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gonded by the action of General Taylor, who was under the direct orders of the President, attacked an American force and killed sixteen of our dragoons.

CAPITAL GOSSIP Administration Prophets Attempt to Construe Election Returns Favorably. President Sure of Renomination—Necessity of Cotton Exchanges. Kitchin Will Be Democratic Leader of House.

MR. BRYAN is very much pleased with the results of the recent elections. He did not win in his own congressional district; he failed to bring down Senator Cummins, the worst critic of the present Administration, in Iowa; he failed to accomplish desired ends in other States where he worked for Democratic success; but he is satisfied, or at least he bears with Christian fortitude and resignation the reverse which have befallen in the gratification of victories he did not in his heart anticipate.

Phantom Money for the Unemployed

IT is a puzzle or a conundrum or an acrobatic exhibition of imagination that confronts the unemployed of Philadelphia? A few weeks ago millions of dollars flashed before their hungry eyes and they saw honest labor sufficient to tide them over the winter. The millions vanished. In their place came hundreds of thousands of dollars, but the sum seemed to play hide and seek for a while among the various city departments.

Making Streets Into Playgrounds

A NEW idea in playgrounds is winning the attention of American municipalities. New York has already adopted it by closing certain sections of certain streets to traffic during limited hours of the day and thus creating a great number of new playgrounds for the children.

Laggard War News

AMERICA hears that the Audacious has been sunk; actual photographs of the mishap arrive as soon as the story. And this is only an extreme specimen of something that has distinguished this war. The news of the sea-battle off Chilli came along two or three days after the event. Every official announcement carries back more than 24 hours, and the really important war moves are never learned till they are cold.

Taking Care of the Careless

"SELF-PRESERVATION is the first law of nature!" Every one says it, but no one proves it. After unnumbered centuries men cannot take care of themselves. They never could. Each man is his brother's keeper. But it is harder now than ever, especially in a big city. A moment's negligence or absent-mindedness or temerity and the policeman has to ring for the ambulance.

Bragging About Philadelphia

NEARLY everybody confesses now and then to the opinion that bragging of a certain kind and amount is a good thing. It is even better for cities than it is for people. And Philadelphia has a great deal to brag about. Even the visiting Mayors who were here last week acknowledged this and reminded us of several points which we hadn't fully appreciated ourselves, though one or two of them, in an attempt to be humorous, quoted a frazzled old saying which the facts refute. No, a thousand times, no! There are a thousand practical reasons why Philadelphia cannot be called slow and, besides, there is much more virtue in being a live town than Philadelphia, than a lively one, like New York.

One Way for the South to Raise Money

IT takes St. Louis 10 years of agitation and hawking to get a free bridge over the Mississippi and St. Louis hasn't Philadelphia's Council!

Even as the Beasts

There is no hope for nations!—Search the page for the action which consists of putting one's thumb to the nose and wiggling the four fingers in derision.

Views of Readers on Timely Topics

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

Consent of the Governed

Sir—I have often wondered whether some way could not be found of limiting the terms of public officials to one or two years. For instance, Mr. Wilson is a minority President. Why should he serve the whole four years when it was not the will of the majority of the voters that he should serve at all? Why not review the mind of the country by another election, say at the end of two years? That would bring the Government more swiftly into harmony with the "consent of the governed." The same applies to Mr. Fenrose. It is quite conceivable that with only one candidate opposed to him, focusing all the opposition, he might be re-elected four before we have amended the Constitution in the past to meet evils and inequalities far more serious.

Employment and Efficiency

Sir—In regard to the proposals for helping the unemployed by the city on municipal improvements, it seems to me that there has been altogether too much charitable halleluiah. A city's first business is to be efficient in its disposition of funds and employment of labor that is the principal consideration. Efficiency first, charity afterward. That is the course which Philadelphia will pursue. All the object is in the self-advertisement of Councils in telling everybody how kind and tender-hearted it is and how many millions it wants to spend on charity.

Banning Fire Water

Sir—Uncle Sam has just established prohibition in one of our cities. It is Good work, Uncle Sam. Maybe you'll do as much for the palaces after a while.

Our Duty in Mexico

Our Administration had a very big responsibility before it sent our fleet and troops to Vera Cruz; but it has a bigger one now. Before then our Government was chargeable with the protection and care of our own citizens and their property in Mexico. Now we stand also in the position of a trustee for all the Mexicans who, relying upon the power of the United States Government, have come to Vera Cruz, at the invitation of American officials, and stayed there under the shelter of our ships and soldiers, whether commanded to do so by Huerta, Carranza or Villa.

National Point of View

If any country in the Western Hemisphere has violated its neutrality, it is right that attention should be officially called to such lapses. In making these recommendations it is not necessary for us to offend powers, but it is necessary for the United States as a medium, it is a matter, both of wisdom and courtesy, however, for the Powers to notify the American Government of any action taken.

Crises in Great Lives

The greatest dandy and fop of modern times was George Brummell, known as Beau Brummell. He lived in the 18th century and, since he was poor his living depended upon the favor of the court. The court at that time was represented in the set where the Beau's influence was felt by the Prince of Wales, who was, if truth must be told, not a slender man. It happened that one day the Beau and his friends were out. To be a dandy is not generally considered the first mark of being a brave man, but Beau Brummell gave instant proof that he was a great dandy but a great man as well. The details of the story are somewhat vague, but the main facts are certain. Brummell knew that his quarrel with the Prince would mean the end of his prestige, but he refused to yield, and on the day following the quarrel went walking with a friend to the house of the Duke of Devonshire. The news of the rupture between the Prince and the dictator of fashions had spread and there were not a few who gathered in the saloons of seeing a passage at arms between them.

That's Why "What man in history do you like most?" was asked of several hundred Philadelphia school children. These were some of the answers: "Columbus, if it hadn't been for him there wouldn't be anybody else here." "Monroe, for doctrine the people and not charity for it." "The Soto, for warden in the Mississippi to his elbows and fender his grave." "Paul Jones, because he said: 'I'll beat them British or bust, and then don't let it.'" "Andrew Jackson, for licken the British with an old kickin'."

Add Horrors of War

The military experts know why Russia's flanking move is slow. What song the Afro-Turco sings. They know the routes the armies go. And why the sky is often blue. We have their word these things are so—Why should we doubt their words are true? They know the standard railway gauge. The commissary's bill of fare. They know each city's public square. They know enough to fill a page. Each morning and each evening too. They know for it, much that they entrust. A simple-minded man—like you.

Exceeding the Limit

"So you don't think much of his new machine?" "No, he says, it went faster on trial trips than the rate sworn to by the constable who arrested him."

More Than Likely

It is safe to presume, if the Allies should win and smash the full length of the line, if they drive back the Teutons and capture Berlin. They will wind up the watch on the Rhine. Doctors, a Hint For You "That young physician in working up a big practice and at the same time getting some wonderful cures." "Yes, somebody tells me a lot of money in business, he tells every other patient the case is so unusual that he won't charge anything for handling it."

Farewell Seriatim

"We'll have to start home early, dear." "Why?" "There's ourselves and the Joneses, and that's 32 good-bys we'll have to say."

General Remarks

Said Kaiser Will to Emperor Nick. "I'm going to land you an awful kick." Said Emperor to Kaiser Will. "I'm going to land you an awful kick." "Go on old scout. You'll pay the bill."

Famous Sayings

The barber to Julius Caesar—Getting a little thin on top, sir. The athletic trainer to N. Bonaparte—Well, not exactly fat. But you're getting a corporation.

Getting Even

Mother—Did you tell him you had false teeth? Daughter (weepingly)—Ye-yes, and every time I-I mention some o-ther defect he tells me o-o-f some new debts he-he has.

Personal

Bill—Come home, your tailor is dead. WIFEY.

Tongue-Twisters

Of all who place, Upon the face Of English as she spoke, a blot, The one in ink, "We'd drown the gink Who says, 'I do not know but what.'"