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BAR THE RED FLAG. The Junior American Mechanics are to be commended for their effort to secure legislation to bar the red flag of anarchy from New Jersey.

GOOD OLD NAMES. In our future rosters of distinguished Americans, we will, of course, want to include the names of the courageous lads who fired the first shot for us against the Germans.

UNDER SUSPICION. When those tin fare-boxes were annexed to the trolley cars, for the purpose of "improving the service," one of the conductors jokingly remarked to a passenger.

BAD TASTE IN WATER. Memory of man is short. In past winters, since the medication of our water supply was begun, the disagreeable taste of the drinking water was ascribed to the chlorine or other chemical that was used to destroy the germs.

PRIVATE AND CITY OWNERSHIP. In its annual report to the Governor, the Board of Public Utility Commissioners explains that much of the public dissatisfaction over recent rate increases is due to the failure of municipalities, when franchise agreements were made, to give consideration to the possibilities of future development.

PROTECTING PUBLIC RIGHTS. Jersey City's action in revoking the franchises under which the Public Service Corporation is operating street railway lines ought to bring about a situation that will call for an early settlement of the question whether a contract entered into between a municipality and a corporation can be modified by the latter, or by the State, without the consent of the municipality.

the action by the Jersey City Commissioners is accompanied by the statement that the "trolley cars are to be run as usual, and seven-cent fares collected." It is not easy to figure out just what the public has gained, or why the Public Service Corporation need take an appeal, in certiorari proceedings, from the city's action.

More is to be hoped for from the Legislature. If public sentiment in Jersey City is such as to justify the commissioners in revoking the franchises of Public Service and its subsidiaries, then it will justify any steps which the Hudson County Senator and twelve Assemblymen may take to protect the interests of the people—even public ownership, as proposed by Senator Hammond and Assemblyman Gill.

Lenine at least is indebted to Trotsky for being classed as a conservative.—Newark News.

DESERVES THE LIMIT. Any man who makes forty dollars a week and leaves a wife and eight children to be supported as public charges deserves all that can be given him in the way of a protracted stay at the County Farm, making little stones of big ones.

SURPRISED. Discovery that the Department of Charities and Corrections of New Jersey cannot "run" the Division of Purchase, Storage and Traffic of the United States Army, seems to have caused surprise in certain quarters.

INCREASED PREVENTION. Regardless of the outcome of the suit which has been instituted against the local agent of the S. P. C. A., court action ought at least to result in attracting increased attention to the organization and it ought also to be productive of greater interest generally in the work of sparing the brute creation from unnecessary cruelty and suffering.

OWN YOUR HOME. "Own your home" is a good slogan, that is spreading to all parts of the country. One way to put that wholesome advice into effect is to buy shares in a building and loan association.

THEY WILL RESPOND. Trenton women will respond, of course, to the Red Cross call for 1,250 crutch pads. Trenton women have not failed in any war duty and they will be equal to any emergency that reconstruction days may put upon them.

WORK FOR IDLE CONVICTS. Since last July, when the contract system for the employment of State Prison labor was finally abolished in New Jersey, the inmates of the institution have been practically idle. About one hundred prisoners are now employed, it is said, in the manufacture of automobile license tags, the mending of shoes, printing and other work for the prison.

ABE MARTIN. "We git too much service an' not enough 'o' what we buy these days," said Lufe Bud, this mornin'.

good excuse, since the State House Commission has been finding money for projects of less urgency or importance.

Laws providing for the sentencing of offenders to "hard labor" in prison are jokes when labor of no kind is provided. For the good of the convicts themselves, the maintenance of discipline, and the interests of the taxpayers, our "business" administration should bestir itself.

ROOSEVELT AS WORLD FIGURE. Probably few, even among his ardent admirers, fully realized the great influence of Theodore Roosevelt throughout the world.

I went along the lines in France from end to end for months, and twenty men asked me to give them Roosevelt's views to one who asked the views of all other men combined in this country or Europe. I met President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and Marshal Joffre, together with a large number of other distinguished French leaders, and almost their first questions were concerning Theodore Roosevelt.

INNOCENT VICTIMS. More than forty-two thousand American horses were killed in the war. Those horses had just about as much to do with it, and understood as little about it, as many of the Russian, Balkan and Turkish men who marched up to be shot down.—New York Globe.

VICTORY GARDENS NOW. No man can say, this year, I wot, I'm bound to have a garden plot. No man can stop me on the street, and call me traitor and repeat, because I do not raise some peas, some cabbage heads, and things like these.

LA VILLE D'ETROIT, FOUNDED 117 YEARS AGO, PROSPERS AS DETROIT. The first municipal government in Detroit was instituted in 1802.

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Washington Crossing Park

Pennsylvania's Washington Park Commission recently purchased several farms at Taylorsville for the Inter-State Park that is to be established at the point where General Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River the night before the battle of Trenton, which was the "turning point in the Revolution."

Several years ago New Jersey bought lands at Washington's Crossing and induced Pennsylvania to join in the project of building a park. It was proposed to interest Congress and make a national playground at the historic spot.

Why Prohibition Has Come

If the swift ratification of national prohibition is unprecedented, the cause must be sought less in the appropriateness of the remedy than in the noxious character of the disease. Personal temperance is better than compulsory abstinence on every ground, whether of private or public morals, and there is no reason to doubt that, with the spread of enlightenment, the American people in time, if left to themselves, would have freed themselves, personally and socially, from the misuse of alcohol not only, but of all other poisons as well.

LA VILLE D'ETROIT, FOUNDED 117 YEARS AGO, PROSPERS AS DETROIT

The first municipal government in Detroit was instituted in 1802, when the struggling village of a thousand souls was incorporated as a city. Detroit was first settled by Antoine Cadillac, with fifty soldiers and fifty artificers—in that year, 1701, and was called by the French "La Ville d'Etroit."

FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO TODAY GERMAN EMPIRE WAS PROCLAIMED

In the Palace of Versailles—the architectural masterpiece of Louis XIV.—where the Allies and the United States are today handing out justice to the Germans and considering the fate of beaten autocracy—in that same palace there was proclaimed 48 years ago today the German Empire, which has now disappeared as a political entity.

Today's Anniversaries

Admirers of Edgar Allan Poe will celebrate the 110th anniversary of the birth of the beloved poet and storyteller this Sunday.

Famous Women

Of late years not a few British noblemen have conferred their names on women of humble origin, but in earlier times this was a rare occurrence.

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The first step is to build up a BANK ACCOUNT. Remember, you don't need to save all the money required before you buy. We will loan you part of the purchase price of the property on a bond and mortgage, and you can then pay off the balance gradually at your convenience.

The Trenton Trust & Safe Deposit Co. W. State and Chancery Sts., Trenton, N. J. OPEN 7 TO 9 O'CLOCK SATURDAY EVENINGS.



COMING INTO HIS OWN —New York World.

lodgings under the name of John Jones, with a cottage laborer named Hoggins. "Jones" finally married the laborer's daughter, an illiterate but cheerful girl, named Sarah. She was entirely ignorant of her husband's station, and for two years they lived in a cottage in the village.

MICKEY. Hear this wonderful record at the very first opportunity; it is a wonder! 85c. And the song on one side and the dance on the other.

PHILIA BARGAIN STORE. TRENTON'S LIVE WIRE DEPT. STORE. \$6 Wool Sweaters on sale today \$3.29 only at... The heavy Jumbo weave, with large shawl collar. Come in gray and maroon, heather and navy blue only.

Special Notice. The Mercer Trust Company Christmas and Vacation Clubs for 1919 will close on Saturday night of this week. Do not miss the opportunity to enroll in one of these clubs. We Offer Three Plans: WEEKLY PAYMENTS OF 50 CENTS, WEEKLY PAYMENTS OF \$1.00, WEEKLY PAYMENTS OF \$2.00. Checks for the total amount paid in, plus interest will be sent May 31st and November 30th. NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS. Commencing with the year 1919, tax bills will be payable on June 1st and December 1st. THE MERCER TRUST CO. Broad and Market Streets. Trenton, N. J. The Bank with the Chime Clock. Open Saturday Evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.