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ROBBING THE FISHERMEN.

According to Captain Paul Jensen, a veteran of the Juneau fishing fleet, Seattle wholesale fish dealers are robbing Alaska fishermen of a part of the fruits of their arduous and oftentimes perilous labors. This, says Captain Jensen, is done through the system of culling, and, he adds, "if it were not for this feature we could make money at four cents a pound, whereas we are now getting five cents, but lose one-third by theft."

We assume that these statements are founded on fact, and there should be a way to prevent this system of larceny—for it amounts to nothing less—from being perpetrated at the expense of the Alaska fishermen, and for the sole benefit of the Seattle wholesaler. We are frank to say that we do not know the means that should be employed to reach these people, but there ought to be a way for the fishermen to take united action against the common enemy.

This practice of robbing the fishermen is not new. It has been followed in every fishing port in the world, we suppose. The wholesaler is apt in devising ways to cheat and defraud the toilers of the sea.

The people of Ketchikan are looking hopefully forward to the opening of the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad, when a new transshipment point for their products will be available. Juneau and this section should profit by this new transcontinental road, inasmuch as shipments now made by way of Seattle can be routed by that line.

In this way, if in no other, the Seattle wholesale fish dealer will be made to sit up and take notice, when he finds that the supply of fish upon which he must largely depend has been cut off.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

It is to the home that society must look for instruction and control of boys and girls, rather than to the police department. A new ordinance passed by the Tacoma city council provides that boys and girls under 18 must be off the streets by 8 o'clock during the winter months unless they are accompanied by parents or have a written permit for the specific night on which they are out. Doubtless there will be many difficulties in enforcing it, and not a few parents will be offended if their children come into contact with the ordinance, says an exchange.

The good that may be accomplished will depend much upon the attitude of parents. If they undertake to see that the ordinance is obeyed and to co-operate with the police department, there will be fewer young people parading the streets at night. If they oppose the ordinance and assume that their children are to be trusted, whatever may be said of other people's children, then the ordinance is not likely to last long.

Indifference and irresponsibility of parents are the main causes of juvenile delinquency. The mother that permits her daughter to go downtown at night and parade the streets alone or with other girls of impressionable and foolish age cannot reasonably expect the police departments to afford the protection it is her own duty to give. The same may be said of the father who lets his son run wild.

Ordinances and public officials can do something toward public morality. If all homes were what they ought to be, there would be no need of curfew ordinances, and much less need of police departments.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

It is announced from Washington that the Philippine independence bill will be one of the first measures considered at the special session of Congress, which will convene soon after the inauguration of President-elect Wilson.

This bill was drafted last session by Chairman Jones, of the Insular Affairs Committee, and it is stated that there is a strong probability that the bill will be passed. The Philippine Islands' plank in the Democratic national platform says:

"We favor an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to recognize the independence of the Philippine Islands as soon as a State

government can be established, such independence to be guaranteed by us until the neutralization of the islands can be secured by treaty with other powers."

There are two paramount questions involved in the Democratic statement. One is the ability of the Filipinos to govern themselves; the other is our own capacity for governing them. There are nearly eight millions of people in the Philippine Islands, of mixed races, with points of view, traditions, habits and languages entirely different from our own.

Undoubtedly we made a mistake when by conquest and the payment of \$20,000,000 of American gold, we bought trouble for ourselves, to say nothing of the hundreds of millions we have expended in our attempts to govern this Malay people and give them something approaching a stable government.

That the physical and moral condition of the Filipinos has been improved because of our occupation of the islands, is undoubtedly true. The country is being developed, but the cold fact remains that these islands are not, or will they ever be, in our opinion, of practical or strategic value to this country. We have no business in the Orient, and as soon as we can, with decency and honor, get out of the Philippines, we should do so. The Filipinos probably are as capable of governing themselves as we are to govern them—perhaps more so.

If Alaska had been given a small tithe of the nursing, care and money that our government has given the Philippines, this territory would today be in a much more advanced position than it is—materially and in other ways.

"AMERICANS AS CHILDREN?"

It is refreshing and oftentimes instructive to hear the opinions of ourselves, as a nation, from the lips of foreigners. Sometimes these expressions may not be particularly pleasing to our national pride, or vanity or to ourselves as individuals. But when they come from an intelligent, as well as a candid observer, they have an educational value. We, of course, are a great people, but there are others, as well as ourselves. This is written apropos of a visit made to the United States recently by the Rev. Herbert Hensley, Canon of Westminster Abbey. Premising his statements by saying that "Americans can best be interpreted as children," Canon Hensley lays down the following:

"I trace a good deal of likeness between Mr. Roosevelt and the late Mr. Gladstone. In each you can observe the extraordinary power of clothing with moral fervor the opinions they may have adopted only the day before yesterday.

"The demoted violence of the female suffrage agitation may perhaps serve to show that women are not strong enough to stand the strain of political agitation.

"True representation of the sex must be found in the married woman who is also a mother.

"Enthusiasts for female suffrage are mainly those women—excellent, cultivated women in many instances—who are at the head of high schools and social settlements, but who, excellent as they are, are in no wise really typical of their sex.

"The question of the multimillionaire, which is really at the bottom of the trust problem, is not limited to America.

"It is the fact that they wield by title of their wealth an influence which no self-respecting community can tolerate in any individual that creates the problem and endows it with gravity."

WAR'S SILENCE AND MYSTERY.

War is not what it used to be so far as pomp and glory are concerned, says an exchange. There are too many telegraph lines, too many telephones, too many wireless stations, too many mails. To escape the all-seeing eye of publicity, war correspondents are barred, and battles and sieges are meagrely recorded in official reports. Heroes may develop by scores and thousands may die, but the impartial bulletin from headquarters will say as little as possible and will give no names. To keep the enemy in ignorance it is necessary that friends at home should be uninformed.

If the suffering, waste and frequent uselessness of war do not soon cause its abandonment, perhaps the veil that is now drawn over it will accomplish that end. The bubble reputation is no longer to be found in the cannon's mouth, for the censor

sees to it that the details of victory and defeat alike are shrouded in silence and mystery.

JUST "MR. WILSON."

Woodrow Wilson looked over his mail recently and found that people were addressing him in seven different ways, says a Princeton dispatch. First there was "President-elect Wilson," then "Gov. Wilson," also "Dr. Wilson and "Prof. Wilson" for his one-term university connection; then there were "His Excellency, President Wilson," and "His Excellency, Gov. Wilson." Last, but not best of all to him, was plain "Mr. Woodrow Wilson."

"I would rather be called 'Mr. Wilson' than anything else," he said today. "President-elect" is too awkward a mouthful. I wish my friends would use 'Mister' in addressing me."

In Princeton, however, some of his classmates call him "Woodrow" and so do the people in town, and the students of the University. In his household Mrs. Wilson calls him "Woodrow," Joseph R. Wilson calls him "Brother" and his daughters call him "Father."

This completes the list of names by which Woodrow Wilson finds himself addressed every day.

SIDELIGHTS

A learned professor of war says that the logic of the European situation seems to point to a Balkan United States. And then he speaks of the "New Constellation in the Balkan Sky."

Better know fewer things than to know so many that are not so.

Right-minded men are more ambitious for opportunity than they are for honor or office.

The people of the state of Washington voted on a score or more of amendments to the constitution. The people may know in a month or two which carried and which went into the scrap heap.

The thought that if he took the Idaho senatorship at the hands of his successor did not set comfortably on the stomach of Governor Hawley. So he had the courage to waive aside the toga that a less scrupulous statesman would have folded about him.

Suffering Seattle! It is threatened with another recall election. Soon it will change its majors with every new moon.

President Taft may have sung his "swan song" to the boys at the Lotus club, New York, but he managed to get in a few hearty prose paragraphs about his political opponents.

American democracy in the din of snobs and snobbery too often forgets itself.

If the Socialist vote has reached the million mark, as Socialist leaders claim, the party must be regarded as having "arrived," and thenceforth must be reckoned as a factor in national campaigns.

The Colonel still insists that his Bullmoosty is of the blown-in-the-bottle kind.

Thirty thousand dead and 160,000 wounded in the Balkan war is strictly corroborative proof that war is still what General William Tecumseh Sherman said it was fifty years ago.

The Roumanian troops are said to be menacing the Bulgarian forces in the rear. With the Bulgarian record in view probably the Roumanian soldiery think that the safer plan.

A New York father objects to his children learning in the public schools of that city such strange phraseology as the following: "I ain't got none," "I seen it," "He done it," "I ain't saw it," "You leave him be." And he wonders if the teachers attempt to correct these incorrect phrases. But, perhaps the children learn these cacophonous phrases at home. He may be like the father who wondered where his boys learned to swear.

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In the case of the United States vs. the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, the Alaska Steamship Company, and a number of other transportation concerns, doing business in Alaska, and certain of their officials, the United States supreme court has affirmed the appeal taken by District Attorney Rustgard from the ruling of Judge Lyons, of the district court far this judicial division, that the indictments were not made under the prop-

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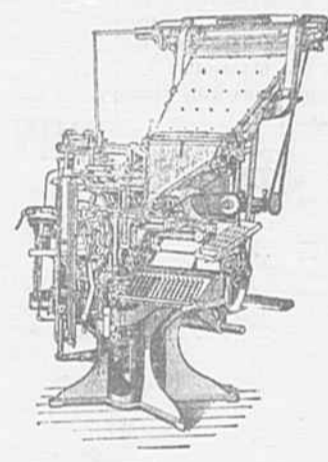
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