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SOME TRANSIT SPLENDORS THE imaginative powers of Council have been spiritedly displayed in the sudden call for increased urban transportation facilities on a magnificent scale.

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lose its identity or its right to self-government. The movement seems to have been inspired by the success of the League of Municipalities, which for a time put up a magnificent fight against political abuses in the public utilities system.

WHAT WILL BANKERS BUILD OVER THE RUINS OF GENOA? Financiers as Statesmen and the First Open Conference in European History of Real Powers

IT SHOULD surprise no one if the international bankers sitting in conference with J. P. Morgan as American representative at Paris are able to propose and actually establish a peace plan better than Lloyd George and his colleagues could achieve in the wild wrangle at Genoa.

Such is the nature of the time we live in that clear thinking and rational action are increasingly difficult in a political atmosphere. Statesmen are too often spellbound at the tombs of their political ancestors.

Financiers are internationalized long ago. It moves in accordance with a philosophy of unvarying realism. It reserves its reverence for facts rather than for memories.

Your diplomatist follows a different course. And it is appalling to observe how little relation there is, in consequence, between the needs of men and their accepted political doctrines.

Political thinking in France, for example, continues to rest upon fear and hatred of the vanished Germany of 1914. In England it is guided by the pleasant but misleading legend of Britannia as the Ruler of the Waves.

So the statesmen who have been doing our thinking for us continue to repeat aphorisms and codes devised for an agricultural and self-contained America. The British adhere to ways of thought suited to an empire in the full swing of expansion, unchallenged by any external force or circumstance.

Unlike these statesmen, bankers of the international sort cannot afford to behave as if life were nothing more than a historical costume play and an occasion for the repetition of sounding legends of the past.

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He has arrived on votes of confidence in theory enabling him to attain his conclusion. But that is seldom or never reached. Whatever history may say—so runs the defense—the curtain did not fall at Genoa.

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THE STORY OF FARQUHAR He Rode into the Enemy's Camp and Rode Out Again With the Password—A Rare Election Record. Boyer's Quiet Life

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN A. B. FARQUHAR, of York, now past eighty years of age, has long been a prominent figure and leading Democrat in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

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