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No Grab This Time: The Light Is On

THE loan bill calls for \$400,000 with which I to purchase ground for the proposed Municipal Court buildings. The land involved is scarcely one-fourth of what will be necesmary If the whole scheme for palaces at the terested gentlemen are booking for lovest- craft.

There is a smell of graft to the entire onterprise. The drawing elsewhere in the Undonistedly many meritorious items were the Municipal Court in the manner purposed, Vented a raid on the Treasury. Put a ordinary business sense would require condemnation of the whole plot of land, not a

There was hurrying and scurrying to and fro to secure the one vote necessary to override the Mayor's veto. The full strength of Penroseism was brought to bear in behalf It is making ready to take its profits. The plum is almost ripe.

nicely for the gentlemen with itching palms. broad glare on the whole Infamous conspiracy. There is nothing for those soldiers of profit to do new, of course, except give up | every nation learns the lesson of democracy in disgust. A footpad cannot work in com- and self-government in a parliament of its fort when a policeman's gun is against his own. If out of the holocaust in Europe there

Quick Revolution in Mexico

VILLA'S capacity as a general is great.

There seems to be no commander in Mexico who can contend successfully with him, nor any body of soldlers which can be relied on to check his wild troops. Carranga is left in a position where discretion will be the better part of valor. His courageous stand against the demands of Villa marked him months ago as a strong man, one likely to take the bit in his restaund a we seen the edlets. On the other hand, Carragon, pure in the capital, has failed to discinguish his ties. Thus are the true foundations of posof the Constitutionalists. There is nothing left for him to do but accept a compromise. If Villa can be persuaded to yield at all now that the die has been cast. But this will not be a long revolution. The result will be determined one way or the other within a few | DEELIMINABY to the November balloting. months at the most.

Another Hostage to Health

No CITY can be the well supplied with in-stitutions where the most expert media cal aid can be had at reasonable costs. The hospital, especially when of modern construction, pleasing to the eye, as well as sunitary. and complete in all its necessaries, is vastly superior to the average home. It gives butter service: it promotes medical progress: and it is cheaper in the end.

The proposed new hospital, for which funds are already accumulating is particularly des | the public good. If Penroseism does not go sirable because of its promable facultion. Situated near the boundary line of West Plaindelphia and Delaware County it will serve: a distinct district. The overcrowded Univer, and theirs may be the guilt. sity Hospital, the nearest to the such is fully four miles away, while the electric metitutions in other directions are from five to a dozen miles distant. In the case of many accidents and sudden illnesses, speeds neeses. First steps are as important as last stime to a hospital means everything

Calm of Germany

AMERICA does not take kindle to millionerm.

Prusslandsm or any of the relies of the Dark Ages which seem to leave thaten what is otherwise the most progressive their cultured nation of Europe into the blues that aster of war. That is only marginal trip Kluk and Prince Prederick Williams

But have we given thermally the penetral the doubt? Have we believed the last of the land of the great posts, plusters and musicians of the little company. It is to be a now that sober second thought is beginning to draw from our minds the minus that was natural to the first newscore war. We have beginning to contrast the different empirity in a for its profits which the combatants have unformation to struggle. We are tourning boses and some of the petry hysteria that for ind Barbard and . This the theater of war, France with confusion worse confusion was are discovering from retained to rate that ... did not extend to Germany 11 descents h to bring back sanity when at team that Borling proceeds on almost it's persond course with theatres open, trams running; ready maps; I scale filled for the proportion of the health for all and no moratorisms. We must set least I of the children of Philadelphia. We the oranrespect such signs of distillutation in the face many chines the would seem to be a more of world-wide vituperation and hysteria.

Captions Critics of Capable Artists

O'NLY in such small matters as wars and the Matter of these are the American perple given to map judgments: liverywhere a even down to fusitions and the 'movies." or are chary of quick vituperation. They sens and Darwins, misjudged yet trimphant, have been enough. Now it is the immediate expenditure of a great amount or praye or the foolish man who takes the sledge | a vastly larger investment later on.

hammer to the new artist with the new message. As an English critic has written:

In music, in literature, in the conduct of life, our fathers used to build the tombs of the prophets whom their fathers had stoned. Now, even if a stone is picked up, it drops from the half-hearted fingers of the critic, who does not know whether in a few days he will not have become a disciple.

Too hasty, too violent criticism has turned aside many a sensitive artist from the accomplishment of great things. It has never deterred the "bounder." The creative life of society depends on never-ending experiment. It must not be stilled; It must not be hampered. Accept or reject, but do either with consideration. That is what the critics have learned.

Highest Expression of Penroseism

THE highest expression of Penroseism in Pennsylvania is the Organization, which has been impeding and hampering the development of the city for so long that it has ome to be accepted by citizens, who do not realize what a pack of cards it is, as a Philadelphia institution. There is no apologist for this machine except among its beneficiaries. Indeed, ordinary citizens elsewhere are so satisfied with simple Americanism that they would redicute the idea of substituting for it in Washington the trickery and loot which so often in Philadelphia have gone by the name of government. After an experience with a mild form of Penroseism in Washington the nation repudiated it utterly. It will not now take any part in a conspiracy to revive the political system Penroseism annetes. Pennsylvania can recover her trestige and political influence or she can cut herself off from her sister States by lashtaxpayers' expense goes through. Some in- ing herself once more to a sinking and retter

Put a Feather in His Cap

SENATOR RURTON can well afford to be abused for his superb work in defeating the extravagant harbors and rivers bill. lost, but the country congratulates itself that still more unworthy, ones were strickenfrom the measure. It is not a good time for "perk," It is a period when national economy is imperative. Senator Parton prefeather in his cap for it.

Stifled National Ideals

INTERNATIONALISM is not a dealed of nationalism. On the centrary, it presupposes the free and unretarded assertion of national powers and qualities. The race hatred fostered in Russia, in German Poland. in the Dual Monarchy, is morely the logical result of the stifling of national ideals and aspirations by oppression and despotism. There can never be peace in Europe, there every people, from the weakest to the strongest, is given an opportunity to assert its manhood and in the light of freedom lay its contributions upon the alter of mankind. They can be no Parliament of Man until shall arise a redistribution of national and racial boundaries compatible with the aspirations of the people's yearning for emancipa- the independent, "it's the way you shuffle." tion; the price of the achievement will not drawe beardoon dear.

Making Ready the Leaven

The cause may be war or bad business. The auditorium at the University was crowded beyond its capacity during the opening exercises. The State College was compelled to refuse admission to more than former bandit into compliance with civil | 200 applicants. No country need despair action this educational mort turbon cure flourishpersonal fortunes from those of the country, territy and prospecity. They make ready the thile to a counting with the actions and sooms the unlift from education be continuous and without Interruption.

Rip Van Winkles in Citizen-hip

he netter element in politics must always face that deadly allemy, popular apathybronkedly enough it is not the ranks of bossregistration lists will be full on October Igull provoghowing; It is the weakly-good was larger their privilege for east.

In an effort to bring out a big registration a table has been prepared of the number or assessed citizens in 1913, the number who regbareged on the three allotted days and the number-a full third-who falled to resister and who thereby east a silent vote against lown to final defeat this fall, the bluste even has find up the comfortably closed dones of the semmelent third. Theirs is the newer.

Rewards of the Commonplace T.E. YOT want to go anywhere you move:

I to shart from where you are," and burke, Starting from where one is highlyes a right. umberstanding of the commensions or great motive bixusta; every dead surfa-

significance, Murillo painted Augels Knoben. The content porter, faithful to his names duties, finds the kitches effect area much each donne a simple service. The manifest ventor were him reward the sortinger. were well-done. Commonphies tasks become whole inheritance is usaling it. We send arend achievements when performed with all with Schiller, Goether Berthavetty not you over mucht. The soldier styling as the trench change in all imported magnets. The deannel or many relationships of Brownsy, to a time rounds on the beduce that removes by

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Prototing Provincians may be a good (1976) ber the Removement has littling it would be it name thruster the Republicans.

Director House his the Hurries of House, important trujest than the building of pain on for a Municipal Court that does not

The decision of the United States, District cours appointing the right of the cury to maintain the Parkwox route throughout the entire distance without taking immediate physical possession of all the property inye learned their lesson. A few Wagners, volved is a great triumph for the city. A contrary decision would have required the

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

METAPHYSICALLY speaking, Britain's mental viewpoint is best reflected in the "agony" or personal column of the London Times. At present, when the land is distracted by war, the column is a veritable mirror of human emotions, running the whole gamut, from pathos to bathos; from love messages to the sale of an auto. Most often, "Brown Eyes" appears:

I LOVE you, speak .- Yours, Brown Eyes. The next day she spoke thusly: BROWN EYES probably off shortly. Don't phone me 118 till I let you know.—B. E. But she was misunderstood evidently, as the following notice indicated:

BROWN EYES, for whom is your message meant? Be as explicit as you can -B. But "Brown Eves" was not the only one, for there were messages from the front, uncensored, and from the heart;

LIEUTENANT J. McD .- My heart is with

ADA V. M .- Am still well and unburt, dearest. Every one in best of spirits and very confident. All my love.—ARCH. But we are not through with women as vet, though this one is of a different type-

perchance a militant: DOCTOR'S WIFE, middle-aged, will undertake to perform the work of any tramway conductor, coachman, shop assistant or other married worker with children, proorded that worker will undertake to enlist and fight for his country in our hour of need. All wages earned will be paid over to the wife and family.—Apply Mrs. Lowry, Priory terrace, Kew-green, S. W.

Then comes a plea: EOY, 7 months, son of officer going to war, wants some one, good family, in adopt him: R. C. preferred.—Box H 140, The

There are many others, some begging for funds for hospitals; others asking help to obtain military equipment. One, extra long. denounces Englishmen for staying home at their work instead of getting themselves: carefully killed. And at the bottom of the olumn we find:

TO THE CLERGY-Sermons supplied each week. New, fresh, simple and drawing lessons from the present war. Send for tull list and specimen, sixpence.—Custon, 13 Page street, Westminster, S. W.

ON THE Isle of Capri, beloved by the murdered Empress Elizabeth of Austria, is an inn some 50 years old, conducted under the will of its founder, an artist of the school of intemperance and ill fortune. The will

"The charge a days two bottles of red Capri wine included, shall never be more than six france (\$1,14). If any artist is too poor to pay he shall paint a picture on some wall space, receiving all the accommodation accorded those who pay the ingliest price. If any German artist shall come to the inn he shall be accommodated and shall receive the amount of his fare to Germany upon his promising never to return to Italy."

What grudge the proprietor had against German artists is not known-perhaps be was one himself!

AMACHINE politician and an independent were discussing the Penrose candidacy. "Don't you like the way I'm dealing with the question?" growled the machine man. "I don't mind the way you deal," retorted

CORD KITCHENER'S press consorship is I mild compared to that exercised in 1663. by Hoger l'Estrange in London, Being placed in charge by the Government, he advocated a reduction in the hum er of master printers. from 60 to 20; ordered periodic inspection of print shops; closed their back doors and ested an order that all printers guilty of even the slightest infraction of his law be compelled to wour insignia of their disgrace became fronding of shew makes the markiheaven. Industrial depression is always a sens of findr superiors; no prognerical and but a sind of right and house to be meddling with the diovernment." He was so successful in suppressing newspilors that he chiefed the admiration of the viewernment, according to contemporation is a county.

> S ARAH REDNHARDT is ruging at the petarlous Germanic but never again will and the use officerated as also was oben alpede as time many years ego, when she abuted Visities. At that time the Alestrian capital boasted of a Wit named Saphir, who edited weekly and wrote all of its contents. Then Mme. Surah was as thin as the preverbial ind fence. The day she arrived Saphir's paper centained the announcement:

An empty curriage drew up to the hotel cuttained and our stepped Mme. Bernhardt? The actress threatened all sorts of direthings, but the worst was yet to come, for When she approunced that the was learning to play the flute sugator come latek with: Mme Bernhardt a learning to play the inter in order to distinguish the matrument, the has decembed it with a blue

But it was as an imperoposit wit that Explications. Once when he tained a street curett bei byttied into einsmager-Donney: Conscreped the strature:

And MY came is Saniar," replied the will

O'NCE upon a time on excitoradent of the United States and the clavering of a Middle West State sters taking bincheon at the old Astor House, in New York cary, The softench were fluxuolo to privat from the secaftered out the fifth subtract floorer Thin the exe-President your for thirty his the prace, in

for an folial attender your conversal.

Now it not happened that a reperseries an expecting paper had but pondrod his salary and to be mostly of the and distriction four decided no cut un the Army Homes. Parce subject it that he at let the table actioning the ex-Riesidaht, to Whom he was an known "Suppose theorem should have a type say. Sove L. Districted it. Dange war bill. Mr. President " united the Governor. "Tid veto it." 'timudeted The excitentiality

becoming his flow down on the public An lover little the new power-on which the compoundly rule reporter worked had are extra un the intest, unpositionis the ex-Prosidon't a attribute on the adver question And to the dry of his douth, the endereddone suspected the Governor of alumning his

BHADFORD

CURIOSITY SHOP

"For stallosors," the idiomatic same for dishwasters, was artsinally applied to a class forming the constituency of vertain English horoughes or bearekeepers considered suffaceutic well established to buil a put within the limits of the borough over a fireplace executed in the open air.

The phrase, "who steak my purse, ateah trash," is not original with Shakespears, after all, it appears originally in the "Homely Against Contention," set forth in the time of Lidward I, which mays:

"For the one taketh away a man's good

name, the other taketh away his riches, which is of much less value and estimation than his

The superstition that certain persons have the "evil eye" has its strongest hold in Italy. In Carniola or Naples, or in fact in any part of Italy, if you tell a farmer that his crops are good or his cattle fine, he will expectorate at your feet to avert the evil. It is said that once, when driving through Rome, Plus IX, one of the best beloved of modern Popes, looked up and smiled at a baby in a window. A little while later the nurse dropped the infant to the street. Ever after the superstitions looked upon Pio Nono as the possessor of the evil eye.

IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

The Point of View

The days are getting short and dark, and winter time is near, The optimist is filled with glee and joy and goodly cheer; He does not have to swat the fly nor mow the weedy lawn. And he may sleep in peacefulness, for

skeeters now are gone. But, ah! the prevish pessimist is quivering with ira-He must arise at 5 o'clock to fix the furnace

He has to shovel snow and fit the doors with weather strip, And live in deadly terror of the little bugs of grippe.

He hates the work he has to do, the cold he does despise. That thrills the optimist-to whom it's merely

On the Right Track

A seedy-looking man walked slowly up to the farmhouse, "Madam," he said to the farmer's wife, may I chop some wood for you? I'll do it

for nothing."
The lady looked at him suspiciously. "Do you be needin' exercise?" She inquired.
"Not exactly, madam. The only thing I require is that you let me sit by the woodpile and paint for a few hours. I am an artist of the old school, and I have been commissioned a futuristic impression of an aeroplane. I wish to use the woodpile as a model.

Slaughter Ahead

And then Turkey may be superstitious, in which event there will be no Mohammedan participation in the war until after Thanks-

The Horrors of Peace

This is a neutral land of ours; No fee is at our walls; But spite of all our vaunted powers Niagara Falls!

Lines to the Hen O most serene. O calm, prosaic fowl;

O barnyard bird. O dawdling, dowdy hen,

When shall the laying mood seize thee again? O loudly eackling and complacent bird By what clixir may thy blood be stirred?

Source of great wealth, so plain, so simply Each day we see cold storage eggs exhumed.

Each day we hear thy queer, discordant cluck, that find no egg as motive-no such luck!

And so a mation waits upon thy will, Or with the grocer runneth up a bill,

For eggs "fresh laid" by thee and thine, O "Fresh laid," the grocer saith-aye, but

A Rara Avis

A worthy man is Thomas Woller: He never wore A rubber collar. Boston Transcript.

A sturdy youth Is Guy (leblatz; He never wore A pair of spats.

In 19 Fill in to Suit Belief The woman presidential candidate had at concluded the keynote speech of her

Hourse cheers from the multitude shook he rofters of the big auditorium, and as a the poor old welkin, it could ring no more. An enthusiastic man, standing on a chair in the rear threw away his hat and coat and slapped a glum lacking neighbor on the back. "Some speech," he yelled, "What?"
"Fa.r. said the glum man, "but not the

One to Carry

Teacher-Who knows what triplets are? Bright Puph-1 know, miss; it's twins and one left over. Boston Transcript.

kind that mother used to make."

Where We Come In

When Europe wants peace and a meal ticket she will see America first.—Chicago

All the Same in the End

Hotel Waiter-Come, sir, you really must go off to bed, sir, (Yawns.) Why, the dawn's a-breaking, sir.
Late Revelers-Let it break and put it down in the bill, waiter, -London Punch,

An Ideal Match

"Are they well mated?"
"Perfectly. She's affald of automobiles and he can't afford our."—Detroit Free Press.

In The War Zone

"Venue de Milo is in the Louvre's yaults for fear of airship bombs." Naturally, being guarmed.-Wall Street Journal.

THE VILLAGE ORACLE

and lound Harlis he mays this town he gest the best on earth; He says there bin't one, up nor down, That's get one bull her worth; He says there what many more than the "That's good as our"s, nor near;
And all the folks that's good and great is settled right round here.

Says I. "Dier ever travel, Ban?" You get I sint?" says he; 'I tell you what! The place I've got la guod enough fer me.

He says the other party's foots, "says they don't yote his way; its asys the "feeble-minded schools" is where they own tor any.

If he was law, their menths led shut,
Or thou om all ter small;
He says their platform's nothin' but
A great big mess of trash.

You let I sint?" says he; "And when I de-well, I tell you l'il ier you know, by gee!"

He says that all religion's wrong, Your just what he helicites; He says them ministers belong in [all, the same as thieves; to sape ther take the blessed Word And tere it all to shrede; its says their probable's feet absurd; They're simply leatherheads

Says E. "Dice ever hear 'em. Dan?" Won bet I aln't" says he; They make me stek ter sec.

Same fellows recken mere or less stefere they speak their mind, And sometimes collectute or guess.

But them aim I ban't kind,
The Lord knows all things great or small,
With doubt be's never vexed;
He in his wisdom knows it all—
But Dan't Hanks comes next;

Raya I. "How diver hoose coalse range." "Well, now, I vum, I know, by gum; I'm cigut because I bu?

-Joseph C. Lincoln.

DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

MISS MARY E. PHILLIPS, of Boston, who has been here for a few days in preliminary research for her biography of Poe, told me that her life of Fenimore Cooper, which she published last year, had required seven years of travel and research, and that when the book was ready for the press it had cost, on an average, more than \$21 a page. As there were 400 pages in that very excellent biography of the author of the Leatherstocking Tales, the reader who is quick at figures will note that it is not always a profitable undertaking to write a

book. In the course of a conversation I had with Miss Phillips she made several remarks about Poe that surprised me. Probably the most astonishing was that the Poe family had declared to her that of all the biographics of the author of "The Raven" to be found on library shelves, not one really was authentic. Evidently, we shall have to study the subject all over again.

MISS PHILLIPS has made authenticity her standard in biographical writing, and she assured me that not only will she be able to correct many errors and false impressions about Poe that have become familiar, but at least one-quarter of her book will be absolutely new.

Already she has traveled from Maine to Virginia for materials. She has corresponded with I do not know how many persons who are believed to possess untouched manuscript material, or pictures that are unknown, but when I asked her when she expected to issue the book she replied that she would spend three years more on it.

I found she appreciated the immense importance of those five years of Poc's life which the poet spent in Philadelphia, and she assured me that her present visit was a mere reconnoitering of the field; that she expects to return and spend a considerable period here studying such data as is available only in this city.

DURING the period in which Poe was a resident of this city, from 1839 to 1844, virtually all the work that recalls his name to fame was written. Those wonderful tales. such as "The Gold Bug," "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" and "The Purloined Letter," to name only a few, and his greatest poetical work. "The Raven," were the product of Poe's pen while he was a poorly paid editor of Philadelphia magazines.

For the last year of Burton's Gentlemen's Magazine Poe really was its sole editor, for Burton was busy with his theatrical enterprises. Poe not only edited the magazine. but he wrote the book reviews and an article or story for each number. When the magazine was combined with Graham's, Poe was taken over with the property, and was an associate editor, reviewing books, writing literary criticisms of popular authors, adding a tale now and then and writing an occasional poem. In addition to this labor, he was occasionally asked to revise the poetical contributions of talented ladies who could pay for the revision, and the writings of some of these ladies were found to have deteriorated after Poe's death.

One of the impressions about the poet which seems difficult to eradicate is that Poe was a drunkard. Miss Phillips assured me that this impression was a very wrong one and was not borne out by the evidence. Neither, she informed me, was it true that he had died in a fit of delirium from drink, as has been so often stated.

DOE made many friendships during his I residence here; and there undoubtedly is a great deal of interesting material about this period of his life that awaits the industrious secker.

Unfortunately, there does not appear to be attention of the investigator. This is the small back building to the house at Seventh and Brandywine streets. Some claims have been made for a building at 25th street and Fairmount avenue, but without much evidence, it seems,

But there still may be seen at the corner of Moravian and Dock streets the building where Burton published his magazine while Poe was his associate editor. Then, too, there were until a year or two ago the former homes of Burton himself. One of these was, and may still be, on Ninth street below Vine, and the other on Thirteenth street north of

Race. John Sartain, who died about ten years ago, when he was nearing the century mark, mentions in his book of reminiscences that Poe lived for a time at Sixteenth and Locust streets. There is now, however, nothing left of that frame house, for the neighborhood has improved both in value and architecture since 1839,

DOE was also a frequent visitor to the L home of Henry B. Hirst, who lived in a house that stood on Sixth street below Chestnut, but was effaced in 1866, when the PUBLIC LEDGER Building was erected on the site. The old Fairmount Reservoir, where, just a week before his end in Baltimore, Poe, showing signs of nervous strain and excitement and accompanied by Sartain, spent part of a night, has been transformed. Sartain went with the poet to quiet his fears of assassination and to protect him against his fancied dangers.

There seems to be little of Poe's Philadelphia remaining, but what there is has not attracted the attention it probably deserves, for the city has cause to be proud of having had the poet for a citizen, even if it was for only five years of his brief life.

GRANVILLE. THE IDEALIST

Recently I overheard an intensely interesting conversation between a young man who appeared to be in the middle twenties and an older man, whom I later found to be an eminent business man of a large Eastern

The younger man was plainly despondent and was freely unloading this spirit upon his elder companion. His progress, he said. had been far behind the hopes and anticipations of carls youth It was with a sort of disgust at the young

man's ravings that the merchant in a few trite words laid down a simple campaign for him to follow.

"You say you've made no progress in the hast three years. Well, what is three years! Do you know, young fellow, that if you had cone on stepping upward each month of these three years your progress would have developed into nothing but a monotonous process? For one thing you wouldn't be as aggrieved, or as spirited, about your future an you are today. You've got the alcantage over a good many others of your age in that you really are excited about it.

When you go back to your deak this afternoon go with the expectation of finding something to do that will mean the first step | render anyway. New York World.

in a higher future. If you don't find it this afternoon, look for it tomorrow morning. But never go be your deak without fully expecting that your opportunity is going to be right there before you. For the very

you decide that it is not going to be there you are doomed."

The motive of the advice was plain. The merchant had clearly brought out the vast

ing for opportunity and actively looking for Waiting is a passive process; looking means action. And action is creative.

VIEWS OF READERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-Now that "Germanophobia" has somewhat subsided, I should like to call the attertion of your readers to two fields of human endeavor in which Germany has set the world's pace. They are architecture and the theatre. In Germany alone has there been a distinct contribution to the art of public building in the last quarter contury. She has evolved a rare and beautiful new technique for the hand-ling of massed stone and tenuous steel work. Germany theatres, court, State and municipal, as well as private ventures, have similarly pushed the technique of scenic production years shead of the rest of the world. That is why Max Reinhardt's name is a by-word for the beautiful and the unique in the theatre. Is a nation that has perfected two such arts, among dozens more, barbarian? Are these arts to be still further hampered in their spread abroad by the victory of the Allies? Both are ques-

CARL BREMNER. Philadelphia, September 25, 1914. SALESGIRL PLEADS FOR CONSIDERATION

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-I am a saleslady in one of the largest department stores in this city, and, noticing that you publish letters in your paper, would like to draw your attention to a certain matter. think that most salesgirls will agree with me when I say that the thoughtless attitude women purchasers is making life very hard for us. These women treat us as if we were some piece of machinery, ordering us to show them article after article, when it is quite obvious that they have not the slightest intention of purchasing anything. Combined with this thoughtless attitude is a good deal of ineivility. Why cannot women be more polite and kindly toward working girls? A kindly or appreciative word would greatly lighten the

day's ask, and would surely cost the woman A DISHEARTENED SALESGIRL. Philadelphia, September 25, 1914.

LET THEIR NAMES BE SEEN

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-May I suggest that for the enlightenment of unthinking voters you place in some conspicuous position as standing matter until after election a list of Councilmen who hold county or State jobs and name the yearly pay of each? Over it all let the caption be "Good Republicans are we,"

If the space required is too great for its daily appearance, how about several times a week? It makes one weary to see every effort working toward business methods frustrated, not to say anything about downright stealing.

JOHN S. EVANS. 1945 North Camae street. WASH FRANKLIN'S FACE

To the Edilor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-I am glad to see the Evening Lenger calling Philadelphia's attention to the shocking state of Ben Franklin's face. As your re-porter truthfully says, the head is streaked with the weather, the waistcoat with what might pass for gruel. Surely Philadelphia is neither so poverty-stricken-even with a Muni-cipal Court to pay for-nor so shameless, as to begrudge the small courtesy of a bath to so man.

Philadelphia, September 25, 1914.

ENGLISH HAVE THE ADVANTAGE To the Editor of the Public Ledger: Sir-The English have the advantage because they use our language and we print their poems. If some of the stirring verse which has been written in Germany could be published in the United States so that everybody could read ic, there would be a very great change in opinmaining that may have any claim to the this country, and the London journalists never let anything get by that is not favorable to their cause.

S. T. LEINBERGH.

Atlantic City, September 22, 1914.

GARLIC OBJECTIONABLE To the Editor of the Public Ledger; Sir—There should be some law forbidding peo-ple who have caten garlle to ride on the subway until the effects have dissipated themable that I was compelled to leave my seat and walk to the front car, where fresh air can through. Can't something be done about this?

S. T. VERNON. Overbrook, September 22, 1914.

Down With the Dreadnought From the New York World. When one submarine can sink three 12,000-ton ships in 20 minutes, the forethought of the Germans in keeping their dreadnoughts in fortified harbors becomes apparent. If big navies cannot go to sen we shall not need them, for

they are altogether too expensive to maintain as mere ornaments.

King Cotton vs. King Coal From the Detroit Free Fress. To a man who is figuring where next winter's ten tons of coal are coming from, that "buy a bale of cotton" slogan sounds like sarcasm

Sound sense and sound patriotism are displayed in equal parts by President Wilson when he refuses his consent to a second-term inorsement by the New Jersey Democrats.-New

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

Whatever the truth of the charges leveled at Southern national banks by Secretary McAdoo, we cannot but feel that his method making them was seriously ill-advised. Baltimore News. So long as it is regarded as good national morals for a country to bar other countries' trade by means of tariffs, there is going to re-

President Wilson is doing a great thing for the country in his effort to make Congressmen believe that "America is greater than any party." The President may succeed in making some Congressmen believe this, but he will nover be able to make Tammany Hall believe

nain a possible cause of war. Kansas City

it. - Albany Press. The National American Woman Saffrage Association has appropriated from its stender fund \$790 to buy one bale of 10-cent coffoo ch of the 14 Southern States. Fine womanly helpfulness sound economy, admirable polities! Winning hearts bears mirable politics: ashing windows. St. Louis Post-Dis-

Those self-constituted advisors of the President of the United States who urge the Chief Executive to drop diplomatic repre-gentations and take some steps to "competthe contesting nations of Europe to put an end to the war should realize that beyond the usual methods of diplomacy there is no way to perstand the fighters to stop highting says making war on them from these shores.

The order of the Secretary of the Navy to close the Marconi wireless station at Sas-conset. Moss. for violation of neutrality will be contested after a fashion in the courts Enforcement of neutrality in war is hardly a indicate furthing. If a court disagreed with the Commander-in-Chief, who would except its decrees. Neutrality subject to litigation would be beligorency and notation; else. The Marconi people may as well surrender gracefully. They will have to surrender gracefully. New York World.