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AT THE BAR OF JUSTICE.

The New York World discusses the proposed government prosecution of the New Haven officials as follows:

"President Wilson has been very patient with the directors of the New Haven Railroad.

"Attorney General McReynolds has been more than patient.

"As a reward for the administration's efforts to help bring about a peaceable solution of the New Haven's difficulties with the United States government under the Sherman law, the president and the attorney general have alike been tricked by directors who deliberately broke their 'solemn agreement' with the department of justice.

"In ordering the attorney general to institute dissolution proceedings and to submit 'the criminal aspects of the case' to a federal grand jury, Mr. Wilson describes the conduct of the New Haven's directors as 'inexplicable and entirely without justification.' This, in the circumstances, is very moderate criticism.

"Nobody can read the correspondence submitted to the president by Mr. McReynolds without feeling that the administration has been more than generous in its efforts to help the directors extricate the road from its plight. The administration's reward is broken pledges and repudiated agreements. The directors of the New Haven have evidenced the same kind of bad faith toward the government that they evidenced toward their own stockholders. They have been false stewards of their trust. There is only one course for the administration to pursue, and the president has ordered it without hesitation. The responsibility for this action rests upon the New Haven directors, and upon the malone.

"The World hopes that Mr. McReynolds' treatment of the criminal aspects of the case will be as resolute as his treatment of the civil aspects of the case. We can conceive of no more wholesome influence upon railroad management, upon Wall street finance and upon the general business life of the country than the spectacle of a few New Haven directors serving time in a federal penitentiary for the offenses that have plundered a once great and prosperous property."

AN IDYL OF A BEACH.

As soon as the tall, blond young man had got the unconscious girl ashore and in the hands of a doctor he waited just long enough to be sure she would revive and then he disappeared.

The mishap had been of the familiar summer resort type. Unused to water, she had waded beyond her depth. He was the only one on the shore with presence of mind. As she gasped and sank he started toward her with the only craft available, a raft, and arrived to prevent her sinking the last time.

Next day, entirely recovered, she scanned the verandas that she might locate and thank her brave preserver. But he was nowhere in sight.

Now why do you suppose he had fled? It wasn't that he lacked bravery, for the way he rescued the girl proved that he was brave. Was it modesty? Perhaps; though he didn't appear to be of the shrinking kind. Possibly he was already engaged and had no wish to run new chances.

Who knows? At all events, the girl is alive today, owing to a stranger's heroism; she is ready with thanks any time he is willing to call; and a number of folks around Lakewood Beach, Minn., wonder why he didn't.

Most married women are a trifle envious of a rich widow.

Most men reckon time by paydays.

NEW YORK AS WORLD'S MARKET.

The New York World predicts a shifting of the financial center of the world, as a result of a great European war, from London and Paris to New York. It says:

"London is still reputed to be the money and credit center of the world. Paris is reputed to stand second only to London in financial power.

"But the London Stock Exchange was practically closed by the panic of the Austrian declaration of war on Servit. The Paris Bourse was practically closed, with trading paralyzed and quotations largely nominal. The bourses at Vienna, at Budapest, at Brussels, at Amsterdam, at St. Petersburg were all closed tight and trading at Berlin was suspended. The stock exchanges at Montreal and Toronto were closed. Sellers through all these centers were a frantic multitude, buyers dropped out of sight, and a 'market' necessarily went with them.

"Only the New York Stock Exchange, among all the leading securities markets of the world, remained wide open. It was the only place where holders of listed properties, in fright or distress, could turn them into money. It was the only place where the whole wide world could find any financial footing. American securities, therefore, became the chief or only medium of liquidation for all Europe, and the New York market had to bear the brunt of the selling of a panic-stricken continent.

"New York has not only borne up under the incoming avalanche of stocks and bonds, and the outgoing avalanche of gold in exchange, but it has done so without serious disturbance or hint of inability to stand the strain.

"The situation has been without parallel in recent times for the extent of tie-up in markets and credit. It has been handled on our part in a manner which affords the most striking demonstration yet given of the breadth and soundness of the American financial position. Wall street itself has proved that all its calamity-howling of a year past has been the veriest balderdash and that President Wilson was right in his diagnosis.

"If Europe is determined to cut its own throat in a general war, it can have some idea beforehand of where the financial center of the world will be found at the end of the process."

ONE WAR PRODUCT WORTH WHILE.

Credit to Villa one of the best things yet done in Mexico. He is sending the orphaned sons of his fallen soldiers to the United States to be educated. And paying for it at the expense of Mexico's exploiters.

You can do such things, for a time, during a revolution, if, like Villa, you have the nerve and foresight.

But of course, when peace comes, Mexico will need to provide schools of her own; free education for all her children.

The big fellows who have heretofore ruled Mexico overlooked that. They didn't want the peons to know too much.

It has been left to a one-time "bandit," himself but lately taught to read and write, to perceive and enforce his country's crowning need.

IT'S ABOUT TIME.

So after two of Uncle Sam's men have been murdered in one day at Tulsa, Okla., the government is going to stop giving bootleggers a license. Well, it's about time. The tarce of the government issuing a whisky license from one department and orders to suppress bootlegging from another can't be beat on any stage. And the worst of it is that for the first three years of statehood the government revenue officers appeared to be in most hearty accord with the bootleggers, even making it as difficult as possible for the state authorities to get information about licenses issued bootleggers.

An interesting case of receivership came up in Chicago the other day. The case had been pending a number of years in the United States court and a lawyer who had been acting as receiver had paid himself \$3,000 in fees as receiver and \$5,500 for legal advice rendered by himself, but had not paid one cent of the \$2,400 which brought about the receivership. There was originally involved in the controversy \$2,400, and this lawyer receiver had expended to his own advantage \$8,500 in getting ready to pay it and then had not paid it. Small wonder that some lawyers seem to be under suspicion with most of the people.

After fighting off prosperity as long as it could, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has just ordered 100,000 tons of steel rail. The fact that the railroad company is very much in need of steel is shown by the condition of the order, which was

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

The Growth of Your Town.

The growth of a town depends very much upon the character of the people who make up its population. This may seem so self-evident a truth as not to need any mention, but we wish to call attention to one class of people who work much injury to their town. We refer to the grumblers who run down their own place as a business point and think every other village has a better opening.

The men who refuse to stand by their town are few in number, and their influence is a bad one. If a stranger comes along and wants to invest or settle here, he is told by these croakers that the place is no good, and if they could get away themselves they would do it. There is plenty of competition already and they do not think a business man in town is making any money. They tell the newcomer he will make a mistake if he invests, and they advise him not to. Farm property is worthless and there seems little hope for the future of the town. Such talk is enough to discourage the most enthusiastic investor and drive him away.

There are but few places which have no representation of this class of croakers. They mean no harm and no doubt would like to see their places advance, but they cannot see that they themselves are the barnacles which prohibit any progressive movement. Stand by your town and sound its praise if you want to see it grow. Encourage investments and competition. It is through these that improvements will come.

If there is one better way than another to ruin a town, it is for those who live in it to go about apologizing for its existence. So there are some who are always ready to say, by their actions at least, that this place doesn't amount to much. They will tell you that the town is dead; that no one can think of stopping here; that some town adjacent is more respectable, more enterprising, has better people, better enjoyments, is ahead of us in everything.

Fondness for the Horse.

Philadelphia Public Ledger: A farmer who was about to lose his team of horses by the foreclosure of a mortgage killed the animals, interred them, and then shot himself above their grave. His letter of explanation, found afterward in the stable, said it would have broken his heart to have them pass into the possession of another. "Often when I was overcome with grief, with no one to console me, these old friends would act as if they knew all about my distress, and, doubtless, they had some sense of it."

The dog disputes with the horse the claim to be the first friend of man among the animals, and, with his quick intelligence and his sensitive intuitions, no doubt he comes closest of all. But there are attributes of "horse sense" that stand without a rival. What other animal is so sure-footed and patient a guide out of a trackless wilderness? What other animal endures the burden and heat of the day, obeys without complaint, responds with such alacrity to the lightest finger of command? Is it any wonder that the Arabian considers his steed as almost on a footing with the members of his family?

The history of the decisive battles cannot be written without tribute to the horses that bore warriors into battles, brought up the guns, carried messages, and often—as in Sheridan's ride—turned the tide of defeat. If Pegasus and Bucephalus, and even humble Rosinante, have won their places in song or story, and—in the first instance—achieved the starred, immortal glory of the skies, shall not the four-footed ally who draws the market wagon or the plow or the ashman's cart have his meed of praise? There is pathos in the sight of some shabby, raw-boned animal waiting at the curbstone or with his head half buried in the nosebag munching his noonday meal. He does not dream of the freedom of green meadows and meandering streams. He has no expectation of a caress—all he knows, perhaps, is a blow or a harsh word. If ears laid back betray vile temper, there need be no surprise. Surely the horse may be forgiven if occasionally he forgets himself and behaves no better, under the provocation, than a human being.

The reason a man hates to be called a capitalist is because a woman likes to be called a cat.

cut into five parts and placed with five steel companies. Other railway companies have been playing the same game, hoping to influence legislation perhaps, and perhaps for other reasons, but they are all licked out by the stupendous crops that are now being harvested.

Reading by Ear.

Reading of magazines and newspapers by blind men has now been actually accomplished by the aid of the optophone, which translates sight into sound. Some months ago the inventor of this device, a distinguished British scientist, succeeded in reading billboard type with it; but at that time it was hardly expected that the optophone could be refined sufficiently to be used on small type—not for many years at least.

Even now his apparatus is only a laboratory device; but the fact that he has even experimentally solved the problem he undertook gives hope of a practical working device to enable the blind to read. Recently he exhibited the improved optophone before the Royal Society and demonstrated its efficiency.

The principle is simple. A tiny light is thrown on the printed line and moved from left to right as the eye follows type in reading. This light is reflected on a delicate detector; and, according to the amount of light reflected, faint electrical impulses are obtained.

Of course black does not reflect light, theoretically, and the black print does not reflect by any means so much light as the white paper.

The electrical impulses are used to produce sound in a telephone receiver. With practice the blind person

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can tell from the variation of sound just what letter the light is passing over.

In the device recently demonstrated the adjustment was delicate enough to enable the reading of type one-fifth of an inch in height, using an ordinary telephone receiver.

By using a highly sensitive telephone relay, invented by a member of the Royal Society, the optophone was successful in distinguishing newspaper type.

GIVES INSTANT ACTION.

T. K. Bolton, druggist, reports that A SINGLE DOSE of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler-I-ka, the German appendicitis remedy, stops constipation or gas on the stomach INSTANTLY. Many Ashland people are being helped.

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