

result has been "labor" troubles, accompanied by murders in Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois, West Virginia and in the old storm center of Colorado. Haywood has in public declared—in a speech (in Carnegie hall, New York, Feb. 15th, 1914) that he hated the American flag and despised all things it stands for, and he is now threatening to use his influence with working men to tie up the coal mines in the event of war. It is a clear case that his purpose is to Mexicanize the United States, and we suggest to the president and his near advisers that their first efforts should be to put a quietus upon this menace at home. England and English methods seem most welcome to our chief authorities. We suggest that they be adopted in the case of Haywood; that he be arraigned, for treason, fairly tried and, if convicted, that he be quietly hanged. Such a course would have a most quieting effect on his depraved followers, and save many valuable lives.

### Nordica

THE passing of Lillian Nordica takes from this world perhaps America's most representative woman and greatest American singer. Like Earnes and the great contralto Carey, Nordica was a native of Maine. She early caught the music which the breeze awakens on its harp the pines and gave it fuller expression through her voice. With added years and education the child song deepened into the rhythm and majesty which is the culmination of music in its highest form on our sphere. That voice rang all around the world and men and women of all races bowed under its ecstasy and power. The years swept on, but the charm of that voice lingered to the last and now in this world has become a memory only. It is pitiable to think of her dying in a far away, and to the average person an unknown land, but the charm of the footlights and the thrill of applause, had deepened into a perpetual longing and so while going from triumph to triumph, what mattered it where the final summons should reach her. We say her voice has been stilled by death. But who knows? It is stilled so far as our dulled ears are concerned, but who can affirm that in the sublimated air in which music is created, that voice, with every earthy impediment eliminated, is not adding divine accompaniment, to the enchantment of the mighty anthems of the redeemed?

### One Weak Note

THE address of President Wilson over the dead sailors at the Brooklyn navy yard on Monday last was fine, but in it was one weak note. That was when he said: "I was never in battle or under fire, but I fancy it is just as hard to do your duty when men are sneering at you."

President Wilson is not a non-combatant in the least. In the past he has not hesitated to assail men who differed with him. To that he might reply that what he had done was for the public good, and would forget that what he had done was merely his opinion of what was for the public good, and that other men have opinions, perhaps as honest if not as wise as his own. He has rejected the honest opinions of a great many men who knew far more about Mexican character than he does, or ever will, for he seems determined never to change his mind. He had drawn himself, unnecessarily into a deuce of a fix when the representatives of Brazil, Argentina and Chile came to his temporary rescue. He was standing upon absolutely untenable ground, for as stated by himself he was going to have killed, if necessary, an unknown number of people whom he held as friends in order to get satisfaction from a ruffianly scoundrel whom he would never recognize. The people want to support him, first, because they believe that he is personally hon-

est, and wonderfully gifted in many ways, and second, because of his great office. But after all, this is a government of the people, by the people and for the people, and when they can no longer be heard or felt, the government itself will not be worth a farthing.

President Lincoln had been sneered at by half the people of this country and all of Europe for four long years, sneered at, hissed, caricatured and abused. All that time his burdens had been such that President Wilson's, by comparison, have been but as a child's sorrow, that can be healed by a mother's kiss. But he was never heard to whimper.

At last he was called to speak over four thousand times more dead than President Wilson was called to speak over on Monday last. Was there a personal note heard in all he said?

Speaking of the dead he said: "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take on increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

### The Roosevelt Interview

THE interview with Col. Roosevelt cabled from Para is peculiarly Rooseveltish. We think he is dead right on both the Panama tolls question and the proposed payment of \$25,000,000 to placate the chagrin of Colombia for her failure to carry through her blackmailing scheme to obtain \$20,000,000 in addition, that of right went to France, we think his reasoning in both cases is sound, but the interview is marred by the stuff interjected through it, intended solely as a personal boost and a "play to the galleries." It is in bad taste for him to criticize the present administration for he knew the democracy of old, and yet he is responsible for giving it its present power. Moreover to do so he betrayed the party under which he had obtained all his honors, and, we take it, comes home to renew that betrayal and once more to smash things if he cannot obtain everything he wants—for Roosevelt.

### They Will Have An Object Lesson

NIAGARA, Canada, is a good place for the commissioners, who are to try to draw a program of peace for Mexico to meet. The mighty diapason of Niagara will smite their ears every moment. They will realize that its mighty, fierce, irresistible force through countless centuries held its savage way without aught of good save to make an object lesson of infinite power for man.

But they will further realize that when science laid its august hand upon that power and reduced it to his will, then new lights of the same texture as the sunlight shone out upon that part of the world, mills electrified by that power began to weave fabrics and make bread for man, and now, more fully tamed, it goes out and lights cities and homes, cooks the food and in the gardens doubles the vegetable product and gives a new luster to the flowers.

There is no progress in savagery, nothing but sorrow, but when a nation begins to subdue the hearts of men and turns the force that was in their energy into channels of industry, then enlightenment comes and peace.

### Overlooked

THE report of the meeting of the Young Men's Democratic club as given by a morning paper tells us that "Earl Pardee gave an excellent reading of the first act of 'The Gilded Fool.'" That then Mr. W. W. Ray made an address in which he stated that Utah had been humiliated by the vote of a majority of its delegation in Congress. In the hurry of getting in his copy the reporter doubtless forgot to mention that Mr. Ray's speech was understood to be an improved rendering of the second act of "The Gilded Fool."

### Significant Figures

THE Portland Oregonian publishes some most suggestive figures. It gives the vote cast for president by the three parties in Multnomah county—in which is the city of Portland—in 1912, as follows:

Democrat .....	13,894
Progressive .....	12,523
Republican .....	9,212

Since then the franchise has been given to women and the registration for this year is as follows:

Republican .....	47,707
Democrat .....	17,707
Progressive .....	3,053

Those figures tell a story more plainly than a multitude of words could. The Progressives have mostly gone to the Democracy, but the registered Republicans outnumber by more than 220 per cent both the other parties. The Democracy should precipitate a war on Mexico to call back disillusioned friends.

A new glass, a French invention, called "the suffragette proof glass," is being put in the windows of buildings in England where art treasures are kept. The Albert Museum and the National Portrait Gallery have already been supplied with it and the National Gallery and British Museum soon will be. It is perfectly transparent but is proof against rocks and bullets.

There will soon be nothing left for the militant suffragettes except to carry hand grenades or pocket howitzers. After a little it will be possible for people who live in glass houses to throw stones.

Our government should provide our soldiers in Mexico with shields made from this glass.

THE Oregonian predicts an enlarged market for Oregon products in the east when the Panama canal shall have been opened, because of cheapened rates. But the Oregonian says not a word about an increased market in the Orient, though there are some hundreds of millions of people there who would be glad to get a taste of Oregon bread. The Oregonian has been a great newspaper for many years, but it was one of the important factors in closing the ports of the Orient against the products of Oregon's fields and forests and ranges.

OVER the wires come speculations as to the route an American army would take in case an invasion of Mexico should be ordered. The route offering least natural obstacles would be from the head of navigation on the river Cintacolas—the eastern terminus of the Tehuantepec railroad.

It would be a longer march to the capital than from Vera Cruz but shorter than from Tampico via Monterrey and through a comparatively open country.

That was a bad storm in Ogden last Sunday night, but we do not credit the rumor that the lightning struck Glassman on the cheek, resulting in the shattering of the—lightning.