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Look Out For Red Herring

TRAXPAYERS are determined to have rapid I transit. They will not be cuchred out of It. Any schemes, therefore, involving the expenditure of large sums of city money should be viewed with the gravest suspicion. It is an old trick for obstructionist politicians to defeat a transit project by dedicating a large part of a municipality's funds to other plausible enterprises. There are few contemplated public improvements of so great importance as the building of the new subwayelevated system. As a choice between it and any other improvement, transit would come first. It is a good time to be on the lookout for red herring.

"Safety First" for Penroseism

THE Old Guard is out for halos, or anything at all that looks well and costs nothing-a little stolen altar fire to blind the public eye to facts. John P. Connelly dons the mantle of Judge Lindsay, drops a sob over the delinquent child and negotiates the Municipal Court grab. But, as always, the master outdoes the man. Penrose has found the perfect halo. It encircles his classic brow on his newest campaign button-"Safety First." The best advertised phrase of the year, appealing, reassuring, yet gloriously abstract; how well it goes with Penrose. "Bafety First." But whose?

Mexico Labors in Transition

WHETHER or not Huerta and his government would have brought order out chaos in Mexico if the ex-dictator had regived the aid and recognition of the United tates is no longer a question in the minds serious students of Mexican history and Mairs. The struggle of the Constitutionalsts has not been a bandit raid upon their ountry in the name of revolution. It is the ame struggle which inspired Hidaigo and lorelos and Guerero and Juarez and a host f other patriots in their fight against the granny of Spain and the oppression of the rivileged class in their own country. It is se same struggle which sounded the death inell of feudalism in Europe before the adent of the modern industrial era, and it is the same struggle which inspired the Amerian colonists in their battle for political and economic independence. Mexico, the country of early Spanish superstition and despotism. nd, later, private exploitation and betraval is just waking up to the fact that feudalism s not the last stage of human progress. At last she stands upon the threshold of a new ra. The transition, because of its long dey, is being accompanied with unusual hard labor and suffering. It will be accomplished in the end.

Music Teachers Come to Their Own

SolTHE laying of the cornerstone of a home bra for retired music teachers in Germantown s only another sign that the American pedagogue of music is at last coming into his wn. The biggest portent of all is the war cloud over Europe. Hitherto the foreign teacher has had everything his own way. The prestige of the Continent led every American pupil who could afford it to take the ong journey overseas. Now it will be a reckless parent, indeed, that will trust a son or laughter to the chances of Italian neutrality. while it is doubtful if either conservatories or private teachers will be doing business in fermany, France or England. Our Amerian teachers may not be the equals of the Muropean; they have never had the material with which to prove their abilities. Now is their chance. If they know their art, what they call the myth of Continental training will be exploded for all time.

Stage Set for Republicanism

AREBOUND toward conservatism is apwar has sobered public opinion. In fact, even efore the war sentiment was veering away from the experimenters who imagined that the only sure way to further morality was to change the form of government. But this return to common sense does not mean a return to Penroseism and the other kind of "iams" which were so emphatically repudiated, first in 1910 and later in 1912. The people have learned that they can have simple honesty without fanaticism, and they are stoing to insist on having it.

The stage is set for a triumphant revival of militant Republicanism. Everywhere men re asking themselves if it is worth while to nink more of foreigners' trade with us than four own trade with foreigners. They are more determined than ever to make this naion absolutely independent in a manufacturing way. They are ready to go forward in constructive enterprise: they are anxious to begin again the upbuilding which has temporarily lagged. They will not hesitate to vote their convictions at the polls if assured of honest and faithful leadership, of cupable instruments to carry out their

If Pennsylvania indorses Penroselsm it will merely convince the nation that there is more cleaning to be done before the Republi can party can be entrusted with the conduct of the Government. The defeat of Penrosepi, on the other hand, will convince good publicans everywhere that their opporfunity is at last at hand.

The "Good Fellow" Has a Smashing Fist ITHE American public, it has been said, is La "good fellow." Whether or not Kipling was right when he asserted that our people are indifferent to liberty and equality, but torist on fraternity, good fellowship seems

to be characteristic of American mo ners. It is largely through this natural disposition of the public that the political boss has climbed into power and, in many cases, remained there. What he has secured for his constituents has been appreciated and thanks have been duly rendered. "Pork" in a rivers and harbors bill, a bank check for charity, a barrel of flour for a workless and wageless voter-by such means the corruptionist in politics retains popularity with that "good

fellow," the public. But even in a "good fellow" the spirit of rebellion is not dead. There may come to him a recognition of the fact that he has been imposed upon, that the other "good fellow" has gone too far. It is humiliating, maddening, to be made a means to an end In politics the rebuke can be administered at the polls.

Daylight Kills a Grab

ORDINARY citizens may be in doubt concerning the plans of the Organization "to make a killing" through the acquisition of land and palaces for the Municipal Court, but the Organization liself knows what it wants. The architects were not asked to draw plans for one building on a corner lot. The project involves an entire city block, Not only will the building of the one structure provided for in the loan bill increase immediately the cost of the land which the city will have to acquire later, but it will enhance greatly the value of all property in the vicinity. This does not imply real estate speculation, for it is not speculation when

men gamble on a "sure thing." The light of day has put an end to the illegitimate profit in the transaction, however. The small houseowners now understand the scheme, and they will neither sell nor give options. They will take the profits themselves, as is proper, if the extravagant plan is finally consummated. But the whole adventure has given the city a clear view of the methods by which Penroseism in Philadelphia flourishes and retains its power.

Old Issues in New Primarics

NEW YORK holds its first primaries today.

It will doubtless afford some relief to the voters of that State to use the opportunity of thinning out the number of candidates for the Governorship and certain other offices. There have been so much brawling and billingsgate and general confusion that the voters will be lucky if they can see any issue at all except the old ones of Tammany and Barnesism. But these old ones still need attention, and today the principal issue at the polls is good citizenship.

Shocks From Ice Cream Plunges

TCE CREAM has won official standing as A a food. It used to be considered a sort of thermal debauch; you expended untold pounds of energy in melting it. The cream value was nothing compared with the waste in bringing it up to the temperature of the human interior. But some of the doctors have changed all that. Ice cream is now the best number on the program, the perfect close to the alimentary entertainment. And it is that same chilliness which does the trick. The ice acts like a cold plunge in the morning, a shock which leaves the stomach in a glow of reaction. Such is the new theory that has made triumphant progress among the young. Yet a doubt remains. A bath is a shock, but it is sudden, brief. You don't have to sit in the water until you've raised it to your own temperature. Ice cream is different.

Children Point the Way to Health

THE public schools are the big field for A social sanitation. Proper treatment of the school child brings us close to the source. There disease can be discovered and cured before it has wrecked life. Scientific school hygiene means finding the best environment for the physical and mental growth of the child. It means correcting physical defects while they are still remediable. It is useful in bringing standards of right living Into homes without them, homes where disease otherwise breeds and spreads. The child is the easiest and most fruitful avenue to pub-

Peace Earned. Not Bestowed

DEWARDS are promised peacemakers in It the future, but here they have their own troubles. Various are the peace theories in these days of war. Some would enter into compacts of fellowship and enforce them with soldiers. Others would make treaties by signing a paper which in times of trouble is likely to be trampled under the feet of armies. Another peace party would cultivate public

opinion against the horrors of war. All these theories are good while the nations keep sweet, but once they grow angry ideals of federation disappear like frost before fire. Peacemakers, however, look forward to the realization of a golden dream, and deserve encouragement. In the meantime, let us remember that peace is something earned, not bestowed; that the fighting blood of the animal cannot be changed by resolutions or legislative enactment.

Peace is one of the ripe fruits of the eternal

"Ten Cents a Pound." Do you cotton to it?

"It's a long, long way to Tipperary" for

It looks as if Carranza intended to get out

The baseball situation may be described as

"Prosperous" France extends the moratorium, while Germany subscribes \$16,000.600

The capital slum bill has been signed by the President. Nothing remains to be done but get rid of the slums.

Housewives are blamed for the high cost of sugar, it having been proved that they There has been too much confusion about

a simple thing. Przemysł is pronounced as

if it were not spelled that way. The events of the last week in Europe have proved that the Germans and Allies are ied for first place in the Anti-Civilization

It must cause George Fred Williams a sharp pang to view A. Rustem Bey and see just how much indiscreet talk a diplomat

The President did right to stop the plan of New Jersey Democrats to Indorse him for a second term, but it may be noticed that there is nothing in Mr. Tumulty's letter to indicate that the President will not be a candidate to succeed himself.

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

THE HON. JOHN F. FITZGERALD, bet-I ter known as "Honey Fitz," the man who made Boston famous and placed the Sacred Codfish on the map, or vice versa, is a fighting frishman, who does what is exactly opposite to accepted standards. Himself a Democratic boss, he whipped his fellow bosses. Defeated for Mayor he "came back" and was re-elected. In fact, he is akin to Gilbert K. Chesterton, the English wit, of whom some one wrote in the American Magazine:

When plain folk such as you and I See the sun setting in the sky. We think it is the setting sun; But Mr. Gilbert Chesterton Is not so easily misled. He calmly stands upon his head And upside down obtains a new And Chestertonian point of view. Observing thus how from his toes The sun creeps nearer to his nose, He cries with wonder and delight. "How good the sunrise is tonight!"

It is so with "Honey Fitz." Retired from the office of Mayor, he sought new fields to conquer, and found them-in a clothing snop near Scollay Square, where Fitz now fits

EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEPH, whose troubles are as the sands of the sea, once had an experience which he recounted with zest for many years. He had been visiting the villa of a friend in the outskirts of Vienna, and had played cards until 2 in the morning. Not desiring to disturb the household, he started for the front door in the dark, promptly upsetting a chair. The old cook, awakened by the noise and thinking that it was a thief, rushed into the hall. She recognized the Emperor at once, and, not knowing how to entertain a ruler en negligee, she dropped on her knees and at the top of her voice started to sing the national anthem, "Gott erhalte Franz den Kaiser."

TT HAPPENED long ago, so there can be no I good reason why this story should not be told, although it concerns an esteemed contemporary. Its owner established an American daily in London and promptly engaged nine English Journalists and one American reporter, named Haverley. Then London was placarded from end to end with a request that Britain buy "next Sunday's issue," in which could be read a beautifully illustrated and well-written description of "Historic Hampstead Heath." The pictures were in the office and an English journalist was sent forth to get the reading matter, with instructions to report not later than Friday. Friday noon came and no journalist. Evening came and no sign of the missing gentus. Then the editor called on Haverley with instructions to get the desired matter, if he had to die for it-after he was successful, of course.

Now, Haverley knew as much of Hamp stead Heath as a cat does of the calculus. but he was an American. So he hied himself to Hampstead Heath, where he found the Three Spanlards, an inn owned by the same family for 300 years. To the proprietor he told his troubles.

"I can help you," said the innkeeper. "My grandfather, father and myself have kept a scrapbook of everything written about the 'Eath-most of it is by Thackeray, Scott, Dickens and George Augustus Henry Sala."

Haverley swore by all that was holy to return the book, and departed in triumph. At home, knowing the need of speed, he scissored and clipped the precious pages right and left, wrote an introduction and rushed it to the composing room, where it was put into type.

mental emanations of Dickens, Scott, Thackeray and Sala, had seen the light of day, the managing editor of the London dally received a letter from the proprietor in Paris, reading:

"Please congratulate the gentleman who wrote the story of Hampstead Heath. It was a masterplece of English."

THE proprietor of a Chinese restaurant in Race street bought a phonograph not long ago and with it a dozen records of Chinese music. Then he tried it on his patrons. From the horn issued a conglomeration of cacophony beyond the power of mere words to describe. Shrill trebles, male falsettos predominated, punctuated by speaky tenors. Interspersed was the din of tom-toms and the plunk-a-plunk of celestial banjos. It was a sextet, the proud owner averred, but not from "Lucia."

For a full minute the noise continued: ther it assumed tangible shape emblematic of the topsy-turvy character of the Chinese Throughout was a lelt motif, repeated and reiterated time and again. Then came a crescendo, tremendous in its sharp shrillness, accentuated by hysteric beating of drums and thumping of stringed instruments of torture. Then followed a dismal wail. more haunting than that of the banshee, and the sextet was a thing of musical memory.

PAIR of stout pajamas saved Sir John A PAIR of stout page. navy, from a damp and watery grave. In June, 1893, when still a mere commander, Jellicoe lay desperately ill from fever in his bunk aboard the battleship Victoria when she was rammed by the Camperdown. The alarm was given and Jellicoe rushed to the bridge, though delirious. A moment later, with the sallors standing in proud line, as befits seamen, singing their national anthem, the great ship gave a heave and plunged into the depths off Tripoli. Jellicoe was drawn down by the suction and would have been drowned but for the presence of mind of an unknown hero. Seeing an expanse of pajamas going down into the waves, the unknown made a wild grasp, managed to get a hold, and swam toward the rescuing boats not knowing whom he had saved. That is why Jelikoe lives to have this tale told about

CURIOSITY SHOP The Mazda incandescent lamps common use are named after Maxda, god-ness of light, the delty of the Zoroastrians, or Mazdalsts. The character of Zoroaster furlishes the theme for an absorbing and exquisitely poetic romance by F. Marion Craw-ford, the American author, who spent many

years in Eastern countries.

The skeptical phrase, "Tell that to the marines," originated in England, where the sailors poked fun at the lack of sea knowledge on the part of the marines. Lord Byron in his poem, "The Island," makes use of the phrase. of the phrase:
" * * "I'm thin, whatever intervenes,"

"Right." quoth Ben, "that will do for the ma-In the early part of the last century, some wise men of Southampton, England, cut a ditch for barges between their city and Redbridge. But because of the high dues, the canal was never used, and the wisdom of the builders was compared to that of the man who cut two holes in the walls of his

house, one for the mother cat and the other for the kittens.

The "Little Gentleman in Velvet," who ap pears occasionally in print, was a mole which raised a hill against which stumbled the horse which William III, of England, was riding, throwing the monarch over its head. William broke his collar bone, and other complications ensuing he died in 1702.

"Half seas over," meaning intoxicated, is traced to the Dutch phrase, "ob-zee-zober" -oversea beer-a strong beverage introduc-ed into England from Holland.

IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

If those Mexican belligerents aren't careful, somebody will have them arrested for disturbing the peace.

The Hesitation To tea or not to tea, that is the tango: Whether 'tis better in the maxize to suffer The slings and whirlings of the Texas Tommy,
Or to press arms against a sea of chiffon,
And by opposing rend it. To dance, to dip-

And by that dip to say we end The two-step, waltz, and thousand natural

That dance is heir to? To dip, to slip. To slip! Perchance to fall—aye, there's the

For in that fall what steps may come
When we have shuffled off our mortal feet
Makes us give pause—
And rather dance those steps we've learned Than rush to others that we know not of.

Extend the Possibilities The "Buy-a-bale-of-cotton" movement can e extended indefinitely. It is not merely the

South that needs assistance. For example: Buy a freight car and help the railway companies. Buy a tank of petroleum and help John D. Rockefeller.

Buy a steel rail and help Andrew Carnegie. Buy a- haystack and help the indigent We were about to add something about buying a ton of coal to help the coal cor-porations, but the subject is too sacred.

True Enough

"There is quite a change in the weather," remarked the Optimistic Individual.
"There always is," added the Cheerful Pes-

The Secret Out

Fairmount (after a few puffs)-I thought you said these were choice cigars.
Wissahickon—That's what I said—my

Of Course

"A mad dog ran into the smithy today," said the village blacksmith casually.
"Heavens!" ejaculated his wife, "what did you do? "Aw-we shooed him.

One Might

This we may gay for Mexico's One time first chief whose sway is sliding: Who now is weighted down with woes And with the end may be colliding:
This may we say—that one might mention
Him—of course, we mean Carranza—
Unlike his fellow countrymen— And get him in a single stanza. And likewise him who soon may bill. First chief; referring now to Villa.

*Villa is pronounced Ve-ya.

A la Sherman

Night Watchman (in any European town)
-Eight o'clock-and all's hell.-Life.

In Doubt Caller-Is your daughter an equestrian? Proud Mother-Either that or valedictorian. These class officers are so confusing, don't you know.—Buffalo Express.

It All Depends Examiner-Now, William, if a man can

do one-fourth of a piece of work in two days, how long will be take to finish it? William—Is it a contrac' job or is be workin' by the day?—Life.

Score One for Pa

Willie-Paw, what is a monologue? Faw—A conversation between a man and his wife, my son. go do your lessons .-

Terpsichore's Triumph

"Isn't there a proverb about those who hesitate being lost? "Yes," replied the frivolous youth. "But never hesitate. The one-step is good I never hesitate. The one-step enough for me."-Washington Star.

A Rondeau of Babies

As you must know, some men there be Who flaunt the fact that they are free From nurs'ry thraldom; oft they cry (As though to prove an alibi), "All babies look alike to me!"

To such a man, the fates decree The storks shall come in groups of three. It does no good to hide or fly,

All habies look alike? Ah. me! When they arrive. I well foresee He'll gain a more discerning eye, Or else he will discreetly try With wiser persons to agree.

As you must know. -Burges Johnson in Judge.

Affliction

Muggins-I feel so sorry for Bjones. He's as deaf as a post.

Buggins—Oh, there are worse afflictions nan mere deafness.

Muggins—Yes, but he has always been fond of hearing himself talk.—New York

Correctly Misunderstood Examiner—Now, speak up, boy. Do you know what nasal organ means?

Boy-No. sir. Examiner-Correct!-London Opinion.

The Mysterous Keats

The little agricultural village had been billed with "Lecture on Keats" for over a fortnight. The evening arrived at length, bringing the lecturer ready to discourse on the poet. The advertised chairman, taken ill at the last moment, was replaced by a local farmer. This worthy introduced the lecturer and terminated his remarks by saying: "And now, my friends, we shall soon all know what I personally have often wondered what are Keats?"-Pittsburgh Chronicle-

The Bacilli Craze

"We are going to give up having Johnny "For what reason?" "Well, we can't get him sterilized every

He Knew the Car "You are charged with giving assistance

to the enemy."

shore

"How so?"
"They have your automobile."
"They took it forcibly. Besides, it won't assist them any."—Louisville Courier-Jour-

TO THE PEACE PALACE AT THE HAGUE Builded of Love and Joy and Faith and Hope, standest firm beyond the tides of war That dash in gloom and fear and tempest-Beacon of Europe! - though wise pilots grope

Where trusted lights are lost; though the scope Of storm is wider, deadlier than before; Ay, though the very floods that strew the

Seem to obey some power turned misanthrope. For thou art witness to a world's desire. And when-oh, happiest of days!-shall cease

The throes by which our Age doth bring to birth only a simple mental process to conceive of it being worse. The thing to do is to thank your lucky stars that it does not reach the limit—or near the limit—of your own The fairest of her daughters, heavenly Peace.
When Man's red folly has been purged in fire.
Thou shalt be Capitol of all the Earth.

Robert Unierwood Johnson, in the Independent.

DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

FOR the last five years there has been an agitation for the restoration of the carrying trade of Philadelphia, and already the movement is displaying signs of bearing fruit. It is a problem that will only be solved by the years to come, whether the port ever will regain its proud place as the

foremost in the United States. The other day we considered the causes that led to the flight of the American flag from the seas during the period of the Civil War, and now we might take a glance at the alleged reasons why Philadelphia, in 1820 the leading port of this country, should surrender her place on the list.

OUR recent agitation was anticipated as tury. Great expectations from the completion of the Pennsylvania Railroad were common. It was believed the trans-Alleghenian line would pave the way for this increase of commerce and attempts were made to interest capital in the establishment of new steamship lines between Philadelphia and

Liverpool and London. The movement accomplished something; new lines were established, but they did not prevent New York from forging considerably ahead.

TREMEMBER reading the very pointed reasons for this diversion of our trade written by Richard Rush, who had been our Minister to London and to Paris and was a patriotic and loyal Philadelphian. However, he did not spare his compatriots in his explanation of our loss of trade. His chief reason was what he called the prevalence of

"Rip Van Winkleism" here. "New York," he wrote to Job R. Tyson, who was sending letters to the newspapers in his enthusiastic attempt to arouse interest in the plan, "is awake to it all. Most wisely has she kept awake ever since De Witt Clinton, the Livingstons and Gouverneur Morris planned her first great canal, which others railed at as visionary. Boston is awake. All mankind are awake. A new existence has been sprung upon the world. We sleep on-sleep on-sleep on, content, delighted, at being the second American city after having long been the first, and when we could have become the first again, because nature and geography have written it

"We quietly and complacently turn away from that decree. London is 60 miles or more from the sea, and for a thousand years had fourfold the difficulties of navigation in reaching it through the Thames that Philadelphia had ever had in being reached through the Delaware. The worst thought of all is that we shall, in the end, find ourselves in a worse place than to be only the second city, if we go to sleep; since to be falling back, relatively, in this age of progress, is, in effect, to sink."

down.

THE man who warned President Monroe I of the workings of the European alliance that caused the enunciation of the now historic Monroe Doctrine did not mince matters when calling his fellow townsmen to account

for their weakness. In the course of the same movement, William Peter, the British Consul here, who had been approached on the subject with the idea of having him interest British capital in steamship lines, wrote much the same thing, but, of course, tempered his pen a little. He put down the advance of New York to "superior pluck and energy." "While Pennsylvania has placed her chief reliance on legislation," he added, "New York has placed

hers on self-exertion." This taking account of stock could not have been very agreeable to the Philadelphians of 1850, but the course of treatment did them a great deal of good. Job R. Tyson attributed the decline of our trade to quite other causes. He declared that the State and private capital had frittered away many millions of dollars in numerous canal schemes; that the Erie Canal had diverted the Western trade from Philadelphia by reason of its continuous route to the sea, while our Western connection of part rail and part canal was a distinct disadvantage to the commerce it had

been designed to assist. HE DECLARED that a too cautious Leg-islature had prevented banking capital from being more than one-fourth what it was in New York, and that although the Bank of the United States was located in Philadelphia it "did not render such accommodations to the business community here as were favorable to the growth of the foreign and the enlargement of the coasting

With the completion of the Erie Canal many of the most enterprising Philadelphia merchants transferred their business and their capital to New York, and it was shown that one-third of the investments in New York shipping in 1850 was owned by Philadelphians.

However, even in those was the chief manufacturing city in TOWEVER, even in those days this city the country, and it was believed that when the Pennsylvania Railroad was completed and the primitive inclined planes and canals were replaced by a continuous roadbed, commerce would return to this city.

bettering the commerce of the port for a quarter of a century, and then the carrying trade began to fall off again. The outlook, however, is far brighter now than it was when Richard Rush and others

The Pennsylvania Railroad was completed

in 1854, and its advent did prove a factor in

were trying to arouse the civic pride of Philadelphia capitalists 60 years ago.

GRANVILLE Reviving Personal Combat

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. We observe that Generals Villa and Obrogon came near to a personal encounter a day or two ago. They had words and rushed at each other and were "with difficulty restrained."
Why in the name of humanity did anybody
restrain them? Two generals in personally concted warfare would be a spectacle to cheer up all the privates everywhere

THE IDEALIST

When trouble comes a very peculiar personal trait asserts itself. This trait is born of the falling from which nearly all failings spring—the failing of keeping the mind on

one thinks that his or her troubles are the worst in the world. The tendency is to lose sight of the fact that other folks have troubles just as serious. When the troubled mind accepts this truth its own burden becomes lighter. mind accepter.

comes lighter.

An old Philadelphia minister frequently

An old congregation, "Friends, no matter

told his congregation, "Friends, no ma how badly you feel about something, just member that there are other souls troubles are vastly deeper than yours."

No matter how serious your trouble, it is

A young girl lay on a hed of pain. Her

temperament was of the worrying type, and, of course, this heightened her pain. The old family physician noted this. As he left her room on one of his daily visits he casually offered the information that "this afternoon I have to amputate a boy's leg."

No. The young lady did not launch into a tirade against the countless sorrows of the world. She just grew less selfish, in sympathetic contemplation of the lad's sufferings she took her mind away from self. In doing she took her mind away from self. she took her mind away from self. In doing which she had discovered the real secret of lightening her burdens.

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—The splendid work of the Evening
Ledger in calling attention to the child labor
evil at this time should result in great good
for the working boys and girls of Pennsylvania. This is a most opportune time and I feel keenly the necessity for every voter ascertaining exactly how the candidates for the State Senate and House of Representatives in the district and House of Representatives in the district in which he lives stand upon the question of an eight-hour day and the abolition of night work for children under 16. The Association feels that every man who is running for office and is not willing to pledge himself to vote for these two provisions should be defeated. * * It is a favorite contention of the manufac-turers and other employers of children that they cannot work their older employes more than eight hours a day and their children under 16 only eight hours. This is not true. If any manufacturer will only show a willingness so to arrange his schedule as to keep the children busy eight hours and the machines and other employes a longer time, he will find that it is a comparatively simple matter. This was very clearly proven in Massachusetts. In that State they passed a child labor law which went into effect last September, containing much the same provisions as I have outlined for the proposed legislation in Pennsylvania. At once there was a great cry on the part of the manu-factures that they would have to discharge all children under 16. The law went into effect on the first of last September, and on that date

the industries of Massachusetts and New Jer-Child labor is at once the cheapest and dearest form of labor. Manufacturers and others employ children because they can get them at a small price. But when one considers their a small price. But when one considers their wastefulness and inattention, there is a considerable financial offset, and by sapping the strength of the young manhood and young womanhood of the State, through working the children long hours, a price is paid in the de-teriorating standard of humanity which makes child labor the very dearest form of labor that any one can employ.

there were 30,000 children at work under 16 is

DR. J. LYNN BANNARD. Chairman Educational Committee Pennsylvania Child Labor Association.

MEXICAN VIEWS-VERSE To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Better let the soldiers stav Down in Mexico, while they Need a wise protectorate Over those who rule the State: A queer bunch; most any day They may break out in a fray. Some old Chapeau in the ring Down there is a common thing. Fact is they don't want war cease: No place for a dove of peace Anywhere in Mexico: It would be unwise, Woodrow, To call home the soldiers now, At the outbreak of a row, 'Twixt Carranza and his mate Villa, 'bout ruling the State. If it need be let them stay Til the break of judgment day. Or maybe we'll have to take For the common people's sake Like we did the Isles from Spain. And not give them back again, The old land until our light

SPARE PRISONERS HUMILIATION To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-From a window of a New York train a few days ago I saw a dezen or more men in striped uniforms working in the fields which bordered on the railroad tracks. The plowing and doing the late harvesting. were of the county prison at Holmesburg. Some of the men undoubtedly were thieves, but among them also were men whose worst

offense was drinking too much or fighting. In my opinion a prison or a house of correction ace to reform a man, not to humiliate him. Why not do away with this kind of labor for

the same reasons that made the ducking stool and the stocks unpopular generations ago? M. M.

Philadelphia, September 28, 1914.

THE HEEDLESS SHOPPER To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-I was very glad to see the letter of "A Disheartened Salesgirl" in the Evening LEDGER Saturday. It hit at a big evil, bigger than it seems. I know, because I have offended Thoughtlessly, inconsiderately, I have caught myself treating shopgirls with just the incivility that she complains of, and troubling them with a hundred needless errands. often we purchasers are thinking only of saying a cent or two or getting away in time for tea. When I hear other women talk of cross unobliging shopgirls, I think of how much I have unconsciously contributed to their "nerves" and their troubles. M. L. S.

Newark, N. J., September 27, 1914. THE AGONY COLUMN

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To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-1 was much interested to read in Saturday's Evening Lengen of the present state of the "personal" or "agony" columns of the London papers. Has any reader, I wonder, any experience of such a curious institution in our press? Sherlock Holmes spoke of it in one of Conan Doyle's stories as a medium of communication between criminals. Perhaps that is why our papers have not cultivated it.

J. S. PEARS.

Philadelphia, September 27, 1914. NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

parts of the country explaining, excusing and defending their position. They never were under any such compulsion before.-New York We naturally regret the new rupture between Carranza and Villa, but we do not regard it as

It is an excellent thing to find bankers in al

a defeat of American diplomacy or as evidence that President Wilson's policy toward Mexico Richmond News Leader. It is important that the business men of the United States should "go after" the South American trade, but something should be done also about the Mexican trade. Commerce has been almost at a standstill in that unhappy

country for several years.-Louisville Evening It begins to look as if the scheme of Dean Lewis and other Progressive leaders in Penn-sylvania to turn over the Progressive party hand and foot to the Democratic machine that State will result in incalculable benefit to Senator Penrose, the man of all men upon whom the Progressives have lavished their

terest denunciation.-Springfield, Mass., Union Colonel Roosevelt's Wichita speech revealed ne of the reasons for his continuing influence n the country. A man who stands intelligently and effectively for justice to employe and em ployer alike, who has the courage to speak out when either side takes a wrong position, who is dazzled neither by the millionaire nor the powerful politician, must always be a powerful factor in affairs.-Kansas City Star.

Since it has not always been the fortune of the Sun to approve the work of Mr. Bryan in the State Department, we have the greater pleasure in giving cordial praise to the courtes); the patience and the success with which that department has helped many thousands of Americans to trace their friends in Europe, los the tangle of mobilisation and war .- New

Shows them how to rule aright D. H. KENNEY, Philadelphia, September 25, 1914.