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PLATFORM

The Herald believes that the city of Los Angeles should own and control a complete system of waterworks.

The Herald believes that the city should acquire such a system at the earliest date possible and on the most advantageous terms possible, consistent with contract obligations and fair dealing.

The Herald believes that the contract with the Los Angeles City Water company should be enforced to the letter, and that, at the conclusion of the pending lease, the plant should be taken over in accordance with the provisions of that contract.

A WICKED SUGGESTION

Popular disapproval of the course of the French courts and government in the Dreyfus-Esterhazy trials and the case of Zola is manifesting itself in a peculiar way on the continent. All of the actors in the drama being Frenchmen and no international question involved any interference on the part of other governments would be of course be an impertinence which the French would promptly resent.

Whatever warrant there may be for the universal feeling of regret for the miscarriage of justice so conspicuously emphasized by the recent incidents, the suggestion of a resort to the boycott is not worthy the cause or the people whose consciences have revolted, nor is it conceivable that it will favorably appeal to the enlightened civilization of the age.

Such a recognition of the legitimacy of the boycott as a weapon used in itself is deplorable, for it is not to be supposed that its use would begin and end with the Paris exposition. Once aroused such a spirit of resentment among the nations of the earth, and civilization would be retarded beyond conception, while the cause of humanity would suffer immeasurably more than from the unmerited punishment of a thousand soldiers or literateurs like Dreyfus and Zola.

The world might easily survive the failure of the Paris exposition, but it cannot, without impairing the structure upon which justice itself is based, in-dorse so wicked and destructive a doctrine.

IF WAR COMES

In view of the hostile attitude of the people of the United States toward Spain, an attitude that has nowhere been concealed, and with which the halting executive branch of the government has at last been forced to align itself, the governing power of that country could not do less than it has done by way of preparation for offensive, as well as defensive, operations.

PROFITABLE PATRIOTISM

There are several million men in the United States—not jingoes—who think this country should intervene in behalf of Cuba and who are willing to risk a war for humanity's sake. There is another class of patriots—moneyed men—who are not slow to say they will cheerfully come to the assistance of the government by providing the vast sums necessary to carry on even the briefest conflict with another country.

Thinking men are pondering these things. The independent press is weighing the two sides in the balance. The camp followers profit more by war than the fighting men. The dishonest contractor, the man who stays at home and buys guaranteed bonds, the man who sells the government supplies at an enormous profit, will welcome the war for the sake of what it will profit him. It is most exasperating to know

with the United States, in the very nature of things, could not be of that character. Spain must needs meet us, if at all, on the water, and that she does not feel entirely confident of her naval strength, superior as it is supposed to be over our own, is evidenced by the energy displayed in efforts to reinforce it by immediate purchases of vessels being constructed for other nations.

A calm, dispassionate, analytical view of the situation, as presented today, will be calculated to remove any lingering doubt in the mind of the average American citizen as to the ability of the United States to cope successfully with Spain on land or sea, for, while our present equipment is but slightly inferior, it is characterized by the possession of those factors so essential to the ultimate success of a great struggle, and in which Spain is so deficient—a people united, loyal, determined; ample financial resources; credit unlimited; resources exhaustless, and a cause which the civilized world will be forced to recognize as just in the sight of heaven.

The wheelmen arrested for violating the sidewalk ordinance have cheerfully paid their fines, like the law-abiding people they want to be, and here the incident should properly close. But we cannot keep back a smile at their plea in mitigation: that to make a short-cut across a square of ground it was necessary to ride on the sidewalks!

It is announced that the government is "getting tired of theories." Why on earth doesn't it do something then? Whatever may be the result of the Maine inquiry, the status of the Cuban revolution has not been changed. Autonomy is an admitted failure. The people of Cuba are starving by thousands.

The drift of sentiment abroad is tending toward the contention of the people, if not the government, of the country, that interference in the interest of humanity is a duty that may not longer be postponed without imperiling the national honor.

At a gathering of Cambridge undergraduates the head of one of the colleges was asked to give a number of pertinent criticisms. A fellow of the college heard the talk and proceeded to administer a rebuke. "You are probably ignorant," he said, "that the very person of whom you have been speaking with such levity is one of the profoundest scholars of our age. Indeed, he has bathed more deeply in the sacred fountains of antiquity." "Or come up drier, sir," was the reply of the undergraduates.

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that this is so. After a war the cost must be reckoned and the price paid. The burden does not cease with the declaration of peace. The masses of the people have to pay the national debt. No patriotic citizen begrudges his share of the burden when it is incurred in a righteous cause.

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"Things Are Not What They Seem" —Longfellow. How seldom, friend, a good man inherits Honor and wealth, with all his worth and pains! It seems a story from the world of spirits When any man obtains that which he Or any merits that he obtains.

I entered the Bank of England with feelings akin to those bearing a letter of introduction from an American capitalist to the president, William Lidderdale. He had just achieved the greatest financial success of modern times, and had just escaped the Baring Bros' failure without a world-wide crash. If I mistook the beadle of the bank, gorgeously appareled as he was, and indignity posing in the splendour, for the executive head of the greatest fiscal concern in the universe, I may plead, in extenuation, that I was fresh from "the States," where military lieutenants dress like nabobs and brevet colonels break into the senate.

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THE PUBLIC PULSE (The Herald under this heading prints communications, but does not assume responsibility for the sentiments expressed. Correspondents are requested to cultivate brevity as far as is consistent with the proper expression of their views.)

Object to the New Line To the Editor of the Los Angeles Herald: Wednesday's paper announces that the Traction company is about ready to begin construction work on a road to San Pedro, and that Carl Rosecrans has secured the right of way with the exception of a few small pieces. When Mr. Rosecrans visits the owners of "the few small pieces" he will find that they already considered their property small enough and that they will raise serious objections to the new road.

CALIFORNIA OPINION Rents Going Down In its Investor column the Herald states that the supply of houses for rent in Los Angeles is greatly in excess of the demand; that there are now, when the city is full of visitors, hotels and houses empty. Pasadena likewise has never seen a time when in the height of the tourist season there were so many houses for rent.

Less Than One Per Cent Mr. Weinstein, the Sacramento merchant, sent the Bee for \$50,000 damages for libel, and a jury has awarded him \$100,000. This is less than 1 per cent, and can't be considered a very good collection, but it is more than most persons get who sue for libel.—Sacramento Bee.

Discussing Oakland Burglars The burglars in Oakland nowadays are making a specialty of raiding saloons. It's only case they want and they know it is a sure thing that if there is any in town they will find some of it in the gin shops.—Oakland Tribune.

The Condition of War A war with Spain is possible, but when the United States and the Republic of Cuba, with Spain, it will be in defense of national honor and eternal justice. It will not be in obedience to the demands of yellow journalism.—San Francisco Post.

How It Happens The ambitious politicians have begun to circulate among the voters. The politician has the habit of making a list of the names of those who have voted for him. That's why honesty is so often defeated.—Fresno Expositor.

On April Fool's Day It now appears that everybody knew February would be a dry month, but March is scheduled for a downpour of four inches. April first we will think about it.—Antelope Valley Gazette.

From the Wharf City J. J. Carrillo is willing to water dollars to cents that our pleasure wharf will begin to take shape inside of thirty days.

ODD ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE Sixty languages are spoken in the empire of the Russian House of Russia. New Jersey was the first state permitting the right of suffrage to women; this was done nearly 100 years ago.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE Senator George Turner of Washington began his political career twenty years ago in Alabama, and at that time General Henderson, who was then secretary of war to the confederate states, said that Turner was the most brilliant young lawyer in the state.

George Patton has been suggested. George, however, does not seem to be anxious to accept the nomination, and intimates that, while he is not seeking the office, if the silver forces decide upon him to accept the nomination, he will not refuse it. Eustis holds out a novel inducement to summer visitors—a merry-go-round which, in place of the usual wooden horses, has stuffed deer, moose and bear for the youngsters to ride on.

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Opened a Cotton Mill With Prayer It is rather an unusual thing for a cotton mill enterprise to start off with religious services. In fact, no one knew of an instance of the kind until recently. And Columbia broke the record. The negroes interested in the Elmwood cotton mill enterprise, having purchased the old Congaree mill building, assembled there, and appropriate services were held. There was a good attendance, despite the coldness of the weather, and the worshippers were fervent in their exhortations.—Columbia State.

The Widows "Severe of widows, Samvel." Old Weller used to say: "But then, perhaps, he didn't know how The widow game to play. For, sure, that Alabama man Found naught with widows wrong, Who drew some forty-four pensions as A widow right along."—St. Louis Exchange.

Oak Tree 1800 Years Old The tree called William the Conqueror's oak in Windsor park, London, is supposed to be 1800 years old.

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