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SOLDIERS.

Soldiers will find the bay a delight. It will offer them all sorts of recreation—bathing, boating, fishing, hunting, curious loitering. Normally, every man is three-quarters boy at heart, interested in new experiences, adventures and frolics. And we hope that they will find Corpus Christi as thoroughly interesting as the bay, for the spirit extended them will be that of friendship, since they are, after all, just business men from a thousand and one sources, serving their country in time of emergency, at a distinct personal sacrifice. Anyway, nothing will be left undone, so far as the citizenship of Corpus Christi is concerned, at Camp Miller.

INEVITABLE.

Japan's present demands on China are more sweeping than those heretofore aired, including, as they do, what may be reckoned as practical suzerainty in Mongolia. In effect, they mean a closure of the "open door," together with Japanese supremacy in the Far East, in conformity with the opportunity offered Japan by the war and her new alignment with Russia. England, at this time, is in no position to demur, even if her mood should impel such a course, and the United States, as Japanese diplomats have pointed out, has no moral right to interfere—no more right, in fact, than Japan has to meddle in the Mexican dilemma. It would seem that the time has come for Japan to assert her natural authority in the East, and it is to be doubted if her statesmen can be turned from their object, now that world affairs warrant a definite stand.

The finest autumn foliage is khaki.

In substance Japan says, "Hands off; arms on!"

Carranza has always contended that he could capture Villa in two weeks, but he has been shrewd enough not to name the weeks.

If Mr. Hughes ever goes to Nashville again, he will probably have the good sense to part his whiskers on the side. It's mighty hard to cultivate the South with a middle-buster.

Mr. Ford wants a million dollars because the Chicago Tribune referred to him as an anarchist. My, and here we are, aching to be called an anarchist or something equally simple, at four-bits a call.

Kreisler, the famous violinist, affects a special make of garter in order to achieve "tone." By the same line of reasoning, if Fritz were to don a special make of shoes, it would lead to a serious defect—undertone.

Constance Clarke, "Cookery is become a noble science." It is, is it? Since when? Ah, Constance, you announce something long ago accepted as axiomatic by us; for what could exceed the scientific nobility of a hot biscuit, drowned in sorghum?

Charley Hughes thinks that Congress bowed to the rule of force. It is not improbable. To save the Nation a sweeping disaster, Congress did the only thing it had left to do. And the final result will be measured by no act of Congress, but by court interpretations and arbitration.

IN THE DAYS OF OLD.

THE CIRCUS RECEPTION COMMITTEE WAITING TO PERFORM THE HONORS

—Kansas City Star.

HUGHES.

As the campaign becomes more spirited, Candidate Hughes forgets himself. He is no longer the man of excellent wisdom and judicial calm, but a sort of forlorn echo of Theodore Roosevelt, blundering forward without caution. So far, he has confined himself to attacks on the President, but his latest speeches indicate a departure. Since the passage of the Adamson Bill, he has no end of raw material at hand, and he uses it rawly. For one thing, he declares that the measure was the product of fear, fathered by force; for another, he declares that it is poor legislation in itself—that it will not hold. Granting all this, what would Candidate Hughes have done in such an emergency? With a gun pointed his way, would he have defied it, at enormous risk to the people, or would he have risked legislation that, weak in itself, would become inoperative because of that very fact? We cannot say. Hughes cannot say. That is his overshadowing fault; he offers a thousand objections and suggests no remedy. He damns the disease and has no medicine with which to effect a cure.

DEBATABLE.

Dr. W. F. Rittman, of New York, is authority for the statement that gasoline will become a thing of the past in thirty years, at the present average increase in the rate of consumption. He points out that there are 3,000,000 automobiles in the United States, or one for every thirty inhabitants, and estimates the output of cars at 800 per day, with an increasing tendency. However, to those of us who have helped exhaust several series of coal supplies, such an arbitrary declaration sounds unreasonable. Long before the time set by Dr. Rittman, some substitute will have been found, we dare say, and there is no definite assurance that all the oil fields have been discovered. Indeed, there is a vast portion of the earth still open to exploitation, and who can risk the statement that enormous pools may not be discovered in the Arctic region, in South America or Africa?

David Jayne Hill declares that our first line of defense is diplomacy. David may be right. He'll have to admit, however, that our defense in that particular direction has so far no more than attained the dip.

We know just how the Crown Prince feels about Verdun. To him, the fortress has become an ideal, and the ideal is never obtainable.

Texas Press

A Disgrace to El Paso.

Mayor Lea's declaration made yesterday afternoon that rioting must stop in El Paso, even if it be necessary to man the street cars with shotgun guards, is one that will meet the approval of the vast majority of the people of this city, and the mayor will have the support of every law-abiding citizen in backing his words with deeds.

Yesterday's exhibition of lawlessness in the downtown district, when cars were stoned and their crews dragged from the platforms and beaten, was without doubt the most disgraceful episode in the history of El Paso. For cowardly brutality and wanton destruction of property, nothing even remotely approaching the conduct of the mob ever occurred here before. But the crowning disgrace of the whole sorry business was the conduct of the police, of the sworn guardians of the peace, the men upon whom the citizens rely for the protection of their persons and property from the criminal and the thug.

During the height of the rioting, officers in uniform stood idly by and watched carmen beaten and the property of the electric railway destroyed to make a holiday for a bunch of hoodlum unionsmenning in the guise of union workmen, and it was not until Sheriff P. J. Edwards appeared with a posse of deputies and rangers that anything was done to suppress the mob. Even when the sheriff and his men began arresting the rioters, the policemen confined their activities mostly to the arrest of a few of the unfortunate carmen whose sole offense consisted in an attempt to save themselves from mutilation or death at the hands of their assailants.

Mayor Lea, like many citizens of El Paso, has been inclined to sympathize with the street car strikers so long as they confined themselves to lawful and orderly means of conducting their struggle for higher wages and better labor conditions, but yesterday's disgraceful affair has done much to alienate this sympathy and the mayor will have the support of the people generally in his announced intention of preventing lawlessness in the future and weeding from the police department the officers whose neglect of their sworn duty made the rioting possible.

It is understood the whole affair is being investigated by the grand jury and that the conduct of the police officers in question will be made the subject of special scrutiny.

It should be said in this connection and in justice to these officials that, at the time the riot occurred, Chief K. J. Zebrickin, Captain Lee Hall and Captain Joe Stowe, together with Mayor Lea, were absent from the city on a mission of mercy, with a pulmotor crew, attempting to save from death the heroic Lew Gasser, who gave his life in a vain effort to save that of an unfortunate Mexican workman.—El Paso Times.

No More Luncheons.

Mr. Hughes finds the strains of his presidential campaign trying, and he is going to have to eliminate some of the fussy trimmings.

No more formal luncheons, is the latest ruling. The poor man has been breaking down under them, and the load can be no longer safely carried.

Perhaps the real trouble with Mr. Hughes is not the excess of excitement that he has labored under but the defect in the enthusiasm that he has been able to arouse.

For the Wilson administration has never shown up more favorably than during the last few weeks. The achievements of the president have been receiving so much attention from the public that it has hardly had time even to take notice of the fact that Mr. Hughes is campaigning.

The Republican candidate is at the present time very much handicapped by the lack of a real hair-raising issue. His campaign is on the defensive. The initiative persistently remains with the party of the donkey with the long ears.—Dallas Times Herald.

What Does It Mean?

Senator La Follette has ben renominated by the Republicans of Wisconsin by a majority estimated at 25,000 and so has Governor Phillip been renominated, but by a plurality. Governor Phillip is a conservative, and one of Hughes' original supporters in Wisconsin, whereas Senator La Follette is, as every one knows, a radical progressive, a forward-looker, one of those whom the president called to his support nearly four years ago, and one who has been supporting him pretty uniformly in the senate, though he has restrained himself from doing so on the stump. Here is a job in prophecy for the political augurs. What does it presage as to the action of November in Wisconsin that the Republicans of that state have nominated a Wilsonian Republican for the senate and a Hughestic republican for governor? Of course the circumstances will be taken note of that La Follette got a majority whereas Phillip got merely a plurality. —Dallas News.

The Lawyer—"The precedents are against you, madam." The Lady—"Well, sue them, too, then."—Boston Transcript.

OTHER VIEWS

It Happened in Ohio.

There is a town in Ohio where they have the oldest university in the New World, where a ball club prospers, and many of the people are illiterate. In that town there is another town in Ohio where a large hospital for the criminal insane is located and there are entire rows of people in Kalamazoo the second town built upon the first as a temporary retreat of medieval ancestors, centuries behind our enlightened environment. Christmas times. The citizens of the Ohio city deplore the misnomer and the history of their township counterpart. They are thankful that they know better, and that the sort of people deserving to be blind insides them to crimes of passion.

But it was at Lima, Ohio, not Lima Peru, that three thousand men broke into the jail to take an accused colored man from the sheriff. Because they were balked of their prey they turned upon the officers who had frustrated their attempt. Dragging him to a lamppost, they placed a noose about his neck. With several broken ribs, blood streaming from a dozen cuts and his clothes torn off, he promised to disclose the hiding place. But before the howling fiends, headed by the sheriff, could reach the prisoner's retreat, he had been spirited away.

What becomes of the vaunted culture and progress of a community, and whether some a thing happens out of the clear, as at Coatesville or our own state, several years ago? No doubt the people of Lima deprecate the horrors of war and call it wholesale murder. What of their own action? The right-minded citizens must feel that the deed, though it did not have a tragic culmination, is a civic disgrace that the years cannot obliterate, and governor Willis, Adjutant General Hinkle and Prosecutor J. P. Lamer have the path of duty plainly marked out for them till the prime movers in the shocking affair are haled to justice. —Philadelphia Ledger.

Texas' Verdict.

The defeat of former Governor O. B. Colquitt in Texas looks certain the return to the United States senate of Charles A. Culberson, now head of the judiciary committee, and one of the ablest of the legislative leaders supporting the president in his party and national policies. Under ordinary conditions the victory of Senator Culberson would indicate that Texas was complaining time to a tradition that makes the south count for more in national affairs than it otherwise might. The south is not so apt to insist on reaction to office as are the north and west. It runs men in the lower house keeps them there for years and usually selects its senators from men who have shown distinctive serviceable and statesmanlike as congressmen. Texas lawmakers, therefore, get an increment of experience, a knowledge of the technique of government, and a weight of authority that make them influential even when its senators and congressmen are "in opposition." When, as now, they have the executive with them, it is not surprising that legislative history is made at a fast pace.

Senator Culberson's victory has been won under unusual conditions, which deserve notice. He has had arrayed against him all the discontent elements of the border section of a state next to the Mexican line, because he has stood forth as a defender of the president's Mexican policy. Upon him also has been centered the opposition of those Texans who are of German origin and affiliations and are against the president because of his foreign policy. That this large and influential section of the electorate is unanimous in this attitude is not true. But it is known that Senator Culberson was not so satisfactory a candidate to many voters of this group as was his rival. The latter had formally indicted both the Mexican and the European policy of the president, and generally was looked upon as an anti-administration candidate. His decided defeat indicates that the president is not to be disciplined or repudiated by the section from which he draws a large part of his strength in the popular and the electoral vote. If Texas as a whole supports his Mexican policy, he need not, it would seem, be concerned about the states with less immediate interest in the controversy.

Senator Culberson's victory in the primaries insures his re-election, so feeble is the republican opposition in that empire state. He has had a fight

ECHOES OF SCIENCE

PARAGRAPHINGS

"The Chinese are in deep circumstances, I believe," remarked Cogg. "Yes," assented Dogg, "they can owe people money and feel easier about it than any others with whom I have ever had anything to do."—Chicago Herald.

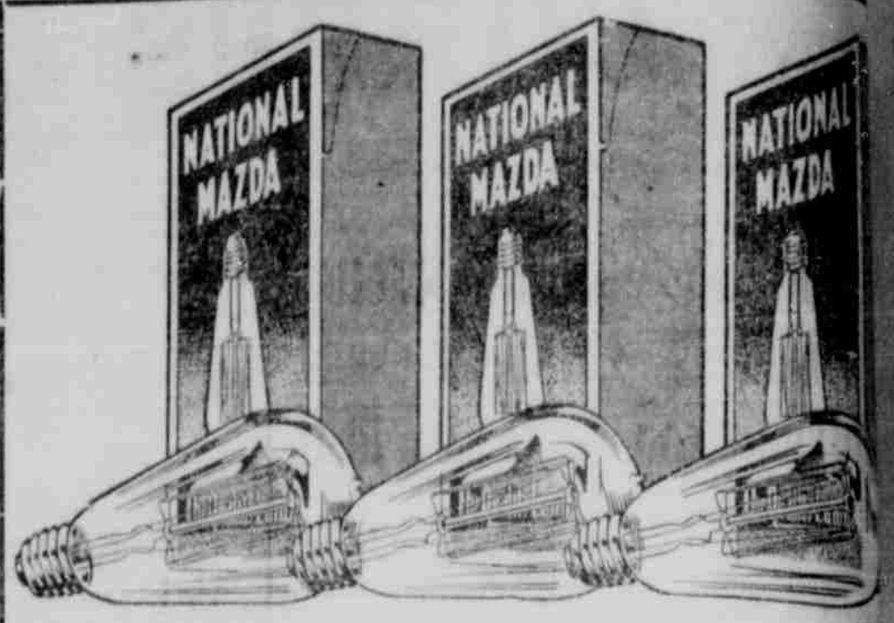
Father—"What do you have that little dude running after you for? I hope you don't think she's the real thing?" Daughter—"No, father; not the real thing; only what you'd call the chaser."—Youkers Statesman.

The federal government has put the ban on mistletoe as being a germ carrier. The government, however, can not abolish dark porch corners, hammocks and moonlight.—Washington Herald.

"Your husband is worse? Did you forget the medicine?" "No ma'am; I didn't forget it. I gave him the whole bottle at once."—Brewster's Magazine.

"So you think woman should be allowed to run the country?" "Well for logic and style, I'm willing to put my daughter's graduation essay up for comparison with a lot of the regular campaign speeches."—Washington Star.

"I never hear you discussing the weather." "What's the use?" the mel-



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