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The Police of New York. If the New York police force is allowed to fall into corruption and inefficiency, the man who is responsible for its demoralization will be guilty not only of disgracing the city, but also of endangering the nation.

The Voice of Austria. The reports from Vienna and Budapest do not depreciate the seriousness of the situation in Austria-Hungary, and there appears nothing yet to uphold the opinion that the strikes were mere manoeuvres of the Government to attract attention away from preparations for war.

An Important Social Project. It would be difficult to overestimate the social importance of the completed plans for a \$1,000,000 social centre for negroes in Harlem.

Can Louis Be Wrong? A Declaration That Mr. Ellshemius Stubs His Critical Toe. To the Editor of The Sun: It is not my purpose to enter into a learned discussion with the Peer of Post-Paris concerning painting, music, Shakespeare and the musical classes.

Cotton is King. Let Not the Government Put Its Hands on This Sacred Commodity. To the Editor of The Sun: Why should the people of the North, East and West remain quiet while the Government regulates the price of many of the important commodities but allows cotton to soar to 32 cents a pound?

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the weather and the fads of administrators. There is not a point on Manhattan Island to which coal could not be easily trucked from the centre of the park.

We Can't Cheat Chronos, but We Can Pretend To. Representative PLATT of this State, discussing daylight saving, says: "It seems rather absurd to have to enact laws to set all the clocks ahead one hour when everybody could accomplish the same thing by setting up one hour earlier, but as a practical proposition it seems to be impossible to get any considerable number of industries or people to begin one hour earlier."

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SOME PLAIN OPINIONS ON THE CAUSE OF OUR COAL TROUBLE.

Shortage of Supply Not Due to Lack of Production, but Entirely Owing to Inefficiency of Management.

The average business man does not know any more about the origin and nature of coal than he does of the fourth or fifth dimension. He doesn't know and he doesn't care whether coal is the result of chemical reaction or just happened.

In trying out one of his theoretical hobbies, Dr. Harry A. Garfield has not the whole country as his laboratory, and forced the cost of coal up to more than \$200 a ton—two hundred dollars—don't mistake the figures; they are according to an editor of a leading coal trade journal who has figured it out. The public has to pay.

A month ago it would have been hard to find a manufacturer or a wholesaler or large dealer of any sort who would criticize the actions of the Administration. There seemed to be an unwritten law which says in effect: "Right or wrong, stand behind the President. No fault finders allowed."

What the industrial world wants just now is coal, and more coal. But the coal which the men selected to help him run the war even though they show no fitness for their positions.

According to the Coal Age there was an increase in the production of coal in 1917 of 7.3 per cent. over 1916. The paper gives the production figures as for 1917: The total output was 628,401,789 short tons, an increase of 48,808,614, or 7.3 per cent. over 1916.

It then asks where this increased production went. The answer is a simple question for the average business man. He may know no more about the origin and nature of coal than he does of the fourth or fifth dimension, but he can answer this question without a moment's hesitation.

He may start with 1914 by telling you that 30 per cent. more looms, lathes and machines of all kinds were added at full tilt in 1915 than in 1914; that 25 per cent. more looms, lathes and machines of all kinds were going in 1916 than in 1915, and that 1917 showed an increase of 18 per cent. over 1916.

THEORETICAL OPINIONS ON THE CAUSE OF OUR COAL TROUBLE. The average business man does not know any more about the origin and nature of coal than he does of the fourth or fifth dimension.

What Every Woman Knows. To the Editor of The Sun:—You deferred making the right kind of heart stick. S. K. WILSON. SEABROOK, Pa., January 24.

Moving Day in the Ozarks. From the Heber Springs Headlight. Charles Aske moved, O. C. Bonham moved, Los Elliot moved, Dock Peabody moved and Elie Robb moved, all in one afternoon. R. W.