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The Tragedy at Tulsa.

Out of the confusion prevailing at Tulsa, Okla., come a few definite facts It is, of course, impossible to allo ters might well so shape themselves. that aid in effecting an understanding of the great crime that has just been nmitted there. It appears that an assault upon a white girl by a negro inflamed a numbre of the white citizens, who undertook the usual lynching. They were resisted successfully by the theriff and apparently all would have been well had not some of the negroes of the town armed themselves and taken a position near the jail in a manner to challenge the whites. This group

was dispersed two or three times, but wrong-headed leaders reassembled the armed men, and it was then but a short time before firing began and the melee was started which led to such terrible results

When once the passion of the mol was loosed it swept with an insensate fury to the point of the most shocking slaughter and destruction. Fires were started that burned the property of whites as well as colored people. The devastation, however, was chiefly in the negro quarter. The slaughter was mainly among the negroes. While some whites were killed, they were but a small percentage of the total loss of life.

This is the worst race riot for man; months. It is, indeed, one of the wors that has ever occurred in the history of the country, being equaled possibly only by that of East St. Louis, in July, 1917, when at least 125 people were killed. In Chicago riots of July, 1919 about 40 were slain, while it is esti mated fully half a thousand were wounded.

The greatest tragedy of these out breaks of venomous, murderous anileaders mosity is that they leave a deep-seated

sense of bitter wrong on the part of the victims. In these riots the sufferers are almost always the inno cent non-participants, law-abiding, harmless persons who are marked for slaughter merely on the score of theh color. The mob is a blind as well a a cruel creature and strikes india criminately, with no thought of justice or of future responsibility. Yet it is of the future that thought should chiefly be taken. Every one of these race encounters is a breeder of later disorders.

Mob passion has not solved the race problem. It has only intensified and this present Music week will create. aggravated it. Lynchings and whole sale slaughters such as that at Tulsa man-burnings and tortures, cannot teach the black Americans any whole- young voices raised in song. It will some lessons. The lessons are to be learned by the mobs, and the mob is

cost is utterly inadequate and as a mains sullenly ominous, howeverpublic-service wage shamefully low. witness this morning's news of re The surplus is running now about \$10,- newed fighting-and the possibility of 000 a year. To grant these twenty an exceedingly bad meas will not be per diem employes \$1 a day more removed until the methods of prowould cost approximately \$6,200 addi- cedure of the French, British and Italtional and would bring their compen- ian forces shall have been developed.

sation up to a fairer point. deeds was on the fee basis, the in- condition of affairs, for the breakdown

office. It was not intended then to small British detachment may become make it a "money maker" for the Dis- embrolled with Korfanty's irregulars trict treasury. If the establishment and be forced to call for the assistance broke even without appropriation it of some of the 25,000 angry German would be most suitable and satisfac- veterans now watching on the side tory. The scale of fees charged for lines; that the Poles would, in turn,

be just sufficient to cover the costs, that the French would grant that apbut, as Mr. Costello notes, in the course peal and a situation thus be created of twenty-eight years there has been where British and German should toan excess charge amounting to \$220,- gether face French and Polish forces.

ments do not object to the scale of ment might seem if one could assume fees, which are reasonable. It is, how- deliberate and considered action on the

ever, felt that inasmuch as the office part of each French and British compays a surplus the scale of compensa- mander in Upper Silesia, the fact is tion should be increased.

cate the surplus among the amployes To safeguard against any such conof the past, or to apply to the present tingency there is need for the closest force any part of the already existing co-operation among the allied forces accumulation. The surplus should be on the scene of action. No precipitate held as a fund for the improvement of move should be made until those the office equipment and the develop- forces, acting together, are sufficiently ment of the service, while the scale of strong to overcome resistance to their may should be increased carefully to mutual will, from whatever direction approximate the annual income of the such resistance might be offered. Once establishment. Certainly it is not de- started upon the task of re-establishsirable to maintain the recorder's of ing order in a section where order fice on a profit-making basis.

Washington in Song. Washington's Music week has bee roceeding according to schedule with most satisfactory results. The pe have been singing in groups all over

town, in schools, in churches, in im provised concert halls, in stores. To rrow school children will assembl at the Ellipse south of the White House and will give one of the greatest outdoor concerts ever held in Wash ington. This event will be virtually the climax of the series, and given good weather it should be one of th most impressive assemblages history of the capital.

Music week will not have been worth while if the singing stops at its close The purpose of this period of organ ized and directed vocal music is to start the community in the way of musical expression. For several week before the "week" itself work was can ried on in the development of leaders who, it is hoped, will continue here after to conduct their own and pos sibly other groups in singing, and perhaps will themselves train other

> nunity singing through- as by popular opin.on. carry on con out the year increasingly. It matters not at first much what songs are sung. though, of course, the better the music the higher the results. Through sing his political prosperity he failed to ing comes the cultivation of taste. As make any popular record as a ray of voices are lifted in song better music

is apprecia During the war Washington mang groups, in the departments and in the pect of being reliably financed. stores and elsewhere. Some of these

continue, but there is no city-wide music organization such as it is boned All who wish to be uplifted tomorrow should attend the gathering of the children on the Ellipse and hear their digestion. be a notable experience.

mains armed.

tions for golf.

It has been Ambassador Harvey's

Editorial Digest

Mexico and the United States. President Obregon's "embarrassing ituation," arising from rumblings of liscontent from within Mexico and The schemes of those German exthe American offer of conditional rec-Originally the office of recorder of tremists who hope, from the existing ognition, apparently leaves the press

s a whole unwilling to speculate as cumbent taking the surplus over oper- of solidarity between the French and to future relations with Mexico. ating expenses. A long time ago, how- British are patent to thoughtful ob- the American demand that f While many newspapers consider he American demand that foreign maider he American demand that foreign ights be guaranteed, even though involves an amendment to the Maxi ever, it was changed to a salaried servers. It is their dream that some an constitution, "not unreasonabl as the Baltimore American (republi-can) asserts, a large number take the opposite view. Whether the demands are made through the presentation of a protocol, as was first suggested, or are laid before the Obregon cabi-net through a series of diplomatic ex-changes, a number of editorial writers find them "unjust" and some agree with the Reno Gasette (republican) tha: they are "impossible." Of those who criticise the govern-ment's procedure, the New York World (democratic) is perhaps the most severe. It reverses the viewas the Baltimore American (republ the recording of papers is supposed to appeal to the French forces for aid;

World (democratic) is perhaps the most severe. It reverses the view-point and pictures President Obre-gon asking President Harding to "send the Mexican government a written promise to amend our Fed-eral Constitution by executive man-date" 000. Those who have recorded docu- Unthinkable though such a develop-

The New York Globe (independent) feels that the "contrast" between this policy "and the doctrines this nation professes" is "sufficiently obvious" to that, under existing conditions, matpolicy "and the doctrines this nation professes" is "sufficiently obvious" to "challenge thought before we find ourselves involved in a new line of development." The Houston Chroni-cle (independent), following a similar line of thought, asks: "Can we ad-vocate one set of principles within our country and another set for the outside world?" The conditions of recognition, as at present outlined, practically call for Mexico's "uncon-ditional Surrendes of "unconditional surrender of its sovereignty, in the opinion of the Norfolk Vir-ginian-Pilot (independent democratic) and to require this, says the Johnstown Democrat (democratic), means to set forth "on a troubled sea of adshould have been, but has not been, consistently maintained there can be

venture." The St. Louis Star (independent) no turning back. Both Poles and Ger-mans must be brought to a conscious-ness of the fact that the disposition of from the negotiations now under way Upper Silesia is in the hands of the allies; that whether their final de- not want intervention-which means give the Mexican cision displeases either or both of the ment a claimants to the section, it is to be the lations with ourselves and the rest final decision; and that the allies, making in absolute harmony, propose and the vorid, without being unduly anxious over specific promises of good

inal decision: and that the allies, of the working in absolute harmony, propose to deal decisively with any or all who is how an inclination to take matters for the recognition of the Obregon government" is "certainly not the generous, the just or the wise course" to pursue, declares the Syracuse Post-Standard (republican), and the Chattaneoga News (democratic) goes so far as to say that we ought "to abandon our contention for extra-territorial rights" in Mexico. The Manchester Union with scandals of private life cannot escape some accountability for his influence on public thought. Wealth renders its possessor conspicuous as well as envied. As a means of advancing standards of refinement and conscience its usefulness may be interstints and decencies recognized as essential to a rational social existence is pernicious and deserves to be as it usually is, immediately repudiated as enviet of financial power as well as by popular opin.on. It is possible through the utiliza-tion of the present organization to epublican) believes, and

humiliation." the Grand Rapids Herald (republican) believes, and "anything else would be a compromise of Amer-ican citizenship rights," says the Columbia (S. C.) Record (democratic). A similar view is held by the Kansas City Journal (republican), and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (independ-ent democratic) asserts that "it would be well to keep in mind" that "the United States is contending for nothing but ordinary justics and for nothing that it is not for the best interests of Mexico to comply with." Looking at the question as one af-fecting "our rights," the Boston Tran-script (independent republican) warns the government that "intervention by force of arms" is a "contingency that we must face," though it feels that if Obregon will not agree another lead-ership may be found that will. The Philadelphia Bulletin (independent republican) believes that "it is not unlikely" that he will refuse to sign. and the Muncie Star (independent re-publican) notes that "the conserva-tive business men" will undoubtedly favor this ourse. Two optimistic views of the situa-The ex-kaiser is said to be profoundly melancholy. Even in the days of merry sunshine. Lenin is inclined to try almost any

freely. There were many organized kind of government that shows a pros-

France is indignant with German who propose to stop using champagne. The French contention is regarded as purely commercial and not as an insidious effort to damage the Teutonic

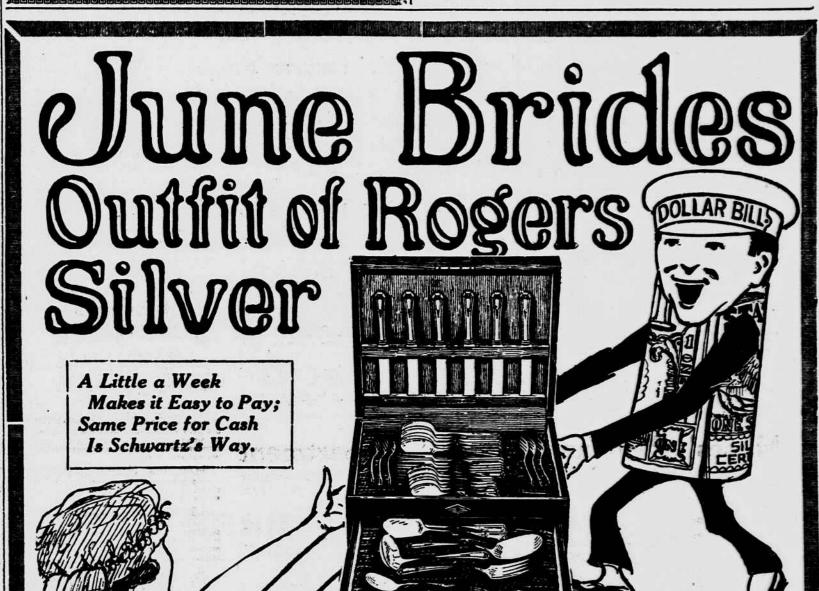


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such an inchoate thing, so volatile, se vague of individual form and yet so terrible in the mass that it cannot be reached by reason.

Good and wise leadership is neces sary among the colored people as well as among the white. Resentment and resistance may be natural, but they will be dangerous. Had good counse prevailed at Tulsa those armed men would have gone to their homes, regardless of the fate of the single man accused of crime.

Railroad Wages and Rates.

President Harding is seeking to of money-we shall see some vigorous hasten the readjustment of railroad fighting there. rates, which it is felt by those most The Senate's position was well deconversant with the situation should fined and tested in the three weeks of company wage reductions. It may | debate in that body. The little Nagy a anomalous to lower the wages men, as they are called, had fall opmeans of enabling the railroads portunity to present their side of the to meet the expenses and at the same case, and availed themselves of it. time to reduce the income of the roads There was no shirking on their part. by lowering the rates. As a matter Their efforts were plain and direct, of fact, however, it is possible to reboth in the amendments offered and in duce both wages and rates and still the speeches made in support of them. leave the roads in a position to pay But they were ineffective. The advo expenses and probably dividends as cates of an adequate Navy triumphed well. For the labor cost of operation all along the line. is the highest percentage. The pres-The bill as passed by the Senate in

ent problem is to induce the railroad terprets popular sentiment as affected rage earners to accept the reduction by the war. Our duty to ourselves of scale which the wage board has on the water, while the duty reproposed. If they refuse and strike mains, calls for such strength there a most dangerous and damaging situ- as will put us abreast of the stronges ation will prevail. If they can be per- nations. We have much to protect. suaded that living costs will fall they and in the present disturbed state of would be more disposed to accept the the world it may be put in peril at wage reductions without striking. any time. Ordinary prodence, there Reduction of the carrying rates, it is fore, demands that we quality for believed, will quickly operate in a full discharge of our duty as soon as lowering of the cost of living, already possible, even at heavy cost in a period on the decline. Thus the rates reduc- of otherwise heavy expenditures. An tion is quite as important as a factor inadequate Navy might subject us to in the present railroad equation as the losses in prestige, life and treasure lessening of the annual labor charge beyond computation of operation.

When a radical goes so far in de fiance of law and custom as to beat his wife, he loses the sympathy even metic. The average man is still strugof his fellow radicals.

The Recorder's Office.

In his testimony before the joint restification committee Recorder of Deeds Costello has called attention to the fact that there is now recorded to the credit of his office approximately \$220,000, accumulated in surplus of over expenses of office operation a 1893. His purpose in thus noting fact that the recorder's office is 6,000, and it is understood that the than self-sustaining was to urge tactical disposition of the force will adoption of a higher scale of pay have been completed by the end of the the workers there. The figures week. The decision of Great Britain en by Mr. Costello relative to the to play her proper part with France tion of the office staff leave and Italy, who has a small detach estion of the need of amendment upon the scene, in the business of su this particular. There are, for exie, twenty per diem employes who pieblacite commission, has gone far only \$2.50 a day, a co

in these times of high living day the time being. The site

The Navy Bill. Two very important points appea in the passage by the Senate yesterday

sible support in defying circumstances of the Navy bill: (1) The vote was over three to one in favor of the of considerable depression. ure: and (2) republicans and demo

A statistician of New York state crats divided. Sentiment was overfinds that multimillionaires are not so ning, and non-partisan. Score numerous as was supposed. Perhaps -and an important one-for an dequate Navy while the world re the possibilities of profiteering have after all been exaggerated.

Fortune's Favorite.

The contest is not over. It will be renewed in conference, and as the Sen-SHOOTING STARS. ate and the House are far apart-a BY PHILANDER JOHNSON

hundred millions spart in the matter

Bill Jones has gone a fishin' yonder down the bay, Where the breezes lightly loiter the ripples are at play. There the skies are blue and a and the hours that drift along, and the world seems all unconscious of the things that might go wrong. cheer the conquering hero

valor I admire, honor the philanthrop forts never tire:

and yet. I must confess it in subdued reluctant tones,

The man I really envy just is Bill Jones!

Op'nions

"Every man is entitled to his own pinion," remarked the assertive cit

"Of course," replied Miss Cayenn There is no objection to anybody's opinion so long as he cherishes it as is own. The annoyance consists in a too generous inclination to pass it

Jud Tunkins says there's no more nee in trying to judge a statesman by

the kind of auto he rides in than there Science continues to explore starry used to be in studying his personal space for nine figures with which to

style of whiskers. test the human capacity for arith-The World Loves a Fighter.

gling with the comparatively limited They say that it is wrong to fight And what they say, no doubt is rightputations which relate to the pur-But there is profit linked with fame

hasing power of a dollar. In the eld pugilistic game. Britannia insists not only on main

Not Censoring. the waves, but on making the regula "The public should censor the mo tion pictures," said the film producer.

"Why?" inquired the foto fan. "I've Developments in Silesia. one as far as I care to when I have British troops have arrived in Upper paid my money and sat through the ilesia to an estimated numb show, without volunteering advice that may assist somebody I don't know in

conducting his business." A Discouraged Joiner. "I have joined quite a number organizations," remarked Farmer Corn-

ossel, "but I haven't yet found one that'll enable an agriculturist like mytaining the authority of the interallied self to make payin' dues and listenin' toward restoring order in the section ches take the place of regular

h attention to the possibilities of the American flivver

Two optimistic views of the situa-tion come from border cities. The San Antonio Express (independent democratic) sees "nothing in the way of diplomatic harmony except to straighten out these few kinks for which Carrenze was mainly responjoke just at a moment when the English sense of humor needed every pos-

straighten out these few kinks for which Carranza was mainly respon-sible." and the El Paso Times (demo-cratic) asks, since all we desire is "peace, good will and equal oppor-tunities," and since our demands are for justice, which we are in a position to exact, "why hesitate about recog-nition since the chief condition al-ready has been complied with, name-ly, the restoration of peace and or-derly government."

The Humanities in Jail. Not even Mr. Edison has a livelier faith in the miraculous powers of collegiate studies than Chief Justice Schmidt of the German supreme court. When a physician's report on the de-plorable condition of a camp for British prisoners was read to the tribunal this jurist became greatly excited. He turned to the commin-dant of the camp, on trial for mis-treatment of prisoners, and indig-nantly asked "how any man with an academic education could have per-mitted the described conditions to exist." It would seem that if the commandant had been a mere sci-entist, the graduate of a realschule, the chief justice would have been pre-pared to believe him guilty of any-thing; but since the officer knows who Cleopatra was and how she died he ought not to have ridden his horse through groups of sick prisoners. One may laugh at this innocent four-fold honorary Dr. von Hinden-burg. But it must be confessed that a good many friends of higher edu-cation, in this country in delsewhere, have somewhat too hastily assumed that to know the true, the beautiful and the good is to desire them. Long ago it was discovered that a man may smile and smile and be a villain; but the realisation that he may parse, decline and conjugate, and still be a villain, seems to be of slower growth. Education must be, and one hopes may be, defended on other grounds than the untenable argument that its possession will make us all as chem-ically pure as Sir Gelahad or Little Robert Reed.—New York Times (in-dependent democratic). faith in the miraculous powers of ollegiate studies than Chief Justice

Negro Shoots Five!-Headline. When the cubes are in the master hand, look out!-Buffalo Express.

One of the sternal mysteries is how your neighbor can afford a better ar. Jefferson * City (Mo.) Capital

Rubber bathing suits are the new-set style this year in eastern ports. Vulcanising stations should be con-veniently located.—Kansas City Star.

A Toronto professor says he has a fluid that will make a man tell all his secrets. So had we-a couple of years ago.—Saginaw News-Courier.

The short skirts make necessary fight to exterminate mosquitoes. furrah for the skirts.—St. Paul loneer-Press.

Many who favor the pending bill providing for payment to az-Presi-dents an annuity of \$10,000 feel that it is really worth more than that.--Fort Scott (Kan.) Tribune.

In a certain London church cough drops are now furnished free to wor shipers. Knocking hymn books of the floor will be the only method o furnishing a diversion hereafter.-Th



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