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PREPARING FOR THE CAMPAIGN

ARRANGEMENTS have been perfected for the opening of the State political campaign in a few days. Gifford Pinchot and all the other Republican candidates for State offices will address the City Commission on Wednesday next at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel...

For the following six weeks the candidates and their friends will make speeches in all parts of the State, urging the voters to go to the polls in November and stressing the issues involved in the election.

The election of Mr. Pinchot is morally certain, but the campaign of Mr. McSparran will not be without its uses. All the sentiment that he can create in favor of a better way of conducting the business of the State will strengthen the arm of Mr. Pinchot when he takes his seat in the Capitol.

MOVIES IN THE SCHOOLS

IN SPIKE of the fears of Louis Nushbaum, associate superintendent of schools, it is likely that a way will be found to continue the use of educational moving-picture films in the public schools.

The auditors in the schools are on the second floor or in the basement. A strict enforcement of the rules will prevent the exhibition of the films altogether.

It is necessary for the school authorities to choose between risking the lives of the children by fire and abandoning the use of the educational films, there would be no question about what their decisions should be.

THE AWNING NUISANCE

ORDINANCES of the dead-letter variety are sufficiently common in this city to explain the inquiry of a committee of the Retail Grocers' Association into the validity of the measure prohibiting sidewalk awnings and awning poles.

It may be noted with interest, however, that Mayor McPherson has assumed that laws passed were meant to be enforced. He reminded the petitioners of the fact that the awning ordinance was general in character, and admitted of no exceptions, he called attention to the only sensible step to be taken—the enforcement of the ordinance until it is repealed.

For the sake of the appearance of the city and of convenience to pedestrians, it is to be hoped that Council will not recall its prohibition. Awning poles—there are veritable forests of them in Philadelphia, notably on Ridge, Lancaster and Germantown avenues—are not only unsightly but are needless obstructions in the city along their hand-capped by narrow streets, planned according to seventeenth-century ideas of metropolitan traffic.

THE WINSLOW VERDICT

THE "automatic train-control device" which, according to the current report the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigators, would have prevented the wreck at Winslow Junction on July 27 and saved seven persons from death and nine from injury, is a contrivance which operates automatically through a interlocked with the signal mechanism of a railway to close the throttle when necessary and apply the air brakes when moves past a danger mark. This device in the signal tower would have a long-distance control of approach and departure, and have been effective for

some years with this device. It has been found to be in most practical ways efficient of experience object to it for psychological rather than for any practical reasons. They argue, with a good deal of justice, that the human equation is still the ruling factor in railroading and that in every last analysis, after all mechanical devices have been put to work, the safety of trains depends upon the character and watchfulness of the man in the locomotive cab.

AMERICA'S MIND RETURNS FROM ITS LONG VACATION

Back From Europe and the Mountains and the Seas and the Movies, It Finds Its House in Great Disorder

IT IS easier to start things than to stop them. This rule applies with unvarying force to automobiles and William Jennings Bryan, fires and flirtings, war and after-dinner speeches, fashions and industrial strikes, poker games and human prejudices. It applies in a sense to vacations.

Vacations used to be self-stopping. They lasted a week or two, and ended with an ugly job on Labor Day. But during the last few years, even while the American people went mechanically about their practical affairs, their collective mind has been afar on a continuous vacation that seemed as if it might continue forever.

Trouble may have some good in it after all. It has brought the vacation of the American mind to an end at last. We are back again to look the old household in the face, and as people we are one with the two-wheeler who remained away a month. The premises are in disorder.

If the place is ever to be made habitable we shall have to get down at once to the unaccounted labor of serious and consistent effort. The day after tomorrow, the American ought to realize on this Labor Day. For, if his more familiar habits and trends mean anything, they mean that thought is the work he hates most.

It is hardly fair, therefore, to blame Mr. Gompers for wildly threatening a general strike or fiercely to criticize Attorney General Duggan for his various experiments with court injunctions as instruments for the bewildering of unions.

Of the returning vacationist sharp and shrewd observers are saying what one might say of all that part of the country which has been letting its mind wander in Europe while the pressing business and labors of the hour were neglected at home.

Well, we aren't going to put any such disagreeable questions to the returning crowd. They ought to have a period of rest after the stresses of their vacations, and, of course, they will have other troubles enough. But these are the crowds that they have to decide before long whether they are going to permit an exclusive group or another to get and keep an unbreakable hold on the means of their existence.

What they will have to do is to carry the practical thinking far enough to make it useful in just such emergencies as now confront them. That is, American politics must be made to keep in an industrial age the peace and justice which it guaranteed and provided in earlier days when our only important occupation was agriculture.

Here is suggested a job that will not be easy for the collective mind of a generation preoccupied with a search for ease and fun and little else. If it is approached honestly the present upsurge will mean little. For it is by upheavals and landslides and impacts of the outside world that the past is to melt out of darkness those bits of truth that shine forever and are forever indestructible as guiding marks for civilization.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A SENATOR

ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, who is seeking re-nomination in the senatorial primaries which are to be held in Wisconsin tomorrow, points with pride to his war record. "I did not believe in the war," he declares, "and I voted against going into it."

Germany sank some of our boats. Two or three of them, as I remember.

History as the Wisconsin Senator interprets it, is a comparatively simple subject, once the student has dispensed with the enunciation of facts. There are certified records of the loss by German submarine or mine of twenty American vessels with a total tonnage of 50,205 prior to the entrance of the United States into the world conflict.

It is of record also that the Imperial German Government graciously granted the rights of the United States to one trans-Atlantic vessel weekly in each direction, between our Eastern seaboard and an English port.

Mr. La Follette does not mention this example of exquisite consideration for a neutral. He is obviously more interested in "answering the dirty newspaper"—such is his virile phrase—than in logging his own somewhat erratic memory.

If ever the benighted press is resolved to be clean and forget inconvenient facts as easily as Mr. La Follette does, it may expect the heartiest congratulations from all politicians of his stamp. Just at present, however, the light of other days is rather too uncomfortably blinding to suit the Wisconsin aspirant for further senatorial laurels.

CLASSES IN CITIZENSHIP

LESSONS in the elements of citizenship such as are to be taught at the non-partisan meeting called by the Mayor for Wednesday of this week cannot be deemed superfluous so long as the rudimentary duty of registration is neglected by thousands of electors.

It is at the instance of women identified with various political organizations that Mr. Hoover has summoned the primary class, Lawrence E. Bell, chairman of the Board of Registration Commissioners, will be among the instructors.

He will unquestionably explain that Thursday, September 7, is the first of the three registration days, and the citizens whose names are not found on the rolls at election time in November will be temporarily deprived of their franchise. The lesson should not be difficult to grasp.

The public-spirited women who suggested the schooling are duly aware that important duties, which involve no hardship and but a slight expenditure of time, are often skipped with the greatest unconcern. It is altogether right and proper to din into the ears of electors, men and women, the oft-repeated story of registration obligations.

Within the last few years the proportion of slackers has decreased, and only a few numbers of delinquents aggrieved when they are deprived of their vote on election day, and yet ready to begin the old round of carelessness and indifference the next autumn.

At any rate, the traditional cry, "nobody told me anything," will not be valid this year.

CHURCH UNION

WHETHER it is true as some enthusiasts have said that the recognition by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Greek Church of the validity of the Anglican episcopate and priesthood is the "most momentous chapter in ecclesiastical history in a thousand years," it is a significant step in the direction of church union.

We Americans—people of the States—have been mostly indifferent to the Greek and the first step in the union of our Canadian neighbors as though nothing in British America could touch the real thing of the States have made out of a new country.

I can only say to my fellow countrymen who are thus provincial: "Go to Montreal!" As you approach the border a nice American chap with his cap on the back of his head and his hand in his pocket, will hand you a receipt for your motor license.

As you cross the border a very neatly uniformed English officer will question you courteously, but with formality, as to your right of entry into the country. He will ask you your citizenship. After that you drive along a road much the same as the one you left and past farms a little less fertile. And your first view of the Canadian landscape is that of a well-kept and well-kept farm.

Well, Canada is poorer than the U. S. A., just as I have always supposed.

SEEING AMERICA

ANY one who, appalled and baffled by each day's strike news and the thundering, threatening communique from the rival headquarters of labor unions and the captains of industry, finds himself slipping into a serious case of the economic blues, ought to take a day off and go to a county fair.

It might go to Jersey or Interior Pennsylvania or Delaware. Doing this will realize, with a sense of overwhelming relief, that the mine owners and railway executives and trades unions represent, after all, but a small part of the United States. As one waking from a nightmare he will find himself in the presence of industries that know no strikes and men and women who get along against all obstacles by patience and wholesome labor.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

They Manage So Very Many Things So Much Better in Montreal, it is Apt to Have a Depressing Effect on a Philadelphian

By SARAH D. LOWRIE

I HAD a letter not long ago, presumably from an Englishman who had read something that I had written in this column about the criticisms of the French toward things in Montreal. My correspondent congratulated me on disliking the French as much as he did.

It seemed to dislike them very much, almost as much as his forefathers did in "Boonville" when they were so much in a panic for fear of the French invasion.

Now I not only do not dislike the French, but I very heartily admire them, and I wish that the English had more French ideas on plumbing may be elemental, but their ideas of workmanship and of all that goes to make life agreeable, from cooking to music, are the most civilized and the most refined of the twentieth century can bring to our doors.

Except for their jokes they have what the majority of us lack—natural good taste. A lot of us, especially in America, have a good style. That is, we change our tastes easily and with a sort of happy dash to fit the style of the moment.

And the prevailing style depends on something that has happened over in Europe. Left to ourselves, we Americans, who come from Europe, we lost our good taste and had only style. And style is all we still have, except in places where the European element is the strongest factor in the place.

But when we make a composite of all the elements and call the result American style, we have a style that is not only a difference between a Greek statue and a "flapper" between a girl in a bathing suit and an early model of rowboat, it all depends on the prevailing style.

Most any woman who has French blood in her veins has taste in what she does, a sense of fitness, a finish and completeness in what she makes that gives the object a sort of lasting quality; whether it is in style or out of style for the moment, it has a good style of its own.

I FELT that all over again in New Orleans this last winter, but I was even more struck by it on the mainland of Asia.

THE outlook for political independence in Korea is now brighter than it has been at any time since the events following the Russo-Japanese War, which resulted so disastrously for Korea, says Dr. Philip Jaisohn, one of the directors of the Friends of Korea and one of the best-known Korean-born citizens of this country.

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THE VAMP



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. PHILIP JAISOHN On Korea's Struggle for Independence

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SHORT CUTS

Probably call him Babe Ruth because that's the way he acts.

There doesn't seem to be a thing to put into one's cellar nowadays.

Johnston and Tilden evidently thought they were in a clean-up campaign.

Well, not to put too fine a point on it, Mr. Daugherty isn't dodging trouble.

One begins to fear that the girls who object to long skirts protest too much.

The weight of the sword of Justice is a trifle more than the drug traffic can bear.

France continues to evince desire to kill the German goose that fleeced the golden eggs.

Inhaberdasher advertises "Shirts in the New York Manner." Lots of front, we presume.

The straw hat will soon proceed to show how much a man is swayed by contentment.

Perhaps 1922 will be known as the year in which the public grew thoroughly tired of strikes.

A mandate, as the coal operator sees it, is a device designed to save his face at the public expense.

California Democrats are beginning to wonder if this Pearson person can ram "Ram Johnson."

The Young Lady Next Door But One says the unwritten law should be wiped off the statute books.

anyhow, as the President's private physician it cannot be denied that old Doc Sawyer is all right.

The Bureau of Mines has devised a vest-pocket gas mask. For use, perhaps, at I. W. W. meetings.

Now that health authorities are backing short skirts, nothing can prevent the long ones from "coming in."

It ought not to be difficult for a fact-finding commission to discover the naked truth on a September morn.

Congressman Herriek has bought eleven airplanes. Determined, you see, to fly away from objectionable notoriety.

New York man killed his wife and himself because she wanted him to go to work. Women are so unreasonable.

Strike disorders continue to prove that the soil of discontent makes fertile ground for the real seeds of radicalism.

Secretary Davis favors beer in steel mills. So far as employers are concerned, this probably makes it unanimous.

Fall styles decree that even steaks shall be dressed differently. Recent rains have hastened the arrival of mushrooms.

HIS ARTIFICIAL TEETH. A realistic novel by Taddie Top, CHAPTER I.—"False friends," he cried, "greeting 'em."

The President is said to have already drafted his bonus veto message. "This will be a relief to some weak-kneed bonus supporters."

Light may soon be thrown on the Austria situation. The arrival of the British gunboat Gull at Vienna is coincident with suspicion that Hungarians plan to make the fire fly.

FAREWELL, PLATYPUS. Right on the heels of the news of the victory over the Australian tennis team by Tilden and Johnston came the sad tidings that the duck-billed platypus had died in the Bronx Zoo.

The duck-billed platypus is dead. All the world sighs at his death. If you care a teeny bit shed, Drink a silent toast of sorrow at his death. Bitter: beer; Or, struggling 'tween misadventures and hanks. Try a Bronx.

Poor wee duck-billed platypus! Pining for a hotsink green. Found that life was all too fussy At the zoo. Fiftten thousand miles away from every view.

That it knew; While the worms they tried to feed him from the well. Ducked his bill.

Luck-a-day, his name is Dennis; Far Australia's out of luck. Did any coral girk talk tennis. To that duck.

The tidings tend to make him from the rock. Run track? Poor wee beast! 'Twas only sorrow he could sng. From the cup.

G. A.

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ
1. What ancient people used a system of strings or cords hanging from a cross-bar?
2. Which is writing?
3. What is the "Ladder State"?
4. What is a logarithm?
5. Name a great military leader who invaded Italy in 1800.
6. Name two ciphers by Weber.
7. What is the "curio language" spoken?
8. Who was Gullible in "Tom Sawyer"?
9. Why is a volcano so called?
10. What is the greatest in the world?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

- 1. "Underground railroad" was the name given to the system of assistance by abolitionists in the North to fugitive slaves from the South to the United States preceding the Civil War in the United States. The "stations" on the secret route, twenty miles or more apart, were usually private houses, in the more remote districts of the country, or in nearby caves, slaves were kept at night during the day. At nightfall the fugitives were ordered on their way into the free States.
2. The first Atlantic cable was laid between Newfoundland and Ireland in 1858.
3. Thirty-three foreign countries were represented at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876.
4. The great fire in Chicago occurred on October 4, 1871.
5. A deed of derring-do is a deed of courage. Derring is a corruption of daring.
6. Darien is another name for Panama, especially the Isthmus of Panama, which was an important seaport in the 17th century.
7. The daguerrotype was invented by Louis J. M. Niepce, a French artist, in 1825. It was perfected by Nicéphore Niepce and his brother, Louis J. M. Niepce, a French artist, in 1825.
8. Frank List, the famous composer and pianist, was born in 1806. He became a tertiary of the Order of St. Francis in 1835. He received minor orders and was presented to an honorary canonship by the Pope.
9. Cinchona barkness is dense darkness. In allusion to the Cinchona, a people, named by Homer as living in Persia.
10. Cassia is a coarse variety of cinnamon.