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THE "SHEETS' PERSECUTION."

It is rather amusing to hear the "persecution" cry that the claquers are raising in the case of Chief of Police Sheets, et al. They are screaming it out on the highways and byways in regular make-believe fashion. The silly and malicious balderdash about a fund of \$15,000 being raised in Salt Lake by prominent citizens last fall, to bring about the entrapping and downfall of the chief, and some of his most confidential henchmon, is on a par with that other ridiculous absinthe creation, about the "hierarch" having imported the McWhirters from the old world to come to Utah and be "buncoed." It will be recalled how that Munchausen tale was published and circulated with marked industry in the hope that some person would be found who would give it credence. A bogus and wholly mythical Scotland Yards detective was worked into the scheme, and all for the "discomfiture and undo. ing of poor unsophisticated and innocent George Sheets" and associates. That sounded like "persecution."

In this connection it is worth remembering that "persecution" has been the favorite cry with crooks and grafters through all the maladministrations in municipal politics since the days of Boss Tweed. It was so with the leeches of Tammany, who waxed fat on the wages of sin and shame. It was repeated in Philadelphia, St. Louis and Minneapolis in wholesale style, Mitchell of Oregon went to his grave singing the refrain. Burton of Kansas has now taken up the chorus, which the indicted beef trust is still humming. And over in San Francisco, whose precedents the Salt Lake "reformers" would have us follow, Abe Ruef, the modern king pin of perfected graft, who has been levying tribute on everybody and everything submissive, is making the same identical protest that is being made for the head of our own police department under whose very nose notorious offenses have been committed without attempt to bring offenders to justice, and that, too, where a ten thousand dollar robbery had been committed. But whatever the cry, the whole crowd of apologists may as well put it down for good and all that the chief is a very much discredited official these days, and that there are thousands who will not believe he is guiltless.

THE QUESTION OF CUBA.

When an authority like Mr. Andrew D. White, late U. S. ambassador to Berlin, boldly proclaims that the samexation of Cuba to this country would be an unmitigated curse, he voices the

hear the march music of progress and is giving distinct signs of wanting to fall into line. She is observing the Japanese-the Yankees of the Orient. In fact, she has been prodded by the latter until the shackles have commenced to be thrown off. Singularly enough she is thus far in no wise unfriendly to the nation of 50,000,000 which has established a commercial protectorate over her own people of 330,000,000. On the contrary, she seems to like the methods of arousement that have been employed. And therein is the real "yellow peril" to the nations Combined they are of the Occident. a most formidable foe, or may be, in

trade as well as in clash of arms. Unil recently it was conceded that the Mikado's present promise was to mainain the open door, giving all nations qual trade opportunities in her sphere of control, but there was always the nearness and the influence of Japan to reckon with, and it was anticipated that whenever her commercial interests required discriminations she would have no hesitation about going as far in that direction as seemed

safe at the moment, In response to the question as to what has occurred to change these predictions, the Boston Herald says:

"A quite natural phenomenon, namely that the close association of the Chl-ness with the Japanese since the war with Russia, and the impressive lesson of that victory over a vast European of that victory over a vast European empire, has transplanted aspiration to Chinese soil. The flowery kingdom has at last begun to cultivate the flower of flowers-ambition for liberty and nationality. A distinct and syste-matic unovement by the governing class is going on which has for its purpose the modernization of the ém-pire without loss of political inde-pendence." pendence.'

Close observers of the movements of nations, however, incline to the view that China, as she is beginning to think of her own accord, will naturally want Japan to do less of it for her and that she will sooner or later de sire to establish her own national in dependence in the eyes of the world just as pronouncedly as has Japan, and that she will make and maintain her own trade rules. In this connection

it is truly said that no door is kept open so effectually from without as within and that American exporters will do well to watch the development of Chinese trade independence which may place our products on an equality with Japan's in the Chinese market, with only the long haul handicap to their disadvantage. Under this condition it may really be that a nation like our own, that has reached the high noon of its perfection, and which has a population rapidly climbing to the 100,000,000 mark may be able to secure a voluminous trade, with a nation of \$30,000,000, but whose method like its civilization, is just merging into the first rosy tints of morning.

UNFORTUNATE IF TRUE.

And now another cause for grief has been added to San Francisco. This time the misfortune takes on a new form, but the regret is none the less genuine. The newspapers and the populace are not a little wrought up over the announcement by Charles M. Schwab, that the Union Iron Works will never build another ship for the government as long as he has anything

to do with it, Mr. Schwab's view upon this matter is learned from his annual report to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which owns among its other ship building plants, the Union Iron Works at San Francisco.

The reason for the declaration seems to be based upon good and sufficient

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WHAT AMERICA NEEDS.

whose daily chronicles of the antics

of bulls and bears, and frenzied finan-

alike, for lo, these many years, is a

The Journal points out, and correctly,

too, that under the present "system"

of finance in this country, and the

measurement that is made of a man's

worth, solely from the size of his bank

ecount, that it requiries more cour-

ly respectable than it does to face the

cannon's mouth. This is how it mor-

alizes on the flagrant fact:

age to be poor, even if one is eminent-

To find the wholesome truths and line of argument which follows, in the

within the space of two years.

the preacher's salary and prayed fer-vently in secret for the salvation or the fich man who looked with scorn on such unbustnessike behavior That's what we need now to clean this country of the filth of graft, and of greed, petty and big; of worship of the houses and big lands and high office and grand social functions. What is this thing which we are wor-shipping but a value repetition of what decayed nations fell down and wor-shipped just before their light went out? Rend the history of Rohne in decay and you'll find luxary there in at out? Read the history of Rome in decay and you'll find luxury there that could lay a big dollar over our little doughnut that looks so large to us. Great wealth never made a nation substantial nor honorable. There is rothing on earth that looks good that is so dangerous for a man or a na-tion to handle as quick, easy, big money. If you do resist its deadly influence the chances are that it will influence the chances are that it will get your son. It takes greater and iner heroism to dare to be poor in America than to charge an earthwork in Manchurla."

Bonilla surrenders; he never dies,

Let the next Thaw trial be in camera.

stella. Mr. Delmas can say, "Betsy and I are out"

American cardinals are few and far petween.

No boy ever planted a birch tree on Arbor day.

Utah towns and streams are all booming now.

Peace in Central America, but not much good will to men.

beal.

No matter how uncertain it is the un-

We'd like to ask if the deal is right, When they measure capitol air, And say in the bill they quick indite ertain glory of an April day cannot be (On which, by the way, we're getting Hight). That it's part of a capitol chair. And we'd like to learn, so be there's Wellman is full of hope for his north one To tell us the truth is able. How that contracting scheme was run, By which the people, badly "done," Bought ozone with each table. —Philadelphia Public Ledger. pole expedition. May he return from It.

full of success. If you planted trees the way in which they should grow, when they get old

they will not depart from It. Evidently Thaw has come to the conclusion that there is not wisdom in multitude of counsel.

When it comes to discussing the Congo Free State question, King Leopold feels that annexation is vexation.

George Bernard Shaw says that most women are liars. They would be justified in retorting, "You're another."

For the first time in the history of the American navy the United States has a Pacific fleet. May its mission always be pacific!

The President's plea for arbitration and a strong navy is wonderfully like Cromwell's "Trust in God and keep your powder dry."

Many of the public officials who planted trees yesterday hope some day that they will sit in the shade of their wn "plum" trees.

Cuba will send three delegates to The Hague peace congress. Few countries can, profit, more froman full and free discussion of the blessings of peace than Cuba.

Much of the talk about tainied monby and the virtue of the Institutions that rejects it, is nothing but cant and "I am holier than thou" rant

reaching effect yesterday. The globe probably was shuddering at the memory of the San Francisco disaster.

There was an earthquake of far

they will probably be numbered amo the regular winter colony and do a great deal of entertaining. Mr. Pat-terson is only fifty-six years old, and is enjoying robust health. Unlike most is enjoying robust health. Unlike most Americans of large affairs and great activity, he believes in retiring from grinding responsibilities while he is still young enough to enjoy the re-wards of hard work.

MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS. St. Louis Republic.

St. Louis Republic. The announced program of the Jamestown exposition includes a series of demonstriations intended to show the value of play and playgrounds to municipalities. The Playground as-sociation of America, with President Roosevelt at its head, has charge of the arrangements. St. Louis has found that great benefits accure to the city from the playgrounds municipally from the playgrounds municipally naintained, and also from those of a semi-public nature. The Jamestown lemonstrations ought to do good misslonary work.

> HOW THREE CITIES VOTED. Terra Hauto Tribune.

traction ordinances show the

JUST FOR FUN.

A Wail From Father Penn.

A Query From the West.

In the Library.

That shabby are their looks. But slways new and well bound. No page worn to a rut. Are works of thought and science,

With all their leaves uncut. -Baltimore American.

A Robin's Chirrup.

The novels of adventure.

The sentimental books, Are all so thumbed and dirty

middle ground.

Since last fail three great cities have voted upon municipal ownership. The vote was adverse to it in New York, London and Chicago. Each of these had fair opportunities of seeing corpo-ration control at its worst, but all con-demned municipal ownership, although London had given it a fial. But the cities did not vote for corporation con-trol of cities as a substitute. The Chi-cago traction ordinances show tha May Tulig & Co. Olivotti Troubadours Liillan Shaw Johnny Johns Nerton Mark Sullivan Kinodrome Every evening (except Sunday) be, 25c. Box seats \$1.00. Matin baily Except Sunday and Monday, 4 ic and 10c. Box seats, 75c.

Banche Walsh in "T Ioard." Sale Begins Tomorrow.

Grand Theater A M COX. Manage TONICHT. AND ALL THIS WEEK.

THE LEIGHTON PLAYERS

ZORAH! Evenings-35c, 50c, 75c and 81.00. Matinees-25c. Next Week: First presentation on BUTTERNUT JONES.

romantic idyll of the great south-by Harry Leighton. By the way, what politician is truly and honestly in favor of the contribu-tionless campaign?—Milwaukee Sen-tinel. VRIC THEATRE

> CREATER VAU DEVILLE. VEEK COMMENCING SATURDAY ROLAND TRAVERS, Husionist. EDSELL & FORBES, Comedy Enter-tainers. J. MURRY HILL, Utah's Favorite Baritone. JEROME, FREMONT & JEROME. Acrobats. MESSENGER BOY TRIO, Sugers and Comedians. Comedians. LEON LE CHARTIERS, Barltone, LYRICSCOPE, Latest Motion Pictures.

> > AUDITORIUM!

NICHARDS STREET.

ROLLER SKATING.

Evenings, two performances, 7:30 Matinees Daily Except Sunday. "GET THE LYRIC HABIT."

A miner, accompanied by his mate, who was rather deaf, was walking along the railway line the other day near Motherwell. A train approached and on nearing the men it gave forth an ear-piercing shriek. A smile broke over the deaf man's face. "Man," he said, "that's the first robin I've heard this spring."-Tit-Bits. The New Dancing Academ

She Could See for Herself. Mrs. Citily-Bridget, who was that at

All's. Chily—Bridget, who was that at the door just now? Bridget—A leddy wantin' t' know if we had furnished rooms. Mrs. Citily—What did you tell her? Bridget—Sure, an' I towld her that ul our rooms were furnished. She's cokin' at the Hb'ry now.—Puck.

April. April wept so sorely Robin's heart was stirred, "I must try to comfort By a soothing word."

Cleared his throat and told her-Robin full of cheer-"Don't be tearful, darling, I am surely here."

How he sings unto her, Song to melt the snow, And the brooks give answer Singing as they go, Oh the fickle creature! Who could hope to trace April's modds?—the changeling Laughed in Robin's face. -Nelly Hart Woodworth, in the Boston Transcript.



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KNIT GOODS.

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centiments of an overwhelming majority of the citizens of the United States regardless of party.

That the annexation of Cuba is a question looming into prominence there can be no doubt, and that the great array of business interests on the island. American, English, Spanish and to a large extent Cuban, will do everything In their power to create a sentiment favorable to annexation, is equally certain.

But we believe all such endeavors, of whatever nature, will come to naught. Not only is the feeling rapidly growing that we have race problems in plenty on hand now, without going out to hunt for new ones, but against the annexation idea, must forever stand the growing industries of the United States which would be imperilled-sacrificed. would be the truer word, if Cuba were admitted to the sisterhood of states, and all her products allowed to flood pur markets.

The two great American industries threatened by Cuba, if our ports were opened to her products, are sugar and tobacco. Not only the beet sugar interpublic but it is calmly made by the prinests of the west, but the cane growers cipal owner in the construction com of the lower South, would stand as solpany, and his words are deliberately idly as a fortress against any program spoken. In this connection it may be of annexation. With them would be allied the tobacco interests of the upper South and several northern states, Every state whose prosperity was assailed, would have two votes in the Senate, even if annexation passed the gigantic Dreadmaught several thousand tons displacement, larger than House-a possibility very remote-and anything we have ever attempted, all the constantly increasing number of states where the beet sugar industry is securing firm lodgment, guarantees a steady increase in the number of its friends.

The Cubans are undoubtedly incapable of self government at the present time; a people who can make the question of cock fighting a national issue, and who view the occupation of their chief cities by foreign troops as a holiday spectacle, to say nothing of their inability to agree on any sort of a peace platform among themselves-are not a people who can be safely left to work out their own siestiny, unaided, A United States protectorate, or an indefinite continuation of the present system of government, may have to be decided on. But annexation is a question that can safely be left to the next generation,or the one following that, to grapple with.

THE AWAKENING OF CHINA.

There are undoubted evidences of the awakening of China-China whose omnulence has continued for ages; who has moved only by the slow and measured rounds of the unfolding centuries; who has been the most lethargic of the world's nations.

For thousands of years she has been on the treadmill with locomotion of the lockstep kind, both military and

usiness ground. It is stated with ap-The Russian government is experiparent authority that the government menting with the twenty-four hour syshas for several years been an "exacting tem for clocks. Do what she may in this line, Russia will never be abreast and unprofitable customer." Speaking of the times until she adopts the Greupon that question Mr. Schwab says: gorian calendar. "I never knew any one to make money

out of battleship construction, We Thomas A. Edison says he wants to have conclusive evidence of this, for we ee a phonograph in every American have charged off altogether a \$3,000,000 home. There is no objection to seeing loss from the shipbuilding companies. them in every American home but In the construction of the three battlethere would be a national protest ships now building at the Union Iron against hearing them. Works we have in the past year

charged off \$1,725,000' San Franciscans frankly admit that No doubt part of the opposition to the school bond issue is due to the fact that som of the loss was occasioned by the the Board of Education will direct the earthquke and fire, following which maexpenditure of the money realized from terial and labor soared to unusual the sale of the bonds and not the city heights, but the Call charges unequiocally, that the greater part of the administration.

loss was due to red tape changes made Widener, Philadelphia's wealthiest by the Navy Department while the and most public-spirited citizen, has ofships were in process of construction. Mr. Schwab is accentuating this point fered the city \$10,000,000 to provide a museum, the only condition attached says it is quite possible to turn out a being that the municipality furnish a greater topnage of steel to a privale individual in one month, than can be fursite in an indicated place. Will Somnished the government in a year. The niaville wake up to a realization of its statement will surprise the American great opportunity?

That the duty to the government of ostoffice clerks and carriers who are combers of militia companies is pararemarked, and it is a rather humiliating mount to that of their military service onfession, that it takes a United States except at critical times, is the decision of First Assistant Postmaster-General great modern fighting machine, while Hitchcock. This being the decision of an English yard begins and completes a the "mailed" fist, it is final.

AMERICAN SNOBBISHNESS.

Chicago Chronic

There is a certain kind of expatriate There is a certain kind of expatriate American snobbishness that goes a long way toward Justifying the contempt which foreigners entertain for our fei-low citizens abroad. In Paris, for in-stance, there is an American woman who milintains a "salon" and whose boast it is that English is never spoken in her house. It is difficult to compre-hend the mental status of such a per-son, but we are forced to confeas that it is exclusively American. Nobody ever heard of a Frenchman planning himself on the fact that he never spoke French, or of a German repudiating his own language. It is precisely because a certain class of Americans seen to he ashamed of their country that Euro-Wall Street Journal, that periodical ciers, has slways been watched and read with such marked interest and upprehension, by fleecers and fleeced little surprising to say the least, and we wonder how the raiders relished he ashamed of their country that Euro it when it fell under their stony gaze, peans have a good deal of contempt for

OUT OF THE HARNESS.

Washington Herald.

Washington Heraid. Mr. Robert W. Patterson, who for so many years has been the responsible editor of the Chicago Tribune, suc-ceeding in that position his farmous father-in-law, the late Joseph M. Me-dil, has divided his duties among two or three of his staff and has practically withdrawn from the post. A few years ago Mr. Patterson built a magnificent residence in this city, and it is expected that he will, from now on, occupy his "What America needs more than "What America needs more than rallway extension, and western irriga-tion, and a low tariff, and a bigger wheat crop, and a merchant marine and a new navy is a revival of picty, the kind mother and father used to have-picty that counted it good bush-mess to stop for daily family prayers before breakfast, right in the middle of the harvest; that quit work a half hour carlier Thursday night so as to get the chores done and go to prayer meeting; that borrowed money to pay residence in this city, and it is expected that he will, from now on, occupy his marble pairse on Dupont circle more than in the past. He and Mrs. Patter-son are now for Europe, and will prob-ably not return to Washington until next fail. Since building the Dupont circle residence they have occupied it only a few months each year, and while it is said not to be their intention to make their permanent home here. civic. But now she is beginning to meeting; that borrowed money to pay to make their permanent home here, New York.

For one who likes fiction Young's Magazine for April is a feast, present-ing twenty-three storiettes, in addition to a novellette by Fred Jackson, "Lady O Dreams," The short fiction is good. "The Three Kisses," is a crisp tale of an innecent-eyed "burglaress," who un-der guise of a lonely country maiden cleverly hoodwinks a world-wise young man to his great discomfiture. "The Ring," is a clever storlette from the French of Michel Corday, and "The Swan Song," by Aleck Woolcott is a story of theatrical life. "The Dend Are Slient," by Arthur Schnitzler, author of "The Beckoning," now appearing at the Berkieley Lyceum in New York, is a good piece of fiction. "A Master of Chicanery," by Aubrey Lanston is a rollicking bit of comedy, while in "The Adventure of the Dermopathic Doctor," C. T. Mason tells a detective story.-3 East, Seventeenth St., New York. For one who likes fiction Young's

The following are among the lead-ing features of Recreation for April: "The Silver King of the Sca." Charles F. Holder: "Motoring in Old Fiand-ers." Henry W. Wac; "Bear Hunting in Northern New Mexico." E. Dana Johnson: "When Mother and I Go Fishing." poem, Maude Sution: "Rac-ing Small Yachts in the Facific." Allen H. Wright: "America a Nation of ing Small Yachts in the Facture," Atten H. Wright: "America a Nation of Marksmen," Annie Oakley: "Blue Elb-bon Goldng Tourneys of 1907," Arthur Potton: "The Automobile Tire Prob-lem and its Solution," Hiram P. Max-im: and "Fly Castings for Trout From a Cance," James A. Cruikshank.---West Twenty-second street New York

The April Travel Magazine takes its readers to the most interesting places they could visit during the spring months. "A Springtime Ramble in Ire-land," "Automobiling to Oid Virginia," "Fitting Ont a Cruising Yacht" and Walter Prichard Eaton's "Calendar of Travel" are all good fastures. In Genere B. King's "Paritial Parast of Travel" are all good features. In George R. King's "Petrified Forest of rrizona" we learn about mammoth rees turned to stone. In the "James-own Exposition" we have condensed information concerning the purpose and character of the proceedings which will center at Hampton Roads, Virwill center at Hampton Honde, and "Tealand's Woolerland" by Frederick Houk Law is the dwamatic experience of a party on horseback among the lava rocks of the Arctic region.--383 Fourth Ave. New York.

An article by Stewart Edward White man," is the koynote of the April namber of the Outlag Magazine. Other special atticles are just as broad in their scope as this, Arthur Ruhl writes humorously on "The Banquet Belt." "The Conspiracy of Fontiac," by Lynn Tew Sprasue, is one of the series of the Outlog Magazine's "Timely History" atticles. In Pontiac, Mr. Sprase has found a subject worthy of his vivid treatment, for the redskin was the greatest Indian organizer who ever ityed. The Diag-Fiddled Ebenczer," by Hen Blow, is a genuinely funny yarn.-35-37 West Thirty-first street, New York.

