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able to defeat SKOROPADSKI's soldiers, inflicting considerable losses on them, and to occupy the city. The Hetman himself as well as most of his officers were killed.

The Vetoed Curfew Ordinance.

The curfew ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen and vetoed by the Mayor is one of a class of enactments that arouse the enthusiastic support of a few devoted reformers of municipal and domestic conditions, the opposition of a smaller number of citizens anxious about their personal liberty, and leave the great majority of persons absolutely unmoved.

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color. We recall the affair of a justly popular writer whose critics chided him for having overmany silver forks in his literary wars. With him to think of doughy deeds was to do. One day he entered his club laboring under unusual excitement and told his startled and distressed hearers that no longer could he be fairly charged with lack of knowledge of every phase of life, its most pitiful, lamentable, tragic. "For," he exclaimed in triumph, "I just rode all the way from Central Park to the Battery in a street car!"

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WILHELM before he went on his Norwegian cruise. The cruise itself was, as the French said, for the purpose of throwing dust in the Entente eyes. WILHELM returned to Berlin on July 26. Austria-Hungary mobilized her forces on the next day, and on July 28 war was declared against Serbia.

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THE SOLDIER IMPATIENT.

With Nothing to Do in Camp He Wants to Get Back to Work. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: As spokesman for many of the officers and enlisted men stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Chickamauga Park, Ga., I wish to convey to THE SUN congratulations for the stand taken in its editorial columns relative to Government waste on war contracts and the need for the discharge of soldiers and sailors.

Writing the Peace.

An Enduring Ink Should Be Used at Versailles. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: Less than one hundred and fifty years have elapsed since our forefathers penned the Declaration of Independence. Yet, although so recently written, the characters on this magnificent document are disappearing with such rapidity that for the sake of preserving it a few years longer it is now kept in darkness, not being displayed even on State occasions.

The Baseball Slacker.

No Place for Him in the Field Next Year. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: The professional baseball player who is a slacker is a disgrace to the game and a disgrace to the country.

Curbing the Bill Poster.

Patriotism Can No Longer Be Invoked in His Behalf. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: Now that the period of reconstruction has arrived, will THE SUN please shed some light on and use its power to abolish the abuses committed by the itinerant bill poster or "ammer"?

An Appeal for the Children of Men in Prison.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: For years your readers have shown me a very kindly and generous interest in the little children of my boys in prison, and I want this year especially to appeal to their sympathy, for the need is as great as ever.

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To Reduce the Temperature of Dry Tanks.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: One of our best known brewers is to make ice instead of beer, a financial note in THE SUN relates. It is—yes—but would you think it shows a "bug"? If it does, it is more than a "bug", it is more white wine to chill, champagne to make frothy, highballs to float cubes of ice, cocktails to be frosted, rickies, fizzy punches, Jupes to be frozen, what will be the demand for ice?

An Industrious Model.

Take notice of the model here. His peace has but a single point, but heavens, how it works!

PORT COMMISSION MAKING PROGRESS

Four Major and Twenty Minor Investigations Under Way. SCOPE IS EXTENSIVE. Work Covers Conditions for New York and Adjacent Cities.

The commission entrusted by New York and New Jersey with the problem of working out a scheme of port development and a permanent port policy has been at work a year, although it has been only since July that sufficient money was available for its purposes.

24 Hour Traffic Counts.

For the railroad investigation the main field force of twenty-five men is making twenty-four hour traffic counts at every railroad yard and pier station in the terminal district, the number, origin and destination of car floats, lighters and barges coming to the railroad piers, the time consumed in loading and unloading, and the operation of trucks at the piers.

Hope to Evolve Plan.

The commission expects to evolve from this investigation a rational plan and policy for the coordinated development of the entire port for the next fifty years, and a programme of construction of the port's needs in order of urgency. It aims to determine the exact bearing of every element in the operation of the port, to avoid incorporating in the ultimate plan changes that will be destructive to the commission's plan.

Commercial Frightfulness Now?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: It seems that great quantities of American dry goods sent to Argentina and Brazil are being held, those to whom they have been consigned refusing to take them because German agents have offered the same articles at much lower prices. Are we already threatened with commercial frightfulness?

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WHITNEY EXPLAINS SUBWAY DELAYS

Commissioner Answers Comptroller's Charges That Board Is to Blame. Figures Are Sent to Board of Estimate in Quarter Between Officials.

In answer to the criticism of Comptroller Charles L. Craig, who has charged that if the Public Service Commission had proceeded promptly with its system might have been completed by January, 1917, Commissioner Travis H. Whitney today sent a set of tables and figures yesterday showing what work had already been accomplished and going to prove that the year had not the service had been maintained.

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OUR PATENT LAWS

A Complaint Regarding the Discretion They Require. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: The article in THE SUN of December 1, 1918, headed "Army Expense Plan No. 1" is of interest to me because I have interest in our old fellow who has been in the game for many years, but whose chief interest is in the statement of men of such evident intelligence as the two gentlemen prominently mentioned should apply for United States patents.

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