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The Senate and the District Bill.

The annual District of Columbia appropriation bill, yesterday reported to the Senate by the Senate subcommittee on District appropriations, provides for the District the sum of \$11,603,880, an increase of \$883,335 over the sum appropriated in the House.

Of greatest interest, however, to residents of Washington, is the attitude of the committee toward the "half-and-half" plan. The committee adopts the view that the act of 1878, construed by the courts as having the effect of an organic act for the District, was intended to provide for a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia.

The Senate committee has adopted the right attitude toward the District. A contrary attitude, were it carried into effect, would result not only in immediate bankruptcy for the District government but would also seriously retard the now very healthy growth of Washington and inflict upon the city untold pecuniary damage.

This city is not a mere municipality, entitled to look for its support only to those who live in it. It is on the contrary the Capital of the Nation, a creation of the Union for its own purposes.

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The "unlimited" treaties with France and Great Britain for which President Taft so earnestly labored, and which the Senate so ruthlessly amended, might have been a great step forward, but

the existing instruments are pretty satisfactory affairs. Here is the vital article: "Differences which may arise of a legal nature or relating to the interpretation of treaties existing between the two contracting parties, and which it may not have been possible to settle by diplomacy, shall be referred to the permanent court, established at The Hague by the convention of 20th July, 1909, provided, nevertheless, that they do not affect the vital interests, the independence or the honor of the two contracting states, and do not concern the interests of third parties."

Intervention in War. To begin with, intervention in Mexico is merely an euphemism for war with Mexico.

The United States cannot justly intervene save to remedy a situation so anarchistic as to be a reproach to modern civilization.

Having intervened it will be the business of the United States to suppress the anarchy and subdue the anti-foreign hostility which produced anarchy and also to cope with the flame of resentment which may be expected to fuse now warring elements.

Such a problem is not to be mentioned in the same breath with the policing of Santo Domingo with a transport filled with marines that seldom land.

The cause of clear thinking, we believe, will be greatly aided, if, in consideration of the Mexican situation, American citizens mentally substitute "war with Mexico" for "intervention in Mexico."

"Hiking" as a Political Expedient. Measured by visible or tangible results, the opinion must prevail that the value of the female suffragists "hike" to the Federal Capital City is almost if not altogether "nil."

What good is "hiking"? We are fully convinced that our sisters mean business, whether they tell us their grievances after the unnecessary hardships of a march through the winter glens and dales of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland, or coming in autos from their hotels dressed as benefits the cosmopolitan women of our day.

What has political propaganda to do with "hiking" anyway? What can it possibly contribute to any demonstration of the merits of the franchise demanded or of the expediency of granting the ballot to their sisters who wisely remained at home attending to their duties as wives and mothers, and who incidentally escaped the dangers of exposure and pneumonia in a freezing atmosphere?

It is the novelty of the thing, nothing else. Their enterprise is enjoying a degree of publicity that otherwise hardly would have been accorded them and which, no doubt, is out of all proportion to its economic significance.

Let us wait until all this craving for the sensational has blown over, until things again assume their normal aspect, when sensible, sober-minded men will look for "real arguments pro or con," in order to decide if our women should be given that political equality which they insist belongs to them in an enlightened age and a free country.

The Militant Woman. The theory that the new woman of to-day who wants the right to vote is afraid of a mouse is based upon a belief imprinted in man's breast during the glad old days when our mothers and older sisters and fair cousins stayed at home to rock the cradle, run the household, and, incidentally, wear petticoats.

It is to be hoped that the questions recently raised concerning the "half-and-half" plan can now be regarded as once and for all time settled, and that the distinguished gentlemen who have recently assailed the plan will see a great light as did the children of Israel who once upon a time walked in darkness.

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NATION'S MEN OF AFFAIRS IN CARTOON



CENTRAL AMERICANS FEAR UNITED STATES

Recently Returned Traveler from Panama Says Impression Prevails Uncle Sam is After Conquest.

In connection with the recent order of the President in sending American warships to cover all important points on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Central America, Mexico in particular, due to the recent Mexican outbreaks, and knowledge having been received here that the so-called "professional revolutionists" throughout Central America are now, and have been for some months past, planning a general upheaval, to be inaugurated as soon after March 1 as possible, Edward N. Doon, who recently returned to Washington from a year spent in Panama and Costa Rica, stated:

"For years past the greater part of Central America has been in a state of political upheaval, and the same conditions are likely to prevail for many years to come. With the exception of Costa Rica (the most peaceful and progressive of the Central American republics, whose inhabitants are very largely of good Spanish blood, the mixture of the Indian and Spanish races in Central America has produced an inferior type, much below the average and with stunted morals. Good government among such

LEPINE TO RESIGN.

Noted Police Chief of Paris Tires of Active Career.

Paris, Feb. 14.—M. Lepine, for twenty years prefect of the Paris police, announced today that he had definitely decided to retire and will leave office March 23. He probably will go into active politics. There is no indication as to who will be his successor.

One of Suicide Trio Saved.

Rome, Feb. 14.—A triple suicide by three young women who had been crossed in love was averted here today and came near being successful. Two of the trio were saved, but the third was saved. With arms linked the young women jumped into the Tiber from the Sant'Angelo bridge, and sank into the water. The carabinieri who saw the bridge leaped into the water and saved one of the women.

Whole Train Disappears.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 14.—An express train of the National Railway Company which left Mexico City for this point Tuesday has disappeared, and no trace of it can be found. The fate of the passengers and train crew is unknown.

THE BIG STICK

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EVERY SATURDAY. Our Motto: If you see it in The Big Stick, it isn't necessary to see it.

The Big Stick Explains.

"Anxious Subscriber," "You probably" at last written as so many letters about the new twelve-ton traffic, that we feel we must tell in words of one syllable just what are the respective statures of those wheels and those on feet.

Where Did You Get That Hat?

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Dual Personality.

Charlie Connor, of Abbeon Inlet, has discovered that he has a dual personality. When he is in a white frock and a white necktie, he is a very handsome man. When he is in a white frock and a white necktie, he is a very handsome man.

The Tocsin Calls.

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Will Leave No Dark or Shady Places in Capital.

The Big Stick, one of whose favorite notions is "light for all," takes pleasure in presenting a recommendation of said motto as its to-day's principal contribution to benevolent illumination.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON WOODROW WILSON

THE STORY OF THE FIRST PRESIDENT BY THE PRESIDENT-ELECT. Sir William Howe Resigns and is Succeeded by Gen. Clinton, Who Recedes Orders to Abandon Philadelphia—The Treachery of Gen. Charles Lee. Washington Wins Back the Field Lee Abandons—French Fleet Arrives; but a Great Storm Disables It—Clinton Takes Savannah.

States that meant to be independent, and a steady stream of immigration began to pour into the open country, as if to prepare a still deeper task of conquest for the British at far New York.

A Little Nonsense. EVERY DAY EPISODE. When Evergray goes home at night he has, perhaps, a grudge. Then Evergray creeps out of sight beneath the parlor couch.

A Rapid Eye. Some people barely get the wedding cards out before they want to shuffle for a new deal.

An O'Clock. They both had sections of the paper. "Here's a New York man gives his wife a diamond necklace," said she. "Nothing like that ever happens to me."

February 15 in History. February 15, 1599—William Shakespeare gets himself a fur-lined overcoat. February 15, 1544—Henry VIII, the recipient of 4,000 ivory Valentines, has them all burned by the royal executioner.

A Question. "Wombat has just published a volume of hum poetry." "Ah, well. They are poems written in his youth."

Only Ornamental. I pass the early robin by. With less caution than meet. You cannot put him in a pie Or serve him up on toast.

Bum Timber. "Woman is the vine and man is the sturdy oak. Have you a sturdy oak to cling to?" "None," answered the washwoman. "My sturdy oak turned out to be a poor stick."

No Cause for Alarm. "Now they say that blonds are disappearing rapidly." "Don't take it too seriously. Somebody is always claiming that we are going back to the dark ages."

The Scapgoat. "Why doesn't Wombat's wife like you?" "I'm the man he meets downtown every now and then, the one who persuades him to have a drink."

Homeless Charged to Antioch. Nice, Feb. 14.—Prince Narischkin, of the Russian nobility, and Mme. Chaucheff were arrested here today, charged with homicide after their automobile had knocked down four persons, killing one and fatally wounding the other three.

Great Frederick's Opinion. "Clinton gained no advantage except to reach New York with the wreck of his army," commented the observant Frederick over sea. "America is probably lost for England."

French Fleet Off Sandy Hook. A scout three weeks after Clinton had reached New York, the Count d'Estaing was off Sandy Hook, with a French fleet of twelve ships of the line and six frigates, bringing 4,000 troops.

Fleet Sails to Boston. D'Estaing was obliged to draw off to meet him; a great storm sent both fleets into port to wait for the wind to shift, and the disgusted militiamen and continental army had come to take the town with the French, withdrew in high choler to see the fleet, without which they could do nothing, taken off to Boston.

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