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question should be either abandoned or adjudicated.
There is no such division of sentiment to favor Senator Vare. He is the old regime trying to come back. The people are not in a mood to welcome old regimes; not now, anyway.

DOES ANYBODY BELIEVE POLICE CANNOT STOP STREET CRIMES?

The Answer is: No; Yet Nobody is Moving Vigorously to Force Our Demoralized Force Into Effective Action

WHEN men read in the newspapers yesterday of how the earnings were torn from the ears of Mrs. Jacob Taylor by highwaymen within a square of her home in Spruce street near Fifty-fourth, every one of them certainly thought, "It may be my wife or daughter next."

It is not the feeling which the residents in an orderly community ought to experience. But no thoughtful man who cares for his family can escape it.

Events have urged it upon him. Only last week burglars forced their way into a house in West Philadelphia while the mistress and her maid were at home. They got away with several hundred dollars, but the mistress, by quickness of wit, saved her jewels.

There is, however, another legitimate aspect to the situation. The school pension law was designed to provide an honorable ease for teachers who have served the public long and well. No shadow of stigma should attach to the enforced removal of school teachers at seventy. It is safe to say that the majority of them would welcome the change of condition.

A well-planned law aims to promote the greatest good among the greatest number. The pension system promises deserved leisure after years of work invaluable to the public and necessarily arduous to a conscientious performer.

Retired instructors ought to be regarded as rewarded, not rebuked.

JERSEY'S NEW BEGINNING
LIFE begins anew in Camden with the return to the old scale of trolley fares which was abandoned for the zone-fare experiment. The world owes every contrite prodigal a chance, even if the prodigal happens to be a corporation.

It will not profit New Jersey folk to harass the public service organization unnecessarily, to harbor grudges or to let the anger generated in the day of zone fares find new expression in campaigns directed against gas and street car rates that now are on what appears to be a fair basis.

proper direction under the proper motive. This instrument is only as efficient as the man who uses it, and it will do only what he wishes done. And an efficient man with a poor tool can accomplish much. Old man Diaz proved this in Mexico when he transformed the bandits into rural police and put an end to banditry and restored order in a troubled country.

It seems too much to expect that anything will be done by the present police management between now and the first Monday in January, though something might be done. We shall have to run the risk of having more women held up on the streets while their earrings are torn from their ears or their rings are cut from their fingers, and wait with such patience as we can muster for the new regime, from which better things are hoped.

UP TO THE PRESIDENT

THE President's interpretation of the constitution, as expressed in his letter to Senator Fall regarding the congressional resolution urging a severance of diplomatic relations with Mexico, is unimpeachable. It has long been recognized—and the fact is supported by law—that the initiative in conducting foreign relations is assigned in this country to the executive.

On the other hand Mr. Wilson's reiterated assumption of authority serves to emphasize anew his responsibility in a problem for which no solution has been found during nearly seven years of his administration.

It has been hinted that deformation of action on the prolonged Mexican crisis was primarily due to the great war. But the difficulty of handling two formidable international riddles at once no longer exists. A strong and consistent policy on Mexico can be undertaken if the administration formulates one. The public would unhesitatingly support it.

Secretary Lansing, it is true, displayed firmness and skill in the Jenkins tangle, but that was merely an incident in a long series of offenses and, moreover, it has not yet, morally, been unraveled.

A temporary let-up of tension is insufficient. Forceful, comprehensive moves on the subject are in order.

The President and his representative in the State Department are the rightful agencies of responsible action. Mr. Wilson jealously guards his prerogative. He should not let it lapse through disuse.

THE SETTLEMENT

THE coal strike has already cost a fabulous sum, more than either of the contending parties can ever recover by any sort of victory. That is the fact that stands out grimly even above the news of an approaching peaceful settlement.

According to estimates made weeks ago the miners and the operators between them had lost \$100,000,000. What the losses will be to communities most directly affected by the coal shortage it is hard to say. They will be incalculable. And all this is but a small part of the price that we are paying in the United States for the lack of an enlightened policy of industrial relationships.

What the President has proposed is an immediate resumption of work with a nominal increase of pay, which is to continue while a commission with governmental authority directs a thorough survey of the entire coal industry and formulates scales of wages on a just and rational basis.

ATTERBURY LOVES HIS JOB

Vice President of the P. R. R. Too Much Attached to His Men and His Responsibilities to Make a Change

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN
AMONG the prominent names mentioned for place in Mayor-elect Moore's cabinet, and particularly for director of public works, where administrative ability and engineering skill are requisite, that of General W. Atterbury has been quite conspicuous in certain circles.

That he could be induced to accept such an appointment is beyond question a baseless hope. As vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad he is not wedded to his gods, but certainly he is wedded to his men and his responsibilities.

There are something like 168,000 men who look up to him from the most responsible down to the most humble positions. He knows every cog in the vast machine of which he is directing head. He has seen it grow and develop under his hands.

More than that it is possible that his experience as head of the war system of railroads in France has imparted new conceptions and ideas of responsibility that will find expression here once the management decides to end the comedy of mismanagement and restores the railroad lines to the hands of those who know something about the job.

Anyhow, men like General Atterbury cannot be induced to sacrifice a greater duty for a less.

THE tendency among business men of today I find is to eliminate, as far as possible, the "grind" in the routine of commercial life; to get rid of the "lost motion" in the conduct of affairs.

Nowhere is this more apparent than among the fruit and produce men of Philadelphia, who, collectively and socially, are represented in "The Boosters," an organization that embraces every worth while wholesale produce merchant in Philadelphia.

Men like E. S. Armstrong, who is president, and Comly Shoemaker, secretary, who, with Earl Stewart, T. A. Brandt, E. S. Woodward, E. T. Butterworth, Joseph R. Wilkison, Samuel A. Townsend, Frank Busby, Russell Wilson, F. C. Lindsey and a hundred or more of their like, make up the roster of this unique organization.

A tradition of the wholesale produce business has been that it was necessary to get out at all sorts of ungodly hours, say 2 to 4 a. m., and down to Dock street and the railroad platforms to begin the daily "grind."



THE CHAFFING DISH

Sunday Night
TWO grave brown eyes, severely bent Upon a memorandum book— A sparkling face, on which are bent A hopeful and a pensive look; A pencil, purse, and book of checks; With stubs for varying amounts— Elaine, the shrewdest of her sex, Is busy balancing accounts!

SEATEDLY, in the big armchair, She, all engrossed, the audit scans— Her pencil hovers here, and there— The while she calculates and plans: What's this? A faintly pensive frown Upon her forehead gathers now— Ah, those the hatches—heartless clown— Begot that shadow on her brow?

MURKIN on the tradesman churl Who caused this fair accountant's gloom! Just then—a baby's cry—my girl Arose and swiftly left the room. Then in her purse by stratagem— I thrust some bills of small amounts— She'll think she had forgotten them— And smile again at her account!

Te Louise at Twenty-five
IF YOU can dance and smile when flesh is weary And converse brightly when your brain feels dull, If you can hold your head up high, my deary, When cat's tongues have termed it just a skull, If you can change each mood to fit YOUR HUSBAND'S, And fix the dinner when the cook has fled, If you can keep your babies clean and merry Until their tiny forms are safe in bed, And gaily welcome Tom, or Dick, or Jerry Whom Husband brings on Wash Day to the home— Then you will be your Mother's pride and pleasure. And to her arms you'll often have to come! HER MOTHER.

THE PESSIMIST

NOTHING to do but work, Nothing to eat but food, Nothing to wear but clothes To keep one from going nude. Nothing to breathe but air, Quick as a flash 'tis gone; Nowhere to fall but off, Nowhere to stand but on. Nothing to comb but hair, Nowhere to sleep but in bed, Nothing to weep but tears, Nothing to bury but dead. Nothing to sing but songs, Ah, well, alas! a lack! Nowhere to go but out, Nowhere to come but back. Nothing to see but sights, Nothing to quench but thirst, Nothing to have but what we've got; Thus through life we are cursed. Nothing to strike but a gait; Everything moves that goes, Nothing at all but common sense, Can ever withstand these woes. —Ben King.

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ
1. From what place do Alderney cows take their name?
2. Between whom was the battle of Salamis fought?
3. When did it occur?
4. What is an ethnographer?
5. Can the Supreme Court annul an act after it has gone into operation?
6. When did the Germans scuttle the fleet in Scapa Flow?
7. From what languages are the words mamma and mother respectively derived?
8. What is meant by "Cinque Cento"?
9. What is the correct pronunciation of the word ciceroe and what does it mean?
10. According to the Mohammedans, what was the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden?
Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. As a result of Maeterlinck's play the blue bird has lately become a conventional symbol of happiness.
2. Arkansas should be pronounced as though it were spelled Arkansaw, with the accent on the first syllable.
3. A cheetah is a kind of leopard, tamed in India and trained to hunt deer.
4. In England a railway switchman is known as a pointman.
5. Briareus in Greek mythology was supposed to have a hundred arms and fifty heads.
6. The Battle of the Thames in American history was the engagement fought near the banks of the river Thames in Ontario, Canada, on October 5, 1813. The Americans under William Henry Harrison defeated the British and Indians under Proctor and Tecumseh.
7. The Black Forest is a mountainous and wooded region partly in Baden and partly in Wurttemberg, Germany.
8. William Jennings Bryan resigned as secretary of state in 1915.
9. The picture of Mona Lisa, also called La Gioconda, was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.
10. Emma Goldman was born in the province of Kovno, Russia, in 1869.