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FROM "SIERRA MADRE."

Why are ye thronged so high and arrayed in splendor
Richer than all the fields at your feet can claim?
What is your right; ye rugged peaks, to the tender
Queenly promise and pride of the mother-name?

Answered the mountains, dim in the distance dreaming:
"Ours are the forests that treasure the riches of rain;
Ours are the secret springs and the rivulets streaming
Softly down through the manifold bloom of the plain.
"Vain were the tolling of men in the dust of the dry land.

Vain were the plowing and planting in waterless fields,
Save for the life-giving currents we send from the sky-land.
Save for the fruit our embrace with the storm-cloud yields."

O mother mountains, Madre Sierra, I love you!
Rightly you reign o'er the vale that your bounty fills,
Kissed by the sun, or with big, bright stars above you—
I murmur your holy name and lift up mine eyes to the hills.

—Henry Van Dyke in the Century Magazine.

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An unusual turn to the I. W. W. trouble came in Seattle the other day when Mayor Cotterill ordered the Public Opinion

The Best Censor. Seattle Times to cease publication for two days or else to submit proof sheets to the mayor for censorship.

The mayor wished to suppress the Times not because it had incited I. W. W. followers to violence but because it had incited the sailors and soldiers to riot by vividly playing up a speech by Secretary Daniels. The order of the mayor was annulled by an injunction from the superior court.

The order of the mayor was naturally resented by the Times. The Times was perhaps at fault yet the mayor's order was drastic and would have established a bad precedent. Wishing to prevent the publication of anything further that might tend to incite the soldiers and sailors he could probably have secured the desired results by a simple request that the Times show proper moderation in its news stories. By arbitrarily ordering the paper to cease publication he went too far and made resistance inevitable. It would not be safe to give any mayor such autocratic power. There would be grave danger of the misuse of such power.

Public opinion is the best censor of the press and always will be. No paper can be unreliable and insincere without paying the penalty. There is much ignorance but the public as a whole is informed and the people demand accuracy from the newspapers. They pay for truth not for fiction and they want what they pay for. The best way to suppress an over yellow newspaper is to refrain from patronizing it. Against such a censorship there can be no injunction.

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The following editorial from the New York World of July 16 is of particular interest here

Should Expand because of the fact And Contract. The currency bill is now under consideration and the organization referred to has just made a visit to Portland.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States is better known perhaps in the West than in the East. But it is an important body, representative of commercial organizations in all sections and organized at a national conference last year called by the president of the United States. Its committee on banking is made up of representative business men and economists East and West.

That such a committee of such a body, after study, should give general approval to the administration's currency bill as "a piece of constructive legislation" is a fact of no small con-

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sequence for the success of that measure. It is critical only of details.

There is agreement that the federal reserve board should be largely appointed by the president and dominated by the government. But the committee would have two additional members chosen by the board itself, along with its governor, in the idea of admitting to the membership more banking experience.

There is also agreement with the form and conditions of issue of federal reserve notes against rediscounted commercial paper. But stronger provisions are demanded to secure the prompt redemption of these notes and prevent overissue.

Once it be conceded that the federal reserve board should be dominated by the governmental and not by the banks but should be strong in advice from banking experience, it can make small difference just how these results are brought about.

But the second point of the committee is important. As the bill now stands, the guards against inflation are inadequate. Federal reserve notes can be issued freely within an arbitrary maximum of \$500,000,000 in rediscounting commercial paper. But it is left to the discretion of the board what tax shall be put on the notes to force redemption as the underlying paper matures.

The committee advises a plan by which the notes of each federal reserve bank would have an identifying number and no bank could issue other than its own notes. This is believed to provide an effective automatic redemption, and probably it would. Each reserve bank would thus be impelled promptly to send home for redemption the notes of other banks as they came in.

But whether this or the other device be adopted, it should be adopted explicitly and not left to anybody's discretion. An elastic currency is demanded, but this is a currency which contracts as well as expands. It is not a currency which may go out all the time and may not come back.

Given assurance of prompt redemption of notes as the commercial transaction calling them out are ended, we need not bother about fixing an arbitrary maximum of issue. The volume will then take care of itself and never exceed the legitimate business need.

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Meanwhile the Turks are going to see if they cannot retake Adrianople.

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Somewhere the breeze is blowing.

Senator Cummins attacks the president because he is proving a real leader and has gotten con-

“Executive gress to follow him. Coercion.” That is the substance of his “executive coercion” charge. The president has coerced the lawmakers by convincing them the people want tariff revision downwards, not upwards, and that they will not stand for a breach of faith by the party in power. Had President Taft resorted to such coercive methods the g. o. p. would still be predominant around Washington.

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During such weather as this it is safe to observe in as far as possible the general rules on how to live in hot weather. If you don't know what to do ask your physician. It may save a case of heat prostration.

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Those buffalo will provide new thrills for the Round-up spectators this fall.

THE MONUMENT TO "O. HENRY."

(Springfield Republican.)

A monument to O. Henry is to be erected in his native state, North Carolina, and Dr. Archibald Henderson of the University of North Carolina, who started the movement, is meeting with an encouraging response from the literary clubs of the state to which appeal has been made.

At an "O. Henry smoker" held some time ago in Raleigh, at which Walter H. Page, ambassador to England, Gellat Burgess and Richard Duffy were among the speakers, \$200 was raised, and it is expected that the total fund will come to \$1500—a sum which an editor would gladly pay for another of O. Henry's stories. The sculptor has not yet been chosen.

JOLLY OLD HAMLET.

(London Punch.)

The Daily Mail headed its paragraph describing Sir J. Forbes-Robertson's farewell "Our Holy Hamlet," and wound up with the statement, "The audience sang 'He's a jolly good fellow.'" We believe that this is the first time the melancholy Dane has been so described.

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