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Mr. Dolliver's Mantle: The defeat of the dye embargo provision of the McCumber bill and the rejection of many other Finance Committee amendments show that a Republican group is forming in the Senate ready to take up the work which was done under Senator Dolliver's leadership in 1909.

Tainted Education: If the Socialists who conduct the Rand School do not mean to "teach doctrines inimical to the government of this country or advocating its overthrow by violence" it is difficult to see why they should object to applying for a license.

Dry, Moist or Wet? The first returns of "The Literary Digest's" poll on the prohibition question show a vote of 32,445 in favor of strict enforcement.

Garbage Burning: To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In your issue of July 10 the editorial entitled "Burning Garbage" states that during the Mitchell administration much of the city's garbage was taken to the Staten Island reduction plant by scows and burned.

The Problem of Palestine: The strike of the Arabs of Palestine against the British mandate over that country recalls renewed attention to a problem which, though minor, is one of the most perplexing growing out of the great war.

Gorky the Callous: Maxim Gorky once more has appealed to the "intellectuals" of the world. If the Bolsheviks execute the Socialists who disagree with them, he says, "it will be pure murder, contemptible, pre-conceived murder."

A Welcome Order: The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, whose facilities, like those of all other important transportation lines in New York, are inadequate, has a great volume of added summer business to handle.

What Started the Civil War? To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: May I ask Mr. Graham, through your paper, if the chief cause of the Civil War was not economic, and the greatest direct cause the secession of certain of the Southern states?

A Swing Unswung: A swing to the ex-Kaiser is reported from Berlin. But you never can tell about these swinging reports. The swing to the ex-Kaiser that was promised by Lloyd George never materialized.

What Readers Are Thinking: to see! Doubtless he would; but how do the Allies, and the United States in particular, feel about this? Would they like it better to see France crushed later than to see Germany given a good lesson at this time?

tion troubles until new lines are built and existing lines unified. But there can be some immediate betterment, and there will be if the Brooklyn traction company will show the spirit that was shown by the Interborough when it at last concluded it could do something.

"Nice Plunder" Whatever may have been said of William M. Tweed—which was a great deal—he never was a "piker." Collecting a dollar a week from pushcart peddlers wouldn't have appealed to Tweed, even though the collections amounted to \$500,000 in half a year, which is charged by Charles H. Levy, attorney for the peddlers who recently appeared before Justice Crosby to protest.

Justice Crosby's comment on the business was: "Nice plunder for somebody." The Friend of the People who appointed Mr. O'Malley, who in turn appointed the supervisors, probably includes pushcart peddlers, even though they are poor, among the people.

It may be that the city has a right to the money and that the peddlers ought to pay it, but at least the citizens are entitled to an explanation of why the city hasn't been getting it and why no accounts have been kept.

And when business keeps them off the golf course they talk and think about golf as they once talked and thought about baseball.

It is no longer being safe for them to kill Englishmen, Americans, Belgians and Frenchmen, the German Junkers now have to content themselves by assassinating their fellow countrymen.

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Therefore the order of the Transit Commission that the service on the B. R. T. be immediately increased is most welcome. A similar order to the Interborough became effective in June and has greatly reduced congestion, particularly during the non-rush hours.

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PEOPLE DON'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO SIGNS ANY MORE



New American Types From "The London Times"

The absurdity of most popular generalizations about peoples, however, is an old subject. But could anything be more absurd than that John Bull and Uncle Sam should be the types respectively of the British-American peoples to-day? We ought to change round. Fat, beefy men grow yearly more rare in England. Modern caricature of us in other countries almost invariably represents the Briton as long-shanked and lean, with crane neck and protruding teeth.

Does a man obey that impulse and lie in bed after he is called in the morning? Eight Seven won't let him have any breakfast. Does he dawdle over his work in town and let shivering hours slip by unimproved? Five Forty-eight chastens by compelling him to sprint up through that catabomb erected by the Erie for all the dead odors of Jersey.

There is one bit of balm in commuting. It leads you to think almost kindly of Mr. Hedley and his subways.

Kind is the healing hand of the Erie Railroad. After you have spent a considerable part of your waking hours in its care, you begin to think of a New York City landlord almost as fondly as though he were an old oaken bucket.

Probably the Erie doesn't clean out its coaches for fear of affronting the striking coal miners and starting another Herrin massacre.

Most of our fellow occupants of the smoking car look prosperous. We imagine they own their wives' homes.

We can't help wondering whether Charon keeps the Stygian ferry to a time schedule.

Some of which statements are so revolutionary that they will, for the moment, be disbelieved. That cannot be helped; but one can only hope that neither English nor Americans will take remarks so personal in a bad part. Our increasing lankiness is presumably the result, partly, of our craze for exercise and, partly, of our diet. Other peoples do not admire it, but the Continental nations think we are merely silly not to eat foods that will make us fatter. In America the comparative abstention from exercise (page the promoters of "Daily Dozen") and the diet have much to do with the converse change which has gone on there. The consumption of fat-producing foods per head of the population must be vastly greater in the United States than it is with us. More important still, doubtless, has been the immense influx of foreigners, especially from Germany and Central Europe. In the realm of business and of the deliberate and methodical speech, one wonders whether the passion for organization in American business life—system replacing individual activity. . . . But here we are on uncertain and dangerous ground, full of many pitfalls.

Another curious result of the mixing of races which is going on in America is the extraordinary number of diminutive women in, especially, New York; diminutive girls, not for so large a proportion of the young that it seems to be a phenomenon of the rising generation, though they rise, be it said, extremely little. They are girls who won't up. If one walks about down town, for instance, that wonderful hour parade on lower Broadway, impossible not to be struck by the immense number of girls who are little, if anything, over four in stature. A person of ordinary height may loom above the surface of the moving current like a lamp post.

What are they? What crossing strains is it, helped, perhaps, by a condition of environment, that produces these tiny people? Many of them are obviously Jews; but many are or at least show no trace of Jewish origin in their faces. Nor is there appearance of stunted growth; for, as a seemingly, perfect in form, full vitality, and often extremely good. They are just miniature—tiny, tiny china beauties in flesh and bone, little 32mo. editions of very good works. An American friend told that there were lots of them that would love to carry about as they on his watch chain. Another, a physician and more serious-minded, said when he passed them in the street had difficulty in restraining himself from stopping them to inquire into their parentage.

Is it a mere matter of the mixture of strange strains or is there something in the conditions of American life on certain racial constitutions which tends to reproduction in miniature? And is the process going to continue? Are the offspring of the little creatures going to be small still until we get a new race of "darlings of a pygmy size"?

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