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FEELING THE FORCE LESS.

The New York World has the following to say of Harriman and Cortelyou and the rest of it:

What would the people of the United States have thought if President Roosevelt had appointed Edward H. Harriman secretary of the treasury as a reward for Mr. Harriman's zeal in raising money for Mr. Roosevelt's campaign fund?

Both Mr. Harriman and Mr. Cortelyou solicited contributions for Roosevelt's campaign fund. Mr. Harriman, after an interview with the president, succeeded in collecting \$200,000, and the World has printed the names of the contributors.

If Mr. Cortelyou had not been a very successful collector of campaign tribute, if he had not shown great energy, shrewdness and skill in oiling the wheels of the republican national machine, he would not today be secretary of the treasury.

It is months too late to prevent the scandal of the Cortelyou appointment, but it is not months too late for Mr. Cortelyou to resign the office of secretary of the treasury.

The president's strenuousness and energy and a certain sort of man's personality have made him popular, but the public is gradually becoming accustomed to the magnetism sufficiently to feel its forceless and be able to scrutinize and analyze the acts of the president and compare them with one another and with his words.

The results are rather disastrous to the peace of mind of some who fancied they had an idol.

THE AUDITORIUM BONDS.

As to us on the auditorium bond issue proposition, we shall vote for it.

We have not advocated or opposed the plan to be submitted or any other plan, for the reason that we considered and still consider it dangerous if not fatal to city improvements of any kind for the people of the place to take sides on how they shall be effected.

We shall vote for the present plan because we never expect to vote against any proposition put before the people for the improvement of the city of Raleigh.

But in this matter we are not advising any one how to vote. It is not a matter that has to be explained. Every citizen understands it.

For us to urge our readers in this case to vote for this proposition would be putting us in the position of taking sides for the plan to be voted on September 26th.

WHAT IT WOULD MEAN.

If there should be a general popular demand regardless of party, for a candidate for re-election, it would mean that there was a general popular demand regardless of party for a radical change in a form of government.

Of course we do not for a moment believe there will be any such popular demand. We think we know a little about at least one portion of the population of this country, and we do not believe that portion is dissatisfied very seriously with the form of government as adopted in the constitutional convention at Philadelphia that followed the Revolutionary war.

A business man for governor of North Carolina. It would be the "eternal fitness of things."

WARM PRAISE.

Not long ago Senator McEnery of Louisiana had some very nice things to say of Senator Overman. The Cleveland Star thus told about it:

A Shelby gentleman who spent a few days not long since at a popular east Tennessee watering resort had the pleasure of a rather intimate association with Senator McEnery, of Louisiana. Learning that the former was a North Carolinian, the conversation naturally drifted into the unfortunate railroad controversy which was then uppermost in the minds of nearly everybody, Carolinians especially.

The discussion of course led to matters political, and Senator McEnery took occasion to speak in the highest possible terms of Senator Lee S. Overman. He said that by sheer force of ability he had risen steadily until he was recognized as one of the brainiest, biggest men in that body of big and brainy men. He considered him a statesman of the highest type; of marvelous resources of infinite tact and diplomacy, and above all, a man who accomplished things; who at all times kept at the forefront the interests of his state, and who served his constituency not only jealously, but in a way that brought results and reflected credit upon himself and his people.

Speaking of possible opposition to his re-election, he was earnest in the expression of the opinion that the retirement of Senator Overman would not only be a calamity to his state, but to the nation as well.

He could scarcely conceive, however, that the people of North Carolina, noted for their sense of justice and fair play, could for a moment consent to the displacement of a public servant who has served so faithfully and with such conspicuous ability, especially in view of the fact that Senator Overman is only now serving his first term.

We cannot help feeling gratified at these warm words of praise of one of our new members of the great deliberative body, especially coming from a statesman of the recognized standing, capacity and experience of Senator McEnery.

The Lusitania's Record.

The Lusitania did not make the westward Atlantic trip inside of five days as was expected, but she exceeded that limit by less than an hour and lowered the record by nearly six hours, though the actual speed rate was not equal to that made by the Deutschland over the longer route to Plymouth. She was somewhat hindered by fog at the start from Queenstown and no great vessel makes its best time on its first trip.

This is merely an interesting incident. Of more importance is the carrying capacity, which is also without precedent, and the success of the turbine engines with which she is equipped. These engines on such a large scale and with such enormous power were in the nature of an experiment, requiring considerable confidence, if not courage, to undertake. It is apparently successful, but we need more specific information regarding some of the economic results.

There was considerable saving of hold space, and the movement of the vessel is said to be marvelously steady. The furnaces consumed about a thousand tons of coal a day. It will require more than one trip to demonstrate an economic gain and the advantage of the enormous size and speed, but it is probable that the limit has not yet been reached. Another interesting incident of this voyage was the use in entering the harbor of the unfinished Ambrose channel, the completion of which will be an event of importance to this port.

This achievement of the Cunard Company, with the aid of the British Government, will doubtless stimulate the rival lines, at least those of Germany, to new efforts to excel, but it is to be hoped that in the rivalry of the future there will be no government partnership. That interferes with the fairness of private competition and the stimulus of private enterprise has not yet been reached. Another interesting incident of this voyage was the use in entering the harbor of the unfinished Ambrose channel, the completion of which will be an event of importance to this port.

The Cost of Living.

In Chicago the beef trust has moved up the price of all fresh meats except pork, and the hotels and restaurants have added their menus to correspond. Milk has increased in cost in all the eastern states. Bakers in Mount Vernon have raised the price of bread.

The movement toward higher prices is world-wide. The liberal ministry in Great Britain is embarrassed by it. Its orators on the stump begged voters not to support Chamberlain's protective tariff less prices of the necessities of life should rise; now the voters are grumbling that prices have risen anyhow, without Mr. Chamberlain's preference policy. Even soap in London grew out of a manufacturer's putting fifteen ounces of soap into a package instead of a pound rather than increase the familiar price.

This continued rise in the cost of groceries comes at a time when such structural materials as steel, brick and copper are declining from the ex-

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The earth has not ceased its bounty. Except in the one item of meat, and there not to anything like the actual price increase, there is no rise in the first cost of production to justify the change. To what extent advancing freight charges are responsible, to what extent increase of wages in the distributing industries, to what extent the greed of middlemen, to what extent high taxes and extravagant government, is a weightier problem for statesmen to solve than many that now occupy them.

They will have to solve it or answer awkward questions on the platform and at the polls. -New York World.

Tariff Reform.

It has been suggested that the republican plan for revision of the tariff shall be the creation of a commission which shall be authorized to "gradually change the schedules." As the members of the commission would be named by a standstill congress and would, therefore, be a partisan commission, it is quite possible that the tariff might be revised higher instead of lowering the rates. The constitution provides that "all bills for raising revenue shall originate in the house of representatives," and, therefore, congress cannot delegate the power to establish, reduce or increase the tariff on imports because it raises revenue. Such a commission, if congress shall appoint one, would have no power to revise the tariff, it could but recommend such change in the law, or a new law as its members could agree upon. If a non-partisan commission of tariff experts was created, amendments to the present law as appeared desirable, and if it were possible to imagine the republican leaders really intent on fixing the tariff rates for the benefit of the people, instead of for the protection of the trusts, valuable legislation would undoubtedly result, with both houses of congress controlled by the ultra protection interests, how could such non-partisan action be expected? Practically the people must decide if they want tariff reform, by saying so at the polls when voting for congressmen or state legislators who elect United States senators. If they want the present system of protecting the trusts continued they will vote for republicans. If they desire tariff reform they will vote for democrats. -Greensboro Record.

A Burglar at Bay Will Murder. The murder of Mrs. Rorschach, of Portsmouth, by a burglar who shot her with her own pistol, drives certain facts into the public consciousness as if by a stroke of lightning.

(1) Virginia is right in having a statute which makes first degree burglary a capital offense. The reasonable presumption is that a robber who enters a locked and occupied dwelling does so prepared to kill if discovered. He is in effect a murderer, and deserves to be punished like one, whether he actually takes life or not.

(2) Better police protection is needed in Park View, Portsmouth, where Mrs. Rorschach lived. It is indeed pretty generally in the suburban districts of both Norfolk and Portsmouth. There is a growing opinion that we ought to have not only urban, but rural patrol systems in this in every state; but certainly the cities should adequately protect their own territory.

(3) It is unwise, as the Portsmouth Star declares, for houses to be left regularly without male protection at night. Mrs. Rorschach's husband was a Lieutenant in the Navy and often had to be away from home for protracted periods. His wife was a beautiful woman absolutely devoid of fear; and, thought her friends had several times suggested that she ought not to be alone in the house with her little children, she did not share their apprehensions.

(4) Whoever goes downstairs into the dark, carrying a light, to investigate a noise or to apprehend an intruder puts himself or herself almost at the mercy of a burglar. Such exploration, however we may admit the foolishness which suggests it, is desperately imprudent. The father or mother of a family had better let a burglar get away than run the imminent risk of leaving the family without a parent. It is terrible enough for a father to tempt a burglar to kill him, but the loss of a mother is even worse. The better course in such a case as Mrs. Rorschach encountered would unquestionably have been to lock the upstairs doors and fire her pistol from the window, thus alarming the neighborhood and summoning aid.

There is a lesson in the tragic fate of this noble and fearless woman which should be taken to heart by others who have similarly imprudent ideas of going after burglars in the dark, when the desperate robber has every chance in his favor if he decides to take life. The safety of the household and the chance of apprehending the intruder are both promoted by directing one's efforts to arousing the neighborhood instead of hunting down the hidden ruffian unaided. If the murderer of the intrepid Mrs. Rorschach is caught, with the proof clear, he will have cause to

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