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There was much discussion of this proposition in the conference, but in the end the British delegates agreed to it.

As formulated the rule reads as follows: "Any individual embodied in the armed force of the enemy who is found on board a neutral merchant vessel may be made a prisoner of war, even though there be no ground for the capture of the vessel."

But there should be another investigation, immediate and thorough. It should be by the Bar Association.

Get the Facts. Governor Dix has acted wisely and well in ordering an investigation in the case of the convict Brandt, sentenced to serve thirty years by Judge Rosalsky for an assault upon his employer, Mr. Mortimer L. Schiff.

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Water and Street Railways. The perfunctory indorsement Wednesday by the Public Service Commission of the reorganization plan of the New York Railways Company affords the second instance wherein capitalization evades the restrictive powers which the Public Service law was assumed to have conferred upon the commission.

The courts have made such evasion possible by construing sections No. 9 and No. 10 of the Stock Corporation law, and referring to reorganizations, as unaffected by the subsequent enactment of the Public Service law.

It is not a bright outlook. The Ashokan dam cannot hold the water that may at any time be poured into these companies that use the streets if credulous and thirsty customers can be found.

So long as sections No. 9 and No. 10 of the Stock Corporation law are not repealed financing of reorganized bankrupt public service corporations will continue to enjoy a breadth of opportunity widely superior to that of any newly organized corporation of that class.

Governor Dix had declared for such legislation. Without it the Public Service law lacks the powers which the people and the Legislature intended it should have.

Elopement of sixteen-year-old boy at Trenton, THE SEASON, N. J., proves that a young man's fancy doesn't always wait for spring.

The Pace Does Not Always Kill. Like a voice from the tomb comes the news from Point Pleasant, N. J., that Mr. A. A. Zimmerman is being flooded with proposals of marriage from young women who have heard he has offered \$20 in gold for the first leap year proposal made to him.

Years and years ago—it really seems as though it were in Andrew Jackson's time—Mr. Zimmerman was the "peerless Zim," winner of enough watches and silver on the bicycle track each season to stock a Maiden lane jobbing house. His was the greatest speed, and the fact that he now "bores up" after all these years of quiet retirement is a reminder that after all it is not the swift pace that kills.

Giving Away Commerce. This part for many years has been giving away foreign commerce to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans and the "outports" in general. Father Knickerbocker's generosity in this respect, it should be added, is wholly involuntary. After competing with one another for goods shipped from interior points for export across the Atlantic the railroads got together and ended their rate wars by agreeing to charge two or three cents more for every hundred pounds of export freight carried to New York than for freight carried to other ports.

The city was not consulted in this matter of direct importance to its commercial welfare. When it found that its proportion of foreign commerce was declining as a result of the agreement it protested to the State, to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is devoting this week to an inquiry into the facts. When the testimony is all in the commission will have to decide the question—Why should the commercial interests of New York be compelled to bear the cost of railroad peace?

New York harbors no ill will toward the outports, but the answer to the question

before the Interstate Commerce Commission seems too plain to require statement.

ANIMAL FRIENDS. Unpinner at Cheshire, Conn., entertains ninety-seven cats. Might be a good place for Crulksbank to carry out his avowed purpose of "facing the music."

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Letters from Herald Readers. Writer Intimates Hatpins Are More Perilous in Subway Than Cigars.—Brooklynite Complains.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—In reference to the letter published in today's issue signed "H. S. R." and your editorial comments regarding the pernicious habit of some men to smoke on "L" stations, I would like to ask: "Why doesn't the Herald start in earnest a campaign against the 'four-inch-stick-out-hat-pin'?" R. C. S. NEW YORK, Jan. 24, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—It seems to me a most unfortunate thing that people should come here to this country to extract American dollars from American people and attempt to introduce at the same time European customs which to a certain extent are offensive to our well bred citizens. Of course it is presumed that any one who is decently clad as his means will allow when entering a public dining room, but it is generally to be questioned whether a certain mode of dress should or can be dictated to a free and independent people, whatever may be the pretext of regulations governing Europe. The Prince Albert or frock coat is absolutely good form, and the man who wears it does absolutely the right thing on Sunday. A VERY OLD SUBSCRIBER. NEW YORK, Jan. 25, 1912.

WOULD MUZZLE DOGS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—One of your neighbors in one of his later issues makes a strong appeal to all lovers of dogs to do their utmost to bring about the enactment of a law enforcing the wearing of muzzles for all dogs outside of the house. Since I am a lover of "the best friend of man," I cannot but recommend such an enactment. Though there are papers who try to make fun of the dreadful danger we are all exposed to as a result of rabies, my personal experience makes me a strong sympathizer with such a measure. H. S. ROTHCHILD. NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 25, 1912.

QUESTION FOR MR. GAYNOR. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—Will you kindly allow an old and admiring reader of your valuable paper and a voter for our brilliant and versatile Mayor to ask him, through your readers' column, how much of the largely increased production of gold, mentioned in his speech, has gone into the hands of the people as circulation, and, therefore, tended to reduce prices, and how much has gone into reserve, been used to lock up food supplies and other necessities of life, and, therefore, tended to raise prices. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1912.

HIGH COST OF LIVING. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—The American people have been suffering from the effects of the high cost of life's necessities for several years, and while the country is aroused, only Mayor Shanks seems to have done any practical good. A law compelling the cold storage companies to publish a weekly report of their holdings as the banks do. Have you noticed that all the time they claim a good food shortage they have all you want at their prices? W. LUTHER. NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 25, 1912.

PRICE OF BUTTER. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—Mrs. Julian Heath has started in a good way to reduce the price of butter—and I hope all housewives will assist her. A BROOKLYN WOMAN. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1912.

JOHN WANAMAKER FOR 1912. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—In his report, in 1892, Mr. John Wanamaker, then Postmaster General, made a presentation of the reasons why, in his opinion, the government should own and operate the telegraph lines of the country. As the views of Mr. Wanamaker are concurred in by the HERALD, why should not the HERALD hold the gentleman's name as its candidate? WILLIAM MCCABE. CORFAGE, L. I., Jan. 25, 1912.

THEATRE TICKETS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—On Monday morning last I sent for three orchestra seats for the following Wednesday evening. In these theatres seats could only be given me ten or eleven rows from the front. I wish to inquire of you whether the seats are in the hands of speculators or am I to judge that seats are engaged so many days in advance? MR. FRANK LESLIE. NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 25, 1912.

FOR BOARD OF CENSORS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—The gentlemen who are condemning divine music, fifty post cards and suggestive moving picture shows are certainly doing some real uplift work for the welfare of their fellow human beings. How such stuff should so long be tolerated is a wonder, long suggesting the need of a proper Board of Censorship. OLD FASHIONED. NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 24, 1912.

SUBWAY SMOKERS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—"If H. S. R." who complains of smokers in the subway, should visit Brooklyn and ride on the cars there he never would try it again. The whole Brooklyn Rapid Transit system is handed over to the smokers. FAIR PLAY. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1912.

TELEPHONE COMPLAINT. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—Having read your article regarding the New York Telephone Company, in which you state that the telephone rates to Brooklyn are now five cents, I wish to ask you the people residing in apartments, but only those who have private "phones." A HEADLER. NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 25, 1912.

The Daily Hint from Paris



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Note of Doubt from Iowa. [From the Des Moines Register and Leader.] From now on all eyes will be turned to New York. It is conceded that an effective break, if there is to be one, must come from the Empire State.

The New York HERALD, which prides itself on its accurate statistics, reported Saturday that a careful canvass shows ninety per cent of New York republican sentiment to be for Taft. The HERALD discounts all stories of the likelihood of an uprising for Roosevelt.

But in unsettled times great changes come suddenly. A single unfortunate speech might turn the tide. Until the convention is held anything may happen. It is from New York that Senator Cummins has the strongest assurances of support.

The Finish of the Eph. (Note—A Western professor in the West urges a simpler alphabet. Let's drop the letter F.) When Phyllis, plow her phairies, phits Bephront my view with grace, A phrank miss ambles phorth and sits Upon my eger phace, And happiness, phushed by her wits, In phurture days I trace.

When phirst I saw her pherfect phorm A-phlurist phlew the red Blood through my veins, and, phlowing warm, It crazed my phrenzied head; Love's phluriphiles then began to swarm, And they have never phied.

Her phace with phetching dimples phills, Her eyes with sophtness dart; The contact oph her phingers thrills My phingers 'til I start And my phibe shall pay all bills— The tarliphph pher heart!

Man's phollis is maid's joy, they say; He phusses, phumes and phrets Himselph pher over and a day; The maiden—she phorget's Will Phyllis phinally say "Nay" And phetch me phieros regrets? A. WALTER UTTING.

Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer will leave Philadelphia early next month to spend several weeks in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Thompson will give a dance to-night in Horticultural Hall for her debutante daughter Miss Katherine Thompson.

Miss Jean Thompson will be the principal guest at a dinner given to-morrow night by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson.