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FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 21.

He who for love has undergone

The worst that can befall,

Is happier a thousandfold than one

Who never loved at all.

—LORD HOUGHTON.

WE MUST HAVE ORDER

It is unfortunate in the midst of any public disturbance that doubts are excited regarding the attitude of the conservators of peace—the police force.

Those persons who always take advantage of such conditions to indulge in disorderly practices should have no consideration whatever. They are not real sympathizers of the striking employes, but are in most cases mischievous individuals who are simply allowing their unruly spirits to have full play.

It is commendable that the leaders of the strikers in public statements and in their various speeches have denounced the tendency to engage in riotous outbreaks, and it is clearly the duty of the police department to strike hard at anything which may lead to general disruption of the peace and order of the city.

District Attorney Stroup has served fair warning as to what may be expected of the courts should any of the riot-brothers come before him.

This means that if the District Attorney is called upon to prosecute in the case of persons arrested for stoning cars or threatening motormen or passengers, they may expect long terms in the penitentiary.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF POSTMASTERS at Washington yesterday, Fourth Assistant Postmaster Blaklee was loudly cheered when he told the postmasters, speaking of the reelection of President Wilson, that they were expected to do their part back home.

By this time the president of the Association felt that the thing had gone about far enough and suggested to the convention that it could not afford to subject itself to criticism in this respect.

WILL REPEAL ARMOR BILL ONE of the first acts of the Republicans when they are returned to power March 4 next will be to repeal the iniquitous armor plate mill bill passed by the Democrats in the House and Senate this week.

Such a bill will send to the scrap heap every private-owned armor plate mill in the country.

The government mill may be good or bad. Nobody knows. Nobody now in the government employ knows much about the technical end of armor plate making.

And beside all this, the Bethlehem Steel company has offered to make for the government armor plate at any price which the government itself shall fix as a proper figure; this notwithstanding that the Bethlehem plant is

now turning out superior plate at a price lower than any other nation in the world is paying for its armor.

The process of reasoning which has prompted the Democrats to waste this \$11,000,000 is beyond comprehension, unless it is to provide more jobs for a lot of "worthy Democrats."

Senate Penrose never made a better or more convincing speech than that in which he protested against this appropriation of \$11,000,000 needlessly when the country is paying war taxes and needs every penny it can scrape together.

The case presented by the Bethlehem Steel company is this: It has invested more than \$7,000,000 in an armor plant of its own. This plant, it says, was built "at the behest of the government," probably in the usual sense that the government does not manufacture the various supplies needed, but buys them from private producers in that line of work.

In comparison with these foreign prices, "the United States," so the Bethlehem Company reports, "is today paying \$425 a ton for armor," or \$65 a ton less than the cost to Japan with its government plant.

The Bethlehem people, however, do not leave the matter here. Probably they recognize the prevalent passion on the part of the Wilson administration for having the government do everything that hitherto has been done by private citizens.

We now offer to make armor plate for the United States Government at \$225 a ton—a reduction of \$80 a ton, in spite of the fact that steel prices are continually going up.

If the foregoing price is not satisfactory, we will agree to permit our well-known firm of chartered public accountants or the Federal Trade Commission to verify our plant and make careful estimates of the cost of manufacture; with the data in hand, we will meet with the Secretary of the Navy and guarantee to manufacture armor at a price which will be itself quite a low price.

Any reasonable man would suppose that Congress would have taken into account this double offer. It is a fair business proposition and is made by responsible people.

The second of the Bethlehem Steel Company's proposals is substantially that the government shall not manage, but control its \$7,000,000 armor plant as if the plant were actually the government's, and that the product thus turned out, after all "proper charges" have been met, shall belong to the government at the cost of making it.

But armor plate plant plans are not made in a day and an armor plate mill is not built over night, for which, in this instance, the country may be thankful, as it will give the Republican Congress of next year opportunity to cancel the appropriation and repeal the act.

\$12,000,000 FOR STEELTON STEELTON's future as one of the great steel producing communities of the country is assured. Announcement by the Bethlehem Steel Company that it will spend \$12,000,000 there, instead of the \$10,000,000 forecasted by Messrs. Schwab and Grace following their recent trip of inspection over the plant, shows conclusively that Mr. Schwab and his fellows were very favorably impressed with the possibilities of Steelton.

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The magic hand of Schwab has been laid upon Steelton and prosperity for years to come appears assured. What makes for good times in Steelton reflects upon Harrisburg, so that we have double reason for rejoicing in the good news it is the pleasure of the Telegraph to announce to-day.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Investigation of charges that Postmaster G. W. McNeil of Pittsburgh, was dismissed at the behest of the bosses of the Democratic State machine and to make a place for a brother of Joseph M. Guffey, the Democratic machine boss of Pittsburgh, will be made at Washington.

It is feared that friends of McNeil, who represents a class of the Democracy rather different from Palmer and his pals, will become heated and start real trouble. It is intimated that Ambassador Guthrie, who was the man behind McNeil, will get busy, and as Guthrie was backed up in his recommendation of McNeil by Vance C. McCormick and Roland Morris, there are plenty of signs of a storm.

—Big men took note of the occurrence yesterday at Washington and Senator George T. Oliver announced that Guffey would not be confirmed until a thorough investigation had been made of the circumstances surrounding the removal of Dr. McNeil and the nomination of Guffey.

The Philadelphia Ledger, in a Washington dispatch, says: "Mr. Guffey can hold the office of postmaster at the request of bondsmen until the question is settled. If there is no vote on his confirmation before the adjournment of Congress, President Wilson can give him a recess appointment. But it seems probable that there will be no recess appointment of Mr. Guffey until all the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of Dr. McNeil are made public."

—The board appointed to examine candidates for mine inspectors in Schuylkill, Northampton, Dauphin and Columbia counties, Potomac announced that nine out of the fifteen candidates passed the examination.

—Dr. H. A. Surface, the State Zoologist, will be succeeded by Dr. Zoon New Hampshire when the State Commission of Agriculture authorizes his dismissal, which it is planned to do. The zoologist does not resign. Mr. Surface has been in the office for the last few days fixing fences and it is understood that an appeal has been made by him to the Governor.

—Officials at the State Department have had a number of inquiries the last few days regarding the way to withdraw from tickets and it is believed that they are indicating on the part of candidates named by the Washington party for legislative and other nominations to withdraw.

—The Philadelphia grand jury has been ordered to make a probe of vice and other conditions in Philadelphia immediately. Meanwhile the raiding goes on and there is general clamping down of the lid.

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When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—Maybe the successful Russian drive is due to the thirsty Russians having their eyes on the Munich brewers.

—Bad news for the Japs—Panama Canal guns made new record of efficiency.

—Jamaica has trees known as whip trees, and we know some people who ought to live there.

—There's one thing about a street strike—some of us are walking who need the exercise.

—A soft answer turneth away wrath—some times.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It is interesting to note that Carranza released those prisoners just after the news leaked out that Roosevelt was raising a division.—New York Sun.

King Constantine could advise Woodrow that there are more effective slogans than "He kept us out of war."—Syracuse Post-Standard.

Roumania will hesitate about going in until she sees whether Russia's drive this year is going to turn out the way it did last year.—Binghamton Press.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PLEA FOR ORDER To the Editor of the Telegraph: Few of our citizens seem to realize the necessity for preventing, at any cost, lawlessness on our public streets, during the present street car men's strike.

To-day the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is without a National Guard, and we have to protect a population of over 6,000,000 by a State Constabulary, consisting of our State Constabulary.

This article is written unbiased and with fairness to both the street car company and its striking employes, as it is a matter understood that the danger to street cars and annoyance to passengers, was not caused by the strikers themselves, but by men, women and children who should be made to feel the strong arm of the law.

COMPLAINTS OF POLICE To the Editor of the Telegraph: Kindly try to get someone to tell me why the police department does not protect its citizens and the men who are running the street cars.

MORE OF MY LUCK By Wing Dingler I haven't played much golf of late. Because for four week-ends I've had to entertain at home.

THE SEAL OF JUSTICE And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo, a black horse, and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.—Revelation, 6:5.

NO SQUARE DEAL [From the Louisville Courier-Journal.] The Cleveland Plain Dealer is no square dealer. It publishes the picture of a soldier, kissing his sweetheart good-by, and prints both names under the picture.

THE GOVERNMENT MAPS

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE summer vacation season is on. Motorists are planning pleasure trips across country; tourists, unwelcome in Europe, are contemplating journeys through the national parks, and campers are diligently searching pamphlets and advertisements in an effort to find the ideal camping site with plenty of fish.

It is the purpose of the Geological Survey gradually to map the entire continental United States, as well as Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines—work which, when completed and the sections joined together, will cover over an acre of ground.

One author points out that the facility with which the Japanese took Fort Arthur in the Russo-Japanese war was due to the fact that for months before, Japanese spies disguised as coolies had been quietly mapping the topography of the country.

THE increasing use of the topographic map in this country as prepared by the Geological Survey has made the land swindle an almost extinct practice. It is impossible, for example, to sell a man a certain grove of oranges in Florida when he has no topographic map before him, showing that the alleged grove is covered with several feet of swamp and water.

A Task For Ingenious Democrats [From the New York Sun.] From our neighbor the World we learn that "The monopoly tariff hogs are for dominant Americanism and the privilege of robbing the consumer to increase the crop of millionaires."

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You cannot improve your time by tinkering with your watch.

Railroad Mail Pay [From the Buffalo Express.] If the Postmaster General had any hope that the conference committee would change the post office bill to meet his wishes regarding the pay of railroads for carrying the mails, they have been ended by the report of that committee.

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How are property valuations for county taxes made? The valuations are fixed by Ward Assessors, which are returned to the County Commissioners, who have the power to revise. Ward Assessors are elected by the people, one for each ward.

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Carrying concealed weapons appears to be something which has gotten into disfavor with the law the instant a man gets on a car. The other evening when things were inclined to be a bit lively in some sections of the city a couple of men in a crowd declared that the crew of a car which was having a tempestuous voyage in Market street were armed.

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