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One Detail That Must Not Be Overlooked.

Until the suggestions or promises made by the President to the chiefs of railroad men and the committee of railroad managers are disclosed, it will be impossible to discuss intelligently the factor which transformed the threats of Sunday into the hopeful prognostication of Monday.

Obviously, the eight hour day means greater expense to the railroads; that spells higher rates for the public to pay. The treasuries of the carriers can pay out in wages no more than the public puts into them for transportation.

Mr. Justice Brandeis and the Mexican Commission.

In June Chief Justice WHITE of the United States Supreme Court assigned Mr. Justice BRANDIS to the Second Circuit, which includes New York, Connecticut and Vermont.

When the Chief Justice assigned the new member to the Second Circuit, he, the Chief Justice, was to deal with cases in the Fourth and Fifth Circuits. His labors will no doubt be lightened by the addition of Mr. Justice CLARKE to the bench.

It can be imagined with what satisfaction Mr. Justice WHITE welcomes young blood to the august body over which he presides. When the Senate confirmed the appointment of LOUIS D. BRANDIS there was a prospect of relief for an overworked court.

In July there was a rumor that Mr. Justice BRANDIS would be diverted to the Mexican Commission, and the Chief Justice must have thrown up his hands in despair when the official announcement followed that the new Justice would be asked to serve on it.

leave the bench temporarily, and during a Presidential campaign of all times, to deal with such political matters as would be involved in the Mexican settlement. It seems to be the duty of Mr. Justice BRANDIS to stand by the Chief Justice and address himself to the accumulation of cases that wait for him in the Second Circuit.

The Statesmanship of Office Greed.

After confessing that it lies within their power to amend the unjust, inequitable and discriminatory income tax law, and admitting the opportunity created by the necessity of raising more revenue, the Democrats of the Senate Finance Committee have voted to perpetuate its wrongs and continue the burden it imposes.

On the lawmakers neither the teaching of sound economics nor the principle of equality before the law has operated to enforce consideration for justice.

Striking Germany Through Persia. Persia is on the crossroads between Europe and the Orient; it is the link connecting the British and Russian empires, and through it passes Russia's roadway to the south and the land route from the West to India and Central Asia.

The foundation of the present friendly relations between Great Britain and Russia was the convention of 1907 by which these two old enemies were to end their intrigues in Tibet and to divide Persia into two zones of influence.

Through this agreement German influence in northern Persia lost their foothold and the business of German banks decreased. The Kaiser was forced to negotiate with his rival powers to remove the blockade on his Bagdad railway.

An Unobserved Centenary. The stethoscope was discovered by the great French physician LAENNEC in 1816. While medical men realize the value of this instrument of diagnosis in their professional pursuits, the lay public may properly be reminded of the saving of life attributable to it.

The new alliance shuts Germany entirely out of Persia; so far as trade conditions are concerned it is equal to the conquest of a colony. In other respects both Russia and Great Britain have taken advantage of the war to strengthen their positions in this part of the East.

Wordless Confessions. Having confessed that he committed the crimes for which CHARLES F. STIELLO is under sentence of death, ERWIN KING now asserts that his admissions were false and that he made them for the sake of reward.

While this exposure of the unreliability of the solemnest declarations which can only injure those who make them is in progress in Orleans county, New York is furnishing a spectacle not less illuminating. A man accused of the most abominable of crimes has turned State's evidence, and in recounting his deeds professes to have had a career that strains the imagination to accept. He has implicated a large number of others in his mis-

deeds, suggesting at once that he has seized the opportunity to revenge himself on persons who have incurred his ill will. Similarly, the suspicion that he gratifies his vanity by exaggerating his exploits is inescapable.

No One Would Believe Tittmann. It is not with unmixed satisfaction that friends of the Administration will read the telegram to Mr. HUGHES from Mr. O. T. TITTMANN, late Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, saying that he was not made to walk the plank, but adding:

Our Headlong Rush. One of the most delightful things about life in New York is the frequent pulp appearance of clergymen from other cities who tell us how wild a pace we are living at.

Great and enduring is the debt of American yachtsmen to the late General CHARLES J. FAINE of Boston. Three times he has successfully defended the American cup, and no race in the series were more gloriously won.

Can the True Test of Greatness Be Applied to Any Living Author? To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Of how many living novelists can one name a character without its setting and its background?

SPARE THE DEUTSCHLAND. A Man Who Courts Sleep Appeals to the Press. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Last night I spent my nickel for your paper, and I was disappointed. It was still fast asleep this morning when there was a hard knock at my door which made me sit up in bed with a jump and forget all my pleasant dreams.

WHAT MOVES A MUSCLE? A Properly Repelling Universe Should Shoot Elevators Skyward. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Mr. D. A. N. Grover will be disappointed to hear that his discoveries are by no means new.

Too Proud to Fight. Lord Chatham said it first. "Vixus ad captandum." "A la fin, ad verum." Meaning, "gulls to land 'em."

Officially, His Arm Was Amputated. From the Kansas City Star. Colonel Waters, who had been only two good years, yet he received \$20 from the Government every three years in addition to his pension for the upkeep of an artificial right arm.

Uncle Sam's Land Lottery. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Your editorial article in the August 8th issue headed "Uncle Sam to Open Up More Land" contains the following statement: "The plan of 'land lottery' was adopted at the next important opening, that of the Cherokee strip."

An Old New York Bookseller. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—I have looked up a bookseller who occupied the premises at 411 Broadway, I lived on the second floor of 411 Broadway at the time. I looked them up because the first time I saw the firm was the bookshop, and I think afterward it changed to the bookshop & book store. I was there about 1870, and I think later. H. E. KROGER. Washington, August 12.

and even ridicule. But the greatness of the discovery was developed through its usefulness in the daily routine work of the physician, who found it more useful as he became better informed of its helpfulness in diagnosis of diseases.

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Three splendid settings, ejaculations of the new fiction, and immediately he got at the heart of the matter. He decided that the young American hero ought to win the Nicaraguan revolution before founding the colony in Andorra.

Having thought out this much, Ernest Q. Happlestone went cheerily off to the golf course. James G. Biggerson, the only business man in America with a rating of A-1, has just returned from the East, and he has a story to tell.

According to what seems to be an inspired despatch from Washington the Administration will in future ignore Mr. HUGHES's charges of the Durand error. Of course when you have no ammunition you are "too proud to fight."

There are three stages of the dress of the novelist who aims at the ultimate chic. When people recognize his un-simplified name he has arrived at the first, and lays aside his cloak. Having outdone "the novelist, you know," he wears a hat and a monocle.

How can the most humanitarian of nations love its enemies if it doesn't know who they are? Our old friend the Balkan war cloud seems to be hovering again.

You may smash, pierce, sweep or annihilate all the German lines in your paper, but you will not get any more barbarians and print all "schreckliche" stories you will—we have become used to them and would miss them badly; also make Prussian militarism and the German mind responsible for the sins of Adam and Eve, and all the rest.

But let the common herd, "Vixus ad captandum." "A la fin, ad verum." Meaning, "gulls to land 'em." "Non dimicare est." "Nihil est nisi." "But when I thought it best." "To English or translate it." "For he had called along." "Aurora popularis." "A fluting notes of song." "And nesting where the mare is." "They popped into his head." "Simply brutum fulmen." "And so he up and said." "Merely words to gull men." "Suaviter in modo." "Ever in his way was; leader than the dodo." "Fortiter in re was."

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WHAT THE ALLIES' TRADE UNION MEANS.

Official Statement of the Purposes and Possibilities of the Commercial Compact Against the Teutonic Powers.

Dumping is the favorite weapon of the Germans for acquiring commercial supremacy. It consists on the whole of measures affording bonuses for exportation, direct or otherwise; for selling inland at a higher rate than abroad, &c., with a view to ruining competitive foreign industries.

The conference of Paris has provided for thwarting this policy: If the war took us by surprise, we do not intend that peace should do so too. The Allies are the strongest from an economic point of view. They represent a population of nearly 400 millions, most disposed to the production of all raw materials; nickel and platinum ores, aluminum (bauxite) are entirely in the Allies' hands; and 84 per cent of manganese.

As regards hemp, the Allies' production is four and a half times larger than the enemy's; as to flax, the Allies hold four-fifths of the world's production; with regard to wool, their supply is eleven times greater than that of the adversary; in silk, eight times greater; they have the monopoly of jute, and if the neutrals share the great export of cotton, the Allies of cotton with the Allies, their adversaries are short of this commodity.

The economic superiority of the Allies is obvious. To insure it, there never was any question at the conference of adopting a customs policy for all, each ally with a view to wholly independent. Each product will be the subject of separate negotiations between the countries interested in the matter, and an infinite variety of combinations may be made.

Another principle of the allied Governments in this regard is legitimate economic defence that they are working to wage is: not to attack any one. The neutral nations have nothing to fear; we are working to free them. The destruction of German economic overlordship means the suppression of a market that threatens the world.

By increasing the productive forces of the allied countries we render them better able than in the past to check the attempts at oppression which one nation might in the future again be guilty of, and by so doing we are working for the assurance of peace.

THE DOG DAYS MOON. Last Night She Reached Her Greatest Glory. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—On August 12, on Sunday, the dog days moon, which had been shining brighter and brighter every evening, became a full moon.

Of course the "new," "first quarter," "full" and "last quarter" moons are all caused by the different degrees of sun reflected by the lunar surface to our earth. When the moon is full her surface toward us, containing more than 7,000,000 square miles, shines upon us with about 1,600,000,000 of the brilliancy of our sun.

With respect to our satellite, she is 149th as large as our world, which seems rather small; but nevertheless her diameter is 2124 miles, or about the earth's 7,918 miles. Although this queen of the skies of night is more than 200,000 miles distant, she is when shining full and clear a beautiful spectacle. And though the dog days moon is not as glorious as the harvest moon or the hunter's moon, it may be said that:

WANTY, HER RAYS REST OUR MOUNTAIN AND MOON. Gleaming on river which winds to the sea. Beaming on hillside and woodland and lea. Over the country, we peep and bright. Sparkling on waters which wash border shore. Surely the August moon shines out of door. CHARLES MERRILL HOLMES. NEWTON, MASS., AUGUST 14.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTE. An Opinion That This Year It Will Be Cast Against Wilson. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—In the election prognostics reference is always made to the major parties and to the question of which one will draw the Progressive vote. But how about the independent voter, who sees no cardinal difference between the Democratic and Republican parties? In most elections for important offices he votes according to the personal characteristics, as he sees them, of the candidates.

LABOR'S OBLIGATION. An Effort to Adjust Freedom to the Needs of the Nation. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—There being no law to prevent strikes of associated workmen organized by irresponsible agitators, who damage vast communities by terror, starvation and death, as well as promise to defeat government activities of national importance in the event of a general strike, are not complied with, should not Congress quickly provide relief from the over-hauling disorders?