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Former President William Howard Taft finds in an incident of the I. W. W. outrage at Centralia his own assurance that the American Legion will safeguard the interests of America and of its own organization.

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walk bordering the vacant lot that becomes fringed, and often choked, with weeds in summer and impassably drifted with snow in winter.

Tom Johnson's work at Cleveland lives after him. While other cities are yielding to the demand of streetcar companies for increased fares, Cleveland fares were yesterday reduced to six for a quarter.

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which will be more attractive than the lure of emigrating to America. Again, there are those countries such as Poland, where long sought political freedom has been realized. Yet, on the contrary, there will be in these countries an element of conquered nationalities who will wish to leave those countries where sovereignty has been forcibly transferred.

Another factor which may stimulate immigration is that of year weariness in Europe among victors and vanquished alike. With all, there is a doubt that peace will be permanent. Many look to the United States as a land of peace, where they and their children will not always be in the shadow of armed conflict.

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Man Enlarges the Known a Little, But the Unknown Enlarges Faster... From the San Francisco Call... Man's knowledge of the universe, greatly as it has increased, may be in reality less than it was.

Practical Considerations... Portland, Dec. 13.—To the Editor of The Journal—Let us hope that the visit of Mr. Rawson of England to Portland and action that he has taken, remained dead.

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My Dog... St. John Lucas in Philadelphia Ledger... The curate thinks you have no soul; that he has none.

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