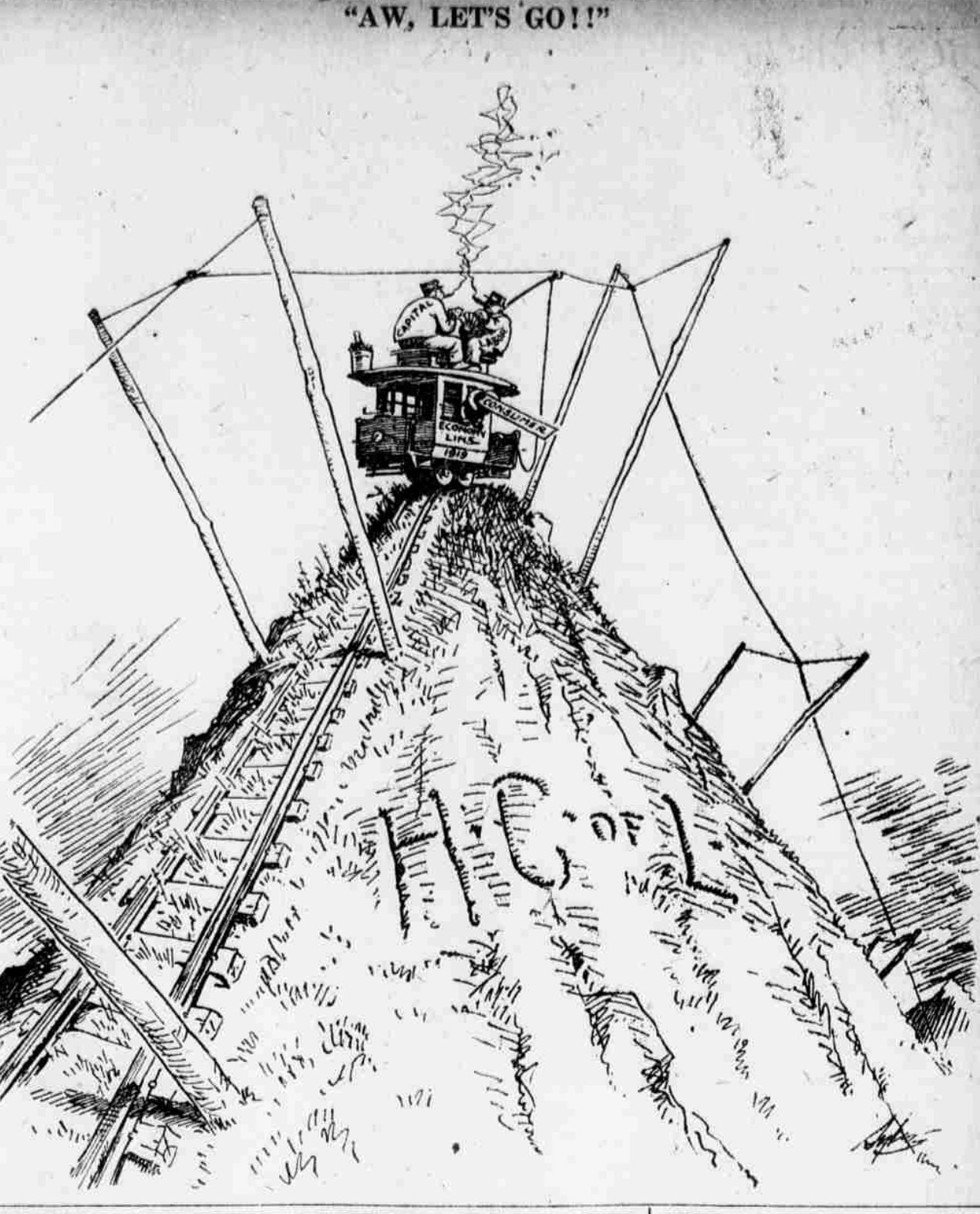
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OTHER words, drawn from a variety of sources, destined to be incorporated in English-American dictionaries of the future, are "marraine," "embusque," "low visibility," "over the top," "dud," "camion," "mmsst," "amantary," "cup" (a depth bomb), "elacker," "paravane," "whippet," "zero hour," "blimp," "Hooverize" and "buddy."

When rent profiteers are put in the user class apparel profiteers and food profiteers may also be given place. But who is to determine the amount of interest justified where conditions vary with every transaction?

Apart from the sorrow occasioned by the President's sickness it makes little difference that the official welcome of the king and queen of the Belgians in Washington will be by proxy, for the people of the country have already taken them to their hearts.

Now that they know it really means something, policemen will no longer need the annual notification that they are not permitted to mix in politics.



THE CHAFFING DISH

Autumn Ejaculation
THROUGH sunshine bright
The earth still spins.
But keen air cools
The golfer's shins.

Freedom for All
OF FREEDOM on her mountain height
The poets sang in bygone days,
But now she leaves her peaks of light
To walk along the lumbering ways.

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Hands Off!

(Dedicated to Orators and Others)
HANDS off our dead! For all they did,
forbear
To drag them from their graves to point
some speech;

King Alfonso has established legations at Warsaw, Belgrade and Prague and new consulates will be created in Russia and Germany as soon as conditions become settled.

The lynchings in Georgia were, of course, designed to show all our distinguished visitors from the other side of the pond that we don't give a darn what they think of us.

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