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POLICEMEN'S PISTOLS

OFFICIALS of the police department cannot afford persistently to defend and shield those members of the force who engage in reckless use of firearms.

A policeman has to carry a revolver for his own protection and for the performance of hard duty in exceptional emergencies. But there ought to be no place on the force for a man who does not know how to handle a revolver with restraint.

Connor Kerrigan's lethal attack on Percy Pearson, the bartender, was fatal to the seventeen-year-old lad, after a night of turbulence and fear. Several innocent bystanders, as usual, were endangered. But the weapon in a large degree is blamed for the tragedy in the case.

No one will contend that the ability with deliberate aim to shoot straight ought to be a requirement for the police force. But it is a sign of a sort of temperamental weakness that makes a man unfit for an emergency.

Men who have the right kind of nerve ought not to be found guilty of the clumsy, reckless use of firearms. Their skill is a protection to innocent persons.

"HOME WORK"

THE capacity of an organization for service is measured by Prof. Spahr's definition as the ability to work effectively after it has been spelled to "strike out on initiative."

The germ of selfishness is the strongest antagonist to the spirit of service. Kiwanis, New York City, employs an interesting method to develop this spirit.

The civic and economic problems concerning commercial organizations, industrial and philanthropic agencies of Philadelphia are to be studied by 500 adult and juvenile workers. They are to report orally, recommend or submit charts for great numbers of topics and spots of light and color in the city.

It is unfortunate that the inviting opportunity for the best form of service is not more beneficial and attractive to intelligent study. More than that, it will acquaint the new generation of citizens with the real assets and liabilities of the city, perhaps free from the cares of a business and profession.

It is commendable to understand something of the economic life of Chicago. It is at least equally worthwhile to know a state in significance of the battle of Kings mountain.

Adults of the general type can ill afford to lag behind in the movement to disseminate facts of civic import. As the Washington arsenal conference and the Tribune Republican institute for straight-ticket voting are to Harding and Republican Gardens orchard at Du Pont.

It seems a good idea that the best capital is coming to Philadelphia. There are a few taxi-cab companies in Philadelphia, annually, advertising this and the species, which they

STUPIDITY WHOLESALE

REPORTS from every quarter confirm the Rev. Lackawanna, in Augusta, says here the belief [illegible] in the Continental Congressional Library, not a year [illegible] in the Congress. The [illegible] against [illegible] the [illegible] against [illegible] a [illegible] wealth is now [illegible] 70,125.

It [illegible] to [illegible] the people [illegible] vote to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the citizens of Pennsylvania were ignorant, unaware of [illegible] right to [illegible] requests to remove [illegible] [illegible] potent interests in Congress and that a [illegible] exhibition of [illegible] would [illegible] element in [illegible] indifference.

The most remarkable [illegible] [illegible] sion [illegible] not all [illegible] [illegible] dramatic [illegible]. The [illegible] of [illegible] tension will be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] majorities in [illegible] [illegible]. Political [illegible] will suffer and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thing can't [illegible].

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] effect [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Legislature and the consequent [illegible] of a new [illegible].

COLONIALS AT THE CONFERENCE

THE presence [illegible] at the Washington conference [illegible] the British delegation to the Arms Conference for reduction of armaments suggests a corresponding increase in the number of American representatives.

Should [illegible] be made by President Harding [illegible] political considerations will be subordinated. Partnerships are indeed at stake, [illegible] a million lives in the Washington preparations for a moment's [illegible].

Political factors [illegible] in the nomination of Senators Lodge [illegible] Underwood, but Secretary Hughes, [illegible] as a plain acknowledgment of the [illegible] of events, and Elihu Root's position [illegible] due to his admitted expert acquaintance with the topics to be discussed.

Additions to the quarters of [illegible] probably involve the [illegible] of other [illegible] national authorities of legislation.

The extension of the American Government to a [illegible] large [illegible] may, however, stand in the way. So far as can be learned, the British delegation is likely to be composed of Balfour, Bonar Law, Winston Churchill and [illegible] colonials, General Smuts of South Africa, ex-Premier Borden, of Canada, and Premier William Hughes, of Australia.

In this case it is permissible to assume that the size of the essentially British delegation will be numerically inferior to that of the United States.

The type of Colonial statesman is unquestionably good export overall. In accord with American points of view, especially with reference to the Pacific, than the closed representatives from Downing street. It may be unnecessary for Mr. Harding to preserve the superficial appearance of a numerical balance.

The Colonials will be welcomed not only as an index of imperial liberality, but as assurance that in the event of disputes at the parley the position of the United States will not be one of extreme national isolation.

VARE, WEGLEIN & COMPANY, EXPERT MAKERS OF POVERTY

What the Rejection of the $19,000,000 Loan Bill Means to the City and the Unemployed

BEFORE the winter is out, no matter how business and industry may go, Mr. Weglein or Mr. Gaffney or some other shining and anointed klengle of the Vare klan will probably rise in Council and suggest an appropriation of $19,000,000 "for the relief of the unemployed."

The poor are a great comfort to the captains of political gangs.

Their poverty is a background against which the mechanical gesture of beneficence used so often by men like Senator Vare and Magistrate Campbell appears really impressive.

If some one should find a magical way to eliminate all poverty, your typical ward leader probably would run wildly to the courts for an injunction. For it is through the exploitation of the real or relatively hopeless that he manages to keep a small army of idolizers and loyal voters at his back and call.

The truth is that there are relatively few really poor people in Philadelphia. There are, however, a great many people who are unemployed. Those are the plain people of whom Senator Vare talks so feelingly.

Now, with the deliberate intention to [illegible] the [illegible] $19,000,000 loan [illegible] by Councilman Mason Moore, [illegible] [illegible] the plain people might [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to understand the true nature of the gang's regard for them.

Instead of the comfort of honorable work and [illegible] wages which the success of the loan bill would have assured to many thousands of unemployed workers, the Vare machine [illegible] a monopoly of work [illegible] some odd hundreds allowed to the people.

[illegible] [illegible] of Mr. Vare's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]