

A Solution From the Point of View of the Family With a Small Income

By HERBERT HOOVER, Secretary of Commerce.

There is danger that the shortage of homes which was occasioned by the great war, and the increasing drift to the cities, may deprive an increasingly large portion of our population of the inestimable values which lie in the true home. Through local organizations, however, it is possible to increase the amount of available housing. It is possible and desirable also to maintain and develop high standards, not only of safety, convenience and comfort, but also of privacy and beauty, which may be expressed in the house itself, its equipment and its surroundings.

The amenities of our civilization should be accessible to all persons, whatever their income is or their occupation. High standards are consistent with economy and can be put within the reach of all.

Our families are self-reliant; they have a strong creative instinct; they strive ever for something better, and ever to make the best use of what they have. Beyond having their homes decent and healthful they want to make them attractive and beautiful, and they are eager in contriving to reduce household drudgery. Besides the will, they have the education and practical ingenuity needed to make the best use of the devices which modern civilization has placed at their disposal. On the other hand, with the passing of individual handicraft in making articles for the home, men and women find difficulty in making the best selection from the vast number and variety of articles and methods that are offered to them.

A great need is apparent for well-directed, concerted efforts to work out a solution from the point of view of the family with a small income, that has to make both ends meet.

The co-operation of the citizens of each community in Better Homes demonstrations has been found successful and agreed upon by leading organizations representing millions of men and women as a practical way of meeting this need, and of presenting the results of study to the public in a way that can readily be grasped. I therefore have no hesitation in urging such co-operation as an outstanding form of public service. From this movement there should develop steadiness of character, high ideals of family life, civic pride, and responsibility throughout our land.

The Cerberus That Bars American Singers From Their Goal Is Unionism

By H. Z. TORRES, in New York Commercial.

The Metropolitan Opera company employs an army of stage hands, of mechanics and house attendants. These men and the orchestra in the pit are unionized, and these are the departments of the opera house which, like an insatiable Moloch, must be fed. Each season the unions increase their demands. Each season new regulations hamper production. And each season the opportunity for American artists recedes further. Because, as the union pay roll mounts and the union hours grow shorter, it becomes increasingly necessary to engage artists who have a box-office drawing power. With few conspicuous exceptions, American singers have not an equal box-office drawing power with that of foreign artists.

The Cerberus that bars the American singer from his artistic goal is unionism, whose inexorable demands have destroyed elasticity in casting, have curdled the milk of human kindness and made a mockery of American art.

The same condition, in a lesser degree, maintains in the symphony orchestras. With an annual expenditure of \$5,000,000, orchestral deficits last season totaled \$1,250,000. With the exception of the Boston Symphony, the rank and file of symphonic musicians are unionized. Orchestra conductors are paid as much as heads of big industrial organizations, and the musicians under their batons demand all the traffic will bear.

"The People Have Been Promised Heaven, but Have Got the Other Region"

By CARLOS B. ZETINA, Mexico's Richest Man.

We are badly off because we have not yet learned to know ourselves. We are living in a dream. We are trying to build a Utopia, a castle in the air, as it were, when, as a matter of fact, we are still to emerge from a very primitive condition. Our government is in the hands of dreamers, men who will not see that the masses are unprepared for novel schemes.

There was never a time, as far back as I can remember, when there was greater confusion in this country. We have had not one revolution, but a series of revolutions, and, to be frank with you, we were better off before we started. The people have gained nothing. They have been promised heaven by all the generals of the revolution, but it seems that they have received the other regions instead.

The present government is committed to a program of reform which is not only impossible but suicidal. We all know that the so-called agrarian reform is a chimera, that our labor laws are exaggerated, and that the masses need education above all, but there is not a single man in power who has the courage to face the truth. We are enacting a monstrous farce for the entertainment of the world which has in it all the elements of a tragedy. I am not discouraged, nor have I lost faith in the common sense of my people. We are going to pass out of all this very soon.

Fair Sex Has Secured the Ballot; Now Up to Women Voters to Make Good

By MRS. J. J. O'CONNOR, National League of Women Voters.

Before we women had the vote it was our easy right to criticize a man-made government. It is now, to use a slang phrase, up to us to make good. We have got to show the world that women are ready and willing to work to make this a better country to live in, just as the pioneer women worked with their men to make it a country of homes.

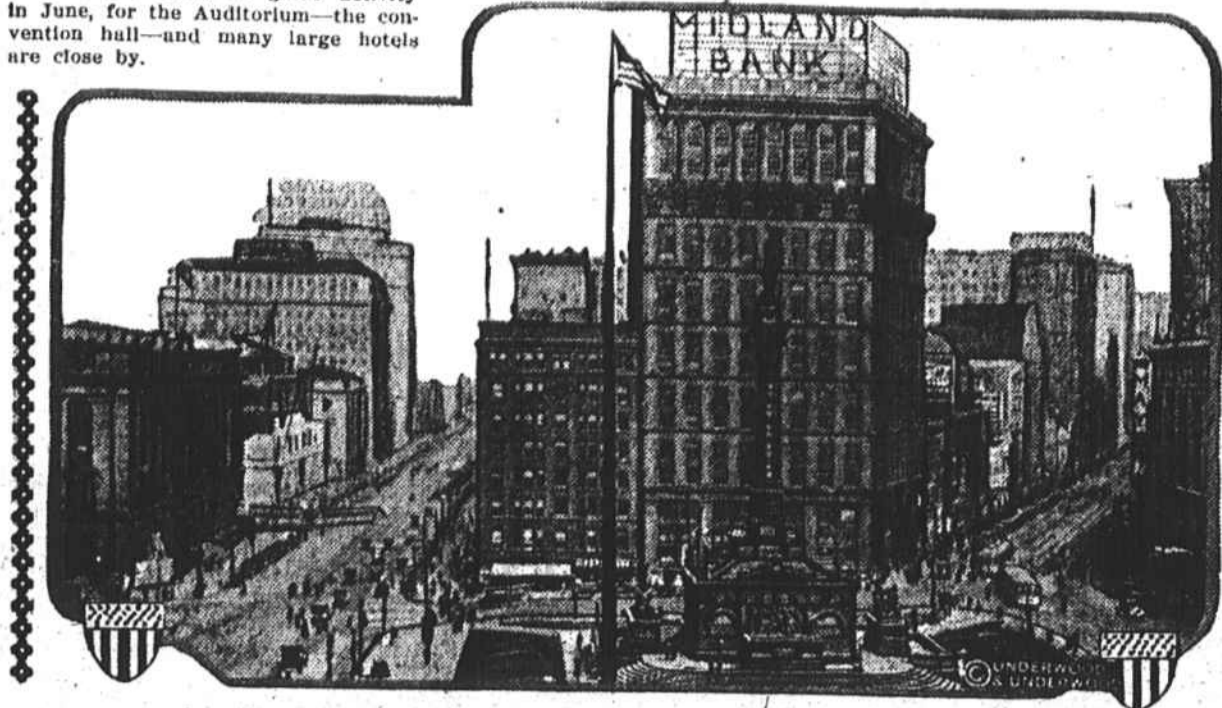
In all the work for the enfranchisement of women there was the very clear promise that we would do something with the vote if we won the right to have it. The woman movement was always bound up with the promise of better things.

I have faith in the courage of the women of America. They have never yet been afraid of work. I count on their spirit of loyalty and their devotion to our country to rid the nation of the shame and danger of political indifference and to win for the women new laurels which shall crown them triumphantly as citizens undaunted.

Women of this country must go out to vote if they intend to repay their debt to the courageous pioneers. This year, the presidential election year and the first in which many women will participate, is the propitious time for women voters to be up and doing.

Cleveland's Square Will Be Lively Place in June

Public square of Cleveland, which will be the scene of great activity in June, for the Auditorium—the convention hall—and many large hotels are close by.

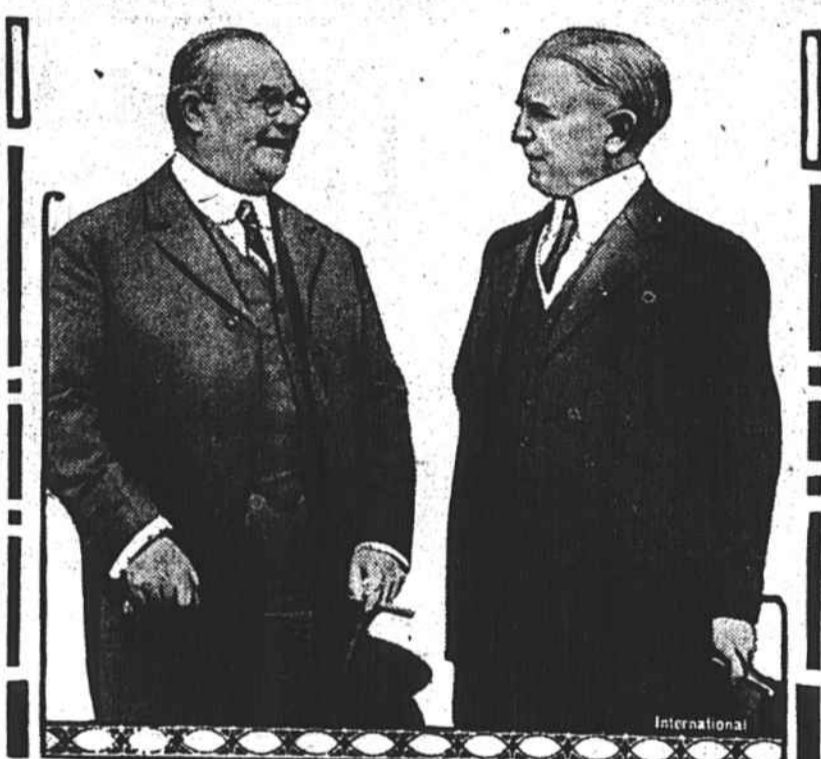


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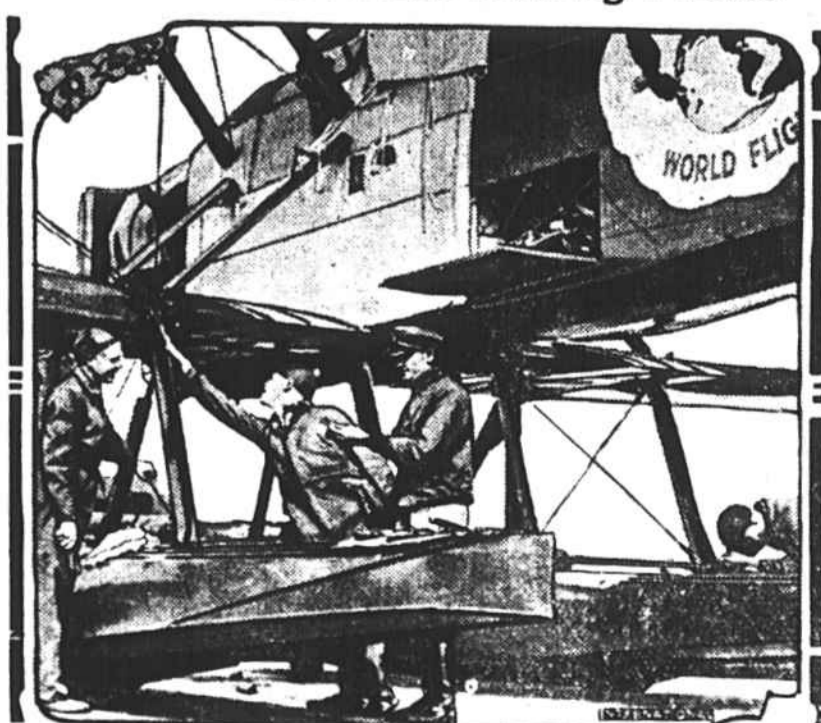
Here is St. Elmo Acosta, city commissioner of Jacksonville, with his daughter, Miss Alvarez Regina Acosta. Mr. Acosta, his sister Ellen and their children are direct descendants in America of Pedro Menendez de Aviles who founded St. Augustine, Fla., in 1565, or fifty-five years before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. Mr. Acosta was invited to attend the Ponce de Leon celebration in St. Augustine when the founding of that city by Menendez was celebrated on April 8.

Wonder if Gov. Morrison Said It



Gov. Cameron Morrison of North Carolina (right) chatting with Gov. Thomas G. McLeod of South Carolina in New York, where they were devoting some days to business and pleasure.

Pontoons on Globe-Circling Planes



Some of the round-the-world aviators of the army putting the great pontoons on their planes at Seattle, preparatory to starting for Alaska and Asia.

STONE A TROUT FISHER



The hobby of Harlan Flske Stone, the new attorney general, is trout fishing, and on the opening day of the trout season in New York state he was at the Long Island Country club at Eastport, where this exclusive photograph was taken.

ASK HER FOR A ROOM



Mrs. Geraldine Welsh, secretary of the women's committee for the Republican national convention, photographed "on the job" in Cleveland, where she is directing the work of the housing bureau which is handling all applications for lodgings during the convention next June.

NAVAL AIDE TO WILBUR



Commander Walter Alton Edwards, who was named naval aide to Secretary Wilbur of the navy. He was decorated by President Coolidge recently for heroism.

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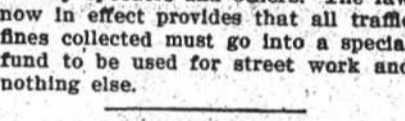
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Traffic Fines for Streets

About \$750,000 worth of street construction and repairs will be done in Los Angeles, Cal., next year as a result of violations of the motor vehicle law by speeders and others. The law now in effect provides that all traffic fines collected must go into a special fund to be used for street work and nothing else.

MOTHER!

Child's Best Laxative is "California Fig Syrup"



Hurry Mother! A teaspoonful of "California Fig Syrup" now will thoroughly clean the little bowels and in a few hours you have a well, playful child again. Even if cross, feverish, bilious, constipated or full of cold, children love its pleasant taste.

Tell your druggist you want only the genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother, you must say "California." Refuse any imitation.

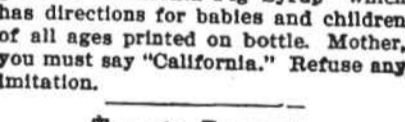
Tree to Decorate

With proper attention and care, trees of small size will thrive in small patches of soil where larger trees, with their spreading root systems, might languish, says the American Tree association of Washington, D. C. The effect of these formally pruned trees is dignified and decorative, and gives a fine touch of green to a street lined with high-class shops or handsome houses in solid rows.

Men more easily renounce their interests than their tastes.

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