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CALIFORNIA'S FOLLY.

It is well-observed that the Nation should turn its reproach upon California at this time when the country is reaping the results of California's folly.

Every gift, every shout, every illumination, every procession in the visitor's honor, carries with it an expression of indignation if not of anger toward the United States.

Never since South Carolina usurped itself the particular champion of nullification and secession, has an American State inflicted greater wrongs upon the Nation or involved it in greater and graver complications than those which now appear as the natural consequence of California's folly.

THE BOUYANT WEST.

Leading reports of most Western railroads continue to reflect a movement of freight larger than a year ago. Strange as it may seem in the face of all the pessimistic talk heard, there have been only a few weeks during the Fall and early Winter when the weekly traffic returns have not equalled or exceeded those of a similar period last year.

Better things are predicted for the Western iron and steel trade and those who are in the best position to judge as to the future are of the firm conviction that the situation will soon clarify and that business will again be on a normal basis in the course of a very few months.

In some circles it is believed the calamity cry has been carried too far. In other quarters it is claimed that the present depression has been forced to defeat certain plans of the administration.

The logic is potent and, no doubt, if the truth were told, it would be found that the country is not half so sick as pictured. Some authorities, nevertheless, have worked themselves into the actual feeling that panic is not to be avoided, that the industry of the land is hopelessly deteriorating, that the railroads are on the verge of bankruptcy, that securities will never meet with popular esteem, and that we are to have an army of unemployed such as never seen before.

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DIVORCELESS OKLAHOMA.

Divorce needs tremble indeed when confronted with the attack which Oklahoma plans to launch against it.

Older states have passed before the problem but Oklahoma fearlessly comes to the front and invites the whole Union to co-operate with her. To combat the rapidly growing evil of divorce and to promote social purity, a National Anti-Divorce League has been organized with headquarters at Muskogee.

The plan of organization contemplates a State organization in every State in the Union and a county organization in every county, each with a president, secretary and superintendent, and all to be affiliated with the national organization.

The plan of the league is to abolish all divorce laws in every State, making it impracticable to secure a divorce at all. It will advocate a Federal law under which no man under 21 years of age, or a woman under 18, may marry; it will demand that all marriage ceremonies shall be performed by an ordained minister of the Gospel, and that the civil marriage, or the power of a civil officer to perform such a ceremony, be abolished.

It will also demand the publication of intention to marry thirty days before the ceremony shall be performed, thereby preventing elopements, marrying on a dare or sudden impulse, or any other hasty and illy considered marriage. In other words, the league believes in giving reason a chance to get in its work before it is too late.

E. D. Cameron, formerly State Superintendent of Schools in Oklahoma, has decided ideas on hasty marriage. From his pulpit he has stated that a couple who agree on the spur of the moment to marry and rush off to a Justice of the Peace and are wed "are not really married—they are just geared up"—and the chances are that they will throw off the matrimonial harness with the same nonchalance that a team of horses are unharnessed.

The league will back the idea of a mothers' pension law in every State in the Union; a law with a severe penalty for wife and child desertions; it would make the divorce law either a Federal statute or else uniform in every State in the Union.

"The nation has reached the point where something has got to be done about the divorce evil," said Rev. Cameron in discussing the new league plans. "The very foundation of Government is the home, and yet the divorce habit is becoming so general that this cornerstone of general welfare is threatened. Take a look at the statistics and one will be appalled by the prevalence of divorce."

STIRRED UP THE COLONEL.

That was an unfortunate contretemps at the University of Santiago into which Col. Roosevelt was unwillingly dragged by the indiscretion of Dr. Martinez. By reason of the high diplomatic post he had occupied as Chilean Minister to the United States and his prominence in Chilean affairs Dr. Martinez appeared in the capacity of host and, therefore, the obligation of guarded and considerate utterance lay doubly heavy upon him.

He repudiated the murder of the Monroe Doctrine with all the vehemence of his surging patriotism. He insisted it was not good, nor even napping. Under other auspices the Colonel's resentment might have taken on a more strenuous quality. We imagine that had the affair been staged in another landscape Dr. Martinez today would be a rail-frogged member of the Ananias Club, or anyhow, his name would head the waiting list. It is a perilous job to kill the Monroe Doctrine in the Colonel's presence.

And it is unfortunate, too, that this regrettable episode should have gotten into the newspapers. The lapse of time between its occurrence and publicity shows clearly the sincere efforts that were made to suppress it. Probably those efforts would have succeeded were it not for the fact that Sunday is a day of meager news and that Monday morning papers yearn for a first-page story with a mighty yearning. This hapless journalistic condition is known to the Colonel, of course, but let nobody suspect that the Colonel timed it so that the first rumors of the faux pas reached Washington on Sunday, thereby becoming preciously available for the thin blue Monday morning. It was simply a coincidence.

The Colonel is far in the jungles now whether or not of the great world's clamor can reach him. If fate, in the shape of communication avenues, has conspired again to put him at the top of the first page where there is always a lot of room Monday morning the Colonel, we believe, will grin and bear it.

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If President Wilson really aspires to be a national hero and to hold the attention of the world while taking a vacation in Mississippi, he must learn to chase a bear up a tree with a pack of hounds.

If the Caralans had more work to do they would be less frisky.

STRONG PLEA MADE FOR MORE BATTLESHIPS BY LEAGUE

Navy League Says Billions in Pensions Would Have Been Saved by Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—"Four billion dollars that have been spent in pensions since the Civil War," says the Navy League of the United States, "might have been saved if the nation had had a navy of sufficient size to smother the War of Secession. The largest single appropriation of the government, year after year, is for pensions. If the nation is sufficiently far-sighted, it can save future billions for unnecessary military pensions. A navy sufficient to prevent any enemy of the future from landing on our shores would accomplish this desired result."

The Navy League raises this question at this time in the interest of an adequate navy, Congress having budgeting on our shores would accomplish this desired result. With appropriations for "but one battleship a year, as have been made for the last two years, the American navy is becoming inadequate to prevent war and the multitude of expense that would result from it.

The nation has spent \$1,373,000,000 more for pensions since the Revolution than it has for its navy. It is spending twenty to fifty million more each year for pensions than for the maintenance of its navy. Yet this is obviously all in penalty for an inadequate navy in the past. Had the American Navy been sufficient, the commercial war with France in 1798 would never have occurred; Tripoli would never have dared make war on us in 1801; the British would never have been able to land troops and burn our capital in the war of 1812. Had not Congress practically abolished the navy; the war of the Confederacy would have been smothered in six months with our ports so blocked that she could not get ammunition. It is these wars that have caused the payment of \$1,373,000,000 in pensions and that are now calling for the paying out of amounts ranging from \$150,000,000 to \$180,000,000 each year—amounts that show no tendency toward abatement.

It is more true today than it has ever been before, that any conflict that the United States should have with a first class nation would be fought on the sea. A single great dreadnaught has a defensive strength equal to that of fifty thousand soldiers ashore. With enough of these on our shores there could never be thrust on the United States a protracted war. The pensions following such a war and lasting for a century would be ten times greater than the expense of maintaining a sufficient navy to prevent it, even were the lives of life and to commerce not considered.

Last session Congress increased the appropriation for pensions due to past wars \$25,000,000 yet refused to provide for new battleships necessary to insure peace in the future. The Navy League in no way desires the granting of these pensions, but argues that such appropriations may, in the future, be unnecessary by the maintenance of a navy large enough to insure peace. One battleship a year will not provide that insurance. Since the last two Congresses have given but one where two or more should have been provided, the necessity is at present for four battleships. Admiral Dewey and the General Board urge this program.

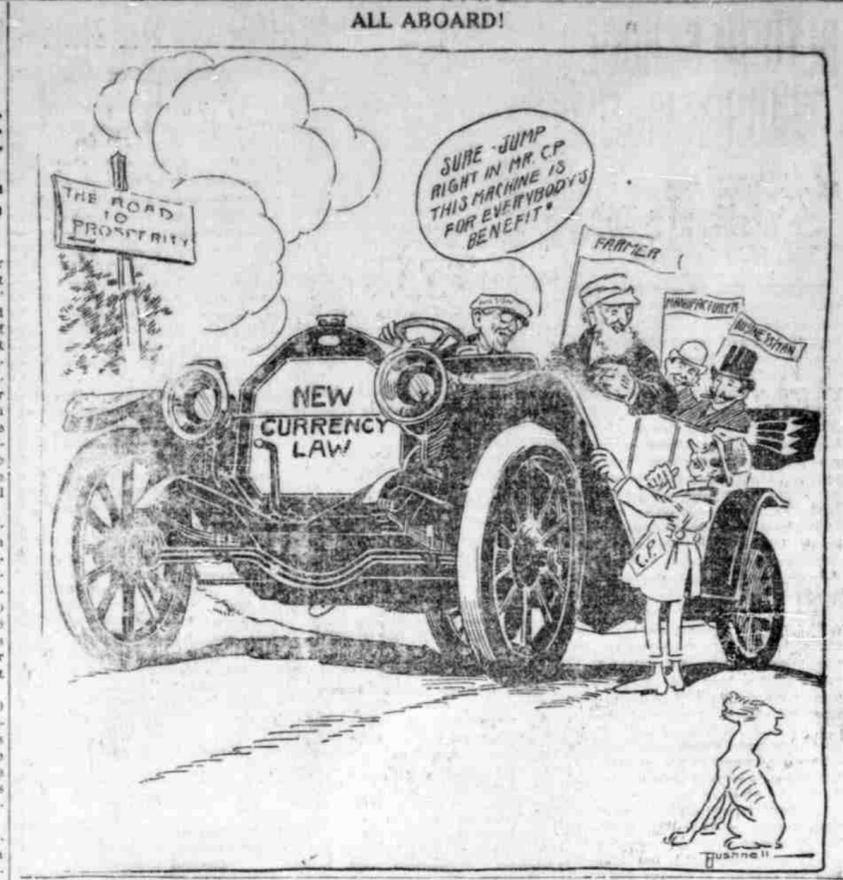
DEATH OF RECLUSE REVEALS A GENIUS

All Paris is Now Praising the Paintings of Ferdinand Pelez

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A few days ago there died in an obscure corner of Montmartre a curious old man. A little band of sympathetic painters followed the humble bier to the cemetery and then, the old man having been also a painter, a visit was made to his ill-fated studio.

There on the walls, the floor, chairs and easels was a collection of pictures that caused cries of admiration. Maurice Bernes, Leon Bonnet, Armand Dayot, Jean Paul Laurens and other eminent painters and critics were summoned and confirmed the first verdict. The pictures were masterpieces. Enquiries showed that the old man's name was Ferdinand Pelez, and remembrance dawned.

Twenty years ago Pelez, one of the most brilliant artists of his day, Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, and member of one of the most exclusive literary clubs, had disappeared suddenly, no one knew why. His new life mystery was explained. Haunted by the misery he saw everywhere around him in the great capital he had de-



Arizona News Nuggets

AGED WOMAN HELD UP

TUCSON—Potatoes, butter and groceries were the booty obtained by a highwayman last evening on Twenty-second street from Mrs. Eloya Scottillon, an aged Mexican woman, a young man, Julian Vargas, is being held by the police in connection with the affair. The holdup occurred about 7:30 o'clock, when the woman was returning from the city with her purchases.

SAN CARLOS CLERK

SAN CARLOS—Word has been received from the office of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior that P. Robbins of Phoenix has been appointed financial clerk at the San Carlos Indian agency. Robbins held this same position for four years prior to his removal to Phoenix about a year ago.

LOOKS GOOD

PHOENIX—Superintendent J. C. Storey and General Agent W. S. Goldsworthy of the Santa Fe railroad went out on Saturday to witness the demonstration of George E. Noel's telephone device for communicating with moving trains and both expressed themselves well pleased with the success of the experiment. If the device proves as successful in practical use as it is in the demonstrations made, there is no doubt of its coming into general use.

BADLY INJURED

TEMPE—Losing control of his automobile, Leland Miller sustained serious injuries yesterday. His collar bone is crushed and he is internally injured. Miller was the sole occupant of the car and was a short distance south of the Turkey Tract ranch house when the auto plunged into an embankment, the car turning over on its driver and then uprighing itself. Mr. Taylor, owner of the ranch, saw the accident and hastened to the scene. Miller was found unconscious and Dr. Moear was summoned. Later he was removed to the residence of D. H. Marchison in Tempe where he makes his home. Last night he had not yet regained consciousness and it is feared his injuries may prove fatal.

TO CONTEST DECISION

TUCSON—Efforts by the Tucson Gas, Electric Light & Power Company to secure a reopening of the case of I. E. Hoffman, mayor, et al., complainants, against the Tucson Gas, Electric Light & Power Company, will come to a head Monday, when the application for the reopening will be heard by the Arizona corporation commission. These efforts have enlisted the support of the chamber of commerce, after an exhaustive investigation of allegations made by the defendant in the action, and members of the chamber, appointed as a committee for that purpose, will appear with representatives of the company to urge a reopening of the case. This committee consists of the following: N. E. Plumer, Albert Steffell, Charles F. Solomon, William McDermott and F. Ronstadt.

A bill has been introduced in House forbidding any person to make or circulate false statements in regard to financial conditions to people and business interests of United States for purpose of bringing on stringency in money. A fine of \$5000 is imposed.

INSTRUCTORS HOME

SAN MIGUEL—A new home for instructors of the new Indian school at San Miguel here is to be organized in the near future by the Presbyterian board of home missions, will be started immediately. It will be built of adobe, plastered, and will cost \$1200. Miss Sarah Chapin and Miss Elizabeth D. Wolf will be the two teachers at the school and there are expected to be about thirty pupils.

WILLIAM P. COVERT DEAD

William P. Covert died at the Calumet hospital yesterday afternoon after a short illness. He was taken to the hospital Saturday for an operation and never recovered from the shock. The deceased was 34 years of age and had been a resident of Douglas for about two years. He was timekeeper at the Copper Queen smelter for some time and also bookkeeper at the Phelps-Dodge store. He was a single man and his relatives live in Los Angeles. They have been telegraphed in regard to the funeral arrangements. He was a member in good standing of the Masons and the funeral services will undoubtedly be under their auspices.

ACTIVITY IN LABOR MARKET

TUCSON—The labor market is showing signs of getting a little more active. Labor agents have already received orders for a number of men for next week, and there is evidence of more coming later on. One agent will send out six miners for the Keokuk Monday morning. They will take No. 4 for Casa Grande and be taken to the mine in an automobile. He also has an order for twenty-five Mexican laborers for the El Paso & Southwestern extra gangs from further east after January 1, and they will work west to Tucson from Fairbank, where the first gang started last Monday. In the three gangs there will be nearly 300 men, and the new men needed will be supplied right along by Tucson labor agents.

TO GIVE PARTY FOR BOWERY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Not the least interesting of the varied entertainments with which the metropolis is planning to usher in the New Year tomorrow night will be the party to be given by Frederick Townsend Martin, society leader, author and "supplifier of the poor." Mr. Martin terms the affair a Bowery party and his guests will include several hundred men, women and children gathered up indiscriminately along the lawns thoroughfare and in the neighboring streets of the lower East Side. Mr. Martin will have a sapper for his guests, following which some famous opera singers and musicians will furnish entertainment for the gathering.

STREET PRAYERS IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—Church workers and city authorities of Chicago have united in efforts to have a "decorous" New Year's Eve celebration in this city tomorrow night. By order of Mayor Harrison all saloons will be closed promptly an hour after midnight and no hotels or restaurants will be permitted to sell liquor after that hour. No horns, confetti, or "stickers" will be allowed in the streets. Three hundred ministers have offered to pray at the downtown street corners where the New Year celebrants are in the habit of gathering.

LUCY HOKE SMITH A BRIDE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Miss Lucy Hoke Smith, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Hoke Smith of Georgia and one of the most popular girls in the official set in Washington, today became the bride of Ensign Alton Simpson, U. S. N., a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson of Fort Gaines, Ga. The wedding took place at noon at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Smith had no attendants and only the relatives of the two families and a few intimate friends from the South were in attendance.

RURAL CREDIT SOUGHT.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 30.—The New England members of the American commission on agricultural organization and rural credits that visited Europe last summer met at the State House here today and began a two days' conference with the object of deciding upon a uniform credit and co-operation policy to extend throughout New England. The Massachusetts legislature which is about to assemble will be asked to act on a bill giving credit to the farmers through the issuance of bonds on a co-operative basis or by some other form that may be considered best. Such a measure, it is believed, will greatly help to encourage agricultural activities on the millions of acres of waste lands in New England.

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PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—Leaders of the Progressive Democrats of Indiana met in conference here today to complete a State organization and discuss plans for the future. The Progressives are opposed to the so-called State machine which is controlled by Thomas Taggart of this city and Crawford Fairbanks of Terre Haute.

General Electric's new factory at Pittsfield will start operation in a few days.