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A HORNETS' NEST

SENATOR VARE stirred up a hornets' nest when he said no Mayor since Mr. Stuart had left the City Hall with the respect of the public.

Mayor Smith has gone after him with some pungent remarks and with some threats to disclose facts that would be interesting to the public. Mrs. Blankenburg has come to the defense of her dead husband. And former Mayor Weaver has indignantly denied the allegation.

Fortunately for Senator Vare he will have leisure for the next few weeks to dodge the hornets, a leisure that would not have been his if the primaries had resulted to his satisfaction. Instead of telling the new Mayor what to do he will be allowed to do only what the new Mayor permits. Perhaps this new sensation will occupy his mind so completely that he will not feel the stings of the outraged men whom he has criticized.

HOPE FOR DEPOSITORS

NONE of the various rumors about the rehabilitation of the North Penn Bank which have been affoat for months has been verified. But a new plan, which appears to be pretty well advanced, was made public on Saturday. It is that a new corporation, to be known as the Phoenix Trust Company, is to be organized by the stockholders of the defunct bank, each stockholder to subscribe to the new stock a sum equal to his holding in the original bank. Then the depositors in the North Penn are to be paid 50 per cent of their claims, the balance to be paid in time out of the profits of the new institution.

This would place a heavy obligation on the new bank, so heavy that only men with great courage would undertake to shoulder it. But the success of the original bank for several years before the looting began proves that the district in which it is located is a good field for a bank of deposit. The people there have money. They live a long way from the center of the city. They need banking facilities just as they need facilities for buying food and clothing and fuel.

If the plan can be put through by responsible men with banking experience it will be a happy issue out of their troubles for hundreds of depositors in the looted bank who cannot afford to lose their savings.

PEACE IS NEARER

RATIFICATION of the peace treaty, formal peace between the United States and Germany, virtual acceptance by the Senate of the league-of-nations covenant and all that these things imply for America and for the world are nearer because of the President's willingness to accept minor reservations without opposition or complaint.

The President in this instance did the wise and rational and inevitable thing. The Senate has a perfect right to express through formal "reservations" its interpretation of clauses that are presumed to he too far at variance with American tradition and purpose. It never had the moral right to throw the treaty back at the Germans and invite a state of affairs that ultimately might isolate America from a world sincerely determined to find a way to better international relationships and permanent peace. Mr. Wilson had no better right than the Senate to be stiff-necked and uncompromising.

Through the reservations in question Mr. Lodge and his associates may save their faces and at the same time provide such restraints as they deem indispensable for future emergencies.

Doubtless they were waiting for this opportunity. And meanwhile the news that the President is again able to participate actively in the work incident to ratification will gratify and reassure the

LADY ASTOR'S CAMPAIGN

MOST people will sympathize with Lady Astor's declaration that there is nothing funny in her campaign, and many who sympathize will feel sorry that she found it necessary to make the further declaration that she is "deadly serious." For, be it known, most of the statesmen who are "deadly serious" are "deadly dull," and legislative halls have more than their fair share of this brand of near-thinker.

One feels sympathy for her first statement even though it is not wholly true. There is inevitably something funny in the antics of the people who are shocked at a woman doing saything out of the orginary, and we venture the guess that the lady herself has smiled, albeit somewhat bitterly, at some of the humors of the battle she is waging. That it is not all fun for her one can readily under-She has known some bitterness m. felt some hurt.

we are sure that she is not so

will, for one has to be earnest and sincere to wage a fight with a hope for vic-

tory; but not "deadly serious." Bless the lady's heart, if she were 'deadly serious" she would have been informing a wearied world that the fate of empires rested on the recognition of women through the election of one to the British House &f Commons. And she has done no such thing. She has conducted a business-like campaign with plenty of vim, plenty of wit and plenty of good humor, and lots of good people who would scorn to consider themselves feminists will wish her success.

AN EASY WAY TO PREVENT MOTOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Enlarge the Traffic Squad and Let the Men Work Unhindered by the Petty Politicians

TF EXISTING laws and ordinances were enforced there would be less complaint about speeding motors, fewer accidents and less worry about schemes to make the streets safe for the democracy that goes afoot.

But the laws are not enforced.

The police are not permitted to enforce

In no department of the municipal service is there more petty and detestable political interference than the traffic squad has to contend against. The continuing efficiency of that hard-worked unit and the good sense and good manners of its members are a cause for wonder to any one who knows what a thankless and difficult job is that of the men charged with the enforcement of ordi nary rules of safety in the streets.

Eliminate the big and little politicians who whisper and pull strings and make threats when a speeder is arraigned before a magistrate and there will be little need for the sort of informal police method that Superintendent Robinson would establish by the use of tell-tale cards, issued to the public to be returned with the record of supposed traffic violations.

This plan, like any effort to curb the speed maniacs, is in some ways commendable. It may enable, the police to keep a record of habitual lawbreakers for use in supporting formal charges in an emergency. But Superintendent Robinson will be lucky if, in the long run, the scheme doesn't work more harm than

The simple and direct way to make the streets safe is to enlarge the traffic squad, put half a dozen motorcycle men on patrol along the streets of West Philadelphia and then see to it that the police are unhindered in the performance of their duty and that they are assured of the co-operation of the powers at City

That co-operation is not possible now. The everyday experience of the average traffic man makes it appear that at least half of the people arrested for flagrant violations of the motor ordinances have friends higher up who are always ready to intervene in their behalf and make punishment impossible.

"I've often come down from the Central station," said one member of the squad, "to find a man I'd pinched driving away as happy as you please a few minutes after I had taken him in. And often enough these fellows take the trouble to turn around and drive past my post to give me the laugh. After a while you begin to realize that to run 'em in is a waste of time. We can only bawl 'em out. And, bêlieve me, we do that, anyway."

Nine out of every ten men who drive automobiles are careful, for their own sake and the sake of others, to obey the traffic laws. The friendly relation established automatically between this majority and the police themselves and the instinctive impulse for co-operation that animates them are the best possible preventives of accident.

There are fools everywhere. It is too much to expect that they will not be found occasionally behind the steering wheels of motorcars. There is a familiar type of driver whose singular vanity is gratified whenever he can break the law and get away with it. And, oddly enough, he is the sort who has "friends at the Hall."

One wild driver sets an example to others. West Walnut street and many of the streets in West Philadelphia are speedways because they are sparsely policed. And statistics prove that accidents do not always occur on heavily traveled thoroughfares, but many occur on the streets where traffic policemen are few or altogether unknown. Until the good influence of the traffic squad can be extended there will be violation of the motor laws, danger to life and an increasing percentage of casualties in the

Policemen of the type which rules in the traffic squad know how to deal with motor traffic. If the politicians will let them alone the public need not go into the police business on its own account.

It is not easy, without experience, to determine the speed of an automobile or to judge the hazards attending its operation. That is why Superintendent Robinson's card system, devised as it has been with the best intentions and for an admirable purpose, may have some odd and surprising results.

The number of excellent people who are still unreconciled to automobiles and who view all such contraptions as a visitation of Providence, sent as an awful preliminary to the day of judgment in an unrighteous world, is surprisingly large. It is unfair to everybody to ask such folk to pass a fair judgment upon the work of motor drivers. Those who dislike motors dislike them with enthusiasm. It is possible to find an occasional citizen who is convinced that no automobile even travels less than forty miles an hour any

The world is pretty evenly divided be tween those who ride in motors and those who, for one reason or another, do not. Prejudice exists on both sides. But whoever has been honked at rudely or forced to flee for his life in undignified haste from the path of some lunging gasoline maniac or been splashed on a rainy day sally serious" as the momentarily in the streets is quite likely to be an ardent reporter for the Sureau of police

under the card system of unofficial espionage now proposed.

Such a record of motor abuses as is proposed could not be altogether free from spite or malice nor could it be without error due to faults of judgment on the part of people whose imagination is stimulated by conventional prejudice.

Amateur or informal exercise of any thing like official authority always leads to confusion and unpleasantness for everybody concerned.

A citizen who observes infractions of the law ought to go to the proper authorities and give his evidence under oath.

Like many other ills that afflict the city, the reckless use of the streets is due primarily to mean and petty politics. Business organizations which are giving time and money and energy to a campaign of education deserve the thanks of the people-of those who ride and those who walk. They will do even a better work if they will continue to the root of the matter and impress upon the new City Council the necessity for an enlightened view of the whole general prob-

There is room here for a great deal of good work by the new administration. The traffic squad is amazingly efficient. Find money to increase its membership and let the men know that the people

higher up will help them to keep the streets safe. Provide for jail sentences in cases of particularly flagrant or dangerous viola-

Then it will not be necessary to ask the public at large to assume duties which, n justice to everybody, belong with the Department of Public Safety alone.

THE PROBLEM OF LABOR

STRIKES are industrial barbarism, according to the Senate committee which has been investigating the steel strike. The committee says further that there is no place in this country either for industrial despotism or labor despot-In order to prevent the setting up of either kind of despotism the committee concludes that "the public has a right to demand that capital shall not arrogate to itself the right to determine in its own way those industrial questions, and it is the same as to labor, and the duty is upon Congress to provide some way of adjusting these difficulties."

This is substantially an indorsement of the plan for a labor code which this newspaper urged upon the consideration of the industrial conference in Washington last month. On October 11 we discussed the subject at some length, setting forth the proposition that the public was as deeply interested in the settlement of labor disputes as it was in the enforcement of the criminal law, a law enacted primarily for the protection of society at large by punishing those who disregard the rights of others. We remarked then:

Upon the legal fundamentals in the republic it is perfectly logical to superimpose consistent principles covering indus-The conference has unexampled opportunity to renounce quackery in favor of treatment by general principles which will permit genuine cures for specific diseases when they break out.

Now that this plan is formally before the Senate in a committee report, it is in shape for discussion in Congress. It is evident to every one that the old methods for settling labor disputes have failed. The public has been inconvenienced by industrial war. The war has continued until the parties to it have concluded a treaty of peace. But the treaties have been temporary. When new disagreements arose the war has been resumed. The rights of the public have been ignored. The employers have said that they would run their business to suit themselves, no matter who suffered, and the workers have insisted on their right to hold up all business until their demands were granted. This is industrial barbarism without the shadow of a doubt. Our civilization could not continue if the parties involved in highway robbery or murder should insist on their right to settle the matter by private agreement, the party with the greatest power to have his will.

We have arrived at that stage where we must extend to industrial disputes the same rules which apply to all other disputes. We must establish a code with courts to enforce it. The suggestion of the Senate committee that relief would be afforded by compulsory investigation of the causes of labor disputes does not go far enough. The parties to the dispute always know the facts. Publicity can bring nothing but moral compulsion to bear. Legal compulsion to submit the matters at issue to a proper tribunal is what is needed if we are to have industrial peace. Before Congress discusses the matter very long it will be forced to this conclusion. It cannot begin the discussion too soon.

Slestchuk, Jakenov, Kozey, Wasikuk, Fershtman-no, it isn't a list of Russian towns. It is a list of men who have been making their living in America, probably better living than ever they were able to earn at home, and are charged with trying to change our institutions to fit their views.

Probably the mos A Forward Step . heartening thing about the report of the ate committee investigating the steel strike is the recognition of the duty of Congress to provide some way of adjusting labor difficulties. This will mean eventually the formulation of certain general industrial prin ciples as basically simple as the comp law and as simply administered.

Somehow or other w Merely a have more respect for Point of View who gave a pint of his blood to save the life of a friendless little orphan than for the courageous soul who monkeyed with trolley poles and defied the

The Department Justice, having ar-rested 200 Reds, asks Departmental the Department of Labor to deport them. Speaking as one department to another, it is a labor of love, and justice demands it

Drys have won in Pick-Me-Up Needed Ohio by 104 votes, according to latest ac counts. A victory by so narrow a margin might well give the most carnest prohibi-tionist a desire for a bracer.

ORPHAN BOOMLETS

General Wood's Presidential Candidacy Causing Embarrassment to Favorite Sons

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, Nov. 10. GENERAL WOOD is in the lead for the Republican nomination for the presidency. This statement is not so sensational as it sounds. To be in the lead for the nomination today is to be a long way short of being nominated. No one has the nomination in his pocket. A combination can still beat General Wood, but it must have some one to beat him with. A popular movement can beat General Wood, but a popular movement must have its bero and where is the hero?

The development of the Wood boom will quickly bring into the open the favorite sons. Up till now there is only one man formally and by his own announcement a candidate for the Republican nomination— Senator Poindexter, of Washington, In adlition there are three important actors, but not avowed candidates-General Wood Governor Lowden, Senator Hiram Johnson. There are many other disavowed but recep tive candidates, such as Senator Harding Senator Knox, Senator Brandegee, Senato Sutherland, Governor Goodrich, of Indiana Governor Coolidge, of Massachusetts, and Senator Watson, of Indiana, if Governor Coolidge is out of the way.

THE obvious thing to do to stop the Wood boom or even to keep alive other hopes is for these lesser candidates to come out into the open. If they do not do so soon the politicians in their own states will watch the growth of the Wood movement with envy. And if it keeps on to the point where the general's nomination seems likely they will seek to ally themselves with the probably accessful candidate and the hopes favorite son will disappear. The Wood movement is getting to the point now where the recentive candidates cannot long ignore it. They must speak up or forever hold their

THE Wood condidacy has had a peculiar development. Last winter he seemed to be unmistakably in the lead. Then his supforce and indeed seemed to be losing force. At this time the Wood movement was a ponniar movement and nothing else. As a pop ular movement it stopped short; the people were not sufficiently interested in the election last winter and indeed are not now to indicate their choice. They began to say that the Wood boom was dead, that no military man could be accepted as a candidate President. The wise men in Washington dropped the general down into last place in their list of probable candidates. only trouble with this judgment was that no one took Wood's place. There was no one n the lead. Even in preliminary estimates you cannot beat somebody with nobody.

WHEN the Wood boom languished the candidates Wood has the best organization, with John T. King, of Connecticut, as manager, and with Frank H. Hitchcock, a successful picker of nominees, active among the colored delegates of the South, his old specialty. Associated with these men are the old Roosevelt supporters, George W. Perkins and the men who nearly made Roosevelt the Republican candidate for the presidency in 1912.

An illustration of the activities of the Roosevelt supporters is the effort to force Senator Harding out of the race in Ohio and hand that state to Wood. Behind it are Wallis Brown and the Roosevelt politicians in Ohio. Senator Harding is in a difficult position as a favorite son. His term in the Senate ends this year. He would like to be a candidate for the presidency, and if he misses that and the vice presidency he would be sure of nomination to the Senate. The Wood men in Ohio do not want to leave him all these choices. They have been trying to force him to say which office or the Senate. If he announces his preference for the presidency they will put up a candidate for the Senate and then if Mr. Harding misses his larger ambition he will find his lesser one

IF MR. HARDING could be certain that Mr. Wood would be nominated he might accept a promise of the vice presidency and let Brown and the rest of them turn the state over to Wood. But while the uncertainty he does not openly seek the presidency, sac eificing the Senate, he may see his state slip away from him to Wood anyway. position is a little more troublesome than that of the average favorite son, but they all are having their troubles and the politicians steadily make Wood more formidable

Then people are asking: Is this Republican national convention going to be politicians' convention? A politicians' convention is one in which people have no favorite candidate and the politicians are free to name their choice. The present indications are that it is going to be just that sort of convention. The people are indifferent. They have no Roosevelt, erner Lowden leaves them cold. The Hiram Johnson boom has developed no popula strength.

NOR is there the slightest sign of any possible candidate over whom the counpossible candidate over whom the country will develop enthusiasm in advance convention, and if such a candidate does not show soon the politicians will have the convention in their hands. It is the realization of this fact which has made Washington suddenly wake up to the that quietly and unostentatiously General Wood has moved up into the leading place as a candidate, with Governor Lowden. has the second best organization behind him. in second place. The two men are the first choices of the politicians, Wood and The two men are the Perkins and his old associates, the Roosevelt Republicans, except such as support Johnson, and Lowden, of the always regular old guard Republicans.

HAVE said that General Wood failed to A develop spontaneous support of large proportions. But still his candidacy has a certain popularity. So far as any candidate has popular following it is Wood. The politicians have chosen wisely. They have picked the man who up to the present shows the greatest dapacity to develop strength among the voters. That man is always the man that has to be beaten. The sudder waking of Washington to the fact that Wood was the man to be besten may lead to his being beaten. But here he is, for the time at least, in the lead.

Having eaten all the extra food of the army, the populace will take a whirl at the

Having buried the hatchet. Senator Vare refused to use a hammer. The consumer has a suspicion that the

raw sugar shortage is cooked up. is not yet dead sure that it is

NOCTURNE

MY GIRL In anger said That she had no time To waste upon me. Then she hurled A truly mugnificent Ormolu clock

In my direction In that luminous instant I knew what the sages meant Who said that woman Is a tissue Of contradictions.

He Went to the Movies

I hadn't been to the movies in a year or more. I might not have gone on this occasion had I not wished to study the possible effect of a new and novel bond of internationalism suggested in dispatches from South America. The folk of the Argentine cities, murmured the wires shrewdly, are becoming Americanized, as we would say, by the movies. They are studying and cultivating the manners of the United States reflected in the films.

I wished to see what the Argentinans of the future will be like. For forty cents ! was enlightened.

The young Argentinan of the years come will array himself in truly wonderful clothes. His hair will be exquisitely tailored and coated heavily with varnish. be reckless with his money. He will not take off his hat when he addresses a lady, no matter what his social rank may be; nor will be rise when a lady enters the room. will remain firmly seated in an ornate chair and manifest deference by wiggling his eyebrows, by rolling his eyes and by violent backward and forward motions of his burnished (so to speak) bean.

When the rich young Argentinan of the future desires to express the legendary dis like for his mother-in-law he will tip her into a lily pond. When he calls for noon tea he will never enter b; the door. He will go through a window or, after climbing the roof, will descend by the rain spout to the garden.

All of the future Argentina that does not wear rags will cultivate evil habits. They will smoke and intrigue and commit crime violence against the virtuous and humble. Only the poor will have any decency. When I travel I shall travel in Spain!

How Shall We Meet? How shall we meet again, my dear? Shall we both seem cold, or will you and I

Give formal greeting, then wonder why? Shall we tell the secret we thought to hide In the anxious search for a clue to guide? With a throb of joy and a fleeting fear Will you question, "Is it you love me, dear?" Ah! Where shall we meet again, my dear In city, or camp, on the tossing sea, The forest trail, or yet maybe As I vision you oft by the hearthside here. Both hands clasped, as you used to, 'dear, And your back to the fire's golden cheer. Like a herald out of a foreign land Will you cry largesse and give love's com

Oh! when shall we meet again, my dear? PHOEBE HOFFMAN.

Nearing a Goal

Editor Saucepan: Sir-The theory of inexorable conservation applied with conspicuous success in the light-lunch restaurants that we all know best has been extended to typewriter rib I observe that they advertise waftes onuts for breakfast. ETHEL D. and donuts for breakfast.

Even a one-course dinner .. t a lunation asylum may be spoken of as "soup to nuts."

Add Saucepan

When a poet has a slight broughist a

THE SAUCEPAN that Pan was having trouble with his pipes?

Or would that call to mind too vividly the To say that leaders are sometimes misleaders is not necessarily an attack or feminism.

"JUST A LITTLE MORE PUSH AND IT'S OVER!"

Ballot Dancing

The New York Tribune, discussing the arrival of Michel Fokine, creator of the Russian ballet, says "he revolutionized the art of ballot dancing." Probably sought to discourage those who desired to vote early and often.

Pirate Song

Yo, ho, my lads, for a life of ease And a trick on the bounding main! With our sails blown full of the trade winds

breeze And our thoughts on a pirate's gain! For we'll reap and sow where the typhoons

blow, And our coffers will fill with gold; To the casks! Let's drink to the ships we'll

sink And the life of a pirate bold! ROBERT LESLIE BELLEM.

The Column Conductor

The column writer, to make a hit, says Demosthenes McGinnis, must have a big heart, a sense of humor, a trenchant wit. fund of information, a ready understanding and some slight literary ability.

A column may consist of poetry, nearpoetry, jokes, wheezes, more or less frivolous editorial paragraphs, short essays, satires and yawps.

The province of the column is to "uplift

the mass." This may be done in many ways, The colvumist may cause a thought to fer ment in an obscure corner.

Or he may start a smile on its journey through the world. Or he may inspire a highbrow or a rough neck with the belief that he can write s darned sight better column than the colyumist. This promotes good humor, and

good humor's catching. Seabird The slim dispatch boat skims, with wings of spray.

Leaping and dancing over the swelling sea.

Unfalteringly. With proud and dominant keel she shivers by, Poised on the whitening, measy foam. She strains, as if alert to wing the sky

Bearing the word the restive ships obey

And make it her home. CLEMENT WOOD.

Personal Note

Heywood Broun, the baseball expert and dramatic critic who writes most excellent book reviews for the New York Tribune, dropped into the office of the Saucepan on Saturday en route for the sporting department to get some dope on the Harvard-Princeton football game. Knowing him to be a young man of catholic taste, we sought to interest him in Mrs. Wilson's doughnut recipes, but somebody or other effected a forward pass at about that time and his attention seemed to waver, and so we de

Kate Douglas Wiggin has just compiled list of books for boys and girls. Her list, which includes "Robinson Crusoe" by Charles Kingsley, is incomplete. It ought to include "Water Babies" by Daniel Defor

The Young Lady Across the Way says that with so much weather lying around loose, first thing we know Philadelphia will

The one sad feature of fuel control that if the strike continues there will be next to nothing to control.

Naturally the peace treaty has to take second place when football comes along.

Heatless days may be coming with or without government orders.

VILLANELLE

OH, HILLS we loved in sweeter days of old.

What faith shall bind, and what strong love prevail? The scythe of Time is singing through the

Malefic priests thy mysteries have told On some black rosary of hidden Baal. Oh, hills we loved in sweeter days of old!

Once walked we there in such diviner mold. Nor life nor death nor sorrow might assail:

The scythe of Time is singing through the The flocks of Dawn must couch in Dusk's

gray fold, For that veiled shepherd piping down the Oh, hills we loved in sweeter days of old!

But thou art tomb of all the heart might The dumb days tread like mourners ashen

The scythe of Time is singing through the A ghostly campfire on a windy wold, We followed like the knights of ancient

tale;

Vain was the question, far the Holy Grail, The scythe of Time is singing through the gold. —Sydney Bulletin.

Philadelphia has broken its tax record this year and the figures bespeak a big and prosperous city. But the true gauge of our prosperity will never be known until there s published the amount of our war amusement and luxury taxes.

elected Mayor was that the voters didn't want him. Or is that explanation too refreshingly simple?

but probably the real reason he wasn't

Joseph S. MacLaughlin has an alibi:

What Do You Know?

1. What is a sconce?

2. Over what people did Cyrus the Great 3. What is fondant?

Years' War fought? 5. What was the original meaning of the

word merry?

4. Between what years was the Thirty

6. Who was St. Swithin? 7. Who is assistant secretary of war?

8. Where is Timbuctoo? 9. Who wrote "Mr. Midshipman Easy"? 10. What was Benjamin Disraeli's title?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. The Rev. John Jasper was an American

negro preacher. He is known for having declared to his congregation, "Brethren, the sun de

move ! 3. The Volstead law is the prohibition enforcement act recently passed by Con gress.

4. Hendrik Hudson (properly Henry) was an Englishman.

5. Thackeray died leaving the novel of

"Denis Duval" unfinished. Kamehameha the Great ruled over the Hawaiian Islands and was the first to unite them in a single kingdom.

7. Bangkok is the capital of Siam. Cornelius Tacitus was a noted Roman historian and legal orator, born in the first century A. D. His fame chiefly rests on his work de

scribing the manners and customs the Germans.

The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican War in 1848. The pa-takes its name from a amburt. Mexico City.