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THE LEEANAW AND WHAT CONTRABAND.

Happily the case of the Leelanaw, sunk by a German submarine, isn't the challenge to American dignity that was at first supposed.

Appearing now, as it does, that it is more a matter of dollars and cents than of honor, the American crew of the Leelanaw was given opportunity to escape.

Yet, if the cargo of the Leelanaw was contraband, perhaps we might as well throw up our hands and let it go at that.

So changed and scientific is present day warfare that it would be difficult to pick out a cargo for Europe that would not be, in effect, contraband under any reasonable definition.

The proposition is, that we confine our foreign trade to South American and the Orient.

Will some reader please name some cargo that we could send over to Europe that would not be devoted to prosecution of war?

Russia is still fatally short of ammunition. And according to a story that has just reached Washington, this plight is by no means due to the traditional "Russian unpreparedness."

Russia has many first class arms and munitions factories in operation, especially in the vicinity of Petrograd, Moscow, Novgorod, Odessa and Sebastopol.

Many ships sailing from our ports with war supplies have found bombs concealed on board, with the obvious purpose of blowing them up.

The public does not yet believe, and does not want to believe, that these outbreaks are in any way similar to the alleged campaign of destruction that has handicapped Russia.

Such alien activity, by arousing the nation to anger, would be sure in the long run to injure the German cause rather than benefit it.

mand the exposure and punishment of the culprits if there are found to be any in the country.

It is not by such methods that the war is to be decided, or that the American munitions problem is to be solved.

OVERLOADED WITH GLOOM.

That International Purty congress must have felt mighty gloomy when it tied on its nightcap and crept into bed at San Francisco.

As if this were not enough to make every pure man in the congress quake in his boots, Miss Brown added:

If the vast army of women should go out of existence, scarce a month would pass before it would be replaced by recruits.

This is a pretty blue view of feminine chastity. If nearly a million women stand ready to enlist in the army of the unchaste and stay out because the ranks are filled, the impotency of a Purty congress is apparent.

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Chicago has made the belated discovery that the first consideration in erecting public buildings should be efficiency and service rather than imperial grandeur linked with insanitary architecture.

These practical things are neglected until the building first goes into use. Then reconstruction and remodeling throw the whole structure into confusion and greatly inconvenience the occupants while these simple and necessary additions are made.

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It has been regarded as a fairly tale for some time but now appears to be an established fact that John Hays Hammond, Jr., has built and exhibited to naval officers at Gloucester, Mass., a boat that can be steered by an operator twenty miles away, by use of a wireless invention.

See the possibilities of further perfection of this invention? Why, you could sit in city hall, New York, or bombard with torpedoes a hostile fleet long before it had got within gun range of New York's fortifications.

When you can fight merely at risk of property and no risk of life, it will give a beautiful aspect to naval warfare, won't it? (But—)

by wireless in the water why not in the air? You get the tremors when you picture your city with a flock of soulless, bomb-shooting hostile aeroplanes circling over it, don't you?

It is said that Uncle Sam will buy young Hammond's invention. If it is what it seems to be, Uncle had better get out his wallet right away.

WHEN LABOR IS SCARCE. The real cause of the widespread labor troubles in the country is, in all probability, not "German gold," or even German influence, but a simple economic fact.

It is undoubtedly a serious inconvenience to the firms interested in war supplies, and to the mercantile interests of the communities where their factories are located, to have the works shut down by strikes.

It may irritate other classes of citizens to have returning prosperously endangered by industrial revolts, but it's natural enough from the standpoint of the workmen, and also of the disinterested economist.

NOT HER WAY.

New York will be well satisfied to hear less and see nothing of him (Thaw) in the future.—New York World.

Don't fool yourself! New York offers every inducement to men like Thaw. And he can return to New York in much better shape to perpetrate devilry, since New York pronounces him insane when he kills and sane when he doesn't want to stay locked up for insanity.

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Government the world over is constantly taking upon itself new activities. Thought of the general welfare is more and more dominant.

It makes a world of difference which of these motives fathers a piece of social legislation. When a business house destroys human lives by poisoning food, or employs child labor, or creates unhealthy conditions generally, we are justified in protecting ourselves by governmental restriction.

All depends on whether social legislation emphasizes merely those cheap utilitarian interests which people have in common, or has respect for the unique, concrete personality of each human being, which, after all, is the only social reality worth legislating for, because the only thing which exists.

LETTERS OF THE PEOPLE

REPUBLICANS 'LOVE' PROGRESSIVES. (Portland Sun.) "R. G. Tucker, republican correspondent from Indianapolis to Cincinnati Courier, has this to say about the return of the progressives to the standpoints:

"There has been talk lately that Edward C. Toner of Anderson, former chairman of the progressive state committee, might become a candidate for the republican nomination for governor."

"The suggestion of Toner for governor has tilted the lid far enough back to show how snarly and resentful the old guard of the republican party can be. Some of them are saying that they won't do even to discuss Toner or any progressive as a candidate for a place on the republican state ticket."

"They are saying that they would rather certify the democrats in power than to yield one inch to the progressives, although they concede

THE MELTING POT COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US.

OLD AGE. An Octopus, who from his hidden lair holds his victims...

With glowing leer awaits his victims fair; Remorselessly he watches o'er his prey, And rules their lives by his despotic sway.

Gloats o'er each birth—in cruel eye malign The gleam of conquest—punishment untiringly he waits, nor rests, nor sleeps, But ceaseless ever watchful vigil keeps.

We dream in fancied safety through the night— A snaky arm just touches with its might, And in the brazen hours of early day We see his withering touch in tresses gray.

Again he reaches forth—his eyes agleam— And leaves upon our face the deepened seam, Then slowly, hour after hour, and day by day, With demon skill he steals our youth away.

At last—still writhing, struggling in the fold Of slimy arms that will not lose their hold, This monster-thief against whose powers we cope— Steals beauty, youth, our all—except our hope.

FLORA L. TURNER, Casapolis.

OUR city has grown into a big business enterprise and a lot of capital is required to operate it. We see by the papers that the figures for the coming year are \$346,668.60.

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HERE'S the proposition: An American steamship manned by an American crew is proceeding from Archangel to Belfast with a cargo of flour which is listed as contraband of war.

"TO satisfy my curiosity," asks D. L. T., "do the bridge clubs seriously interfere with the circulation of the local newspapers?"

WE do not publicly answer inquiries pertaining to our business. If D. L. T. will come to the office we can talk this matter over sub-rosa.

Rubber satin hat and a dog for bathing; last beach costume.—Tribune headline. BUT what is the dog for?

AT the garden party the other day the wind carried away the awning while the ladies were at refreshments. "But," added one of them, describing the incident, "we just chawed on."

IT is easier to say "De mortuis nil nisi bonum" than to speak a good word for those responsible for their death.

THE Discontented Citizen. (Chateaugay Record.) C. B. Hobbs is certainly some tax-cidermist. He has mounted a fine deer head on his granger. Not content with that he has put in a bath tub in his residence.

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