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As all the despatches on the subject from Washington agree that the treaty is about to be ratified, it is perhaps a reasonable desire on the part of those who are to pay this considerable amount of money to know what it is to be paid for and who is actually to get it.

Tammany at Its Worst. The Democratic party in the city of New York, always conveniently and sometimes deliriously known as Tammany Hall, has not yet dropped Joseph E. Newburger as a candidate for reelection to the office of Justice of the Supreme Court. It may do so, but it has not done so yet.

Premier Nitti's New Policy. The policy of Premier Nitti, so far as it has been disclosed by despatches from Rome and Paris, has shown a thorough recognition of the internal economic needs of Italy and a desire for the establishment of relations with her cobelligerents in the war that will assure Italy's future peace and industrial development.

When we read the interesting pages of the Atlantic Monthly, that venerable and remarkable magazine of New England which once embodied so much of what was pure Americanism; and when we note its present aspect, colored sometimes faintly, sometimes strongly, by the newer philosophies of socialism and internationalism, always restrained, however, by polite culture and the discernment of fine literary taste, we recall these verses, written many years ago by a former editor of the Atlantic:

"Wide open and unguarded stand our gates, And through them presses a wild, motley throng— Men from the Volga and the Tartar steppes, Featureless figures of the Hoang-Ho, Malayan, Scythian, Teuton, Kelt and Slav, Flying the Old World's poverty and scorn; These bringing with them unknown gods and rites— These, tiger passions, here to stretch their claws. In street and alley what strange tongues are loud, Accents of menace alien to our air. Voices that once the Tower of Babel knew!"

"O Liberty, white Goddess, is it well To leave the gates unguarded? On thy breast Fold Sorrow's children, soothe the hurts of fate, Lift the downtrodden, but with hand of steel Stay those who to thy sacred portals come To waste the gifts of freedom. Have a care Least from thy brow the clustered stars be torn And trampled in the dust. For so of old The orphaned Goth and Vandal trampled Rome, And where the temples of the Caesars stood The lean wolf unloosed made her lair."

The melting pot is the greatest institution on the face of the globe. But it makes a vast difference what goes into the pot. Wide open and unguarded stand our gates, as THOMAS BAILEY ALDRICH sang with patriotic fervor and true prescience. But what prophetic vision could have foreseen a time when the White Goddess should be summoned by a President of the United States, in the name of the duty within her portals to the wild, motley throng pressing in, but actually to go forth through the wide open, unguarded gates and seek out the motley throng in its own foreign homes and assume responsibility for those strange gods and rites and tiger passions in territory alien to our air?

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has laid aside for the time being "the great document" submitted to the Senate by President Wilson and turned its attention to the long pending treaty between this country and the United States of Colombia. This treaty, as originally framed, contained what was virtually an apology for the action of our Government in approving the secession of Panama from the Colombian Republic, which enabled us to procure the Canal Zone and build the Panama Canal. The Senate would not apologize and the provision for an apology has been stricken out, with the acquiescence, it is said, of the representatives of Colombia. The treaty in its present

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cost of feeding the cows with the dear grain. Congress knows that when the Administration holds up the price of grain it holds up the price of poultry and eggs as well because of the cost of feeding the poultry with the dear grain.

Congress knows, therefore, that when the Administration holds up the price of grain it forces up the wages of labor who food must be bought at grossly inflated prices. Congress knows that when the Administration holds up the price of grain it forces up the price of everything that labor produces, because of the greatly increased wages that must be paid to labor so that it may live under the grossly inflated food prices caused by the Administration.

Since the Administration doesn't know enough or care enough to let down these inordinate grain prices which compel inordinate prices for all food, isn't there somebody in Congress who will try to knock the Administration's jackscrew from under the neck of the consumer? Isn't there somebody who will tackle this problem in a way that will solve it? Isn't there somebody who really wants to deliver the goods?

Half the world has frowned at Prussia for the methods pursued in the German army, but the testimony relative to Farm No. 2 indicates that the United States had in its army in France officers whose conduct would have shocked the average Prussian disciplinarian. If their meanness had been exercised against an enemy it would have been unpardonable, and it was used against Americans, some of whom voluntarily enlisted. The fact that these prisoners were offenders does not help the case of those who were tortured them. Whatever they were, deserters, thieves or worse, they should not have been subjected to treatment that smells of medieval dungeons.

Three persons who refuse to meet a note of \$5,000 given in payment for a farm out Trenton, N. J., way declare that they bought the farm on the owner's representation that Captain King's spirit had appeared to him and declared that much of the Kidd treasure was buried on the place. The buyers dug and dug, but in vain. We are not surprised at their disappointment, but their lack of acquaintance with the history of pirates' gold and ghosts is amazing.

It is well known that Captain King took none of his pieces of eight out Trenton way. Why should he, when he had the whole Atlantic coast for a burial place? Let anybody dig on the ocean beach all the way from Delaware Bay to Block Island, and at any moment he may feel his pick strike the oak plank and five minutes later he will be hammering at the rusted lock. Let him even go up the Hudson and try on some of the islands and there is still a chance to get rich quick, but western Jersey is not the place to search for King's gold.

Another point overlooked by the fortune hunters is the fact that Old King is not accepted in the spiritistic world as a reliable control; at least not to the extent that MORGAN is. Sir HARRY MORGAN, who holds the title of buccaneer rather than pirate, is always to be had on the spirit wire. The medium never says "busy" when he is called. If the seeker of buried wealth must have ghostly counsel, let him communicate with MORGAN and then save his money for a winter trip to the Spanish main. Surely, after seeking Panama, HARRY must have buried something at Jamaica when he stopped on his way home to England. History says that he took enough gold to the king to assure his pardon and the accolade, but we have always believed that MORGAN left a cache full of yellow metal in Jamaica against a rainy day.

The way to get money out in New Jersey is to start a poultry farm. Then the hens bring gold to their owners without the aid of a spook. There is some sense in the advocacy of an British journal of the discarding of the epithet of "Huns" to Germans. Few can deny that the further use of the adjective is inconsistent with the world's hope that the "Hun" type is down and out.

In the three hundred years which yesterday marked off since that July 30 in 1619 when the first legislature assembled in America in the form of a House of Burgesses meeting at Jamestown, American representative constitutional government has developed. As the growth of British liberty, "from precedent to precedent." It should be both interesting and appropriate to observe the three greatest steps in the foundation of our present system: Virginia's House of Burgesses was the first and most fundamental; then came the governmental improvement in Massachusetts in 1634, when a bicameral legislative structure was evolved, the precursor of our congressional form, and the last great colonial political achievement was the adoption by Connecticut in 1639 of a written constitution, the first document of that kind in the world. It is this democratic constitutional heritage which the Senate reverently preserves in demanding recognition of its ancient rights.

In the language and opinion of Senator GAY Article X is "the heart of the League of Nations." Is the Senator a good enough cardiac specialist to know that his beating is not uniform with the pulse of America? A Use for the Rejected Fourteen. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: How would Woodrow XIV. do for a title of the new Bill of the Universe? If Louis XIV. will not Woodrow XIV. It may be, after all, there was high civilization in 1639 of a written constitution, the first document of that kind in the world. It is this democratic constitutional heritage which the Senate reverently preserves in demanding recognition of its ancient rights.

WHO KILLED BARLEYCORN? Not My Party, Cries Representative Herbert C. Fell, Jr. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: I notice that one of your correspondents says that signs are being displayed in various drinking places saying that prohibition was brought about by the Democratic party.

A man running after a train is much like the truth trying to catch up with a lie—he will never get up to it if it can ever get under. I would like to call your attention to the fact that in the House of Representatives a slight majority of the wet vote was Democratic and the dry vote was about two-thirds Republican. In my State, New York, the Republican candidate for Governor was elected also as a Prohibitionist and when the question of the ratification of the prohibition amendment came before the New York Legislature not a single Democrat voted for it.

We Democrats of New York have hopelessly lost the support of that enormous group of our fellow citizens who want to reform other people by statute; do please leave us at least those who prefer the happiness of being free to the pleasure of being tyrants. If you do not you will have no Democratic party left, which is to be poked fun, and where would THE SUN be then? HERBERT C. FELL, JR., HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, July 30.

JUDGE DUFFY IN ACTION. Incidents of a Visit to the Essex Market Court in the '90s. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: Judge Patrick Gavan Duffy was a fairer of mine, and one day in the late '90s I was in New York with an officer who wanted to have a warrant issued by me indorsed in order that it might be served in the city. I went with him to the Essex Market Court for the purpose and was invited on the bench by Judge Duffy. I witnessed many of Judge Duffy's decisions and pleasant recollections.

One bright little young woman had been arrested on Fourteenth street. The Judge said to her: "The officer says you tried to scratch his eyes out." She replied: "Yes, I did, Judge, and I would have done so if it had been left to me." Then the Judge, admiring her chief straw hat, asked her where she bought it and how much she paid for it. She replied: "I bought it at Le Boutillier's and paid 99 cents for it."

"I bought it at Le Boutillier's and paid 99 cents for it," said the Judge. "If you had bought it of Fifth avenue and paid \$30 for it I would give you six months. Next." The next case was that of a middle aged woman charged with loitering. The Judge said to her: "What is your occupation?" "Chambermaid," she replied. "Where did you work last?" "At the well known at that time. 'How would you like to go to Patagonia? Perhaps my friend Judge Carman could get you a job up there. You are too old to be loitering. Stand aside. I will see what I can do for you."

At the time which I write it was the custom to leave wagons in the street near the curb. A butcher wagon was standing on East Broadway with fresh straw in the bottom, which proved tempting to two belated drunks, and they crawled in on the straw. At daylight an officer passing directed the drunks to get up with his club on the soles of their shoes and woke them up. One ran away but fell into the arms of another officer. The other showed fight and gave the officer quite a tussle.

The two men were brought into court and the officer was very anxious that the man who resisted him should get a stiff punishment. Judge Duffy gave one man three months, the other thirty days. After the commitments had been made the officer discovered that the really sully man had received the lighter sentence. The officer said: "What difference does it make? Let it go; they will not know the difference ten years from now."

After court adjourned we went over to "Silver Dollar" to discuss the old chambermaid's case and other matters. PATRICK GAVAN DUFFY, PATRICK, L. I., July 30.

A PIPE OUT OF PLACE. Silent Rebuke of a Thoughtless Man in a Subway Train. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: In spite of the many large signs which the Interborough has posted in the stations along the subway routes warning the public that smoking or carrying lighted cigars or cigarettes is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine, imprisonment or both there are still some people who persist in violating the law. And by so doing they not only run the risk of being punished but make things unpleasant for others.

THE WEATHER. MINIATURE ALMANAC. Standard Time. 8:15 P. M. Moon sets. 8:31 P. M.

Eastern New York and Southern New England—Partly cloudy to-day; to-morrow partly cloudy, probably showers; gentle variable winds. New England—Partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; not much change in temperature; gentle variable winds. Fair to-day; to-morrow partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; gentle variable winds. Western New York—Cloudy, with local showers to-day and to-morrow; not much change in temperature; gentle, variable winds.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The distribution of pressure over the United States is quite irregular with centers of minimum pressure over the St. Lawrence to Montana and Wyoming, and at widely scattered points in the south Atlantic and east Gulf States.

Temperatures continue near the normal generally, except in the upper Mississippi Valley and the middle plains States, where the weather is warm, and in the northern Rocky Mountain region, where it is decidedly cooler than normal.

Not important temperature changes are indicated for the eastern half of the country during Thursday and Friday.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations taken at 8 P. M. yesterday, seventy-fifth meridian time: Rainfall. Stations. High. Low. Bar. last 24 hours. Albany 72 62 29.94 Clear

LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS. Albany 72 62 29.94 Clear. Buffalo 74 64 30.02 Cloudy. Chicago 76 66 30.06 Cloudy. Cleveland 78 68 30.08 Clear. Denver 76 66 30.04 Cloudy. Galveston 80 70 30.02 Rain. Houston 82 72 30.00 Clear. Jacksonville 82 72 30.00 Clear. Kansas City 80 70 30.00 Clear. Milwaukee 80 70 30.00 Clear. New York 80 70 30.00 Clear. Philadelphia 82 72 30.00 Clear. Portland, Me. 72 62 30.00 Clear. St. Louis 80 70 30.00 Clear. San Antonio 80 70 30.00 Clear. San Diego 78 68 30.00 Clear. Washington 78 68 30.00 Cloudy.

EVENTS TO-DAY. Society circus, Camp Upton. Pennsylvania industrial art exhibition, Hotel Pennsylvania. Concert, Mexican American Association, Hotel Pennsylvania. Last day of Canadian war memorials exhibition, Anderson Galleries, Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street.

RUSSIANS BID HIGH FOR SURPLUS CLOTH. Cooperative Societies Buy Million Dollars Worth at Auction. More than \$4,000,000 worth of surplus United States Army textile goods were auctioned in three hours and twenty minutes yesterday at the Manhattan Opera House under the direction of the Surplus Property Division.

The Union of Siberian Creamery Associations, the All Russian Central Union of Consuming Societies, and the Union of Siberian Corporations, bidding a one, took more than \$1,000,000 worth of textiles to be used in that part of Siberia not Bolshevik.