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Talked Sick

THE country has been talked sick. It has been fed on phrases until it has grown lean through malnutrition. But there is always talk and more talk.

The whole nation is crying for action. The era is essentially constructive. It is a time to push our horizon back further and further, to reach out, to plumb the depths of trade and universalize our commerce.

For weeks it has been apparent that a dozen new industries were seeking a new habitat. The least encouragement from Washington would have led capital to invest.

Our men of initiative, our men who believe in productive industry, must get busy. They will find the country back of them in their battle for a restoration of common sense.

All Belgium a Bread Line

HUNGER and suffering have obliterated all distinctions in Belgium, according to Theodore Waters, who has just returned after distributing the first consignment of food from America.

The good ship Thelma has already made Philadelphia's largest available to the famishing tens of thousands. The Orin will quickly discharge her needed cargo.

Punic Arguments

CARTHAGE once held the world in the hollow of its hand. Its craft plowed every known sea. Its imperial domain stretched into Europe.

But two of the greatest military geniuses the world has known were unable to save Carthage. It crumbled up, and Italy instead of Africa determined human progress for 20 centuries.

We may, if we wish, delude ourselves with Punic arguments. We may, if we desire, expose to attack American institutions and the American ideal.

Why We Hold the Philippines

I cannot understand in what way we would lose by granting complete independence to the islands.

MR. MARTIN'S reply may be correct, but he has been a lot of history out of accuracy. The islands are of no value to us, commercially, under our present system of government.

proud to lift and bear our corner of the white man's burden? Have we not always felt it to be a point of honor to carry to completion what we have so well begun?

There is no objection to granting independence to the Philippine Islands as soon as it is clearly demonstrated that the Filipinos are competent to govern themselves upon the plane of civilization which we have raised them.

Finance Committee of Councils is more ignorant than ignorant. It ignored the claims of Germantown and Chestnut Hill for adequate police protection, would do nothing to carry out the terms under which the Chief of the Bureau of Gas was engaged.

The new housing law will be put into effect. Finance Committee or no Finance Committee. Cities do not stand still.

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BEHIND THE WHISKERS: THE REAL "HAM LEWIS"

One of the Most Versatile and Interesting Personalities in Public Life. He's a Wonder and Delight When Presiding Over the Senate.

By E. W. TOWNSEND

NO MORE lamentable error could be charged against the gentle reader than for him or her to assume that the whiskers of the Hon. James Hamilton Lewis—you get him as "Ham Lewis"—are his most interesting attribute.

On the contrary, quite otherwise. Deprived of his whiskers, if such a barbafoled outrage were imaginable, Mr. Lewis would remain one of the most interesting characters in the Senate of these here United States.

He is a rattling good debater, delivers a prepared speech with excellent taste, and is one of the few Senators who does not seem to consider it a bore to know something about parliamentary rules and practices.

The Senator from Vermont arises and inquires, "Will the Senator from Georgia yield?" Does the presiding officer sleepily mutter half the formal question and resume a disturbed nap?

Will he? Why the junior Senator from Georgia would as soon think of resisting an appeal so fetchingly interpreted as to refuse candy to a child.

"I think the Senator from Georgia is in error in stating that the statute was enacted in the 55d Congress; it was in the 54th."

A Very Busy Personage And with such busy doings the Lewylian hour in the chair all too soon ends and the dull, dread hours of ordinary chairmanship follow.

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TRUTH ABOUT LONDON-COLORED NEWS

What Happens in Peace and War in the Clearing House of Transatlantic Information—Some Reasons Why Nations Misunderstand One Another.

By BURTON KLINE

CURIOUS how the conflict on the other side heats the imagination at great distance from its fires. Since their reduction of Liege, Namur and Antwerp, the Germans have been charged with a genius in diabolical forethought that would be perversely flattering if it were not so impossible and ridiculous.

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