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Party honesty is party duty, and
 party courage is party expediency.
 —Grover Cleveland.

The Passing Party Organ

The narrow man, and he is happily growing less numerous, takes his opinion of a newspaper on its attitude toward views he happens to hold. If it entertains the same views, he considers it a valuable and ably conducted journal. If it holds generally different views, it is a "sheet," if it agrees with his views on some subjects and differs from him as to others, it is unreliable and inconsistent. As no two men hold exactly the same opinions on all subjects, no fearless newspaper can agree with any of its readers on all subjects, and no newspaper except a party organ can hold that one party is always right and another is always wrong. A party newspaper cannot, therefore, be an honest, fearless and independent newspaper, for no party can be always right or always wrong. A newspaper which is not independent in thought and expression is not of much value to its readers as an interpreter of events.

Fortunately, the day of the party newspaper is passing with the decline of the spoils system in politics. The incentive to journalistic servility and dishonesty is growing less strong. The rewards of dishonesty are being withdrawn. Those rewards formerly consisted of political influence and office for the more powerful newspapers down to a few hundred dollars a year for paltry printing contracts.

The people also are discouraging journalistic dishonesty. Every citizen knows that his party is not always right. He now and then votes against it and feels a contempt for the newspaper which is less independent than himself. Its partisan consistency is weakness and cowardice. If it is weak and cowardly in factional and party matters, it is likely to be weak and cowardly in all matters.

The country is witnessing now a great change in newspapers. It has been more marked during the present national administration. Republican newspapers have found much to approve in the conduct of Mr. Wilson and, at the same time, have spared no just criticism. Democratic newspapers have likewise been fair, approving or disapproving, as circumstance appeared to warrant.

Only the small, narrow republican newspapers have been consistently virulent against the president, and only the small, narrow newspapers have felt that every administrative act has required their defense of it.

The Republican and the War

We speak with regret of the loss of a subscriber who recently severed his connection with this paper because, as he said, he did not like the character of our war news. He is a German, a sympathizer with the Fatherland, and that is to his credit. About that time the news favored the allies. If our subscriber, and we trust he will become one again, had held on a day or two longer, he would now be on our list, because since then the news has been running strongly in favor of the Germans. We have to take the news as it comes. His withdrawal from the Republican family circle was the stranger for the reason that most of our readers with whom we come into personal contact accuse The Republican of being pro-German. Even some of the members of The Republican household think so, for households are divided on the subject of the war, but it is not so. If the man whose duty it is to record opinions on this paper, thinks that this or that side will win, his opinion is not prejudicial to the other side, for it can result in the taking of no trencher and the sinking of no battleships. As such opinions as The Republican may have are not likely to be brought to the notice of any of the belligerents, they cannot have the psychological effect of encouragement or discouragement.

In common with most newspapers, The Republican has disapproved from time to time of the methods pursued by all the belligerents—the sinking of American ships by the Germans, the capture of them by the British, and the British misuse of the American flag.

We wish that all of our readers would take as broad a view of The Republican as a reader of the Chicago Tribune took of that paper in the following letter to that journal concerning its attitude on the war:

Beaver Dam, Wis., June 12.—(Editor of the Tribune).—In your caption over a communication to the "Voice of the People" you disclaim the charge of being either pro-German or pro-English, and assert your pro-Americanism. May I point out that in maintaining your pro-Americanism and strict editorial impartiality you must of necessity appear to fluctuate in your sympathies with either of the allied belligerents, according to the exigencies of the moment? Neither are all times beyond rebuke, especially when their respective activities directly affect this nation, although a reasonable latitude must be and is allowed because of the tremendous issues at stake.

It is such calm, dispassionate, and logical analysis of such complexities as arise as emanates from

your chair and characterizes your editorials that helps preserve the mental balance of intelligent readers, to whom the principles of justice and fairness are of deeper import even than a direct or indirect blood affiliation with either of the warring nations.

What is right and honorable must be praised; what is base and dishonorable must be condemned at all times, and in doing so, the deepest obligation of friendship is expressed.

WILLIAM J. VINCENT.

We do not deplore the loss of a subscription, but we dislike to lose a friendly subscriber. We do not care for his money, but we care a great deal for his good opinion and for his estimate of The Republican as to its fairness in all matters.

"Ich Dien"

A correspondent of the London Observer, while through the kindness of Sir Gilbert Parker comes to The Republican's exchange table, calls attention to the interesting fact that Edward, Prince of Wales, is the second Edward, Prince of Wales, after a lapse of nearly six centuries, to serve his country in France. The first was the famous Edward the Black Prince, who defeated the French at Crecy. The Black Prince fought against the French, while the present Edward is fighting with them.

The correspondent, however, falls into an error, led, it appears by a presumed authority in such matters, that of neglecting the most significant feature of a historical incident, the adoption by the Black Prince of his famous crest.

It is stated on the authority of one of the officials of Herald's college that Philippa of Hainault, Queen of Edward III, and mother of the Black Prince, used the three ostrich plumes as her household badge on her plate, etc. It is, therefore, a fair inference that the young prince when he set out for the war in France should, in the fashion of those days, take a lady's favour with him, and what more appropriate than his mother's badge, adding, in her language, the words which have remained attached to the badge ever since!

While the ostrich plumes may have been, and probably were, the household badge of Queen Philippa, the crest was won by the Black Prince at Crecy. It was the crest of John, the blind duke of Luxembourg and king of Bohemia, who was killed in that battle. It consisted of three ostrich feathers. It was adopted by Edward along with the motto of the blind duke, "Ich Dien" (I serve).

The Black Prince, therefore, did not take the badge and the motto to France with him as a "lady's favour," but he won them on the field and took them back to England, where they may have been adopted by his royal mother.

The motto has served as an inspiration to the youth of England and all countries, who are thereby taught that service is noble and that any capacity in which one may serve his country or his fellow men is an honorable one; "kenteel" employment, if less useful, is less honorable. The men who are digging trenches in France and Flanders; who are driving ammunition and supply wagons, are not unworthy to wear the ostrich plumes. England has more at stake now than it had when Crecy was fought.

Owners of grocery stores in Los Angeles must have a very tricky class of persons to deal with. They fathered an ordinance, passed by the city council, requiring van owners to register all removals of household goods. The mayor, however, vetoed the ordinance, declaring that it was a species of class legislation intended for the protection of men who had "recklessly extended credit." Clearly, the grocers will have to copy the German system of espionage.

One way not to establish closer relations with South America is attempting to pass off inferior goods on South Americans. The New York Journal of Commerce charges some exporters with shipping inferior coal to new South American customers. These exporters must be members of that intelligent class of citizens which looks upon all foreigners as fools.

The Rio Grande league baseball season is comparatively young yet, so that we have not lost confidence that the Phoenix team will attain the pennant. But it has two steep ascents to make. At the worst, it cannot reach the bottom. It has something soft and permanent to rest on—the Lawson team.

One thing about the purchase of control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society by Thomas Coleman du Pont de Nemours is that his name will give a lonesome appearance to the company's stationery.

CALL US BLUNDERING MEDDLERS

The better class Mexicans look upon us as blundering meddlers, who, through ignorance of his people, have helped mess his country by dangling the fetish of self-government before the eyes of the illiterate, and by our weakened front before the assaults upon our own nationals, have armed and encouraged the lawless among them to sweep over the country, drunk with new-found power and the lust for destruction.

This man says we ought to take a hand in restoring order to his country; so do the native traders, the real workers, and almost every man, indeed, outside the armies and without a chance of looting. But none carries us in his heart. There is not real friendliness for us in any class, despite the smooth Mexican orators who go to Washington, virtuous and aggrieved, to pour their fervid tales of patriotism and constitutionalism into the open ears of state.

It is merely fine phrasing; they set the constitution aside in Mexico whenever it is found expedient for personal ends to do so. Little more patriotism exists than affection for or truth about Americans. Mexico has developed patriots—great ones: Hidalgo, Morelos, Guerrero, Juarez, Porfirio Diaz; but the breed seems to have dwindled sadly, leaving an orator remnant that declaims and agitates and pilfers. There are, of course, still patriots, a number of them, who fight with ideals of the highest ever before them; but they are lost among the great number that see in the present disturbance only personal opportunity for advancement, or loot, or revenge.—Casper Whitney in the Outlook.



Mrs. T. B. McClintic and daughter.

After many exciting adventures in the southern portion of the Philippine Islands, where she sought solace following the death of her husband, the beautiful Mrs. T. B. McClintic, who before her marriage three years ago was prominent in Washington social circles, has arrived in San Francisco with her little daughter, Thomasia.

VILLA HAS NEW

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campaign. One explanation is he is coming to center with some prominent Mexicans, living in exile and taking no part in the revolutionary activities, but who are planning to form a coalition with some of the forces in the field to enable them to get "active moral support," which Wilson in a statement announced he soon would give some group. Enrique Lorente, Washington representative of the Villa-Zapata government, said he had heard absolutely nothing of the movements of Angeles. The Carranza agency gave out a statement pointing out that Angeles probably never would return to Villa.

Huerta Enroute West?

EL PASO, June 20.—There is an unconfirmed report that Huerta is enroute here from New York presumably to confer with former Mexican leaders. It was understood that one of Huerta's daughters is already here, but inquiry at the address given elicited a refusal to discuss the question.

No Word From Colorado

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—No word has been received from the Colorado, due to arrive at Guaymas tonight. In the absence of word to the contrary it is believed by naval authorities here that no trouble has occurred between the marines and the Maytorena forces.

Fighting Is Reported ON BOARD THE COLORADO

GUAYMAS, June 20.—Fighting is reported in progress along the Yaqui river in the north of the American settlements, indicating the Mexican troops are now beginning active operations against the Yaqui Indians. No recent attacks on foreigners by Yaquis are reported. Carranza troops are advancing from Northern Simala against the forces of General Maytorena. The burned bridges north of Guaymas will undoubtedly delay the transportation of Villa troops from Northern Simala. Aydiens from Aguapuro and Salina Cruz report conditions quiet.

CLOSE-CALL FOR ROYALTY

Queen Victoria of Sweden is Near Victim of Airmen's Bombs

(ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH)
 BERLIN, June 20.—Queen Victoria, of Sweden and the family of Prince Maximilian of Baden, narrowly escaped injury from bombs dropped in the French aviators' raid on Karlsruhe according to the Overseas Agency, which says an official statement was issued concerning the attack on Baden's capital. A bomb struck the roof of the castle above in bedroom occupied by the prince's children and another exploded above the chamber of the Swedish lady in waiting, Baroness Hochschild. One of the occupants of the castle at the time, was the dowager duchess of Baden, an aunt of Emperor William.

Back in 1855 it took 274 minutes of labor to care for and raise a bushel of corn. In 1894 this had been reduced to 41 minutes and it is slightly lower now.

AUSTRO-GERMANS

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committee of Australians resident in England has been formed to visit them and provide as far as possible for their wants. They all concur in describing the Turks as a first-class fighting man, except where the bayonet is concerned. Although the percentage of wounded in the Darlanes is very heavy, considered in relation to the number of men engaged, they say, this is somewhat mitigated by the unusually large proportion of minor injuries. An explanation of this is that it is due to the preponderance of rifle and shrapnel fire as opposed to the terrible injuries inflicted by high explosives in Belgium and France. Another ameliorating factor is the dry climate and sterile, non-infectious character of the soil.

ECONOMISTS SEE END IN FALL

English Students of Finance Say Germany Will Feel Pinch of Poverty

The students of political economy and finance, are the ones who believe the war will end in the autumn. If the allies can win enough victories to bring to the population of Germany the end of any dream of ultimate triumph, then according to this economic view the pinch will begin to count. Then will German merchants and German rulers look ahead to the long future of national poverty, following the terrific expenditures and the inflation by which the expenses are now met. When the war began the plan was by taking France at once, to use it as an indemnity to pay the cost. With the collapse of that idea, and rapidly dying prospects of any indemnity from anybody, and the wholly unexpected prolongation of the war, German thinkers see bankruptcy staring them in the face. They do not look with satisfaction on repudiating their debts by some such method as funding coupons, or scaling down the indebtedness. They do not look with satisfaction upon being reduced in their financial standing, not to be sure, as Brazil has been, or Greece, but to a degree that would be very galling to a proud nation. Austria is practically bankrupt already. Russia is not unlikely to repudiate after the war, nor is France. If there is one thing on which the British government is determined, it is that there shall be no inflation in England—noting to weaken the financial soundness of the empire after the war. Lloyd George has gained more since the war began than any other statesman, but he has been criticized for not taking a quarter of everybody's income at once, also; say \$50 a year. Just as he and the rest of the cabinet were criticized for being too considerate of the liquor interests. There is very fair reason to believe that Germany will take these ultimate economic truths into account by the time the summer is over.—Norman Hapgood in Harper's Weekly.

A baby with two heads and four arms was recently born in Chicago. The baby lived only fifteen minutes.

CAPS ARE ON TABOO IN CENTRAL LEAGUE

(ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH)
 NEW YORK, June 20.—Baseball slavery is being carried to extreme limits in the Central League according to reports that have reached the headquarters of the Baseball Players' Fraternity. It is charged that the president of the league has issued an official order barring the wearing of caps by the players while stopping at hotels during trips about the Central circuit. The complaints do not state whether the players are obliged to wear straw or silk dome shades while enroute but it is known that caps of all forms and styles are barred. Whether the controversy will be settled by strike or arbitration has not yet been decided.

The order, however, is considered as likely to have a far reaching effect on the future of baseball. The players fear that other leagues will go to the Central one better and demand that their employees wear frock coats, spats, wrist watches and other Rotten Row raiment once the players agree to discard caps for more formal headgear.

WAR'S EFFECT ON GOOD MEN

Great Pacifists Become Belligerents of the Most Ferocious Type

A widely known pacifist goes to the great peace pow-wow at Lake Mo- they found their men exhibiting any bunk and electrifies the audience reluctance to charge the enemy's position by advising the people of the United States to prepare for war. War is This is an instance of the awful said to search men's souls, and it upsets that this abominable war has certainly does seek out all the cus- produced. It has turned some great seediness that is latent in a good man's pacifists (who could fight very well nature.

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