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only because of its singular brutality and its strangeness, but because it led finally to an almost uncanon demonstration of the law of retribution. If two hunters had not been forced out of all beaten tracks in the woods of Burlington county the men guilty of the murder might never have been brought to book.
It is hard to believe that a man could be murdered in broad daylight, in a tide of traffic, and almost under the eyes of policemen in a busy street. But that is how Paul was killed. In the end it probably will be shown that his murderers were either drunk or under the influence of some of the vicer substitutes for whiskey.
A great deal of credit belongs to the Camden county detectives. The case presented to them when the disappearance of the bank messenger was first reported certainly was as baffling as any of the mysteries that surround the innumerable unexplained homicides in our large cities. The Camden police have an excellent reason now for cleaning out the isolated hut and boat-house colonies that in recent years have become centers of immorality and lawlessness.

MAYOR MOORE STANDS FIRM; NO ARMISTICE FOR VARES

So Long as Contractor Bosses Retain a Trace of Power There Can Be No Truce in the Fight Against Them

THE attention of the Vares and anti-Vares leaders who have been talking about harmony is directed to the exposition of the situation by Colonel McCain, printed in this newspaper yesterday afternoon.
In that article it was announced that "it makes no difference what any political leader or combination of leaders may do, the Moore administration will not enter into, or in the future, into any coalition, deal or deal with any of them." It was further said that "the Mayor will not enter into any such arrangement, but he will not even quietly acquiesce or 'go along' as a silent partner."

And when Colonel McCain wrote "I know this absolutely," those familiar with his ability to get at the facts will accept his statement as an accurate transcript of the mind of the Mayor.

The beauty of the situation lies in the logic of the Mayor's position. He entered the primary campaign pledged to bring an end to contractor government.

He announced time after time that if he were nominated and elected the seat of city government would be transferred from an office building in Penn square to the City Hall and that citizens who wished to do business with the local administration would discuss it with the Mayor himself.

On that platform he was nominated in the primaries by the votes of the members of his party, and on that platform he was elected.

The public memory is short, but the platform and the pledges have not yet been forgotten. If the Mayor should now enter into a deal with the contractor faction of the party in order to secure harmony he would forfeit the respect of the vast majority of his voters in the primary and lose the confidence of tens of thousands of the best citizens. But there is no evidence that he will betray his supporters—quite the contrary.

When a candidate was to be nominated last spring to succeed him in Congress he used all his influence to secure the nomination of an anti-Vares man. The anti-Vares candidate was defeated in the primaries, but by no means was the margin that the city of the nomination was disputed. The result was a moral victory for the Mayor and his friends.

When a successor to a Vares member of the City Council was to be elected this fall he and his friends induced the candidacy of a representative citizen of the First district. Their candidate was defeated, but they won another moral victory, for they cut down the majority of the voters in the city where the Vares are the strongest from the 22,000 secured by the Vares candidate last year to about 7000 this year.

What these two contests meant was evident to the Vares. They saw their power slipping away from them, and they have been making desperate efforts to save something from the wreckage. Their chairman of the Republican city committee began at once to talk about harmony. The result was a moral victory for the Mayor and his friends.

But suppose harmony should be arranged over his head, what could he do then? Some one may ask.

It may be well to consider for a moment how such harmony would be brought about. It is a matter of common talk that certain "friends" of the Mayor are dissatisfied because he will not consent to the opening of gambling houses, to be protected on condition of generous contributions toward the financial support of the political organization.

The Mayor has heard that talk and, and we mistake not, he knows the men who are charged with seeking police protection for the illegal game. He could not safely be put over without the consent of the politicians who are ranked as the enemies of the Mayor.

It is conceivable that these "friends" and his enemies may combine against the Mayor in an effort to force him to come to terms with them. They control votes in the City Council, and with that control could block the plans of the administration, if their plan should carry.

But the Mayor has a weapon more powerful than any which a corrupt combination can use against him. It is the weapon of publicity, as we have remarked on a previous occasion. A union over his head of the factionalists of the opposition and the commercialists among his "friends" would be held together by a rope of sand. All he would have to do would be to say that second and so-and-so, naming the men had threatened to do if he did not come to terms with them, naming the terms. The moment he did this the guilty conspirators would run to cover so quickly that sharp eyes would be needed to see their tails as they scurried into their holes.

The puniest heart, defying such crookedness, is stronger than all the kings, as some one has said in a different connection. The people have confidence in the honesty of Mayor Moore. They will back him in every fight against the forces of evil.

No combination against him can be made strong enough to defeat his purposes in the long run, no long as he remains true to the pledges he made to the people.

He will not consent to a partnership

between protected vice and the police, and he has set his face against any dealings with those political forces here which sustained the system under which favored contractors made exorbitant profits through their control of the appointment of the men who inspected their work.
He still has the confidence of the men who rallied to his support because they wanted to put an end to the scandalous practices of past administrations, practices which culminated in the election of a mayor who profited by the dealings of his own firm with the city and with men who did business with the city.

It was to destroy this system root and branch that the people revolted last year. Its reintroduction in any form and under any pretext is intolerable. It would be better for the Mayor to cut loose from men who have been posing as his friends than to retain their support at the price of consenting to their plans.

From the more selfish political point of view it would be the wisest thing he could do. There are no rewards in the gift of the people too great for them to confer on a man who makes a heroic fight against the crookedness and self-seeking of practical politicians.

But the Mayor is expected to continue in the course on which he has begun, not because it may mean political advancement, but because it is right.

DOCTORED HISTORY

COMPLAINT about real or imagined defects in written history is not a new thing. People who believe that they have discovered a new attempt to introduce a pro-British note into American school books and efforts to put a new complexion on the general narrative of the Revolution have only touched the surface of a larger question that in late years has interested and disturbed many minds.

Historians of all sorts and of all lands are blamed properly enough for much of the artificially created hatred and many of the deep-rooted misunderstandings that lead to wars. Few men writing with and for the mind of a particular country or even a particular section of a country are able to do without bias, and not a few of the historians whose names are household words in Europe and America have not hesitated to write of the exploits of their own people without any effort to do justice to others.

If the American child in school believes that Americans alone are brave, chivalrous and patriotic; if the English child believes that only Englishmen know how to fight and rule; if the western school has grown up with the notion that Orientals are barbarians fitted only to serve the white man; if the peoples of various lands learn in their tender youth to hate and suspect other nations of people who, in fact, are quite without blame, it is largely because of the habit of men to write their own prejudices into the narrative of human endeavor which is printed history. Whoever tries to locate the passions that so many nations growing for each other's throats cannot long overlook those history books which have a conventional appeal to national vanity and a trick of glorifying only what their writers think ought to be glorious.

The great defect of almost all historical writing springs from the error in the human mind which makes impartial judgment difficult in any period of heat and crisis. There is no reason why nations should consider their history as a record of their own virtues and the crimes, the stupidities and the errors of governments and kings that have been dust for 150 years or more. School books ought to be free from propaganda of any sort. Only in that way can humanity progress to a better way of life than that from which it is trying, at terrible cost, to escape.

AND IT'S PAY, PAY, PAY!

SPEAKING broadly of the recent war and the ways by which we shall have to pay for it, one might say that we are only now approaching the cold gray dawn of the morning after our great adventure overseas. The bills are not out. But the collection of the debt.

Treasury officials, in careful announcements just made public, intimate that the citizens of the United States will have to put up not less than \$1,000,000,000 annually for an indefinite period to meet government expenses enormously expanded by our war obligations. It was supposed that, under revised income taxes, annual incomes of less than \$500 would be exempt. A lower limit, however, that of \$100, would be set. Even at that rate, however, it is a heavy burden to be laid on the backs of the people.

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The United States garrison Nashville, Tenn., at the time of the war, fired a few shots and then turned tail and started out to sea.

She did not go very far, for she was short of coal.

She had been hoisted in Seattle the year before, and she had a shooting of ammunition and a crew of about 100 men, and she was armed with a fourteen-pounder, six six-pounders and two machine guns.

The rest of the Colombian navy consisted of a seaplane purchased from the emperor of Mexico.

John Hay, then secretary of state, sent word to Panama that if the Colombian navy did not behave itself he'd send a couple of United States warships down and fill it full of holes.

The gunboat Dixon and the cruiser Atlanta were hurriedly sent into the troubled waters.

The recognition of the republic of Panama, with its checkerboard flag, ended the dealings with Colombia over the digging of the canal.

Temple of a Forgotten Prophet

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His Serious Predicament

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A MUNICIPAL THEATRE

Senator George Woodward Leading Such a Movement—Chevalier Baldi Optimistic on Italy—Anniversary of the Panama Revolution Goes Unnoticed

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
SENATOR GEORGE WOODWARD, of the Sixth district, is not only interested in Italy, but devotes good deal of time and money to movements on behalf of civic betterment and public advancement.

His generosity and practical ideas have added greatly in past years to the happiness and pleasure of thousands.

As president of the Art Alliance he is just now devoted to arousing a greater public interest in the drama, whose educational value he believes is not appreciated as it should be.

A kindred organization to the Art Alliance is the Plays and Players, of which Mrs. E. K. Price is president.

Within the next few days the two organizations will meet at a luncheon for mutual interchange of ideas and the advancement of suggestions along lines in which both organizations are interested.

ONE of the subjects to be discussed will be that of a municipal theatre.

The basic idea, Dr. Woodward tells us, is not so much to secure co-operation and from the city as to secure recognition of plans that exist now only in a tentative way in the minds of a number of well-to-do citizens who are interested in the subject and who, doubtless, will be willing to lend substantial aid toward the establishment of such an institution.

Musie, as Dr. Woodward points out, has secured a permanent recognition in this city to an extent that places Philadelphia in the front rank as a musical center.

On the other hand, so far as the theatre and drama are concerned, Philadelphia sits on the same dead level as other great cities.

The community theatre, Dr. Woodward believes, is destined to become one of the conspicuous features of city life in the course of a generation.

Its educational power, when directed into proper channels, is being recognized more and more each year. The drawback heretofore in attempts to establish a municipal theatre, most of which projects have failed, has been due to a combination of circumstances, the leading ones being failure of proper financial support and lack of popular interest because of misunderstanding.

Dr. Woodward believes that the opportunity is presently being offered to Philadelphia to take the lead in demonstrating to the country that a municipal theatre is not only feasible, but eminently practical and worthy of the endorsement and encouragement of municipal authorities.

CHEVALIER C. C. A. BALDI, who has recently returned from one of his periodical visits to his boyhood home in Italy, is quite optimistic over conditions in the beautiful peninsula.

The romance of the chevalier's life is yet to be told.

Viewing Italy through American eyes, Mr. Baldi is inclined to regard recent events that have followed in the world war's train in a hopeful light.

"While I cannot say that there has been exaggeration abroad of prevailing conditions, there is a tendency to view them with a gloomy outlook on the part of the Italian people."

It is merely the result of Italy's effort to readjust herself to changed conditions that followed the war. Every European nation is experiencing the same unpleasant but necessary readjustment.

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NOTHING DOING



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. J. MADISON TAYLOR

On Longevity and Personal Achievement

SIXTEEN years ago, that is the actual number of years he has been on earth, should never relegate a man to the scrap heap, according to Dr. J. Madison Taylor, of 1504 Pine Street. Dr. Taylor, professor of physical therapeutics and dietetics at Temple University, is a splendid and delightful example of his own doctrines.

Dr. Taylor has written a book on longevity which will soon be in the hands of publishers. For half a century or more he has studied this problem of prolonging life and his "credo," as he calls it, is that man's chief asset in his struggle toward perfection is a self-controlled organism, one ready to do his will at all times and under all circumstances.

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SHORT CUTS

There are ever so many blue notes in the Vares harmonica.

Happy Moore is the hardest contract for quarter and now feel like thirty cents.

As we understand it the Vares asked for quarter and now feel like thirty cents.

Modern diplomacy doesn't divide the spoils of war. It simply creates spheres of influence.

The presumption is that Judge Brown fired that Moore man solely in the interest of humanity.

When it comes to campaign pledges the Mayor wishes it distinctly understood that he is a standpatter.

In the division of Turkey Uncle Sam's share is a few dollars behind the rest of the pack and a few inches behind the parson's nose.

The profiteers who sold the houses the assessment which are now being boosted are probably now indulging in barbed laughter.

The interchange of amenities between President Wilson and President-elect Harding knocked pre-election animosities into a cocked Panama hat.

Councilman Develin's opinion concerning the Olympic funds are the more worthy of consideration because of his willingness to back them with cash.

Many unemployed women in Detroit, formerly clerical and factory workers, are taking jobs as domestics. The servant problem may yet settle itself.

No contractor can be expected to stand more than one or two years in the limelight of Pommer. They're wearing, boy, that's what they are, wearing.

Uncle Sam looks with an indifferent eye on the carrying of Turkey by the European powers. He will carve a turkey of his own at the latter end of this month.

Interest in the investigation is kept alive by the expectation that sooner or later some public official will be hit on the eye with a lump of hard coal.

It will at least be a comfort to friends of David S. Paul, the indolent bank messenger, to receive confirmation of their belief that he was straight to the last.

The fact that the Republican victory was too sweeting to allow the politicians to claim credit should give President-elect Harding a happy chance to be independent.

The Louisville, Ky., negro who told his wife that the "chick" threw around her wadded on something more potent than a rain and a cake of yeast.

Judge Anderson, of Indianapolis, says he is "going to find out whether a jury general can hamstring a case" in his court. There is every assurance that the country shares the judge's curiosity.

America leads the world in crime, according to an expert who presents startling figures in support of his assertion. It would be interesting to learn the comparison between drugs and the facts collected.

The Supreme Court has ruled that a man may store liquor lawfully acquired not only in his home but in a place other than his home. Now what he needs is a decision on how to take it from where it is where he wants it.

From Winsted, Conn., comes the story of a partridge that flew out of a hunter's pocket after it had been shot at, retrieved and put away. Her it wasn't a partridge at all, but a lark bird which played possum in order to locate a flask.

FORTITUDE

(To Phyllis doubling)

THE spoils of sea-grass tremble and advance

Down the deep yellow dunes to smite the sea.

With their small night, and even so, perched on their perch, your petulant words march out to trouble me. The phoebes of the sea-horses dance with their feet on that a heat bears down to slay. Knowing that they shall quell them with their tiny wings. So shall my courage sweep your speech away. Percy Hensler, in Westminster Gazette.