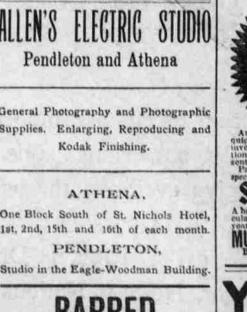


same kind of soramble for it among the powers of Europe that Africa has suffered from. The Monroe Doctrine has rendered this inestimable service to the world's peace-it has interposed the power of the United States between South America and an orgy of spoliation; it has permitted each inependent Republic to develop aloog its own lines; it has opened South America to European immigration, and closed it to European flags. No nation would now think it worth while to fight the United States in order to optain a foothold on South American soil.

President Wilson's invitation to Senator LaFollette to visit the White House, and Mr. La Follette's favorable response after years of aloofness from the Executive home may have no special significance; and yet to all who look forward to party alignments by genuinely democratic tests it is comforting. The Wilsons and La Follettes and Bryans belong together in politics. regardless of party organization or name, as truly as the Tafts and the Roosevelts, the Parkers, the Baileys and the rest belong elsewhere. The political turmoil of our time comes from the stirring of the depths by the spirit of democracy. It is a time, therefore, in which every man seeks his own place-among democrats if he be one, among their adversaries if he like that company better. The hope is worth welcoming that the Wilson-I.1 Follette episode is as significant as some of the Washington correspondults have taken it to be.

Without intending any undue crit. icism of the supreme court of the state that in a recent decision it gave fur that evidence to the lay mind of a dis position on the part of judges to exasperate public opinion by tectnical points in the interest of the Interests. Under the laws of Washington, municipalities have the right to amend their charter by initiative. Seattle has done this with reference to public utility corporations. The people of that city amended their charter by providing that under franchises granted to private corportions for public service, the people of the city should have the right at any time to take over the corporate property upon pay ing its value exclusive of franchise value. This reservation is now held by the supreme court of Washington to be invalid.

Hartiet Tubman Davis, a negro woman born in slavery, has died at a great age at Aubure, N. Y., in a home she herselt foouded for aged and in digent negroes. Before the civil war Harriet Tubman escorted 300 other slaves to freedom by her own "on derground railroad." It was her boast that she "never ran the train





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