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of Henri Barbusse follow in the order named. Prominent positions are also occupied by the delicious Anatole France, with his "Red Lily"; Rene Bazin, with his charming chronicles of rural life; the atmospheric Loti, with his lament over the vanished East, as expressed in "The Disenchanted"; Benoit, with his extravagantly adventurous "L'Atlantide"; and Gwendy, with his breezy and gracefully witty "Tul et Moi".

AN INSTANCE OF FUTILE FAITH IN MERE LAW MAKING

Attempt to Give Cabinet Members a Voice in Congress Exemplifies This Craze and a Misunderstanding of This Government

BY A merciful dispensation presumably of Providence—only seven out of more than 300 amendments to the Federal Constitution proposed since 1861 have been adopted. Previous to the Civil War, which settled permanently the fundamentals of the controversy between the strict and loose constructionists, most of the suggested tinkering concerned the relationship of the States to the Federal authority.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Competition Was an Excellent Good Word Until It Was Ill-Sorted; Now There Are Those Who Think Co-operation Is Better

By SARAH D. LOWRIE COMPETITION used to be the word when men talked business around 1800. Every kind of change was rung on the word, and every kind of boasting or rueful or complaisant or cynical story gave it point and spirit. It was supposed that it embodied an idea that was henceforth to rule the country, not alone in trade but in every line of endeavor, or sport, or art.

IN OTHER words, the game of competition ended up in the successful coup of monopoly, a victorious market ended in the survival of the strongest. The players at that game were never the general public and the manufacturers, never the buyers and the sellers, but always the sellers.

SHORT CUTS

Ding Dong Bell has not a thing to tell. It may be that part of the fun of the Fair is preparing for it. Pershing's plan for preparedness is so well grounded that it irks. In the matter of prizes for service Keppart appears to have drawn blanks.

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When I was growing up and listened to men talking of their affairs, when they were preparing for a deal, I heard continuously these three words, "competition, capital, monopoly." But in my twenties I began to hear still another word, "co-operation," which a great variety of changes of tone were rung.

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

CO-OPERATION OF the mothers, children, State and county can alone make successful the administration of the Mothers' Assistance Fund, says Miss Evalyn T. Cavin, executive secretary of the fund.

Every pension granted is supplemented by the earnings of the mother, if she is physically able to work part time. The pension is simply the difference between what she earns and what she needs to maintain her family in the home with her.

- QUIZ 1. Who is the present President of Brazil? 2. What is encased in painting? 3. What is the route of the present air-mail line maintained by the Postal Department? 4. Who was Albert Ballin?

PRETTY QUEER BUSINESS

THE more that is disclosed about the manipulation of checks by John A. Bell, of the Carnegie Trust Company, of Pittsburgh, and Harmon M. Keppart, former State Treasurer, the more astounding the transaction becomes.

FORTY MILES A YEAR

JULIUS ADLER'S remarks about street paving, printed on this page yesterday, justify the hopes of the people who elected the present City Administration.

HOOPER'S WAY OUT

SECRETARY HOOPER'S way to relieve the cash shortage will work if those on whose success it depends act in good faith.

FRENCH BEST SELLERS

UNQUALIFIED, according to some views, unimpaired, literary realism was invented in France. Yet about the time when the most ardent students in England and America, the French, ever artistic pioneers, are to a considerable degree recognizing the end of their own making and their need to begin exhibiting a diversity and individuality which can hardly fail to bewilder foreigners.

Today's Anniversaries

- 1701—Ardell laid the foundation for St. Anne's Church in Detroit. 1848—John D. Archbold, one of the founders of the Standard Oil Company, born at Leesburg, O. Died at Tarboro, N.C. December 26, 1916.

Today's Birthdays

- John R. Voorhis, Grand Sachem of the Tammany Society of New York, born ninety-three years ago. George Bernard Shaw, famous writer and dramatic author, born in Dublin, sixty-six years ago.

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