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ALL IS YET WELL.

Journeying through this vale is apt to be monotonous. We pursue the even tenor of our way over plains, that are smiling and pteous but of a sameness which pulls, or through arid wastes where there is desolation today and forever. Eagerly, therefore, do we scan each straggling peak on which we may mount to a more bracing air. If some of our fellow citizens are by to gaze admiringly, our happiness is complete.

Apprehension lest the nobler and more ardent emotions had been forever numbed by sordid consideration of the high cost of living problem, the welter over tariff and currency reform, forebodings over the machinations of Roosevelt and other pressing concerns, are vanquished and faith in the sublimity of human nature is justified. We have been convinced that when great occasions affecting the welfare of the state arise our journalists and statesmen grapple with them in a manner worthy of all praise. The other day a novelties exploiter whose judgment was warped by a vision of great wealth proposed to buy from the government the bulk of the battleship Maine. At once there swept from sea to sea a chorus of the "Aye, tear her battered ensign down" variety; although, it is true, congress had already declined the proposition, in a scene impressively staged.

Enter the Russian peril. We are abrogating a treaty, as everyone knows. Notwithstanding we were supposed to have that privilege, seers of statecraft are obsessed by visions of clouds of Consnacks, their wiry chargers winging through the firmament to span oceans and sweep down on our devoted shores. Senator Heyburn, hero of a hundred conflicts where words fell thick as hail, sees the impending storm. He proclaims that he is ready to follow our passports into any foreign country, with our constitution, our flag and a cannon. Sturdy Governor Mann of Virginia declares himself ready to defend his country from the ravages of the northern bear. "If necessary I will go to the front, and will also send my son," he claims.

What thought our swords were lath, our armor tinsel. The flaming pen, the clarion tongue of patriotism are on the job; the republic is safe.

MEN AND MEASURES, AND "THE PEOPLE."

Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, in a speech in behalf of representative government as opposed to a pure democracy, the other night, put in a nutshell one of the strongest arguments for representative government. He said:

You tell me the people cannot elect honest and faithful servants. I tell you that the masses of the people are far better judges of men than they are of measures, and are far more likely to select an honest man than an honest measure.

Mr. Underwood further points out that where iniquitous measures prevail and righteous fail, the fault is not in the system of government established by the revolutionary fathers, but in the representatives. His belief that the congress of the United States will ultimately respond to the enlightened and matured sentiment of the people "is refreshingly optimistic."

If some measure were designed to secure representative government, it would doubtless prove all that Mr. Underwood contends for it.

SHUSTER NEEDED AT HOME.

W. Morgan Shuster, the young American who is the bone of contention in Persia, has increased his claim to the consideration of his contemporaries and made secure his position in history. Probably nothing short of a dynamite explosion now could tear him from Persian affection. For Mr. Shuster is a veritable David in the war on the giant High-Cost-of-Living. It is announced that he has broken the corn ring of the Persian grandees.

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obtained grain supplies and averted a famine in Teheran.

The burning question is whether we can permit a man like that to employ his genius in far-off Persia? Should not the United States co-operate with Great Britain and Russia to oust him from Teheran? Further than that, is it not the duty of this trust-busting administration to fetch him to the United States by armed force if necessary and put him to work here?

STYLES GETS SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS IN JAIL

Charged with Retailing Whiskey to McGalleon—He Appealed.

The trial of Harper Styles, for the illicit sale of whiskey, was resumed in Police court this morning when the defense was given a chance to introduce testimony to controvert that already in the possession of the state to the effect that he had made such sales. Two witnesses were introduced by the defense, but the defendant was found guilty and sentenced to a term of six months in the county jail. Appeal was taken and bond fixed at \$100.

The case against Styles was first introduced last Tuesday morning when a man named McGalleon, who was before the court on a charge of drunkenness, swore that he had bought the whiskey from Styles on which he got on the spree. Styles was in court at the time on another charge and was immediately placed under arrest on McGalleon's charge. Styles said that he was not prepared for trial and asked for a continuance until this morning, when he said, he could prove that McGalleon had come to his place drunk and had brought the whiskey with him. The continuance was granted.

One of the witnesses introduced this morning by the defendant testified that he had been in Styles' place some of the time while McGalleon was there and saw the latter with the whiskey but did not see him purchase it. The other said he had met McGalleon before he went to the place and that he had two bottles of whiskey then. This man was in the employ of Styles at the time.

Styles has been up before the court on numerous occasions in the past, charged with selling whiskey.

Heretofore the court has recognized the appearance of Styles without requiring a bond, but this was also refused by the court today.

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ATLANTIC CONFERENCE LINES MUST ANSWER

New York, Dec. 21.—The full bench of the United States circuit court yesterday overruled the demurrers interposed by the Hamburg-American Steamship company and other transatlantic lines, which form the "Atlantic conference," against the government's suit for their dissolution. The government's contention is that the conference is, by reason of an alleged pooling agreement, on passenger rates, a trust in restraint of trade and an injunction is asked to restrain the companies from further execution of the agreement.

The demurrers allege want of equity in the government's petition and followed closely the petition in the tobacco and Standard Oil cases sustained by the United States supreme court in the "light of reason" and under the "rule of reason."

The court held further that the averment of the government made out a combination and conspiracy in violation of the anti-trust law. "Whether or not the statute is directed against all combinations in restraint of competition," the opinion concluded, "it is certain that it embraces those in which the purpose and effect are to charge arbitrary and excessive transportation rates. Whether the statute be broadly or narrowly construed, it is clear that it prohibits combinations and conspiracies to restrain the business of transporting passengers when accomplished with acts of oppression and attempts to monopolize."

Announcement was then made that the demurrer was overruled and the defendants were cited to answer the government's complaint in February.

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