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June 14 Flag Day! The anniversary of the adoption by the Continental congress, in 1777, of the Stars and Strives as the new republic's symbol and tolen of national existence Everywhere the flag should be in evidence today.

A Fight to a Finish.

WHE ISSUES which has been or two between the union of employes and the union of employees in the metal trades, involving the necessity of a thoroughly whipped and acknowledges es much in its torms of sucrender, is unfortunate in its depressing effect upon general industry and in its perheavily upon those least able to bear them, namely, the women and children of the strikers. But it has been plain for months

that in some form this issue would have to be drawn and settled for a The various palliatives which have been used to ease the industrial situation have delayed the inevitable, but have not changed its character, Wisely or not, organized labor and organized capital have doveloped antagonisms which must be eliminated in a finish conflict. A state of war has been entered upon, from which there is no retreat. Questions of hours and of wages-in themselves details readily adjustable where a friendly spirit prevails are new secondary to the question whether the labor unions or the employing unions shall predominate in their life and death struggle for supremacy; and while a fight means widespread turmoil and loss, it is by many deemed preferable to incessant fidgeting and uncertainty. Once this fundamental question is settled, the other questions can be adjusted on their merits.

It is undeniable that the labor or ganizations have suffered more in loss of public sympathy from the excesses of their own followers than from all other causes combined. The mobs that hound the non-union workingman, pursuing him from store to store, intimidating merchants not to sell to him the necessaries of life, hurling at him opprobrious names and every little while actually taking his life, are not put up to this lawless and nn-American procedure by the wiser leaders of labor: but they do it in the name and for the sake of unionism, and this fact is steadily building up a public opinion adverse to unionism which must be reckoned with when the final accounting comes.

Wisely managed, labor unions are most useful and valuable institutions. Take, for example, the Typographical union. It not only has done great service for its members but has been of material benefit to publishers. It has succeeded, however, only by putting both feet down hard upon the mischief-making, demagogical type of agitator and by introducing into its deliberations the same kind of intelligence and practical judgment that prevail in the conduct of well-managed commercial enterprises. It has grown beyond the period of liability to the -strike fever and is for the honest keeping of all its agreements, with arbitration of differences of interpretation.

Unions on this model will live. The contract-breaking, boycott-using, "scab"-abusing kind will expire through natural law, helped, possibly, by a wearied public. And a sharply defined, quickly ended fight to a finish in the metal trades, cruel as it is while in progress, may be the means of clearing the atmosphere for wiser vision agier counsel on both sides.

Our preference and counsel have been or peace and this would have ignorant of the law on the subject of possible earlier had prudence prevailed. But since war is the word, let it be decisive. American industry can conquer the world when harmonious at home. It will lose all it has gained unless harmony comes through the wisdom of conciliation or the crucible of conflict.

The advance guard of Fourth of celebraters has been unusually quiet this season.

Sir Walter Besant.

HE UNEXPECTED death of Sir Waiter Besant on Sunbrought profound regret to both aides of the Atlantic. Already there have been a variety of newspaper estimates made of his gifts and whether or not he "possessed genius." use fine powers not merely "to give tent critic, but to bring good works to pass. The people who are forever praising up "arts for art's sake" are the writers who make art serve high ant for their places in public life. purposes. If Sir Walter had never

work in America it would take a great many pages to tell. His own work for the struggling poor of London was untiring.

We have no purpose to make any list here of his many writings-not novels only but historic books on London. But we will name his admirable work for many years as accretary of the Palestine Exploration fund, his History of Jerusalem written in connection with Professor Palmer, and "The Survey of Western Palestine."

of a true lover of humanity and hone- to failure. factor of the struggling poor, the piace also of a writer who used his uplifting or readers, who became his friends and are today his mourners.

Richard Little's escape from proceution for criminal libel is through unconditional retraction. In other words, his printed courage was only makebelieve; inwardly his vitals trembled, This doubtless disposes for a season of the Dick Little type of journalism. What other mushroom growth will be the next to wift?

Make It a Rouser!

ONIGHTS grand ball in direction of the new Armory, with its presence of wealth, the major general commanding the National Guard of Pennsylvania, the adjutant general and the intropid commander of the Third brifight until one side or the other gets the history of Northeastern Pennsylvania and one well worth going far to sec. The ball will be pacularly a popplar affair, representing a commingsonal hardables, which fall most ling of all classes; and simply on the score of a great cosmopolitan social and public function it will appeal strongly to the curiosity, interest and ratronage of our people.

But more than that, it will aid in establishing in this city a splendid where, in which all kinds of large public gatherings-political, fraternal, conomic and religious conventions. asteddfods, veterans' reunions, convo cations of every form where generous dations are of vital importance-may be entertained with pleasure to the attendants and credit to our city. Notwithstanding the past lack of such a meeting place, Scranton has wonher whole-souled entertainment of ation earned the name of the Con cention city par excellence.

With the new Armory completed and ree from debt, the one handicap hitherto felt in this direction will disanear; and our citizens will take inreased pride in extending to worthy bodies of their fellow countrymen of invitation to make this their assemblage site. Hence it is that the Arnory belongs in real fact to the comnunity and represents a much-needed and most timely addition to the comnumity's civic resources. From this standpoint the opportunity presented by tonight's festivity to make a slight ommon good should appeal very strongly to the liberality of every public-spirited citizen.

The ball will be a success in any vent; but make it a rouser!

make a thief a kleptomaniae.

The West Point Law-Breakers, T IS CERTAINLY an unfortunate thing for Nebraska that the state should have a congressmen so unfit for comprehension of public duty and decency as to be willing to proclaim an intention to re nominate Cadet Bawley, expelled for insubordination, for defiance of discipline, from West Point. It is an even more unfortunate thing for the state that it should also have a senator who proposes to uphold the congressman in his far worse than foolish action. It is still more unfortunate, for them, that they should be so appointments to West Point. The law places them absolutely in the power of the president. It is merely a matter of presidential courtesy that any senator or representative has ever been invited to nominate candidates for the military academy. The language of section 1315 of the Revised Status makes clear that the president of the United States has the sole power of the appointments-that it vests

in him absolutely. Bawley and the other cadets expelled for persistent disobedience and flagrant violations of discipline have themselves been foolish enough to make day after brief illness has announcement that "congress at its next session will re-open our cases a great constitutency of readers on and see that we get back to West Point from which we were illegally dismissed." Such utter ignorance on their part may not be so greatly to be accomplishments as a writer-as to wondered at. The long extension of presidential courtesy in inviting con-He certainly possessed the genius to gressmen's nominations may really have led the cadets to fondly imagine harmless pleasure" as writes one sap- | that congress could overrule the War Office and the president. But there is no such excuse for the Nebraska senator and representative. If they do not to be expected to appreciate fairly not know the law they are too ignor-

purposes. If Sir Walter had never written any book but his "Ail Sorts and Conditions of Men." the book which brought about the creation of that he was "a hizer man toan old when the cold facts are that Manie a same a some a Texas door-keeper had been about the special in the capitol who contributed to the gayety of the nation by writing home get is ingressed to say she is not at home which brought about the creation of that he was "a hizer man toan old when the cold facts are that Manie a same There was once a Texas door-keeper

the "Propie's Palace in the East End" Grant." These expelled cadets evidentof London his place in discrature no ly are of the same mental calibre and ess than in philantrophy would have fancy themselves bigger than the been seenes. Of all that the People's West Point authorities, the secretary Palace and its notable good work did of var and the president. If they and in stimulating "social settlement" their Nebraska advocates in congress have forgotten also that the nation's representatives as a body have already, after looking into West Point condition, decided that the cadets are not the ranking powers and authorities in the United States, superior alike to military and civil law, they will in the end be more sharply reminded of it. In their present frame of mind they give fresh evidence that they are not likely to be successes in any sphere of life whatever. They his editing of the great work entitled | are writing themselves down as types of the class of human beings fore-The place he leaves vacated is that | doomed by their own mental make-up

It is a great pity that they should have been encouraged by any one to gitts for pure and noble ends, for the set themselves up as victims, as they were by the New York "seclety" weekly which authemistically termed their deliberate and aggravated defiance of the discipline of the academy and of both congressional and War Office action taken against baging "a thoughtless coullition of youthful spirit." and wrote it down as very 'hard' that they should be punished. The true friends of the expelled cadets-if they have any true friendswill be foremost in advising them to get down to honest work such as the education the government has already given them has fitted them for, to be there faithful, diligent, and amenable to superior officers; and so come in the future to a place where their aggravatof misconduct at West Point may be verlooked in view of their having finally made of themselves law-abiding citizens.

> Mr. Bryan's announcement regard ing a third candidacy is awaited with

The Yacht Races. HERE are most vigorous attempts on the part of many New York papers and some others following their lead a throw contumely on Mr. Lawson, the owner of the Independence. It is his own fault, they relterate, that the New York Yacht club cannot let his yacht in to try to become the defender. The club, they say, has offered him "every possible opportunity." possible opportunity." It is made clear by the correspondence on their part ensists in his giving away his yacht, chartering it to a member of th New York Yacht cinb."

The whole business will reconcile a ast majority of Americans to the anconnecement sent over by a London orrespondent, Arthur Field, that "a darding reaction from the present reversible craze of competition in international yacht racing is threatened. If your correspondent is reliably informed-and considering the high quarters which this information comes, there can hardly exist a doubt of it-the forthcoming race for the America's cup-be its result what it may-will prove the last international centest for the coveted trophy under the existing conventions, having in the public esti- terms of competition. In short, there re to be no more English attempts to build freak racing machines, If any further challenges are sent from this side-assuming, of course, that there is another Linton failure this year-the proposition will be based on the climination of the racing machine and the

substitution of a genuine yacht." A prominent member of the Royal Yacht Soundron is quoted as saying positively that "this is the view taken by no less distinguished a figure in eachting circles then King Edward himself." On this ride of the water the interest goes with the turning of the races into a New York club affair instead of a national one.

The Young Men's Christian association delegates who refused to accept an invitation to visit the Bosontribution in furtherance of the ton Museum of Fine Arts on account of the nude statuary on exhibition. certainly did not pay a high compilment to themselves.

Rochester rioters, it is alleged, have the sympathy of the mayor of that city. It such is the case, the tax-The courts still seem to disagree as payers of the unfortunate municipality to the amount of wealth required to are entitled to the sympathy of the public at large.

Now that the third term business has been disposed of, favorite sons are expected to come out of the woods.

No more original McKinley men are to be tolerated.

Outline Studies of Human Nature

German Love Making in English. She is a pretty American gul, spending the winter in Berlin, and wrestling with "that as full German language," which Mark Twain has so delightfully decribed; but if her German is painful to her neighbors it cannot be more stomshing than the English to which she is empolled to listen. She has written back to her friends in America the record of her ex-ploits in belleship and as modestly as is beoming in one with a long line of social auc

"I must write you an extract," she says rom a note one of the German officers wrote ne. He is stationed at Bremen, but came up re for his holidays, and took me to a dance The spirits bear witness I shall never go her German dance! But this is the extract: "I am glad that I made your association on y holidays, and that I could be about you on the last hours of my presence at Berlin on the ball, which shall be by you the most agreeable

As if that were not sufficient in the way of egant English phrascology for me to think over or the winter," she continues, "he has at photograph of himself and has written; 'May it be an remaining remembrance of no wonderfully fore together spent fortunately

tiate with my mother in true German style-but may! I fear that after we were married our days would not be so 'wonderfully line teacther spent fortunately." "-Youth's Companion.

How Bridget Spoiled Things.

Chardie and Mamie are not triends any more, of Bridget is to blame for it all. Charite is the promising scient of a Prespect crue home, while Mann'e is the sweet young isits' and confectioners' bills have mounted up to an alarming height lately. Bridget is the hard of Mande's home, and as Mande is a most

expriously on the library couch with the lates eagazine and a box of fine bon bons.

The other evening Charle thought that he the other evening charts mought that its ventil surprise the young woman, and so called then size did not expect him. Mamie had an insually fascinating novel, and was not dressed or vallers, therefore she instructed Bridget to ay she had gone over on the West Side. Biddy of through the message all right. The inconiderate young man, instead of going away

"Can you tell me when she will return?" She faitered, then lost her head completely nd blurted out: "Sure, an' I'll ask Miss Manie," rushed down the hall, while a very angry yet dignified young man walked down the front steps to return no

More Than She Could Stand.

more.-Mitwankee Sentinet.

To a grill toom frequenter of one of the larger city clubs, says the New York Times, the death of Ignatius Donnelly recalled the experience of a young woman of Boston who was a visitor here one winter when both Colone ceredl and Ignatius Donnelly were on the eman was visiting were residents of Brooklyr is bridge. The modern Athenian was know and a regular attendant at several of the lect ourses of Boston's midwinter, which are the maidred the height of mental dissipation or exhibitation. So the Brooklyn people decide occustomed mental luvories. First they took ostic lectures. Then she was treated to t oxury of a discourse by the Minnesota sag-the loved Shakespeare none the less, but Baco much the more. As a tidhit she was then drag-ted over to New York to hear Jenness Miller sture on the evils of modern dress, which was ben a fad in certain circles. Early the folloing morning the young lady from Boston ap-peared at the breakfast table in traveling cosare, and announced her intention of returnis Boston at once. Pressed for a reason for h iden and unexpected departure, the young ladamarked: "To be very frank with you, I can stand the Philistinism of you New Yorker ny longer. I have been here but three day God, my Shakespeare and my chemise. I can' stand the strain any longer, and must get bac-to Boston and sanity at once."

SCRANTON'S PRE-EMINENCE.

Editor of The Tribunc-Sir: I note what you say this morning co orially about Scranton being the second cit to run electric cars. It was the first city in the orld to have cars lighted by electricity, can make another point on that. It ought to b at the very front with first class accommodation in trolley cars. David Spencer.

OIL FOR

dispatch from London says that several stram-ship owners are sending agents to Texas to Sudy the quality and probable quantity of the product in the new oil district. A member of parliament, who recently examined the Texas oil output, says that if the deposit proves to be practically inex-banstible, as now appears, it will unquestionably revolutionize steam-producing methods on the occan."

can. A vast market for fuel oil in steamship service A vast market for fuel oil in steamship service is a certainty of the future. Asside from the question of relative value between coal and oil in steam production, the oil has a great advantage in its relatively small bulk. The space occupied by a supply of coal sufficient for a voyage is a very important trem. The fast trans-Atlantis-teamers, for instance, consume nearly one hundred tops of coal per day. The saving in space and weight, by the use of oil instead of coal, is of interasing interatance in grounting to the s of increasing importance in proportion to the

length of the voyage.

The future oil product of California will undoubtedly find an extensive market in the steamship service. All the trans-Pacific steamship routes are long, and the eastward route, by way of Cape Horn, is still longer. Oil is especially adapted to the Pacific service, and the time is coming when its use will be general.

The writer of the above editorial in a leading California newspaper is evidently infamiliar with Atlantic liness or he would not have fallen into the error of estimating the consumption of eval at 100 tons per day. It is true that a freight steamer of large capacity can make a trip between New York and Liverpool, in say twelve days, on that amount of coal per day, but the

days, on that amount of coal per day, but the writer speaks of fast ships and for the high class Atlantic liners, making the trip in six days the average consumption of coal is not less than 6,000 tons for the round trip. This is an eportuous impairment of the cargo capacity of the

It can hardly be doubted that the commercial It can hardly be doubted that the commercial oratines and navies of the world will, in the near future, discard coal and adopt oil as a fuel. The inductive saving in direct cost and cargo space for the merchant marine service of the world and the enabling of the government ships to make voyages of three times the distance without replenishing fuel dictate the adoption of oil. Oil is the economic fuel of the future and the shares of oil companies under reputable managament ewing large tracts of oil lands offer the greatest opportunities to investors.

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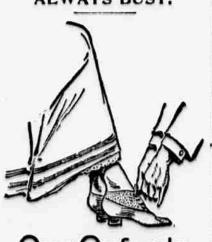
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