

Evening Ledger

PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY. CHARLES H. LUTHER, President. JOHN C. MARIN, Secretary and Treasurer.

EDITORIAL BOARD: CYRUS H. KURTZ, Chairman. F. H. STALEY, Executive Editor. JOHN C. MARTIN, General Business Manager.

Published daily at Public Ledger Building, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

Subscription terms: By carrier, Daily Only, six cents. Outside of Philadelphia, except where foreign postage is required, Daily Only, one month, twenty cents.

BELL 5000 WALNUT. KEYSTONE, MAIN 3000. Address all communications to Evening Ledger, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1915. The extravagant wife throws more out of the back door with a teaspoon than the husband can get in at the front door with a shovel.

Police Men More Necessary Than Councils THE Director of Public Safety wants 1000 additional policemen. The crime thermometer rises in periods of unemployment; 1000 men given steady jobs would reduce unemployment and crime, too.

Waiting for the Three Tribunes IN A report from Harrisburg, relative to the reconvening of the Legislature, it is naively stated that "unless Senators Vare, McNichol and Crow return from Florida early in the week little but routine legislation will be acted on."

No Landlubber St. at Sea THE seaman's bill is a perfectly good cold water spray for capitalists who have been thinking of investing money in American bottoms. It has the great merit of violating many of our most important international agreements, therefore it is certain to involve us in disputes with foreign Powers.

The Blockade Proclaimed at Last AMERICAN relations with the belligerent Powers will be simplified if the blockade of German ports proclaimed by the British is made effective.

Incidentals Must Not Obscure the Main Issue in the Transit Fight ASIDE from the personal factor which has been injected into the fight for rapid transit, one big fact stands out. It is that last May the P. R. T. recognized the Taylor program as practicable, reasonable and feasible, from an engineering as well as a financial viewpoint.

Underwood will be leaving for the Senate, but Kitchin will have a chance now, and Kitchin is no slouch. Murdock will be going back to Topeka, wondering all the way how many people will be at the station to meet him.

POLITICS BUBBLES AS CONGRESS ENDS

The Good-by Love Feast in Washington—Senator Burton Planning a World Tour—Vice President Marshall's Dangerous Little Joke.

By J. C. HEMPHILL

AS CONGRESS approaches its end politics begins to boil and bubble, not the politics of debate in the open by the members interested only upon "making a record" for the people back home, nor of the caucus with the majority heading down budding insurrection; but the politics of turning what has been said in debate and caucus to "popular" account.

Underwood will be leaving for the Senate, but Kitchin will have a chance now, and Kitchin is no slouch. Murdock will be going back to Topeka, wondering all the way how many people will be at the station to meet him.

When Benjamin Harrison was President he was quoted as saying how hard he had found it to handle "the herd of wild asses up on the hill," or something like that. It is true that the President has controlled the course of legislation; but suppose he had not, what might have happened?

When the Congressmen Get Home One of the things the Congressmen, particularly those who are coming back, will do when they reach their districts will be to line up their constituents for the presidential struggle, and there is reason to think that the President himself will not be wholly idle during the vacation period.

When the Congressmen Get Home (continued) One of the things the Congressmen, particularly those who are coming back, will do when they reach their districts will be to line up their constituents for the presidential struggle, and there is reason to think that the President himself will not be wholly idle during the vacation period.

Senator Burton, of Ohio, would make a great President and would beat Mr. Wilson out of sight. After he gives up his seat in the Senate on March 4, Mr. Burton will leave the United States for a trip around the world, and when he comes back in time for the presidential campaign he will come back, I think, to take the leadership of his party, and unless all my gifts of prophecy fail, his return home will be a sort of triumphal entry.

UNDETERRED



AMATEUR THEATRICALS AS PLEASURE

Making a Bore for Friends Into a Boon for Playgoers—What the Washington Square Players Have Done to Solve the Theatre Problem.

By KENNETH MACGOWAN

THIS everyday—or overnight—theatre-going public long ago learned this sad truism: the trouble with private theatricals is that they are usually given in public. And yet a group of amateurs who call themselves the Washington Square Players have been turning away Broadway playgoers every night from a modest but thoroughly interesting production of four one-act plays.

Quality First To get over the question of quality first, let us look at the brief facts in the case. At the Grand Theatre—a playhouse on East 57th street, New York, that lives up to its name—the Washington Square Players presented four plays on Friday, February 13, and repeated them or intend to repeat them on every Friday and Saturday until the middle of March; then another bill. The organization is made up of writers, painters and actors from the younger lights of Washington Square; subscribers and ticket-takers come from all over, and wander from Edna Ferber and Pola La Pollette to people just as staid and unobtrusive as all New Yorkers think all Philadelphians.

WAR INSURANCE It Is Paid in Higher Wages on Ships Transferred to the American Flag. From the Congressional Record. Mr. SWANSON. I desire to call up the unfinished business. Mr. GALLINGER. Will the Senator from Virginia like to me to make a request? Mr. SWANSON. I will yield temporarily to the Senator. Mr. GALLINGER. I ask unanimous consent to place in the Record a statement concerning the wages on foreign and American ships.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows: Cost of Operating Foreign-Built Vessels Transferred to American Flag. 39 Church street, New York, N. Y., February 24, 1915. Hon. J. H. Gallinger, United States Senator, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir—Your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to A. J. Farrell, principal United States Steel Corporation, has been referred to us for attention, as this company is the subsidiary of the corporation which owns the foreign-built steamers recently transferred to the American flag.

WHAT MEXICO MUST LEARN From the Chicago Herald. The Chinese government has given a pardon to Dr. Sun Yat Sen and other leaders who helped create the republic. It has invited them to return and accept high office on the sole condition that they take the oath of allegiance. In brief, China is beginning to learn the fundamental fact that all government is compromise and that a republic means toleration. It is a pity that Mexico gives no indications of learning the same lesson.

OF THE SAME BREED From the Cleveland Leader. It's better than an even bet that the man who runs by your open bedroom window every morning at 5:30 with his auto muffler cut out would block the aisle with his feet if he were in a street car.

WESSEX HEIGHTS

There are some heights in Wessex, shaped as if by kindly hand For thinking, dreaming, dying on, and at crises when I stand. Say, on Ingpen Beacon or "ward, or on Wyllys-Neck westwardly, I seem where I was before my birth, and after death may be.