## The Ferouson Forum

 － Courtroom With the Political Lawyer
## U．S．NOW FIRST MONEY POWER IN ALL WORLD

With Assets of $\$ 37,520,000,000$ ，Comptroller of the Cur－
rency Shows Increase of $\$ 14,000,000,000$ Under Admin－
istration of President Wilson．


Texas Wage－Earners Win Advances in Rate of Pay； Oil Field Row Is Settled

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A recent gathering of political magnates at Dallas declared that patriotism was the para duced himself the state campaign．The leading address was made by a speaker who intro confession．He spoke as one anointed and sounded the keynote of his address when he shouted＂To Hell with the Constitution．＂
This meeting was perhaps the first body of patriots ever assembled on American soil whos met with applause．The statement was permitted to stand unchallenged by those present an were present at this meeting．Their patriotism and fidelity to government is too well estab
lished to need reinforcement by re－stating their views at a political convention．Texas the
world over is noted for the patriotism of her men and the virtue of her women and neithe
need defending in a political convention．
should make such a seditious statement as＂To Hell with the Constitution＂he would be handcuffed by an officer of the law before morning．Let a laboring man stand upon the stre
corner and shout＂To Hell with the Constitution＂and he will sleep in jail．What kind of ernment have we that applauds one citizen and shoots another for the same offense？Who
there among us who is authorized to issue a permit to any man to curse the Constitution？ The press has recently carried notice of men hunted down by the government and compel Some of these political desperadoes who are now trying to hide their faces in the folds of th
flag stood in our legislative halls a few months ago during the impeachment trial and vote ＂To Hell with
Patriotism has been the refuge of more rascals than any public issue unless it is prohibi
tion and anti－prohibition．Some of our political hoboes have worn the cloak until it is thread bare and they must now don a new garment or make an indecent exposure of character，p
pose and ability．
It is well for the farmers to remember that when the Ferguson administration sought build up the rural schools some of these prohibition and anti－prohibition politicians who are
now starring as patriots joined the University professors in sandbagging the administration They wanted the farmers to be satisfied but the appropriations must got to the University and
when the Ferguson administration proposed to give the rural schools part of the appropria－ tion，our troubles began．These same politicians，fresh from a mor，now want the band to play
the＂Star Spangled Banner＂to detract the attention of the farmers
campaign．
The corner stones upon which the pillars of our government rest are justice and educa－
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tion．Both have been wantonly assaulted by politicians，some of whiom are now seeking to
make a camouflage of the flag to conceal their crimes and save them from the wrath of the
The foundations of justice have been poisoned．In the judicial branch of government the
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## REPUDIATION IS SOLONS＇PLAN TO SAVE CASH

Repeal of Appropriations Deliberately Made Is Chief Fea－ ture of Economy Proposed by Smelling Committee Clash Certain Over Several Proposals．

Austin，Tex．，Feb．6．－The expected has happened，just as the
Forum correspondence from the state capital has predicted it Forum correspondence from the state capital has predicted it
Would happen，and there will be a special session of the Thirty－
fifth legislature convened before the end of this month．The pressure of the politicians who needed campaign material and the prohibitionists who are eager to show their strength and
force a dry Texas was too strong for the governor and his
friends of the Old Guard who contended against a session．The force a dry Texas was too strong for the governor and his
friends of the Old Guard who contended against a session．The
date has not been fixed but probably it will be Feb． 18 or 25 ． Now that the administration has decided to make the call
the question arises＂What will the harvest be？＂The governor in announcing his decision to call the legislature be wails the
menace to soldiers from influences and conditions he seems
to think surround the cantonments where troops are encamped to the he says he will urge a statute fixing a ten mile zone aboui
cantonments in which sales of liquo will be prohibited and cantonments in which sales of liquor will be prohibited and
severe penalties visited upon those who violate the law．
At the very outset，however At the very outset，however，his attitude in this respect is
challenged by San Antonio which has been in many quarters reasarded as the chief seat of the iniquities that beset the sol－
diers and the secretary of the chamber of commere of that city in a lengthy interview says that so far as his city is con cerned there is not even the suggestion of a necessity for a ses
sion of the legislature．The secretary says that the Alamo city has been given the war department＇s O ．K．and is now in
good standing as a proper and attractive place for the encamp－ ment and training of soldiers．
As it has been the habit of Houston and Waco to point their fingers toward San Antonio Whenever there has been talk abou
booze and debauchery about Texas cantonments this strons statement from John B，Carrington，secretary of the San An
tonio commercial body，takes the props from under the valiant onio commercial body，takes the props from under the valian
governor who has set out to＂win the war＂by purifying Texa governor who has set out to＂win the war＂，by purifying Texas．
The San Antonio secretary admits that his city had an awaken－
ing but says when it realized the deadly earnestness of the fed－ eral aut thorities it got busy and had a house－cleenining the fed has
placed thow at the head of Texas cities so far as lack of vicious
nfluences influences about soldiers is concerned．He says the fact that
it is the purpose of the session to force statutory prohibition it is the purpose of the session to force statutory prohibition
upon the state shall not be camouflaged behind pretenses that
San Antonio is one of the places that must be made safe for




Governor Ferguson＇s Plan of Dealing With University of Texas Vindicated in Report

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Subscribe for the Forum
The blizzard
time to strike.
El Paso, city and county, in its first prohibition fight decide
romain wet. Little Willie and the prohibition petals: He loves me;
loves me not; he loves me; he loves me NOT. As soon as the legislature meets Austin druggists will have
an increased demand for headache cures. The Forum is read now in 233 of the 248 counties in Texa
and it will be read in the remaining fifteen by next week. Although a little ahead of the regular day that report hand
ed the governor by the smelling committee was "some" val If Bill Hobby thinks that "to the victor belong the spoils'
perhaps he will enlighten the public as to, when he became
victor:-and how? With all the recommendations of the smelling committee
put into effect the commissioner of agriculture will be the political boss of Texas.
The return of his unexpended clerk hire by a Texas con-
gressman has made it known to the people of Texas generally
that there is a congressman from Texas of the name of Eugene $\substack{\text { mat the } \\ \text { Hatck }}$

 Frequent wails from Austin over the failure of many offi
cials to resign would indicate that, in the words of the lat
Grover Cleveland, that bunch now seeking absolute control o Glover Cleveland, that bunch now seeking absolute control o
all state affairs, fully appreciates the "cohesive power of pub
lic plunder."

 hungry and disappointed subjects?
The Forum said all along that Hobby could not withstand
the pressure of the solons for a special session, however little
such a session was desired by his friends of the

 will be deposed unless that war ends before the close of the
present year but what will be more satisfactory is to hear the
announcement of the date for the meeting of a peace commis announcement of the date for the meeting of a peace commis
sion. It will come and it takes no wise prophet to predict it bu
the exact date is yet in doubt.
William Pettus Hobby's friends in the Federal Farm Loa
bank at Houston are back of the propaganda for the destruction bank at Houston are back of the propagand for the destruction
of the present Texas homestead law. How stands the forme
secretary of that bank on the question? The farmers of Texa secretary of that bank on the question subject
will want to know hiews on that suber
sider him a possibility for the governor's office.

## American troops are actually fighting along one entire sec tor of the battle front in France. Another impressive evidence

 that we are at war and that war means death, wounds, privations, danger and sacrifice. We at home can do our bit as val
iantly as those gallant boys at the front by helping them wit adequate food supplies and conserving such foods as they mus
have. The easualty lists that will follow now will contain in have. The easualty lists that will follow now will contain in
terest for many Texas homes and should inspire every loya Texan with determination to render every possible aid to make
vitotry sure and speedy. The Hun will be whipped but he may
be whipned more speedily if all Americans will join in the ef he whipped more speedily if all Americans will join in the e-
fort to help the fighters, our own men and our allies at the
front.

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 ing politics and affording comfort and joy to our enemies therepublican chieettains in congress would better be devising
plans for caring for our returning soldiers when this war is
over. Some plan to furnish them homes and land where they plans for caring for our returning soldiers when this war is
over. Some plan to furnish them homes and land where they
can pick up again the peaceful pursuits of life and return to producing food that this and other countries will need lon
after peace comes, are necessary. The idle lands of the Unite States should be apportioned under some equitable plan so tha
the farring population may be increased through the aid and
encouragement of the government. The shortage of food wil last long after the close of the war and now is the accepted
time for making proper provision to attract returning soldiers
to the soil. Let the republicans and democrats alike drop fac tional strife and take heed of the demands of the hour. The
conduct of the war safely may be left to the president and his The revelations made as to the transactions of the packers
show that tley are as slippery as some of the fat porkers they show that they are as slippery as some of the fat porkers the
slaughter and grow rich upon. The packers combine is shown
to have robled the cattle raiser, plundered the consumer and to have robled the cattle raiser, plundered the consumer and
kaiserized ail competition. They control the prices at which
eattle are so: die prices at which meats are sold, the prices of shoes thrcuyh hoarding hides, and the prices of all by-prod-
ucts. Whin Heney pressed too closely upon their trail they
refused to cive up for the inspection of the Federal Trade commission their papers and correspondence showing their unholy
mcitiocs and the vaults of their clearing house the office Atiorney Yceder, were sealed with the papers inside. Verily
thece are times, when even such aristocratic robbers and high find ars as racking house kings must bow to a superior powe
anc lei in a mitte light on their nefarious methods. Texans fo years lovecried out against the robbery of the cattlemen bu The Texas
they have
gat ratier.

| A number of over-zealous women in Austin, apparently panic-stricken with fear that the gallant young aviation students in the School of Military Aeronautics at the state capita would run off with a lot of silly girls who were smitten with the sight of a uniform, proceeded to organize a society |
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uplift workers proceeded to unloose their tongues in tibe
again against the students and the student body of the aviation school
composed of some two thousand of the most splendid and hon-
orable manhood of Texas resented this unvwarranted calumn in a publication that has set the zealous uplift workers by the
ears and driven them into meek and abject apologies. Another
meetind has been held by thet the intemperate remarks about the dangers menacing the
that the ment of anstin from the aviation students were used, these
girls of
other other women, including some who participated in the first up
lift meeting, indulge in fulsome eulogies of the gallant, stu-
dents, proclaim them welcome to Austin and praise them in
highest terms thd announce the this dents, proclaim them welcome to Austin and praise them in
highest terms amd announce that this second meeting in "not in
sympathy with all that was said at the Monday meeting."
Pyin syinted columns of eutogy are served to the public boasting
Pre be prowess and daring of the aviators, proclaiming them the
the prome the prowess and daring of the aviators, proclaiming them the
pick of the youth of America; that the future of America de-
pends upon them; that they are manly young men and so on ad nauseam, in a wild effort to counteract the effect of the
libelous reflections made at the uplift meeting held Monday.
In defense of himself and fellow students one of the aviator
at the Anstin schol In defense of himself and fellow students one of the aviators
at the Austin schol telis the terrified uplifters that aviators
are not Bochesct that they are not just boys let loose; they ar
picked men an are not Boches; trat they are not just boys iet loose; "they are
picked men averaging more than 22 years in age. "ti is no
fair to the aviators," he adds, to place them before the world
even by inference, as wolves going about to devour. Some o evem have wives and children, many of them have sweethearts
them
all of and of them have the highest regard for the purity, the whole-
someness, the blessedness of the girls of this country. The girls
of Austin need not fear that Boches will be tolerated amons
the aviators the aviators. Thet have a horroch of sull acts as have hrought
the condemnation of the worla upon the heads of the soldiers
who are fighting under the banner of the kaiser. They are not
going to introduce the methods of the baiser . going to introduce the methods of the kaiser into their own
country." These are the words of a true man, a splendid Amer-
ican ican, and he is a man who has held honorable ind responsible
position in the business world. What a pity is that American
manhood should be traduced because of the desire of uplifters to get into notice. It is modestly suggested that proper home
influences, the right kind of motherly training will afford the
best protection to the girls of Austin and to best protection to the girls of Austin and to girls all over the
country. When girls are permitted to parade the streets at all
hours, of the day or night, go motoring unchaperoned. "make
dates" with casual male acquaintances and read trashy literadure the way is opened for scantal and worse. Give the girls
good trashy litera-

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Mr. Locke is approximately correct as to the aggregate
amount of appropriations made by the first called session of
the Thirty-fifth legislature and as to amount appropriated for the University after the resignation of Governor Ferguson. The
records of the penitentiary investigating committee and of
other sub-committees which went smelling tutions show recommendations for a central purchasing and
managing board which shall have charge of the disbursements managing board which shalison system and requires that the
fer the acount of the prom from the operations of the system be turned into the
rvenue state treasury.
These are tacts of record given in the public prints and
the public can draw its own conclusions as to what malignant the finances and general affairs of the system. With nearly
$\$ 1,700,000$ cash on hand December 31,1917 , and 700 bales of cotton unsold and the sugar crop all unsold, the management
has made a record of efficiency, sound business judgment and
practical common sense that stands in the annals of the state ing to substitute this sort of management with some visionary
scheme, the chief provision of which is to get that rich cash



 designs are back of an attempt to disrupt and disturb a situa-
tion that for the first time in the history of the penitentiary
management has shown a solvent and profitable condition of without parallel or comparison.
Yet these junketers, some of accompanied by their chosen lady stenographers, gasping at the sight of manufac-
tared iron products lying on the ground ready for shipment
and listening to yarns from incorivible convicts, are attempt-
ing to substitute this sort of management with some visionary balance into the general fund where their outstretched talons persons to look after
possibly, less worthy
The people have the
the truth of the charges made by Governor Ferguson and to
show the need of closer scrutiny into the University affairs which Ferguson contended. The truth University affairs for down and in
this case at least, the investigators stumbled upon the unpal
 For Ferguson
And Woodrow

Give Us Men!
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## Letters From Loyal Texans



## Press Views

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Retail shoe dealers of Texas
hold a fair and annual convention
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hearing on its plea for higher rates.
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Sally Jane Spottswood
Visits the University

## SHORT NEWS ITEMS

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