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Mr. Wilson's Plea to the Democratic National Convention.

All Americans feel, as this newspaper does, relief and gratification at the assurances given by Mr. Scowell of the White House...

But it is evident from the carefully prepared interview which the President gave to Mr. Scowell...

When Mr. Wilson last January challenged the opponents of his Covenant to make it a campaign issue...

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Mr. Wilson laments that war laws remained on the statute books because the war was still officially on...

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In this last the desires of THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD are at one with Mr. Wilson.

If Mr. Wilson imagined that the reputation of his challenge to put his visionary scheme to the test of the ballots would discover any hesitation...

Mr. Wilson's declaration that the "destruction of property by fire in this country has been a national crime."

George W. Perkins. George W. PERKINS is dead at fifty-eight. In this span he lived four hundred years. His splendid physique, his extraordinary vitality, his keen mentality, his boundless nervous force...

The White House Grounds in June. In descriptive matter incidental to his interview with the President Mr. Louis Scowell reveals himself as a floral naturalist of evident knowledge and enthusiasm.

Mr. Scowell found the President on the south balcony, which "looks out over an impressive stretch of velvety green lawn hedged in with magnolias, Japanese quinces, spruce pines, majestic maples and squat dogwood."

In the middle distance was a purling fountain, about which a dozen sheep were browsing, and in the further reaches towered the Washington Monument, "dazzlingly white, dizzily magnificent, but sombre in majestic sweep."

Starting life a poor boy in the West, he became one of the country's rich men—not one of our multimillionaire group, but rich beyond his boyhood dreams, I am certain.

When Mr. Wilson last January challenged the opponents of his Covenant to make it a campaign issue this newspaper hailed the challenge gladly.

But it is since he retired from business that the strain became hardest on him. In these years he has given his time almost entirely to the service of the public.

Mr. Wilson becomes positively dishonest when he tries to shift to the Senate the blame for delaying the official end of the war—as if the Senate had not done its exact duty in adopting such reservations as are necessary to protect the United States!

At the end of the interview the reader finds himself wondering why the President gave it out. The answer may be found in the general tone of nervous apprehension which runs through the conversation...

In the year 1919 losses reported to the National Board of Fire Underwriters by its members were estimated at \$250,000,000. To this estimate we add 25 per cent. as representing losses not reported to the board and the value of property destroyed but not covered by insurance.

"This gives us the appalling figure of \$225,000,000, or approximately \$600,000 a day for every day in the year. This has been exceeded in only two years, 1918, when the total was about \$250,000,000 higher, and in 1906, the year of the San Francisco conflagration, which was, of course, the worst in our history."

This showing justifies Mr. VAN RIVER's declaration that the "destruction of property by fire in this country has been a national crime."

Prison Methods in This State. Imprisonment for any purpose, says PHILIP KLEIN in his Prison Methods in New York State, published by Columbia University, "did not seem to be a favored process with our fathers of the eighteenth century."

England was the first nation on the globe to subsidize her merchant navy after the advent of the steam vessel. The Cunard and the Peninsular and Oriental lines have been large beneficiaries.

There is no necessity to go into further details. If we did not already know it, our British neighbors have told us often enough that running a merchant marine is a difficult enterprise which takes efficient management and the closest vigilance to preserve from disaster.

Another Experiment in Spiritism. It has been the contention of the doubters, and the more conservative spiritists have conceded it, that there can be no conclusive proof of earthly communication with the dead until some soul sends back to earth a commendable statement of some fact unknown to any person except himself.

One of the founders of the British Society of Psychic Research, FRANCIS W. H. MYERS, laid similar plans for passing evidence across the gulf. He wrote, sealed and locked up a message known to none but himself and gave the key to a committee of trust-worthy investigators, not to be used until his spirit should have been communicated with. A message eventually arrived which purported to be from MYERS, but when the box was opened the writing found there did not coincide with the putative spirit communication; or at least there was not enough resemblance to convince the least sceptic, although a couple of books have been written attempting to prove that the great test had been successfully made.

With the death of Dr. Hystor another spirit willing to send a message to a puzzled world has gone abroad. Now there are many more inquisitive persons than there were when MYERS lived. They will await a signal from the control, if there be such things as controls. If a message from Hystor does not describe what he wrote and locked up in the safe of the American Psychical Research Society, then the unbelievers will stick to their insistence that spiritism is entirely subjective.

Post office inspectors have cleaned up an admirable and what looks like a thorough bit of work by running down and by a fraud order checking if not by trapping a mean lot of swindlers who have based their pilferings on literary ambitions of unsophisticated men and women, the latter probably a majority of their victims. After long investigation of their operations inspectors have officially and publicly branded as "Frauds" a score or more of concerns wearing honest and attractive titles who have advertised where they could, that they had a novel, play, comedy, etc., for sale and were willing to give the price for large sums. These cheaters took such names as "Magazine," "Journal," "Publisher," to give the impression that they are themselves in the market to buy manuscripts. Some adopt names designed to deceive with the pretext that they are honest associations or leagues of authors or writers. They have duped thousands; have swindled gulleible believers that there is some way of earning money by writing other than by writing matter responsible publishers are as eager to buy as the authors are eager to sell. Deprived of the use of the mails, these dishonest offerers of quick wealth are without their chief aid in swindling.

Modern Science May Reconstruct the Blue Glass Rooms of Long Ago. The statements of Dr. Dinaiah G. Ghadiali regarding the influence of color waves upon the human body tend to confirm recent reports that direct light, as he stated that red, green and violet are the primary colors that will stand analysis, as green, for instance, is composed of blue and yellow and violet is composed of blue and red, and this forces us to accept the theory that red, yellow and blue are the primaries.

The most important researches regarding color have been in regard to the effect of light upon the body directly, but upon the body through the mentality and the nerve forces. It is true that blue and violet have various curative effects, as proved by the recent uses of radium, which gives off a violet light.

A few very interesting experiments have been carried on within the last year for the cure of chronic nervousness by the patient's direct focusing of light upon the body through visibility. One patient, who has suffered for three years with a very pronounced case of nervousness, brought on by domestic troubles, has been put into finer physical and mental condition than ever before through this method. It is too intricate to dwell upon at length, but it was found that the red, yellow and orange colors and their various tones had a powerful effect upon the patient's nerves and during the fall of the year, when the foliage was a riot of such colors, the patient was at his worst. To counteract this the patient was put into close proximity with blue and violet, and the immediate quieting effects were astonishing.

The effect of color through visibility is very similar to the effect of sound through the hearing. The highest notes on a piano are the same as yellow, the middle notes like red and the low tones represent blue. The present day talking machine records, if examined with a reading glass, will illustrate sound waves, but the waves of light, at various degrees of rapidity which cause various colors, is a subject about which we have much to learn. Many able artists employ the color of light in their painting about which the average person knows nothing, and many a fine painting possesses a vast amount of work based on the science of color, the existence of which is not apparent to the layman.

Hardy's Job. "At least I won't have to carry Julia," he exclaimed.

Democrats For Harding. The Revolt Against Despotism Will Take Them to the Polls. To THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD: I note your editorial article about the Democratic newspapers, this morning. I believe they are more properly Wilson newspapers. I know many of our Democratic newspapers are loath to forsake their old party even though it is necessary to sustain President Wilson.

"DIVINE RIGHTS." They Are at a Discount in the Affairs of the World To-day. To THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD: The people are sick of the claims of divine rights.

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WILSON KILLS BILL ON HIS WAR POWER. Signs Seven Other Measures Under Special Ruling of Attorney-General Palmer. WATER POWER ACT IS LAW. Refuses to Act on Wood Pulp Plan of Senator Underwood; Issues Statement. WASHINGTON, June 18.—The water power development bill, ten years in the making, finally has become law.

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LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS. Temperature, Humidity, Wind-direction, etc. Precipitation, etc.

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CITY TO APPEAL GAS CASE. O'Brien Will Argue Matter in Court on Wednesday.

TOBACCO MEN RALLY FOR POSSIBLE FIGHT. "Cannot Afford to Sleep With Fanatics About," They Say.

JUROR SENT TO JAIL. Threatened Companions on Panel to Bring Disagreement.

EX-SERVICE MEN GRADUATED. K. of C. Turns Out Class of 452 at Free Night School.

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