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END THIS FOOLISHNESS

THE squabble over the number of clerks to be appointed by the City Council is interrupting important business and ought to be ended without further delay.
The issue involved is petty, but the disposition of the majority members to magnify it is tending to destroy confidence in the efficiency of reformers.

SHOVELING BEGINS AT HOME

IT IS easy to damn the street-cleaning contractors or the Highway Bureau when the streets are blocked with snow.
But part of the responsibility for the conditions rests upon the householders themselves, who do most of the damning.

RISE OF THE OFFICE GIRL

IT IS not uncommon to find in the sketch of the life of a successful business man the statement that he began as an office boy and rose to a partnership.
The death of Miss K. M. Haun, treasurer of the E. F. Houghton Co., reminds one that it is not boys alone who can achieve commercial success.

NEW YORK'S TRAFFIC TIE-UP

IN THIS instance Philadelphia enjoys the virtues of its defects. Reports from New York describe the complete suspension of the surface-car service because of the ice and snow, which have closed the slots characteristic of the underground trolley-wire system.
Severe winter storms play havoc with such equipment, otherwise so admirable and respectful of metropolitan charms.

FESS'S OPTIMISTIC FORECAST

CONGRESSIONAL FESS, of the Republican campaign committee, announces that his party will gain forty-seven seats in the House at the next election, which will give a majority of ninety, and that it will elect enough senators to increase the Republican majority from two to sixteen.

now applied to political prognostication. Unless something unforeseen happens in the intervening months the estimate of Congressional Fess is likely to be justified by the outcome in November.
For example, he anticipates the election of four more Republicans from this state, three more each from New York and New Jersey and two more from Ohio. The present temper of the voters warrants the opinion which he expresses.

POLICEMAN HOOVER'S CHASE AFTER SLACKING STATESMEN

Party Leaders Cannot Ignore His Implied Demand for Frankness and Sincerity in National Affairs
IF MR. HOOVER cannot get quickly out of the country, if starting millions needing instant succor cannot be found 'mid Greenland's icy mountains or on India's coral strand or in any other far, far place, some one will have to rustle up a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Great Politicians.
Hoover is pressing them hard. He is giving them no peace. Anguish is upon party leaders who find that they are being slowly and certainly whipped out into the light of day by this newcomer in politics. And Hoover's letter of yesterday, which was merely a demand that they state explicitly their beliefs and policies in relation to national affairs, will be viewed as a culminating act of frightfulness.

CLOSING IN FOR THE TREATY

THE assumption has been prevalent that the treaty wranglers were poles apart in their views. Candidly surveyed, however, the situation is reduced to a debate concerning the Democratic and Republican conceptions of good manners.
In his letter to Senator Hitchcock the President acceded to such an interpretation of the mooted Article X of the covenant as specifying the prior powers of Congress regarding any action to be undertaken "to respect and preserve against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league."
What chiefly seems to trouble him is the form of the reservation, which he regards as "very unfortunate."

FROM DAY TO DAY

FOUCH, the victor of the Marne, the winner of the great war, is now a member of the Academie Francaise.
It is an honor which he, as a true Frenchman, values more than his marshal's baton and almost as much as his place in history among those other immortals, the great generals of all time.

IT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK

FRIENDS of Governor Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, are calling attention to the coincidence that Stephen Grover Cleveland and Thomas Woodrow Wilson each dropped his first name and was elected to the presidency.
The pertinency of this lies in the fact that the governor was named John Calvin Coolidge by his parents and that when the boy reached the years of discretion he dropped the John.

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Hooper sets an example of frankness. He is for the League of Nations because, apparently, he knows of no enduring alternative for it. He is against war because he has seen the results of war. He is against socialism and socialized trends in national affairs and his opposition may be explained by his discovery of the American farmer.

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ON THE APPROACH OF THE OLD ARCH BRIDGE

On the approach of the old arch bridge a gang of men was trawling with the snow. "We're trying to fill up the river," smiled the policeman who seemed to have charge of the operation, "but we can't seem to make much headway."

AT THE WEST END OF THE BRIDGE

At the west end of the bridge at the bottom of its hill is commonly a great confusion of wagons and trucks, and the snow is always showing under their yellow pawings these piles of transparent bags filled with onions, like great heaps of huge brown pearls.

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THE MENTAL FACTOR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN WAR

The mental factor is the most important element in war; the will to conquer sweeps all before it. There is a psychological phenomenon in great battles which explains and determines their result. One hundred thousand men leave ten thousand of their number dead upon the ground and acknowledge themselves beaten; they retreat before the victors, who have lost as many men, if not more. Neither one side nor the other knows, when they withdraw, what its own losses have been, nor how heavy those of the opposing force; therefore, it is not on account of material damage, still less from any possible computation of figures, that the losers give up the struggle.

THE FRENCH CARE FOR IDEAS AS IDEAS

The French care for ideas as ideas. The Germans cared for ideas as a means to get Germany a place in the sun. To paraphrase Napoleon's saying Europe of the future will be French or Cossack. And the Russian cares for ideas too, in a much more passionate way than the French, who, like the Greek, never does anything in excess.

LIKE THE GREEK

Like the Greek—a writer in the "Revue Bleue" says the French resemble more the ancient Greek than the Roman. Latin he declares the French is not; to language certainly, but in race temper, habits of mind not a Latin at all, but a "Gaulois," a Celt.

THE ARRIVAL AT REVAL

The arrival at Reval, Estonia, of two carloads of flax marks the beginning of exports from soviet Russia. It is understood that the Bolsheviks need all their hemp.

WHO STOPPED THE LATEST PUSH OF THE TEUTON

WHO stopped the latest push of the Teuton westward to the Atlantic? Who were the great men who achieved the victory? The Celtic Foch, the Celtic Clemenceau, the Celtic Lloyd George, and the Celtic, in part at least, of the Scotch Presbyterian Wilson? Evidently something in the Celt which history, as written in the days of extravagant Teuton worship, overlooked as it paid its tribute rather pitiably to the imagination, poetry, enthusiasm, love of liberty in the Celt, but dismissed him as one of the world's incompetents.

"HEY, SET THAT DOWN A MINUTE AND LEND A HAND!"



With the Stormy Petrels

I WATCHED the sunset glowing on the turquoise South Pacific. While the first faint star shone dimly in its purple eastern field; And my heart was sad within me, and I felt alone, forsaken— For I'd buried you at sea, dear, where the stormy petrels wheeled.

The water seemed like blood, dear, and I thought I heard you call me. But 'twas just the hissing wavelets as they trailed along astern; And I thought of how we'd started on our first long trip together. Till my heart was filled completely with the memories that burn.

I watched the pale moon rising, and the waves were luminous. While the calm sea-breezes whispered. And I loved my head and kneed. I prayed that I might join you as you slept beneath the waters— For I'd left you far to sea, dear, where the stormy petrels wheeled.

ROBERT LESLIE BELLEM.

"Olives kill six in Memphis."—Headline. Curious the number of people who are traveling the Olive branch of the River Styx.

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