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NO TIME TO ADJOURN

There should be no adjournment of the City Council until the important matters before it are disposed of. If the resolution is adopted next Thursday to hold no more meetings until the middle of September, the gas question and the Frankford elevated lease will be left suspended in the air.

There has been too long delay on these matters already. Council has shown no disposition to come to grips with them. Instead it has been toying with makeshifts in the gas business and it has been procrastinating on the lease. All that is needed to get the gas question on the way of solution is a passing resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to confer with others.

ROXBOROUGH AND THE FAIR

The Wissahickon, the banks of which are suggested by public-spirited citizens of Roxborough as pre-eminently suitable for the site of the exposition of 1926, offers as much advantage as any other tract for a complimentary visit of the Swiss Navy.

The suggested location, utilizing 2000 acres of the Houston estate between the Schuylkill and the creek is, moreover, just as accessible as any other outlying district of the city. It is quite as much in the shadow of Independence Hall as, say, Olney or Tlajemuc. The Roxburghers are doubtless equal to naming many other preferred sites.

HE WILL WRITE A BOOK

FORMER MAYOR THOMAS B. SMITH is more courageous or more rash than he was supposed to be. He announces that he is going to write a book about his experience as Mayor.

GROUND-FLOOR POLITICS

COMPLAINTS about the character of nominees for political office are often valid, but as frequently they are lacking. Doubtless more efforts than lamentation, however sincere, is practical attention to the lines of the partisan edifice.

GANG GLORES

COUNCILMAN HALL is entitled to all the satisfaction he can derive from his victory over Mayor Moore in the matter of naming the new municipal recreation center at Tenth and Lombard streets.

which appears to have ended in a technical triumph for ward politics of the peanut-stand variety, is interesting as an index of the character of the councilmanic majority.

It reveals their mental and moral capacity in general and the same way as the erection of the Quay statue in Harborside disclosed the attributes of its promoters.

HOT AIR FROM THE SENATE

TO RELIEVE WINTER'S COLD
If You Want to Know Why Coal is a Luxury, Listen to the Honorable Mr. Shields, of Tennessee

TO the Hudson Coal Company and its senior vice president, Mr. W. H. Williams, of New York, the people of the United States owe a peculiar debt of gratitude.

Mr. Williams has not reduced the price of coal. He has not even told why the price of coal continues to cling to the moon. But he has done something equally important. He has given the country an opportunity to gaze for an amazing instant into the depths of the composite mind of the United States Senate.

Few people in the Congressional Record, so, if the Hudson Coal Company were not filling the mails with copies of a speech delivered by Senator John K. Shields, Democrat, of Tennessee, in defense of the coal monopolists, the people of the United States never would have known indeed, they never would have believed that such speeches are possible or tolerable in the Senate in this year of grace.

The Hudson Company and all its brother and sister companies obviously consider Senator Shields a wizard in the field of logic. The Senate itself appears to be under a similar impression, for it followed the line of reasoning outlined by the gentleman from Tennessee in finally disposing of the Freelinghousen Coal Stabilization Bill.

That bill was intended merely to give the Federal Government a right to examine the system of combination, production, distribution and profit-sharing which is presumed to keep anthracite and bituminous prices at a fantastic altitude in retail markets. But it seemed to Mr. Shields that the whole scheme of free government would be in danger of immediate collapse if the bill were passed; that Mr. Freelinghousen would be suggesting an act of awful impiety and profanation in the holy of holies.

Why? Because, as the starry banner still waves! Because, as the Senator from Tennessee saw it, the people who founded this Republic in the wilderness were sturdy and God-fearing people; because we sent great armies to Europe to bring our soldiers displayed in magnificent fortitude and courage and efficiency; because we have a Government which guarantees civil and religious liberty; because, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Senate, we have no cause to fear a foreign enemy and no foreign government can conquer and subjugate us.

Only twice did the Senator mention coal. His spirit fluttered ecstatically in the clouds that top the everlasting hills to which every political rascal flows when he is afraid to look a truth in the eye.

The soldiers who were so courageous and heroic again and they cannot afford to buy coal.

The industries that are the strength of the country are being bled by the coal profligates.

Combines are formed to make a mockery of every principle which free government are supposed to maintain and guard.

There is a great Government, Senator Shields declares that. Gladly he concedes that it is not worthy to look at the book of the prophets, but he would not be profaned to do such a thing! Were the Government of the United States to look into the books of these corporations and determine whether the peace and safety of the country are being threatened by boot-lugger and extraordinarily bold combinations of the most unscrupulous and self-reliant people who throw off the yoke of the King of Great Britain!

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After telling the Senate that an effort to regulate the coal business by Federal action would lead to the collapse of the Constitution, Mr. Shields cried: "Surely in asserting such a calamity we are asserting God!"

The god that the Senator from Tennessee worships is the god of the coal business as it exists in the near Wall street and its hordes are going to the support of each other. In the name of that god Senator Shields unlashed in the Senate a torrent of the scalding, scalding, most shameless barbed-barbs ever sent to the Senate from the bowels of the Senate seems to have been directed at him and to have believed at least a little of what he said!

FOOLING THE RED CROSS

A Revealing Story of How the Soviet Worked the Game—Mr. Hoover Will Need to Watch His Step Very Carefully

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

HERBERT HOOVER has his hands full dealing with the crafty Reds of Russia. There are a number of people who are of the opinion that the plan of splendid philanthropy may be thwarted.

Recent history has proved that there is no degree of insincerity and low cunning to which the Lenines and Trotskyks will not descend.

The facts have been established by their own deluded followers and sympathizers. Even now the leaders are haggling over terms.

Mr. Hoover must watch his step. SOME time back I wrote a paragraph about the famine in Soviet land. I had the temerity to say that it would be a brave American commissioner who would trust himself to the word of a Lenin or Trotsky.

This was before Mr. Hoover had announced his famine relief plans or terms. The statement landed, and stuck in, on the "Red" or his brother in Trenton. Thus:

Sir—Your ignorance is phenomenal. It is that you write of what you know not of Russia. You are despising a struggling nation when you bring assert no one will trust their leaders. That is not to be true. The people trust them. Long live the Soviet. SERGE SAVINOFF.

I have not the remotest doubt that under the signature of Serge Savinoff, reposes another name. The real one of my complimentary critic.

That he is a Russian is no doubt true. That he is a foolish and fanatical Red is unquestionably true.

It would be interesting but wholly immaterial coming from such a source to know what Mr. Savinoff thinks of the following statement of fact.

It is also commended to the keen scrutiny of Mr. Hoover. DR. GEORGE WILLIAM LINCOLN, whose extensive reading of European as well as American literature makes him a storehouse of contemporary facts, has called my attention to an interesting and pertinent aside on this very question of Russian famine relief.

The incident sheds a valuable light on the brutal and inhuman character of some of the Russian Government leaders. The Revue des Deux Mondes is the leading critical and literary publication of France.

Early this year it sent a cultured and daring Russian writer into Russia to investigate and report conditions as they actually exist.

The correspondent, disguised and month-long Soviet principles, succeeded in his mission at great peril.

All these facts are set forth in preliminary explanatory notes by the editors of the Revue.

The writer's name is withheld. His revelations, if nothing more, would compel this country to re-examine its attitude toward the "Reds" and the children in Petrograd a train of twenty-one wagons, or cars, of provisions.

Fifteen of these wagons contained dried fish, cocoa, chocolate, condensed milk, rice, preserves and canned soups.

The train was accompanied by a representative of the Red Cross from Norway named Krak.

After the train arrived in Petrograd Krak delivered a stirring address in which he said that he was nothing more of the supplies.

All the rest were sent, by order, to General von See, a summer home of the Communist "King" Zinovieff and his fellows, formerly the family residence of the Grand Duke Nicholas; also to Smolna and Astoria.

"Nothing was left for the children. At the same time the people were being supported by a stinking kind of bread made of indigestible mixtures.

Communists were receiving special food in terms of prison. In many instances they never get over the idea that they will be able to make up a lot of counterfeit money, pass it successfully and live at ease for the remainder of their lives.

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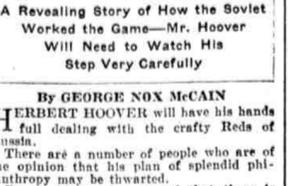
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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. HOUGHTON On Counterfeit Money

THE manner in which the Nation's currency is protected is outlined by Captain William H. Houghton, agent in charge of the local branch of the Secret Service.

Captain Houghton has been connected with the service ten years and during that time has had the distinction of being selected as the personal bodyguard for Marshal Joffre, the late Cecil Spring-Rice, Lord Reading, Prince Ferdinand, first cousin to the King of Italy; Baron Moncheur, who headed the first Belgian mission to this country, and other notable.

"One of the most important of the many duties of the Secret Service of the Treasury Department is to keep the currency of the Nation free from counterfeiters," he says.

"This, when you consider the country's large area, with a population of 100,000,000, consisting of people from all nations of the world, is a mammoth job, and it is not surprising that the Secret Service is so large."

"I recently heard an attorney addressing the jury in the defense of a man who had been charged with the crime of counterfeiting. He said: 'This man had previously secured a term in prison for counterfeiting \$5 gold notes, and while in prison he conceived a new idea to make counterfeit notes so good they could not be detected.'

"A year after his release from prison he succeeded in turning out a counterfeit \$5 note which went through the banks and was not detected until some arrived in Washington, where our chief, W. H. Morris, the clearest expert on counterfeit money, in the United States, pronounced it a most dangerous counterfeit and instructed us to concentrate our efforts in apprehending the maker."

"The first week's time from the discovery of the first note we surprised the counterfeiter at work at his home in Derby, Pa."

Always Will Be Watched
This man, when he came up for sentence, made an appeal to the judge, saying that he was through with counterfeiting. He was given a four-year sentence, but I am of the opinion that the Secret Service always will have to take an interest in his movements as long as he lives.

"I am often asked if the work is dangerous or less uncertain, but when you consider that we are right and the criminal wrong, that we have the whole power of the United States behind us and that we generally take the criminal by surprise, you must admit we have about 95 per cent the best of it."

In many instances, where the prisoner or officer is shot, it is caused by an unnecessary display of firearms. We always endeavor to make our arrests as quietly as possible.

"We recently raided a printing establishment where they were making counterfeit internal revenue stamps to place over the necks of bottles containing lead whiskey. When we entered the shop a Negro patrolman was standing across the street, and I quietly did we carry on our search that the man he knew anything was up was when we were leaving with the patrolman. We did not know until he notified him that the shop had been seized by the Government."

Can't Get Away With It
We of the Secret Service consider a counterfeiter one of the most foolish and deluded persons on the face of the earth, because he cannot get away with it.

"Everything is against his success. In the first place, a man who can make a note that is considered by the Secret Service dangerous must invest a lot of money in his materials and spend time on his work before he can reap any return. If he succeeds in turning out a note that will deceive the average handler of money he is in danger of being arrested every time he goes out with all the brains and energy of the Secret Service are concentrated on his downfall."

"How often we go about looting the counterfeiter's plant?"

"I cannot explain that, for obvious reasons, and, besides, each case is different,

SHORT CUTS



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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. What is the best ship time for a trans-Atlantic passage?
2. What is the Hall Effect?
3. What is a coup d'etat, and how should the phrase be pronounced?
4. Who is the author of the declaration "Ishbarka himself again?"
5. Who was Bering?
6. In what country is Maxon T. Herrick serving as an American Ambassador?
7. What is the Sunflower State?
8. What is an obelisk?
9. Who is Tommaso Tittoni?
10. When did Richard Wagner live?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. "Glorious" is French word meaning former or formerly. A "Glorious" Emperor is Louis, a former Emperor.
2. In racing parlance a pater is an inferior horse that must be sold immediately after the race.
3. The centenary of Mexican independence occurs in October, 1921.
4. Georgia claims to have produced the first iron ship, the "John Hancock" from 1815.
5. Canada was a French possession from the time of the settlement of Quebec, 1608 until the treaty of Paris, 1763, when the country was ceded to Great Britain.
6. "Trotter" by Gluck are "Armbide" and "Orfeo."
7. Representatives in Congress are elected for two years.
8. George Eliot wrote "Daniel Deronda."
9. Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament.
10. Bainsology is the science of bathing.

Book for Kye

The Rye Board of Education has postponed the opening of the schools from September 12 to September 19 so that the boys may act as caddies during the golf tournament in which President Harding and U.S. Senator Charles McNary, of Ohio, are to participate. As the boys will make big money during the tournament, it would have been a Wry Board if it had insisted on school attendance.

After his earnings have been sufficiently taxed perhaps effort will be made to tax the auto driver's patience.