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Many cities are an imprudent as the fool who set the cat to guard the milk.

COMPLETE THE FUND AT ONCE

THERE is no partisanship in Chicago when its business men set out to get a political convention for that city. Both Republicans and Democrats have subscribed to the \$200,000 fund, one-half of which is to be offered to the Republican National Committee and the other half to the Democratic Committee, to induce them to hold the conventions in the city on Lake Michigan.

ACCIDENT OR ACT OF WAR?

THE first thing to be done in placing responsibility for the explosion at the Hagley Yard plant of the du Pont Powder Company is to discover what truth there is in the report that notices had been posted on the trees in the neighborhood calling out all Germans employable there.

KIDNAPPERS

TWO simultaneous kidnappings in this city and a number of disappearances not yet accounted for may seem to the light-minded a true wave of crime. It is, in all probability, nothing of the sort. The disappearances will be explained with time-honored and incredible stories and the guilty punished. The city is still a safe place for children.

NO SUFRAGE ARMAGEDDON

IN SPITE of the sharp fighting which preceded the election of officers, there is to be no Armageddon for the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association. There was talk of a secession if the "state" was "jammed through," and there were many protests, which sounded strangely like the echoes of a certain convention in Chicago. But the fulminating lightning of rhetoric has given way to good sense, and there will be no split.

CLOTURE MEANS BOSS RULE

THE Senate must fight out the cloture issue without any help from the White House, according to present indications. The President, it is announced, will keep his hands off. He doubtless still retains the views that he expressed in his book on "Congressional Government," published 20 years ago, in which he wrote:

THUMBS DOWN

THERE is reason to believe Director Taylor could have been persuaded to continue his work as Director of City Transit had the Mayor-elect urged him to do so. Instead, the city is favored with the brusque announcement that Mr. Taylor will not be appointed to succeed himself.

political boss of New York for years, was elected to the Senate, he set out to secure the adoption of a cloture rule because the exercise of individual judgment by the Senators was offensive to him. He wanted to have the caucus decide what should be done and then have some one crack the whip while the Senators voted as they were told. He failed to make the Senators mere puppets, and it is not likely that the men who have renewed the attempt will succeed.

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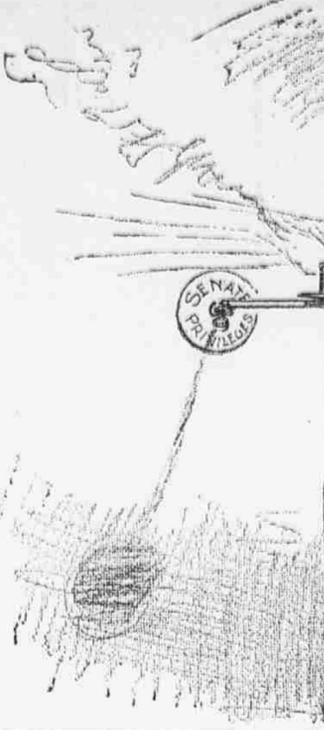
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