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dom and perfect equality in production and consumption and offering a combined resistance to all existing forms of social order. And the fourth would have all social order of whatever kind destroyed by fair means or foul, without regard to what was to take its place. The bomb throwers hold this theory. Every theorist admits that the ideal government would be a government which did not govern at all because the people under it lived in perfect order and harmony. Such a government would be anarchistic. Thomas Jefferson said that that government is the best which governs the least, which, carried to its logical conclusion, means that that government which does not govern at all would be better than a government which governs. This would also be anarchistic. It is evident that the jury which must decide whether Henry Ford was libeled when he was called an anarchist has a most perplexing question to answer.

A PUSSYFOOTERS' REUNION AT THE NORTH PENN BANK

Colonel Pusey's Investigation is Far Too Polite to Be Quite Efficient or Satisfactory to Duped Depositors

COLONEL PUSEY, Mr. Fisher and their associates have pussyfooted and whispered and tiptoed enough amid the wreckage of the North Penn Bank. Somebody ought to tell them that they aren't at a pink tea. And somebody ought to tell the Governor of the State and his Attorney General that secrecy and ineptitude in this instance are giving undue advantages to a detestable lot of criminals and bringing discredit to the State Department of Banking.

An astonished and disgusted public isn't waiting for Colonel Pusey's explanations and promises. Nor is it satisfied with the duel of words between Mr. Lafean and Mr. Fisher, who, as State Commissioners, appear to have slumbered calmly while a bank filled with poor people's money was being raided in broad daylight. It is aware that the investigation has proceeded consistently downward. The probe always hesitates when it is turned the other way. Even the bank runner seems to have had access to the safe. We yet may hear of a janitor with a weakness for white lights and automobiles. But the amateur bounders who were in charge of the bank's affairs could not have spent all of the missing money or the largest part of it. Who, then, did?

The men higher up, of whom Meyer talks, cannot be far away. The bank examiners seem to have opened communications of one sort or another with them. It is presumable that they hope, by compromise and patience, to reclaim a larger part of the assets for the benefit of depositors. But conspiracy to wreck a bank is a serious crime and it is safe to presume that a few patrol wagons would serve in this instance far better than the telephone.

The occasion isn't one for polite questionings and cautious compromises. It is one for arrests, indictments and the third degree.

The doors of the North Penn Bank were closed two weeks ago. There has been one arrest. Meyer, who knows more than any other man of what went on in his bank, who took the money of depositors when he knew it was to be cast to the four winds, out, complacently, on bail. Strang, the much-married ex-officer boy, who joined the crowd and became a man-about-town with the earnings of the poor in his neighborhood, is on a vacation. He is to be "invited" to tell what he knows of the orgy. Presumably he will motor from Atlantic City while the mystified depositors wait in desolate lines for information that has been withheld from them for two weeks.

Somewhere behind the veil guarded by Colonel Pusey and his associates the raiders who showed Strang and Meyer the ways of frenzied finance are still hidden. It may be presumed that they are busy with the alibi-makers.

Corporations or people of the sort who can survive the shocks of a bank failure were not involved in the smash of the North Penn Bank. Virtually all of the money in the bank was wrung out of the sweat of men and women and children who work—and work hard. It is this fact that made the wreck particularly cruel. Those who handed over their savings to Meyer, who depended upon the laws of the state to protect them, do not yet know whether they have lost everything or nothing.

There is plenty of evidence to show that rumors of the bank's instability were current for almost a year. These rumors seem to have reached everybody but the State Commissioners of Banking. What alerted their ears? If the banking department is undermined or inefficiently organized why was not the resultant danger bluntly stated to the people? If a bank can totter and fall and fail to attract the attention of the state authorities until it is flat in ruins, the public which puts its money in banks ought to know why such a thing can be. If, after a smash, only the petty thieves are arrested, while the men higher up are given time to adjust and arrange their affairs, we ought to know what rule of logic or justice is made to apply in their behalf.

Who corrupted Meyer? Who wasted the money or hid it away? What are the names of the raiders-in-chief and what is to be done with them? Mr. Fisher is declared to have known last January that the bank couldn't survive. What was he doing in the interval until the bank was closed on July 18? Was any effort made to protect the depositors before the doors of the institution were closed? The understrappers appear to have gone along spending madly until the very day when the state authorities took the affairs of the bank out of their hands. Were the men higher up, who seem still to have been the most industrious looters, permitted to do the same thing?

It is a bit odd now to find the State Banking Commissioner solemnly refusing to reply to questions like these and taking refuge behind a law made for observ-

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

How A. Mitchell Palmer Corralled the Republicans—Clyde Kelly as an Expert With the Monkey Wrench—Washington Gossip

Washington, Aug. 2. IF SENATOR PENROSE doesn't look out the Honorable A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general of the United States, will corral most of the manufacturers and big financiers who have hitherto been regarded as pretty strong Republicans. The same suggestion might apply with equal force to Senator Calder, of New York, and Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, both of whom are strong factors in Republican councils.

The secret of Mr. Palmer's popularity with the big financiers and business men, who had very little interest in him when he was boosting Wilson for President, is due to the manner in which the alien property custodian office has been managed. This office, as well as the attorney general himself are now under fire in the Senate and House, but the manner in which the big fellows are not coming forward to oppose Palmer is one of the real curiosities of the political situation. The truth seems to be that in the collection, operation and distribution of German property in the United States, aggregating in value a total of approximately \$1,000,000,000, the clever alien property custodian appointed so many Republican dollar-a-year men, along with business directors, superintendents, attorneys and accountants, that many of those so appointed do not care to figure in any attack on Palmer.

Quite a number of Philadelphia names are disclosed in the hearings on the Longworth dyestuffs bill, and they were gleefully put in the record by Francis P. Garvan, Palmer's appointee and successor as alien property custodian, to show that the latter has recognized Republicans as well as Democrats.

William H. Folwell, an experienced woolen and worsted man, was one of these. He was picked to take charge of certain large woolen mills in New Jersey, and evidently did a good job. He has written that he does not approve "the dirty work" with respect to the Palmer investigation. Robert P. Hooper, cotton-dock manufacturer, of the Union League, is another Philadelphia who came to the rescue of the Palmer-Garvan outfit in a letter to Mr. Garvan, in which the redoubtable Folwell suggests that "the great antagonism we read of in the paper against Mr. Palmer comes dangerously near the alien line." Mr. Hooper, who was treasurer of several of the New Jersey concerns taken over by Palmer, takes this fling at those who have been making inquiries about the operation of the custodian's office: "My position as treasurer," he says, "paid the magnificent sum of \$2500 a year for a mill which is but little more than I pay to my chauffeur."

REPUBLICANS in Congress need all the help and sympathy they can get from members of the party who desire harmony. During the last week the leadership has received several secret letters, and it has been due to the Democrats' laigh. Part of this is due to absenteeism and part to varying opinions in the ranks.

The question of adjournment for a five weeks' respite was opposed by some because they did not want to go home, and by others for reasons that would not have done credit to a congressional body. For the first time, for instance, folk that Congress ought to stay in session all summer if need be, because some of his constituents were complaining about a tax on the fur that was sewed to the collar of a man's coat. He thought Congress should not adjourn until that was resolved.

One of the worst frenks was the vote of the Republicans on the carefully prepared resolution of the war investigating committee to compel Secretary of War Baker to release the food supplies which the army cannot use, so that the people may have a plentiful supply of the necessities of life. Everything went along splendidly until the close of the debate, when Clyde Kelly, of Pittsburgh, a Democrat last year, who now sits on the Republican side, threw a monkey wrench into the machinery by insisting upon an amendment to put Mr. Baker's name on the line for the distribution. Enough Republicans fell for this amendment and for Kelly's eloquence to enable the Democrats to win on the proposition and muddy the Republican waters. Kelly had the support of General Hulings, the old Bull Moose chief, which was to be expected, but he has been surprised to find so many Pennsylvania regulars following his lead. The latter included Burke, of Pittsburgh; Costello and Edmonds, of Philadelphia; Crago, of Waynesburg; Kiers, of Williamsport; Porter, of Pittsburgh, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs; and Waters, of Altoona.

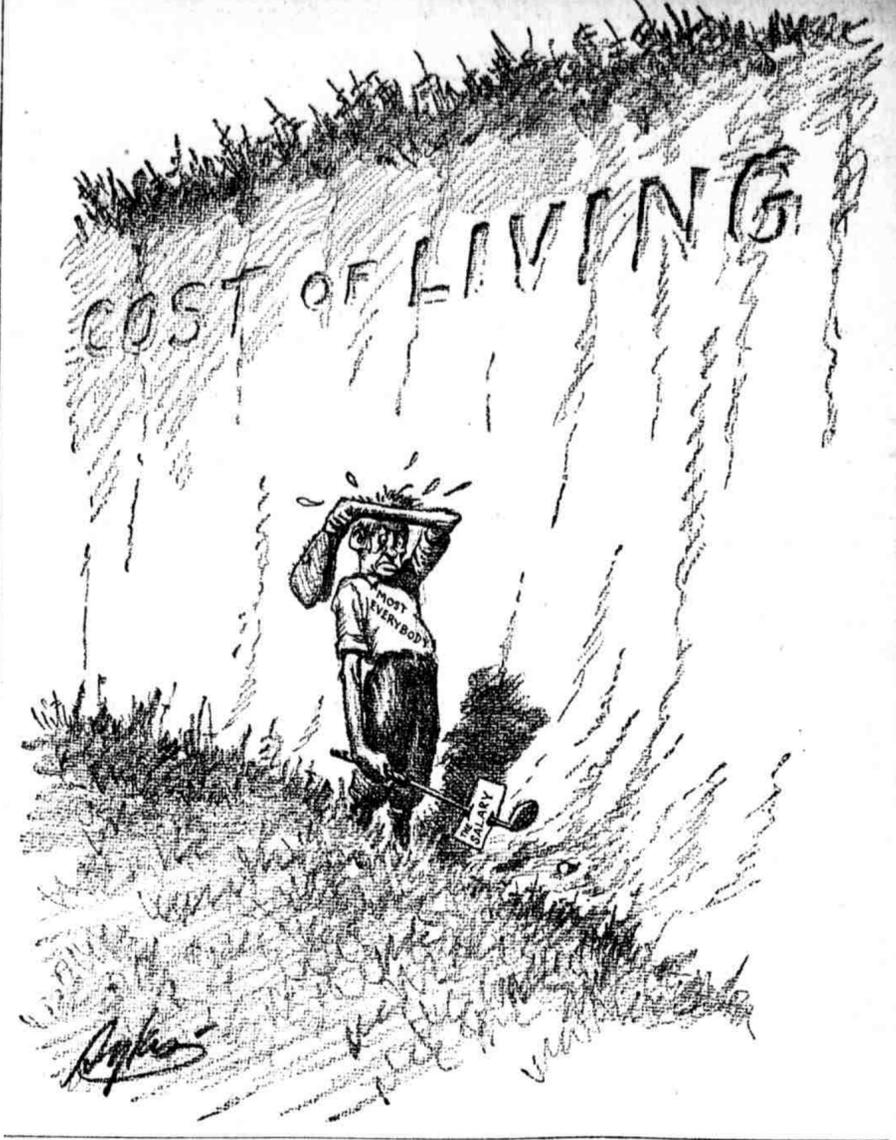
While the vote was announced the Democrats cheered and Republican Leader Mondell looked as if he had gone through a sweat-box. It was the first setback for the Republican investigating committee.

DAVID H. LANE'S eightieth anniversary review of things political was laid before that other interesting octogenarian, the Honorable Uncle Joe Cannon, of Illinois. The famous ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives drank in every word of Uncle Dave's philosophy and chuckled at his kindly references to reformers. Uncle Joe knew that Uncle Dave's admonitions had a broader significance than anything that might pertain to Philadelphia politics. He saw the gentle cynicism of the Philadelphia philosopher reaching out into other fields, into religion, into matters educational, into business affairs, into the motives of man generally, the world over. But when his eye lit on the traitor paid to Uncle Joe as a exemplar of regularity in a sedative war-torn, to say nothing of those other virtues eloquently depicted by Mr. Lane, the Illinois statesman chuckled again and, winking the other eye, exclaimed: "That's fine! I've certainly got him fooled."

COUGH DROPS? Who would accuse Richard A. Foley, who gladdens the advertising world with bright and profitable suggestions, of knowing anything about cough drops? And yet Richard is prepared to do battle with the ways and means committee on this very topic. He thinks it is an outrage to put a tax of one cent on the package, which is what he asserts is done on packages selling for five cents. There is a great deal that is unjust in the existing revenue law, and in due course Congress will doubtless get round to a sensible revision, but Mr. Foley, like hundreds of others who are bringing up these evidences of unfairness, may be persuaded to hide their time. The trouble receipts are not adequate to the expenditures we are making, and the war boards are holding on like grim death. It is unfortunate that the plebeian cough drop must bear a part of the expense, but even the cough drop may not be thoroughly aware of what was put over the consumer during the war.

The President is now wrestling with the food problem. The Clemenceau and Lloyd George of the H. C. of L. will probably force him to some compromises.

"WHO INVENTED THIS DARNED GAME, ANYHOW?"



THE CHAFFING DISH

THE other day we lunched with a most agreeable gentleman, and sitting at an open window high up in the House Building we gazed out over the housetops. While stirring our iced tea and contemplating the menu card the gentleman melancholy fell upon us both, and we began discussing and discoursing upon very serious topics, matters and subjects.

Our host—but perhaps he said it merely to comfort us, for our mind is usually a little haggard about paragraphing time—remarked in the course of the dialogue that not even the biggest of big business men has to celebrate so hard in conducting his affairs as the humblest of newspaper paragraphers.

After a little modest deprecation, we agreed. We deprected only long enough to seem engagingly humble, and not nearly forcibly enough to cause our friend to change his mind. There is a good deal of art in deprectating, and it is not often practiced.

But we have been meditating about this business of paragraphing, and it seems to us a goodly thing that our host (who is a shrewd man and a just) should have said a kind word for paragraphers. And though it may ill besem us to speak in favor of our own profession, yet if we do not now and then say a word for the first and greatest of all paragraphers—friend Ecclesiastes, whom Dr. Jastrow calls "the gentle cynic"—remark

There is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion.

THE business of whittling off maxims and minims from a pensive mind, and seeking grimly to carve and sandpaper them into shapely trinkets, is perhaps little esteemed by the public. And yet we have heard that there are active-minded humans who will read the little "quoties" (as they will read them in the office) when they will hardly gird themselves to ponder a leading editorial. There are few American newspapers where a number of these agile little remarks do not creep modestly about underneath or between the serious editorials.

It is a peculiarly American habit of journalism that the American reader likes to find a few little shock-absorbers scattered about among more serious comments. The paragraph has a technique of its own. A doctor once told us that all patent medicines are built on the same formula: a sedative, a purgative, a bitter. The paragrapher follows on the same recipe. He knows by this time, just as well as did Ecclesiastes, that the world will pay little heed to his barbs, but having flung them he may go home and eat supper in peace. He has shown the great, gross, incurable plague what it may do to be saved, that is not his affair.

YOU may know the paragrapher by a sunken, brooding eye; clothing marred by much tobacco, and a chafed and tetchy humor toward the hour of travail. Having bitterly schooled himself on the inside of trouser cuffs except for customers that give more than two jitneys for a shine.

A SONNET

DISEASE, disaster, and the death of friends— Want, and the sudden shipwreck of great aims; The Love that falls upon a spear and ends; The Grief like hissing water cast on flames; These blows, these sharp defeats, these onsets fierce, May leave us neither bitter, nor subdued; May dint indeed and, dunting, fail to pierce Man's common faith, his natural fortitude.

It is the dear changed thing that lingers on— It is Love's first, half-warm, perfumery kiss; It is the Hope that, with all summer gone, Breaks into late and futile bud—'tis this, 'Tis this that gives the sting!—that sends the dart To wriggle through the harness to the heart! —Geoffrey Howard, in the New Witness.

What Do You Know?

- 1. What is the meaning and origin of "cabal"?
2. What is the meaning and origin of "canard"?
3. What is a protocol?
4. When was Washington's Farewell Address delivered?
5. When did the republic of Colombia gain its independence?
6. Who were the first Europeans to visit India and acquire territory there?
7. Who was Julian the Apostate?
8. Who said, "Literature is the thought of thinking souls"?
9. What is meant by ex cathedra?
10. Who was the subject of Tennyson's "In Memoriam"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. The Cameroons (or German) Kamerun, was one of Germany's colonial possessions in Western Africa on the Kamerun river, near the Bight of Biafra. With the exception of a small strip which goes to Great Britain it is now in the possession of France.
2. The oboe is an orchestral instrument of wood with conical bore, played by means of a double reed and having from nine to fourteen keys. The name is also given to a reed pipe organ stop.
3. In the early days of the stage a zany was an attendant clown awkwardly mimicking the chief clown. In modern times the name is given to foolish jester, half-witted person, or one given to buffoonery.
4. Jenny Jessamy was a name given to a lady's man; "a tame cat"; modern, Miss Nancy.
5. Marie Rosalie Bonheur, known as Rosa Bonheur, was a celebrated French painter of animal life and landscapes.
6. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Language is always wise."
7. Joseph Conrad is the pen name of Joseph Conrad Korzeniowski, master in the merchant service and famous as a writer of sea stories.
8. The military force of Guatemala numbers 85,535 officers and men when mobilized. All male citizens are liable to conscription from 18 to 50.
9. In the second session of the Sixtieth Congress the President's salary was fixed at \$75,000 a year.
10. The equatorial diameter of the earth is 7926 miles; the polar diameter, 7899 miles, and the mean diameter, 7912.5 miles.