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DEFINITE and final suppression of the bucketshop evil in

San Francisco is assured by the decision of the superior

court upholding the validity of the municipal ordinance in this

regard. The police power of the city and the

state to prohibit and penalize gambling in all

forms covers the case, because the bucketshop,

masquerading in the disguise of legitimate

business, is the most vicious form of gambling

to be found in cities. It performs no single function of any possible

use to the community. The state has suppressed horse racing simply

because it encouraged gambling, although by itself it was an agree-

able form of sport and, besides, served to improve the breed of horses.

But the bucketshop offers neither sport nor help to any legiti-

mate industry. It is just plain gambling, betting on market quot-

ations and nothing more. It is a pest without a single redeeming

quality. As the superior court puts it:

It ought to be the concern of all law making bodies to discourage

gambling, for it is by the prevalence of gambling that honest men are

frequently lured to crime and the lives of others wrecked. It is by the

prevalence of gambling that the morals of communities are undermined

and otherwise good individuals corrupted.

Unquestionably it is the duty of law making bodies to legislate

against gambling, and the bucketshop supplies the most dangerous

means for gratifying this passion. The municipal governing bodies

of San Francisco and Los Angeles have enacted laws to make bucket-

shopping a public offense, and the state legislature passed a bill

with the same purpose. The bill failed to become law for lack of

the governor's signature, and it is left for the municipalities severally

to protect themselves.

The Call is glad that it has been able to assist in pressing this

measure and in securing the enforcement of its provisions. Because

of this policy The Call and its management have been made the

target of trifling and vexatious litigation and of malicious and

unfounded vilification and abuse, directed and inspired by the man

Moss, who, no doubt, justly attributes to The Call the inauguration

of the movement that has resulted in bringing to a close his profitable

gambling operations with a "sure thing" game. His disappointed

rage and baseless attacks are welcome testimony to the successful

accomplishment of a useful and beneficial purpose promoted by The

Call in the interest of the common good. Exit Moss. He can now

pack up his blackboard and his chalk and close out his unlawful

gambling den.

Big Liners Coming to San Francisco

DIRECTOR GENERAL HEINEKER of the great North German

Lloyd Steamship company is in San Francisco to look

over the ground preparatory to making this city a port of

call for a line of ocean transportation connect-

ing European markets with the Pacific

coast and the orient via the Panama canal.

He finds that San Francisco, with its magnifi-

cent harbor and rich back country, is indicated

as a natural and inevitable port of call for an enterprise of this char-

acter and the most available terminal point on the Pacific coast. San

Francisco is almost on the direct route by sea from Panama to the

great oriental markets.

The North German Lloyd company will find no difficulties in

the way of getting accommodations and making connections with

this city. Our water front is in public ownership, whereas in most

of the other important ports on the coast the frontage is owned or

controlled by the railroads, which make it their business to hamper

and embarrass any sort of shipping enterprise not conducted in their

own interests.

The policy of the North German Lloyd company is in line with

that of other great European steamship companies, as, for instance,

the Royal Mail Steam Packet company. They are all looking over

the ground with a view to future operations after the canal is opened

and San Francisco is ready to welcome them, one and all.

We do not know what American steamship owners are doing in

the way of preparation to make use of the new commercial routes

opened by the canal. Director John Barrett of the Pan-American

Panama Freight Rates Should Not Be Raised

SECRETARY STIMSON'S position in relation to rates on the

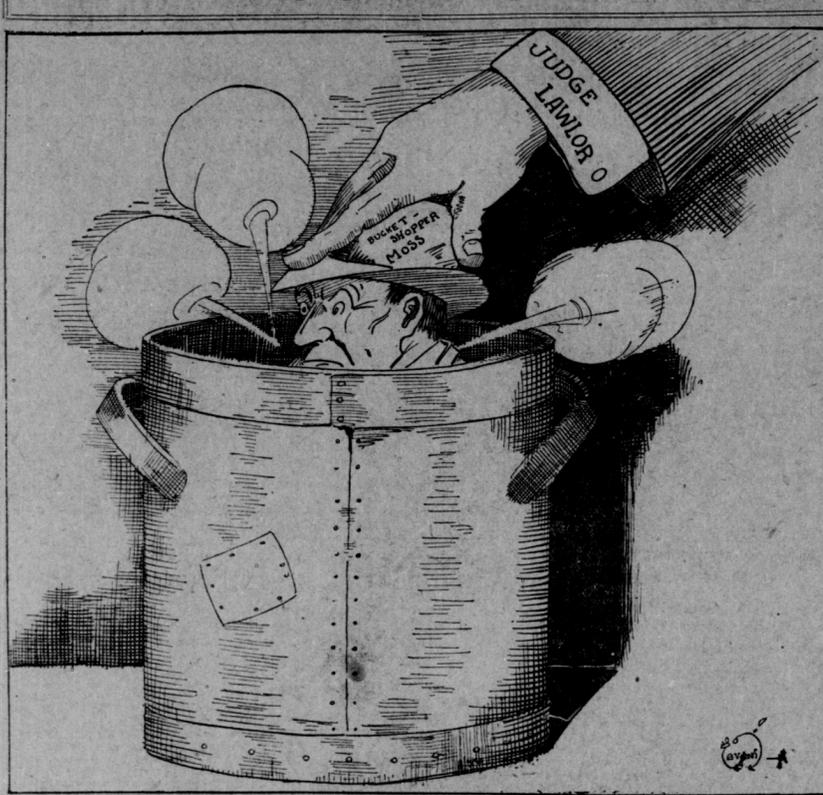
Panama railway is quite untenable as well as unbusinesslike.

The secretary of war wants to check the volume of isthmian

trade because the railway and its auxiliary

steamship line are short of facilities to handle the freight. The obvious answer is that the

BUCKETED!



but the auxiliary steamship line has not been profitable and Mr. Stimson wants to segregate this proposition from the railway enter-

prise. Obviously in a business and transportation sense the railway

and the steamship line are part of the same enterprise. If one were

put out of business the other could not exist in a commercial sense,

and therefore their profits and earnings must be considered together.

If the railway is to be put to its highest commercial use there must

be steamships to complete the connections, and assuredly the enormous

profits made by the railway are far more than sufficient to offset

some trifling loss on steamship trade.

Mr. Stimson apparently does not realize the imperative importance

of keeping open this line of communication. The American people

are spending more than \$300,000,000 to bring this line to its

highest efficiency, and while that work is pending Mr. Stimson

refuses to forego any part of an excessive profit which the inter-

coast traders ask him to use for improvement of the line of com-

munication pending the completion of the canal.

If the bearing of the canal enterprise on this controversy were

not obvious, Mr. Stimson might be asked to consider the vital rela-

tion that isthmian rates bear to overland railroad business. Over-

land rates rise or fall in sympathy with the cost of transportation by

the isthmus, and the quite unnecessary and unreasonable advance

proposed by the secretary of war would impose an unjust tax on the

whole transcontinental commerce of the country. In fine, the secre-

tary's proposition is in direct conflict with the policy that inspired

the building of the Panama canal.

ONE moment it is triumphant democracy and the next it is

centrifugal democracy mutually hating its constituent atoms

and flying apart. Watterson has killed Woodrow Wilson.

Bryan has turned his meat ax on Harmon and Underwood, and now

Joe Folk would like to slaughter Champ Clark and drag the remains

at the tail of a Missouri chariot hauled by mules. The story of Wilson's ingratitude

has been told in many words by Watterson, with another colonel cast

for the part of Lear and feeling the serpent's tooth buried in his mar-

tial breast.

Poor Woodrow's a-cold, and so it might seem that the way was

cleared for Champ Clark, whom some call Chump. But such theories

fail to reckon with the centrifugal quality of democracy. Listen to

the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, a strong democratic paper:

Whatever may be said of Mr. Folk's candidacy—under the existing

circumstances his prospects for the nomination are less hopeless than

those of Speaker Clark—he has a sincere following in the city, as well

as the state. That following has no more chance to be heard than a Russian

convict in a Siberian prison. Mr. Folk's present cause, at least, repre-

sents the issue of liberal democracy against reactionary bossism, which

has brought the democratic party in the city to the verge of ruin and has

turned the state over to the republicans.

But the great wrong of the farcical cut and dried primary is against

the democrats of St. Louis, who care little for either Clark or Folk.

Their voice is smothered. Their delegates will be chosen and voted,

regardless of their will.

The situation is intolerable. Its perpetuation spells ruin for the Mis-

souri democracy. The real issue at the democratic state convention will

be, not the question of instructions for Clark or Folk, but whether the

voters or the bosses shall control the party. Shall the will of the

democracy or the will of the bosses under the unit rule prevail in the

national council?

This sounds like a plague on both your houses and no favorite

son for Missouri. At any rate there is a red hot fight in the Mis-

The Overall, the Man and the Job

FROM the morning newspaper one learns that the perfect gen-

tleman will not condescend to wear overalls. He would not be

found, dead or alive, in a garment that suggests a condition

of servitude. At least these were the views expressed to Collector Stratton of the San

Francisco custom house by a fastidious neophyte in the employ of Uncle Sam. When he

Another Hot Democratic Quarrel

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POSTCARDS FREE TO SEND EAST

"Invitation Day" Will Be

Observed in California,

Nevada and Arizona

"Invitation day" will be observed

February 23 in California, Nevada and

Arizona. Two and one half million

postcards, containing invitations to the

people of the east to come to these

states and make their homes, will be

distributed free on that day. The

Southern Pacific company is furnish-

ing these cards and the officials have

gathered the best photographs through-

out each state for the postals.

Every Southern Pacific agent will

give the postcards for the asking. The

postcard this year is to be in colors

and there will be a second part for re-

turn purposes.

No community in either California,

Nevada or Arizona is to be overlooked.

Every Southern Pacific agent has al-

ready been instructed to distribute

them to every person who has friends

in the east.

"Invitation day" was held March 1,

last year, and thousands of new per-

manent settlers were brought to Cal-

ifornia as a result. This year the cam-

paign for more people is extended to

Nevada and Arizona.

S. C. Long, general manager of the

western lines of the Pennsylvania rail-

road, has arrived in San Francisco to

spend a few days. He has been win-

tering in the southern part of the state

with Mrs. Long and his daughters.

Former Mayor Julius Fleischmann of

Cincinnati left Chicago January 30 on

the San Francisco overland limited for

this city. There are several in his

party.

C. L. Coppage, for the last several

years an assistant to I. O. Rhoades,

general purchasing agent of the South-

ern Pacific, has been appointed con-

tract agent for the Associated Oil com-

pany. Coppage has been with the

Southern Pacific company since 1905.

Prior to that year he was general store

keeper for the Fort Worth and Denver

roads and for the Texas and Pacific rail-

roads, and for the Texas and Pacific rail-

roads. Coppage's position is newly created,

and his duties will include the charge of all

contracts made by the Associated Oil

Abe Martin

PEACE, MOTHER, PEACE

THE UNCLE SAM

Things cost so much these days that

a customer is entitled to all the atten-

tion and courtesy a clerk can scrape up.

Vest Pocket Essays

By GEORGE FITCH

PENNSYLVANIA

PENNSYLVANIA is a stern and

rugged state, all broken out with

mountains, which are full of coal,

oil, gas and iron. Its efforts to get

all of these substances out of its sys-

tem has made Pennsylvania the busi-

ness state in the union. Most states

quit work at supper time, but Pen-

sylvania keeps right on all night,

smelting its iron with its gas, and

making coke of its coal and produc-

ing thereby such a lurid inferno of

flame that when a western Penn-

sylvania dies and goes to hell, as some

of them do, his first act is to hunt

for a push button to turn on some

light and heat.

Pennsylvania is a 45,000 square mile

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