SETTING THE STAGE

If the present administration had done nothing else noteworthy it would have earned the gratitude of the American people by bringing them to an appreciation of Colonel E. M. House, of Texas, super-statesman. To use the language of his touter, who does not wish America to lose the credit of this marvelous production: "No other country, you know, boasts of its popwer to beget a type of super-man who is both indealistic and practical." Certainly not. We are the only producers of the real thing in dipolmats and we are constantly improving our goods. So the Colonel owes something to the United States. Had he been born in England he might have been a mere Chatham, a Gladstone, or a Disareli; but Colonel House, plus the United States, is what he is. He might to-day be living in comparative obscurity and he not widely-known city of Austin, had not Teddy spilled the beans at the Chicago convention and Hughes failed to take the right steer at the San Francisco banquet. Let us be thankful things happened as they did, otherwise where would we be at? He is our possession—a national character of such phenomenal ability that even his Boswell seems unable to find adequate terms to express his great ability. He does his darnedest, however, and makes a pretty good stagger at covering his idol with a mantle of glory such as never before fell upon the shoulders of a mere mortal. Colonel House is said to be "mysterious, inexplicable, fascinating." He is looked upon, says the touter, as a "kind of modern Machiavell," while others consider him "a John Hay, raised to th nth power" whatever that may mean; "a character that would have intrigued Balzac or Daudet, and kept Victor Hugo guessing." That would seem to be the limit, but there's more of it: "The best informed publicists of Europe have been astonished at his detailed knowledge of modern history;" "He has the kind of ability that creates multi-millionaires," but he don't like that kind of work. Boiled down by the touter, he is "horsey but bookish unambitious but soaring dyspeptic but athletic; practical but dreamy; elpquent but reticent; famous but unknown; erudite but prosy; mysterious but not secretive; diplomatic but frank—in short, a personage to astonish his own generation and to tantalize posterity." The stage is set. Now, raise the curtain, remove the camouflage, and reveal the next Democratic nominee for the Presidency, Colonel F. M. House of Texas. But why should so great a man accept a position which has been filled by such understandable, explicable mortals as Washington, Lincoln, Grant and Cleveland, who never wore their halo during business hours?

THE IMPEDIMENTS

But with the conduct of the War Department under Mr. Baker we are not at all satisfied. Few men of intelligence can be. There is no more dismal tale of incompetency on record we dare say than the disgusting juggling with the machine gun problem. The Lewis gun, in use by England and France and tried out under all conceivable conditions, was actually repudiated by the Department in favor of an experiment. The gun is good enough for our own navy, it is good enough for the trenches in the hands of British and French soldiers, but the War Department repudiates it and is still fooling around with drawings on paper. Result, no machine guns. As for rifles, there are not enough to furnish even the training camps, while we are borrowing from France field artillery for our own men.

Red tape has hampered progress in the War Department red tape and prejudice—and red tape, too, of the sort that was manufactured away back in the days of the Civil War. There has been either no desire to cut it or the lack of knowledge of how to do it. Mr. Baker is the most conspicuous of the Cabinet failures, and the President should acknowledge the truth and act accordingly.

There is needed in the War Department a man of experience and of organizing ability. For the red tape must be disposed of. And something else is needed—theformation of a new department—the Department of Munitions. The War Department has too much on its hands. Everything to do with munitions should be taken from it and put under the control of a man of the calibre of General Leonard Wood or of Theodore Roosevelt.

May we not expect that the President will favor such action? For it is he himself who has said: "WE MUST CLEAR AWAY WITH A THOROUGH HAND ALL IMPEDIMENTS TO SUCCES. PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER.

Extensive coal development is planned in West Virginia this year. Several large corporations will operate in the southern counties, where the Pottsville and Upper Pottsville series of veins will be mined. The Cabin Creek Block Coal Company will open mines at Ronda. In the Pocahontas field the Beard Smokeless Coal Company will add another to the many operations at Pemberton. The Underwood Pocahontas Coal Company will operate mines in the Pocahontas vein at War.

The scarcity of coal in the community of Chestertown, Md., has caused a readjustment of living conditions in many homes. The coal situation was relieved Friday somewhat, by the arrival of eight carloads, which was soon distributed in small lots. Wood is selling for $10 and $12 a cord. Navigation has been closed to that town and county since December 22.

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But with this improvement we must have certain help so that we can take care of these fish when placed in our streams, until they reach a good size.

It is particularly desired that we obtain the influence of those who are fond of hunting and every man in the County is requested to help bring into the County, preserve and maintain, all the fish and game so that in a few years we may have a County thoroughly stocked with both fish and game.

I think it will be a gratifying thing if we can organize or bring into life an organization in this County for the purpose of protecting fish and game and I think it would be a good plan to obtain the co-operation of at least five persons from each election district in this County. The writer will be very glad to have any and every person interested to communicate with him and arrange to bring about the organization of the Carroll County Fish and Game Protective Association.

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Edward Verdner, clerk in the merchandise store of W. L. Forney, at White Pine Sanatorium, near Waynesboro, and several other persons, saw a strange apparition in the sky, Thursday evening about 8 o'clock. They only figure it to be an airplane. It was some illuminated object, at all events that traveled far overhead. There was a strange apparition in the sky Thursday throwing out long shafts, as of a searchlight, but the thing producing the illumination remained in the dark.

When first observed it was in the eastern ascendant and came over the Blue Ridge mountains and its course was due west. It traveled very rapidly, and was soon out of view in the western heavens. The phenomenon was witnessed by many in the neighborhood. It is thought that it might have been a military plane from Newport News, Va., or some other base.

John Adams, one of a dozen small boys playing hide and seek Saturday, in the fascinating ruins of the Jersey City Water Company's works at North Arlington, N. J., that have been abandoned 30 years, came racing from his hiding place. "Say, fellers," he gasped, "there's a million tons of coal, I guess, where I was hidin'!" With his grimy face and hands bearing silent witness to his tale, he reported the story of his discovery to Daniel B. Walsh, Fuel Administrator. Mr. Walsh investigated and found that a rotting bunker of the old waterworks still held nearly 300 tons of soft coal.

NAVY NOTES

Lack of interest in the aviation branch of the Navy has caused a distinct surprise among the recruiting authorities in the Maryland district.

This branch of the Naval Service needs from Maryland 30 quartermasters, 30 machinists' mates, 15 carpenters' mates one blacksmith and one coppersmith.

Lieut. M. A. Leahy, the Navy Recruiting Officer for the Maryland district was authorized some time ago by the Bureau of Navigation to enlist these men as quickly as possible, but to date very few young men have applied for these positions.

The aircraft service is one of the most attractive branches of the service and Mr. Leahy is unable to understand why a greater interest has not been shown among the young men of the State.

If these quotas are not soon filled from Maryland they will be supplied with men from other States.

Maryland has also another quota of 105 apprentice seamen to be filled by February 22nd. Applicants for this rating are coming from all sections of the State, the rumor that men of the draft age can no longer volunteer in the Navy having been dispelled.

Full particulars of Navy enlistments can be obtained from the nearest postmaster; directly from the Navy Recruiting Station, Calvert and Lexington streets, Baltimore, or from the Navy Recruiting substations at Cumberland and Hagerstown.

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