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CAMOUFLAGED

What a sham some of these legislative fake fights are to be sure... Many a legislative bill is merely a man of straw introduced in the Capitol to give certain notoriety in favor of a plan that will allow seekers a chance to declaim loudly against such an unwarranted invasion of the people's rights and liberties...

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Verily, there is a heap of hypocrisy, cant, sham and fakes abroad these days and Rochester is not entirely free from the epidemic.

JUST LIKE THAT

When you are not entrusted with responsibility and do not have to make good—when that's the other fellow's job—it is so easy to criticize, so easy to tell the other fellow what to do and what not to do, and just how to do both.

A very clever fellow advertiser tells his fellow club men that if he were mayor he would build several parallels to Main Street, half a dozen new bridges, etc. When confronted with the fact that the constitutional debt limitation of Rochester has been reached and that there's no funds available, he discusses that objective as puerile and says that if he were mayor he'd call a conference of the city's leading financiers and they'd find a way to get the money. The would-be mayor seems to forget that these were the arguments advanced in war-time. True, the money was found—America loaned to Great Britain and to the world. American citizens loaned to the United States government. But these same American citizens are paying the interest today on their money they loaned to the government.

Probably Rochester financiers would advance the money needed to build these streets, etc., if they were convinced it were a good investment—but they'd expect to be repaid. And who would foot the bill? The taxpayers and taxpayers are already so high that Rochester is receiving adverse notoriety all over the country.

After all the present agitation for a "city manager" and whether the would-be mayor is the paid publicity manager of that campaign or is conducting a clever canvass of the city would be city manager himself remains to be seen. The plot will unfold itself as the days go on.

Has Baseball Dictator Kenesaw Mountain Landis gone to Europe? Or is he at the Florida Coast resort? His picture has not preceded the photo news section in several days.

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ON THE LEVEL

Retiring Postmaster General Work's recommendation that the country's postmasters be removed from the field by competitive civil service. Even though such a plan has quite generally resulted in the selection of postmasters acceptable to United States Senators and Congressmen and to the dominant political organizations—brings to the front again a subject on which there has been a remarkable change of public sentiment in the last quarter of a century. When Grover Cleveland, Silas Burt, Carl Schurz and other civil service reformers enunciated the doctrine of permanent tenure of office of faithful and conscientious public employees the idea found favor with the great majority of fair-minded citizens who were not interested particularly in the upbuilding of strong political machines.

But the politicians found a way to beat the civil service law. They secured control of the civil service and gradually the civil service was listed as a first-rate vehicle to get your political friends on the public pay-roll and keep your political enemies out.

So today the professional civil service reformers' propaganda in favor of a plan that will allow the departmental head to fire the employees who have grown old in the service and have lost their pep and reputation as an upholder of Constitutional privilege.

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Truly, the world moves and the professional reformer aims to be just one lip ahead of each turn of the world's wheel.

WALKING

It is somewhat of a treat in these days of "Automotive Special Editions" to find the "Post" Express writing gravely on the perils of pedestrians as follows:

Why so many persons ride now days than walk is explained in a communication to the New York Herald in a convincing manner. The writer, a resident of Somerville, New Jersey, says that he riders make walking dangerous and that the highways in both city and country are designed solely with the interest of the automobile driver in view, to the exclusion of the rights and interests of the pedestrian. A little reflection will show that he has foundation for his complaint.

In the country, not only have deep paths for pedestrians been wiped out by the manner of building roads, but the roadways themselves are so designed that there is virtually no room upon them for the walker. He is forced from the narrow strip of sand beside the paved portion of the roadway, whenever a motorist chooses to be hoggish, and that is most of the time. In the city, the walks are neglected, in order that the roadway may be made better for the driver. The traffic regulations favor the driver above the walker.

Altogether, the pedestrian has no such lure to the exercise of walking as he had only a few years ago. If he chooses to walk in the country, he is showered with dust in summer and spattered with mud in the spring. And it would be stated in passing that the time, the money was found—America loaned to Great Britain and to the world. American citizens loaned to the United States government. But these same American citizens are paying the interest today on their money they loaned to the government.

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The latest suggestion of "aping" things Catholic—albeit it is well-nigh a sacrilege—is the "Cone Rosary" for that is exactly what the Pharmacist of Nancy seeks to do.

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DEIVORCE

Judge Ben. B. Lindsay, a non-Catholic, contributes an indirect argument in substantiation of the Catholic Church's position on the subject of divorce.

Speaking recently in New York City on the subject of divorce, Judge Lindsay said that the institution of marriage in this country has become like a broken reed. For every marriage in Denver during 1922 there has been a separation. "Think of it," he exclaims, "in the last four years the marriage and divorce rate has changed from four to one to two to one. These statistics show the number of separations arising from non-support and desertion which have come under the observation of the Domestic Relations Court." In Chicago, last year, he continues, "reports showed that there were 39,000 marriage licenses granted and 13,000 divorce decrees signed. Remember that the decrees signed did not represent all those filed, nor the large number of separations."

Henry Ford is reported to have presented a limousine to Bishop Gallagher of Detroit. The news item does not say whether the car was of Ford make or not.

Someone always takes the joy out of life. Just when the clasp has saved enough to think of a low-priced car along comes the news that like sugar and flour, the O. B. price of all cars is to be advanced. So he'll have to invest the savings in next winter's coal and even at that he may have to save some more.

General S. B. Smith is a busy man these days and the Legislature is not abstracting anything from the troublers.

So now we need a new Supreme Court Judge and another County Judge? Is Mr. Volstead's family law in any way responsible?

And now the Anglo-Americans are trying to prove that George Washington was really an Englishman at heart, only that like the men who won Magna Charta from King John, he was opposed to King George III. Washington never was anything but a true, loyal American gentleman and patriot.

Bishop Curley's elevation to the see of Syracuse is another striking instance of the equality of opportunity of the Catholic Church. He has always been a parish priest since his ordination although a matter of record he declined a proffered appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of the New York diocese.

ODD COMPANY FOR QUAKER

Reactions to Voice of Man of Peace Said to Be Same as Those of General Hindenburg.

An interesting story reaches us from a Quaker source about the discovery of a German professor of phonetics who is engaged in collecting and analyzing phonographic records of the voice of speakers of every country and language. During the war he not only got records from allies and war prisoners of nearly every country under the sun, but also carefully tabulated the voice reactions of the most famous of his own countrymen.

Recently he begged a well-known English Quaker, who was on a visit to Berlin in connection with international peace work, to allow a record of his voice to be made. This was Mr. O. Heath, the late secretary of the National Peace Council, and now secretary of the Friends' Council for International Service. He gave a brief address on the peace principles of Quakerism into the phonographic receiver, while the professor eagerly watched the machine's delicate indicator, which recorded all the lights and shades of the speaker's voice.

At the conclusion of the test the professor pronounced that the verdict of the machine was that the reactions to the Quaker's voice were exactly the same as those to General Hindenburg's—Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.

Solid-Hoofed Hogs. There are exceptional hogs with this peculiarity of a solid hoof. The Riverside Natural History states: "A curious anomaly of the foot structure of the pig has been frequently recorded from the time of Aristotle downward, which consists in the coalescence of the last joint and the hoofs of the middle toes, a single solid hoof resulting. Such solid-hoofed pigs breed singularly true. Dr. Coues met with a breed in Texas which exemplified this in a marked degree, so much so as to indicate that it would not be difficult to form a race of solid-hoofed pigs, just as we have races of the domestic fowl with deformed skulls. Their flesh is as good to eat as that of the ordinary hog."

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Magnifies Finger Prints. An instrument that makes an enlargement of finger-print marks has recently been designed and put in use by the police department of Paris, France, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. It consists of a boxlike device mounted on a short column that is screwed to a flat piece of oak. The specimen bearing the finger marks is pushed through a slot in the apparatus until it comes before a window, where it is brilliantly illuminated by a 1,000-candle power electric bulb. A lens placed above the bulb and a movable mirror project and reflect the image manifested ten times, upon the paper placed upon the oak board. This provides a rapid method of examining the size and in the same degree of magnification, the finger-print record of the suspect and the marks upon the object he is supposed to have touched.

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