

zens who happen to have been born in Germany or whose ancestors were Germans. Their love of their native land, and of Emperor William as the leader of an united people in this war, makes them none the less patriotic American citizens.

Judge Killitt's foolish remark is an offensive violation of this country's neutrality.

## THE PUBLIC FORUM

**THE PUBLIC FORUM.**—Not long ago I changed the beginning of letters from "Editor Day Book" to a mere heading indicating the topic discussed. It seemed foolish to repeat that address to the editor. Now I am going to change the heading of this department from "Letters to Editor" to "The Public Forum." I am sure readers will approve the change. The letters are not any more to the editor than to other readers. They are opinions or editorials, just as much as those I write under "One Man's Opinions." I talked to a big newspaper publisher from another city the other day. He gets The Day Book by mail. He said "I read The Day Book every day, and I'm crazy about it. One of your best features is the letters from readers." I think the change of the name of this department will make all of us feel that we are writing to each other, or at each other, on equal terms, instead of writing to or at me. It may help all to feel that this is OUR department instead of MINE.—  
N. D. C.

### POLITICS AND UNEMPLOYED.—

The annual political circus is on. A dozen or so public-spirited gentlemen, who are not unemployed, are in the field to compete for a "job." Although this particular job carries with it a fat salary, some political distinction, a great deal of honor, a bit of responsibility, short hours and little work, none of the candidates who want it "cares" a rap for those

things. Oh, no, their sole ambition in running for the job of mayor of the city of Chicago is to show us poor boobies how the city's affairs can be managed for the benefit of the general public. No doubt all are political saviours and each and every one if elected will give us the "best" city administration.

They are running on several tickets and have a variety of platforms ranging all the way from non-partisan down to safety first." At political rallies amid great displays of oratory, prolific promises which are seldom kept when elected to office are made and the unsophisticated swallow the "stuff red hot."

Before the primaries and elections friendship suddenly ceases and all the candidates become enemies. "For the time being." They criticize and find fault with one another and sometimes most uncomplimentary remarks pass between them. They seem to delight in exposing to the public eye the shortcomings of their opponents and sometimes "juicy" things are said by one against the other that are surprising indeed. When the spirit moves them to say those "nasty" things a "peculiar" light begins to shine upon the bunch. Critical minds claim that painful truths will once in a while leak out.

The newspapers also take a hand in the proceedings. In their news and editorial columns glaringly present all the qualifications of a certain candidate for the job. At the same time on the same paper all the (dis)qualifications of the other candidates are also presented.

The workmen of the city have quite a variety to choose from. But in trying to make a choice among the many candidates it appears to look as if the coin is flipped and if head comes on top the workmen lose and if tails turns up the same thing happens. And why? Well, simply because on the evening of election day one of the candidates will get in. The others and the rest