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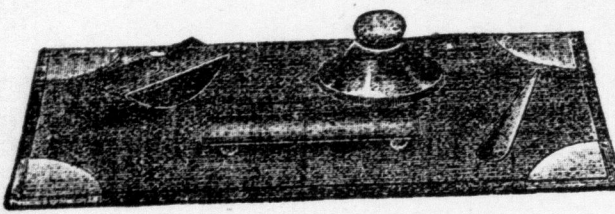
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WAITING POLICY

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the world. A test so compounded ought easily to be made to govern both the establishment of new treaty obligations and the interpretation of those already assumed.

Mexican Situation.

There is but one cloud upon our horizon. That has shown itself to the south of us and hangs over Mexico. There can be no doubt that the peace in America and Gen. Huerta has surrendered his usurped authority in Mexico; until it is understood on all hands, indeed, that such peaceful governments will not be countenanced or dealt with by the Government of the United States. We are the friends of constitutional government in America; we are more than its friends; we are its champions; because in no other way can our neighbors, to whom we would wish in every way to make proof of our friendship, work out their own development in peace and liberty. Mexico has no government.

The attempt to maintain one at the city of Mexico has broken down, and a mere military despotism has been set up, which has hardly more than the semblance of national authority. It originated in the usurpation of Victoriano Huerta, who, after a brief attempt to play the part of constitutional president, has at last cast aside even the pretense of legal right and declared himself dictator.

As a consequence, a condition of affairs now exists in Mexico which has made it doubtful whether even the most elementary and fundamental rights either of her own people or of the citizens of other countries resident within her territory can long be successfully safeguarded, and which threatens, if long continued, to imperil the interests of peace, order and tolerable life in the lands immediately to the south of us.

Even if the usurper had succeeded in his purposes, in despite of the constitution of the republic, and the rights of its people, he would have set up nothing but a precarious and hateful power, which could have lasted but a little while, and whose eventual downfall would have left the country in a more deplorable condition than ever. But he has not succeeded. He has forfeited the respect and the moral support even of those who were at one time willing to see him succeed. Little by little he has been completely isolated. By a little every day his power and prestige are crumbling and the collapse is not far away. We shall not, I believe, be obliged to alter our policy of watchful waiting. And then, when the end comes, we shall hope to see constitutional order restored in distressed Mexico by the concert and energy of such of her leaders as prefer the liberty of their people to their own ambitions.

The Currency Bill.
I turn to matters of domestic concern. You already have under consideration a bill for the reform of our system of banking and currency, for which the country waits with im-

patience, as for something fundamental to its whole business life and necessary to set credit free from arbitrary and artificial restraints. I need not say how earnestly I hope for its early enactment into law. I take leave to say that the whole energy and attention of the Senate be concentrated upon it till the matter is successfully disposed of. And yet I feel that the request is not needed; that the members of that great House need urging in this service to the country.

Help Farmers.

I present to you, in addition, the urgent necessity that special provision be made for our agriculturists and the credits needed by the farmers of the country. The pending currency bill does the farmers a great service. It puts them upon an equal footing with other business men and masters of enterprise, as it should; and upon its passage they will find themselves quit of many of the difficulties which now hamper them in the field of credit. The farmers, of course, ask and should be given no special privilege, such as extending to them the credit of the Government itself. What they need and should obtain is legislation which will make their own abundant and substantial credit resources available as a foundation for joint, concerted local action in their own behalf in getting the capital they must use. It is to this we should now address ourselves.

Are Lagging Behind.

It has, singularly enough, come to pass that we have allowed the industry of our farms to lag behind the other activities of the country in its development. I need not stop to tell you how fundamental to the life of the nation is the production of its food. Our thoughts may ordinarily be concentrated upon the cities and the hives of industry, upon the cries of the crowded market place and the clangor of the factory, but it is from the quiet interstices of the open valleys and the free hill-sides that we draw the sources of life and of prosperity, from the farm and the ranch, from the forest and the mine. Without these every street would be silent, every office deserted, every factory fallen into disrepair. And yet the farmer does not stand upon the same footing with the forester and the miner in the market of credit. He is the servant of the seasons. Nature determines how long he must wait for his crops, and will not be hurried in her processes. He may give his note, but the season of its maturity depends upon the season when his crop matures, lies at the gates of the market where his products are sold. And the security he gives is of a character not known in the broker's office or as familiarly known as it might be on the counter of the banker.

Assist Agriculture.
The agricultural department of the Government is seeking to assist as never before to make farming an efficient business, of wide co-operative effort, in quick response to the needs of the community. The farmers and the Government will henceforth work together as real partners in this field, where we now begin to see our way very clearly and where many intelligent plans are already being put into execution. The treasury of the United States has, by a timely and well-considered distribution of its deposits, facilitated the moving of crops and the securing of available funds too often experienced at such times. But we must allow ourselves to depend upon extraordinary expedients. We must add the means by which the farmer may make his credit constantly and easily available, and com-

mand when he will the capital by which to support and expand his business. We lag behind many other great countries of the modern world in attempting to do this. Systems of rural credit have been studied and developed on the other side of the water, while we left our farmers to shift for themselves in the ordinary money market. You have but to look about you in any rural district to see the result, the handicap and embarrassment which have been put upon those who produce our food.

Special Commission.
Conscious of this backwardness and neglect on our part, the Congress recently authorized the creation of a special commission to study the various systems of rural credit which have been put into operation in Europe, and this commission is already prepared to report its report ought to make it easier for us to determine what methods will be best suited to our own farmers. I hope and believe that the committees of the Senate and House will address themselves to this matter with the most fruitful results, and I believe that the studies and recently-formed plans of the department of agriculture may be made to serve them very greatly in their work of framing appropriate and adequate legislation. It would be indiscreet and presumptuous if anyone to dogmatize upon so great and manifold a question, but I feel confident that common counsel will produce the results we must all desire.

Block Monopolies.
Turn from the farm to the world of business which centres in the city and in the factory, and I think that all thoughtful observers will agree that the immediate future of the business communities of the country is to prevent private monopoly more effectively than it has yet been prevented. I think it will be easily agreed that we should let the Sherman anti-trust law stand, unaltered, as it is, with its delicate and about it but that we should as much as possible reduce the area of that debatable ground for further and more explicit legislation, and should also supplement that great act by legislation which will not only clearly fix but also make it fair to all concerned. No doubt we shall all wish, and the country will expect, this to be the subject of our deliberations during the present session; but it is a subject so many-sided and so important that the best of us should be careful not to let it become a discriminating discussion that I shall take the liberty of addressing you upon it in a special message at a later date than this. It is of capital importance that the businessmen of this country should be relieved of all uncertainties of law with regard to their enterprises and investments and a clear path indicated which they can travel without anxiety. It is as important that they should be relieved of embarrassment and set free to prosper so that private monopoly should be destroyed. The way of action should be thrown wide open.

Labor Questions.
Three or four matters of special importance and significance I beg that you will permit me to mention in closing. Our bureau of mines ought to be equipped and empowered to render even more effective service than it renders now in improving the conditions of mine labor and making the mines more economically productive as well as more safe. This is an all-important part of the work of conservation, and the conservation of human life and energy lies even nearer to our interest than the preservation from waste of our material resources.

We owe it, in mere justice to the railway employees of the country, to provide for them a fair and effective employers' liability act; and a law that we can stand by in this matter will be no less to the advantage of those who administer the railroads of the country than to the advantage of those whom they employ. The experience of a great number of the states abundantly proves that.

We ought to devote ourselves to meeting pressing demands of plain justice like this as earnestly as to the accomplishment of political and economic reforms. Social justice comes first. Law is the machinery for its realization, and is vital only as it expresses and embodies it.

PHYSICIAN CLAIMS UNFAIR PROSECUTION

Dr. Craig D c'ares He Is Absolutely Innocent in Knabe Murder Case.

[Canadian Press.]

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 2.—Dr. Wm. B. Craig was portrayed as an innocent man, who was being unfairly prosecuted by the state, in the opening statement of the defence made by Henry N. Spaan today at the trial of the former for the murder of Dr. Helene Knabe.

Mr. Spaan denied that there was any greater intimacy than that of good friendship between Dr. Craig and Dr. Knabe. He said there was never any promise of marriage or any talk of marriage between the two.

"Dr. Knabe was a manish woman, a fighter, but she was not successful," said Mr. Spaan. "She borrowed money from her friends frequently, because she was unable to make a living at the practice of medicine, and at the time of her death she was preparing to train herself for physical culture work."

He asserted that her cousin, Dr. Augusta Knabe, knew that she was despondent because of her failure in life, and had told her friends who would be produced as a witness that she was afraid Dr. Knabe would commit suicide.

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SMALL CALENDAR IN COUNTY COURT THAT OPENS TODAY

Few Civil Actions Entered—Some Important Criminal Charges.

PROBLEM FOR THE COURT

Location of Temporary Hall For Wednesday Is Perplexing—Shrine, Court and Council Mixed.

December sessions of the peace for the County of Middlesex opened at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the Masonic Temple, Senior County Judge Talbot Macbeth presiding. The list of cases to be tried is not a particularly heavy one. Six civil actions are to be tried, but none of these involve very large sums of money. The most serious of the criminal cases is that of "Carol to Lacey," the young woman of Dorchester, who is charged with neglecting her infant child, with the intent to secure its death. The child died at first laid against the woman, but this was later reduced to the charge of neglect.

Assault Charges.
George Jensen will answer to a charge of indecent assault laid by a London Township young woman, and Dan Delaney, of Caradoc, will face a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm preferred by a woman of that township. The other cases in the list are of a minor nature. A horse deal that did not turn out profitably will be aired under the false pretences charges. William R. Aldrich, of London Township, claims that J. W. Hartnell obtained a bay mare valued at \$125 from him by representing himself to be the owner of a farm near Byron. The complainant claims that this turned out to be untrue.

"Pussy Wants a Corner."
An interesting situation may possibly develop Wednesday in regard to the place of holding court. The Masonic Temple has been secured for today, but the Mystic Shrines are meeting there Wednesday, and will require the building all day. It was proposed to move the court to the county council chambers for that day, but at the meeting of the county council Monday afternoon, some of the councillors objected to this arrangement, saying that it would cause interference with the work of the council, which is sitting this week. Unless an amicable arrangement is reached today it will be a clear case of "Pussy wants a corner" Wednesday.

HELD FOR ASSAULT

Constable Is Chief Witness Against Western Miners.

[Canadian Press.]
New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 2.—At the assizes yesterday the trial commenced of seven miners from Nanaimo on charges of assault and aggravated assault on Provincial Constable Harry Taylor. Taylor was the officer who had his gun and badge taken from him forcibly by miners, and who was otherwise maltreated. The chief witness against the accused man was Taylor himself.

MAY END STRIKE

[Canadian Press.]
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 2.—A committee composed of representatives of all crafts affiliated with the Central Labor Union today began efforts to end some way in which the strike of the teamsters and chauffeurs could be ended peacefully. At a meeting of the Central Labor Union last night this committee was appointed to try to bring about a settlement of the strike.

At the close of the committee meeting, Wm. J. Beatty, president of the Central Labor Union and chairman of the committee, announced that no decision as to the plan of procedure had been reached. The status of the strike early today remained unchanged.

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RADIALS, GOOD ROADS, HYDRO, ALL BEFORE COUNTY COUNCIL

Many Important Questions Before Councillors at December Session—Move to Reorganize the County Constabulary—Resolutions of Sympathy.

Business preliminary to the important work of the county council at its December session was disposed of at the first sitting held in the county council chambers Monday afternoon. A number of important matters will be dealt with at this session, as was indicated in the remarks of Warden A. K. Hodgins, when the council convened. After welcoming the members of the council, the warden proceeded to outline some of the projects which he would like to see discussed at this session. Chief among these was the question of hydro power and radial railways. He felt sure, he said, that other counties were getting a little start of Middlesex in the matter, and that it was just because the people of the council didn't know the right way to go about starting a project of that kind. He would like to see the matter given the fullest discussion, so that all the arguments for and against it might be brought out.

Want Power Information.
His remarks bore fruit later in the afternoon in a resolution introduced by Councillor C. N. Currie, of Glencoe, in which he suggested that the warden secure somebody familiar with the power situation to address the council at this session, and explain matters to them. The resolution was adopted, and the discussion will likely be brought on this afternoon.

The warden also told the councillors that full reports on the court house repairs would be laid before them at this session, including a report of the architect in charge.

The question of good roads will also be taken up, and it is probable that a resolution embodying very definite ideas will be the result, as the public roads commission have asked to be allowed to meet members of the council on Dec. 16, and the council deems it desirable to have clear and definite propositions to make to them.

Mr. Hodgins congratulated Reeve C. W. Hawkins on his recovery from his late serious illness.

Councillor R. W. Jackson was appointed secretary pro tem, in the absence of Captain T. E. Robson.

A number of communications were read by him, and referred to the various committees for action.

High Constable's Report.
High Constable Gumb presented his annual report. It was a lengthy document and covered the year's work of the county constabulary. He was unable to present a financial statement because of the lack of system in making up accounts which he claimed existed throughout the force. His remarks along this line precipitated a warm discussion on the efficiency of the county force in general.

Councillor Rush, of Wardsville, charged that two-thirds of the county constables are never on hand when they are wanted, and that the men who are paid a stipulated amount each receive only the customary fees for each arrest. He knew cases, he said, where these men had refused to move without their pay.

C. W. Hawkins referred to the recent action of York county council, in dismissing its whole county force. If York county council had that power, he did not see why the Middlesex council should not exercise the same power if the force was found to be inefficient.

Would Reorganize Force.
John McGugan thought that the high constable should be resident in London, and a sufficient salary granted him to enable him to take up his residence here. "We should consider a reorganization of the county force and see if we can get more efficient ser-

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