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was a provisional president, the same as Huerta. Diaz was not recognized by America until nearly a year after Germany had recognized him.

house its prisoners decently; it is obligated to teach them while in prison. But there is no greater obligation than recognition of a reformed prisoner's usefulness in the world.

hundreds of drunken fish were taken from its waters. As usual, the drunkenness was followed by the frying pan the morning after.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Since you didn't prevent him, now is the time to admit the fly. The Salvation Army can still use the streets; its workers seek only to do good.

RECOGNIZING MURDERERS

From the New York Globe. Manuel Marques Sterling, who was Cuban minister to Mexico last winter, and who saved the remains of the Madero family from the bloodthirsty Huerta, has told the story of some of the things that occurred preceding the murder of the president and vice president of the Mexican republic.

Heat and animosity, content and conflict, are what the wife, although they rarely do, they never altogether clear the fog of capacity, guide the judgment or improve the heart.—Lauder.

BACK TO CHAOS

NUMEROUS defenses of the I. W. W. propagandists have been printed by The Journal in the "Letters from the People."

Most of these defenses are by persons who do not know the real aims of the I. W. W. scheme. They are mostly written by persons who would shrink in terror could they look upon this country as it would be with I. W. W. leaders once in control.

It would be a country with the state capitols in ashes, the national buildings at Washington in ruins, every church burned and every national institution destroyed.

The universal ensign would be the red flag of anarchy. There would be no police. There would be no sheriffs nor deputies. If the nightly utterances of I. W. W. speakers in every large city mean anything, all in authority would be reduced to a common level and there would be no authority, no power to enforce statutes, no means by which to restrain the vicious and deter violence.

There would be no canon but the forbidding rule of the brute force of numbers. There would be no government but the dreadful tyranny of the unbridled mob. There would be no court but the wild, unreasoning judgment of brutal I. W. W. propagandists.

There would be no flag but a red flag. There would be no traditions of brave men and noble women of 1776. The Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States would become blank paper.

The great Civil war with its restored republic would cease to have a meaning. The lives of those sacrificed at Gettysburg, Antietam, Bull Run, and the other battles in the four years' conflict, would have been sacrificed in vain, for on the ruins of a reunited country the red flag of the I. W. W. and anarchy would have risen.

It would usher in a condition that by all the experience of history would mean bedlam, bloodshed and plunder. It would mean rapine, butchery and the survival of the strong.

If the United States is to insist upon the Monroe doctrine, it is imperative that it make no mistake by recognizing a tottering government. President Wilson is right in insisting that Huerta establish his right to authority before recognition is given him.

FIRE MANSLAUGHTER

THERE is no excuse for penning up girls and women in an overall factory and permitting them to be burned alive like rats in a trap as at Binghampton yesterday.

There should be no building construction in which such a wholesale murder could be possible. The fifty women and girls cremated in the Binghampton building because there was no means of escape is a literal massacre.

It is almost a duplication of the scenes in the frightful Asch fire in New York two years ago in which 147 girls were caught on a ninth floor and perished from incineration or while jumping to the pavement.

We boast of our civilization but what was yesterday's horror but a perpetuation of the jungle. What is such wholesale manslaughter but a reckless disregard for everything that makes for civilization.

Investigation at the Asch tragedy showed that there was fire hose on the fatal floor, but no means of properly connecting it with the water pipes. It also showed that for lack of care some of the pipes were not in working order.

We burn up half as many buildings as we erect every year. Set side by side, the buildings we burn would line both sides of an avenue all the way from New York to Chicago.

NEW YORK is amazed at inhuman conditions and practices permitted at Sing Sing prison. Disease breeding quarters, housing conditions that would bring the health authorities down upon a private establishment, human beings forced to live as beasts are not asked to live, have been disclosed by investigators.

THE NEW PRISON REFORM The "constitutional" point raised is that after the people actually elect a senator there is, in many states, nobody authorized to issue the certificate of election.

It is estimated that the American people spend \$800,000,000 annually for music, and we are glad to note that all but about \$799,999,999 evidently goes to Portland's busy little ragtime band.

BUILDING MEN AND WOMEN

CARNEGIE builds libraries, and has his name attached to them. Rockefeller endows a great university, and has his influence attached to it.

Mr. Page, a man of wealth, started out to do some good in the world. Piles of brick and mortar did not appeal to him—but children did.

THE ROOTS AND SHOOTS

SENATORS ROOT AND SMOOT are again invoking the constitution. Senator Root professes worried lest the constitution interfere with practical operation of the amendment giving the people right to elect their United States senators.

Smoot is fighting tariff reduction where the battle should be fought. He is losing, but it is doubtful if the courts will ally themselves on the side of retreating privilege.

QUARTERLY WATER BILLS

COMMISSIONER DALY asks for expression of opinion on his proposal to collect water bills once every three months in advance instead of every month in advance.

THE PLAN, Mr. Daly says, would greatly reduce the cost of collecting water bills. The proposed change is an effort, along with other changes to reduce the water system to an economical and business like basis.

AN ITALIAN "naval expert" at Rome is busily predicting war between the United States and Japan, as though we didn't have plenty of fings to do our own finagling.

Nearly 2000 barrels of beer were emptied by revenue officers into a river near Marion, Indiana, and

It is not only the "north end" but the other ends, and the sides and the middle, that need cleaning up, all the time.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

A "Progressive" Elucidates. Portland, Or., July 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—In an editorial in Monday's Journal you ask, "Who Are Progressives" and assign the fact of Progressives being slow to register as one reason for a probable weakening in their enthusiasm.

From the Omaha World-Herald. The latest information concerning South Africa shows that conditions are much more serious there than has been supposed.

THE EMPLOYMENT of large numbers of negroes in the gold mines has been a subject of discussion for some time.

THE USE of whiskey and tobacco, and I think all right-minded people will agree with you, is a labor problem of the most bitter kind.

APPROVES DALY'S FARE ORDINANCE. Portland, July 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—Your editorial in yesterday's Journal regarding the proposed ordinance of Commissioner Daly moves me to give a few facts regarding the same.

ABOUT THE LOP-EARED DUTCH. Portland, Or., July 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—Last Sunday's Journal an interview with John P. Hicks, relative to "the late unpleasantness," was read with much interest.

DEFECTIVE PROPERTY TITLES. Portland, Or., July 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—Having had disagreeable experience with titles to property, with attendant expense, I cannot but think the state should have full power to right such defects.

OFFENSIVE TOBACCO USING. Portland, July 22, 1913.—To the Editor of The Journal—I want to commend and endorse your editorial in Sunday's Journal entitled "Smoking the Cats' Tails."

SOUTH AFRICA'S INFERNO

As the facts come to public knowledge, the more the little hope of peaceful conditions for some time to come in South Africa. It is contended by the white workers in the mines that there is a huge monopoly, controlling not only the mines, the white laborers, but almost everything that concerns the mines.

On top of all this, the mine owners resurrected an old law, passed in the days of the war, which prohibited meetings of more than six persons and can be enforced by the simple process of arresting troops and sounding a bugle call.

One of the members of the South African parliament as soon as he saw the announcement of the proposal to enforce that law said: "I warned the colonial minister that the law would be a disaster to the country. Exactly what might have been expected followed. The organized gatherings gave place to meetings of the whole underworld of Johannesburg, but to suppose that these disturbances are to be set aside by the employment of troops is ridiculous. Nothing will settle them except the complete reorganization of the labor conditions."

THE TERMS of a woman's will are usually less binding than those of her won't. The man with a presidential bee generally gets stung, but there are easier methods.

HE IS a foolish married man who fails to remember that his burden brings compensation. Even if a girl is color blind she can almost invariably see an ice cream sign clear around the corner.

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Pointed Paragraphs

Immutably awaits the genius who invents wireless politics. Borrowers are scarce when you have nothing but trouble to lend.

On the other hand the rolling mill gathers "moss" in quantities. Satan will supply free shoes, but those who wear them can only travel down hill.

THE VIRTUES of Tweed. From the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. The reported statement that Charles F. Murphy, the boss of Tammany Hall and incidentally of New York city, that he "is out of politics" may or may not have been made seriously, but it is synchronized closely with Governor Sulzer's reminiscences of Boss Tweed, who was one of the more notorious practitioners of the art.

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