

Titanic Horror Raises Some Grave Questions for the World

ONE fact is brought out beyond dispute in relation to the Titanic shipwreck, and this is that the Atlantic liners do not carry anything like a sufficient equipment of boats to provide for the escape of passengers and crew in case of disaster.

The truth is, that with the perfection, or supposed perfection, of marine construction shipowners have persuaded themselves that they had achieved a complete victory over the tremendous forces of nature.

Doubtless this deficiency of boat equipment will be supplied in future. It is, we believe, in the case of most of the Atlantic lines a matter for British regulation, but wherever there are ocean going ships subject to United States jurisdiction this matter calls for legislation and supervision of the strictest kind.

With the modern degree of perfection that the wireless telegraph has accomplished it is clear that a great and disastrous loss of life on the Titanic could have been avoided.

It is too early yet to fix definitely the immediate and proximate causes of the wreck. We know that the ship struck an iceberg, but we do not know with certainty how the bulkheads stood the shock.

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It is quite possible that the huge bulk of the ship may have aggravated the disaster. It undoubtedly increased the force of the collision, and this fact may help to explain the failure of the bulkheads and the supposedly water tight compartments.

HOUSE bill 16557 provides, among other things, for construction by the federal government of a railroad in Alaska from Seward to the Matuska coal fields and further provides that the government shall there engage in coal mining on a reservation of 15,000 acres for the supply of the army and navy on the Pacific coast.

It is to be feared that this measure will not pass in the present session, notwithstanding the strong public demand for measures of this sort, designed for the development of Alaska.

But congress is so busy doing politics that, for this session at least, Alaska is likely to be treated with neglect.

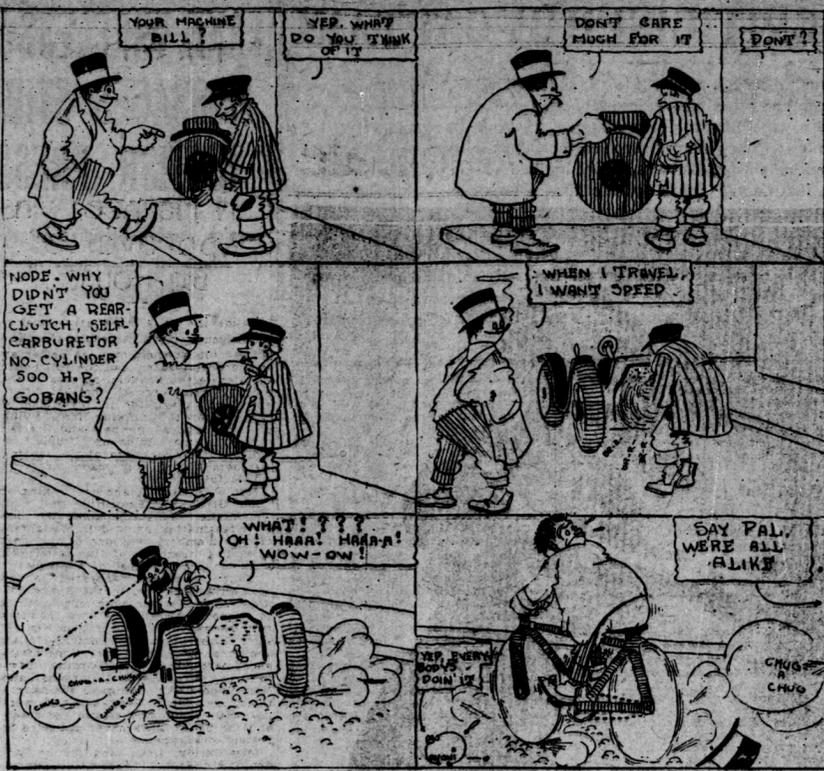
INDUSTRIAL Workers of the World, so called, are at war with civilization. This is really the only work at which these workers work. Their newest plan of campaign is to send "committees" of one thousand "workers" to create disturbances in certain selected cities where it is thought that the local government can be embarrassed by overcrowding the jails and blocking the courts of justice.

Something is urged in their favor concerning the invasion of the rights of free speech. As we understand it, there has been no such invasion. Neither these men nor any others have the right to obstruct the public thoroughfares or to inconvenience business.

NEXT Saturday night Native Sons and Daughters of California propose to inaugurate and organize in a public way a collective movement to encourage and foster state patriotism.

Admission day, which bears to the state the same relation that the fourth of July imports for the nation, will be made the starting point of inspiration.

We're All Very Much Alike



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IF THE civil service regulations of the United States government are calculated to keep a man in his job, should they not also keep the job worth holding?

Those two questions, which are in reality but one pertinent interrogation, have been asked, in substance, by the employees of the custom house at San Francisco of the department of the treasury.

If the interpretation given to the assistant secretary's letter by the local employees is correct, the ruling should be promptly reversed. The government itself should be the last to violate the civil service rules.

Now, it is alleged, the government, speaking through an assistant secretary of the treasury, says that it can violate its tacit agreement; violate the pledge of civil service, at will.

When Roehm's quarters were raided some 8,000 tickets were discovered. These he plugged and otherwise manipulated until he was able to dispose of them.

PERSONS IN THE NEWS

- C. W. HARKNESS, W. L. Harkness and S. C. Hopkins of New York. J. L. Ketterling of Philadelphia and R. H. York of Cleveland make up a group of capitalists who have apartments at the St. Francis. They are making a study of business conditions in the west and will remain here several days.

Mere Suggestions

By the FOET PHILOSOPHER
If your house is tough and heavy, needing yellow paint or red; if your garden's rank and weedy, when it should be slick instead; if your household needs a plifter to relieve it of the mangle; if the clothesline's out of kilter or there's something ails the range; if there's cordwood needing chopping, or a sidewalk to replace, don't stand on the corner yawning of the presidential rack.

OKLAHOMA

By GEORGE FITCH, Author of "At Good Old Swash"
OKLAHOMA was the baby state of the union until its nose was put out of joint by New Mexico and Arizona. It is less than five years old, but is the huskiest infant for its age ever raised in this nation.

BLOW IS DEALT TICKET SCALPING

MAX PODLEIGH of the Santa Fe has returned from Kansas City, where he was a witness in several important cases against ticket scalpers. He reports the conviction there of Bert Roehm, one of the most notorious ticket manipulators in the United States.

Answers to Queries

SMALLS IN THE GARDEN—W. B. H., City, and others. A correspondent writing from Petaluma says: "For the benefit of W. B. H. and others who are troubled with snails in their gardens, will say that 'snail on rats' sprinkled on moist cabbage leaves and placed with poison side down in the garden, will destroy not only snails, but other pests that prey on vegetation."

Abe Martin



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GIVE US THE WIRELESS GIRL. (Fashion note—Paper gowns are coming into fashion.) Maiden in a "swell" panier. Rounding like a crimson cloud—Just the thing for in a crowd! Do you wear the frock in play? Did you copy it from Watteau, Paniers like his shepherdesses—Used to wear upon their dresses? Do you take this for a motto: "When we wear a broad panier There are surely many slippers." "Twixt the crinoline and hips." "At you might observe some day."

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DOGGED DELIBERATION! REDWOOD CITY, Cal.—Chairman P. H. McCreary was unable to attend the meeting of the board of supervisors today owing to illness, which caused him to be absent from the meeting.

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Are you muchly afeared? At their request quite afeared. You get the world wide warning That Saturday's to be the night—As night comes, their feet scold. When they will strut the boards to prove That writers may be actors. When a nation's worth works hard. Them to be football factors. So great a feat through to see—This feast of histrionics—Which to the jaded soul will be As half score of tonics. That it has been decided, too. To give a show tomorrow. And thus bring joy to thousands who Of joy some joy would borrow. Believe me, 'tis a wondrous cause. These merry ones have taken. His noble nature gives me pause. With reverence I'm struck. They seek to prove that now and then The pun is brighter than the wit. —Barnett Franklin, Press Representative for the Press Club.