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Poverty has been called the sixth sense, but if the poor had the money sense they would not be in poverty.

Bang! The Gang's All There!

BANG! The gang's all there, and likewise was all in Harrisburg. By a vote of 29 to 3 the Senate yesterday passed the toothless housing bill...

Conditions in Philadelphia have been fairly exhibited in picture and in type. No legislator who voted for the toothless substitute bill can justify himself on the ground of ignorance...

There is but one thing for the Governor to do, of course, and that is veto the bill. He should accompany the veto with a ringing condemnation of the whole scheme...

Holding Tight to the Record

THE building record so far for March shows Philadelphia at the front of American cities, with only New York ahead of her. Permits have been issued for the construction of 934 two-story houses...

This Is a Federation of States

IT HAS remained for the Democratic Senators from Ohio to remind the Democratic President of the United States that the States are not merely geographical divisions of territory...

The Air Raiders

THE raid on Antwerp by British airplanes has more apparent justification in military strategy than the German airship raid on London. The British airmen deliberately were bent on the destruction of German submarines...

Power Depends on Power

The political force of a power in time of peace is always in proportion to the military force it would exercise or would be expected to exercise in time of war.

The distinguished Italian historian faced the facts when he made this apt remark in the course of a discussion of the present war. He said only what every common observer of any standing has long admitted.

SCOTCHING OF AN INFAMOUS TRIO

How Should Pennsylvania's Elective Compensation Act Deal With the Old Defenses of Common Law Liability?
By RAYMOND G. FULLER

AN INFAMOUS trio are these three common-law defenses available in suits involving employers' liability for personal injury to employees. Their names are anachronistic: "contributory negligence," "assumption of risk" and "fellow servant."

In the annotated edition of the workmen's compensation act proposed by the State Administration the commentator remarks, in reference to the defense of contributory negligence, that the courts of Pennsylvania have in their recent decisions shown a distinct tendency toward the recognition of the impossibility of expecting a constant watchfulness from persons absorbed in the performance of industrial labor.

Too Fast to the Scrap Heap
To the scrap heap with the infamous trio of common-law defenses! Wipe them completely out of existence!

When a Woman is a Man
THE taunt that women who desire the vote are endeavoring to make imitation men of themselves is rather laughable in view of the call for aid which has gone out to the women from all the warring nations of Europe.

Dogs, Dead Men and Repeaters
OUT in Indianapolis, where the utter collapse of Democratic government in Terra Haute is being proved in court, the defendants have been arrested for attempting to tamper with Government witnesses.

Relaxation in Conversation
POLITICS and religion have long been in the list of subjects to be avoided in a promiscuous company. This is because persons differ so widely in their views and hold them with such great tenacity that discussion of them is liable to degenerate into dispute and disturb the genial friendliness of the company.

Root for Root!
Nothing is too good for the man who can earn it.

As the Swedes would say to McNichol: Be-Vare! Be-Vare!

You not only get more bread for your money in Philadelphia than in New York, but more of everything else worth while.

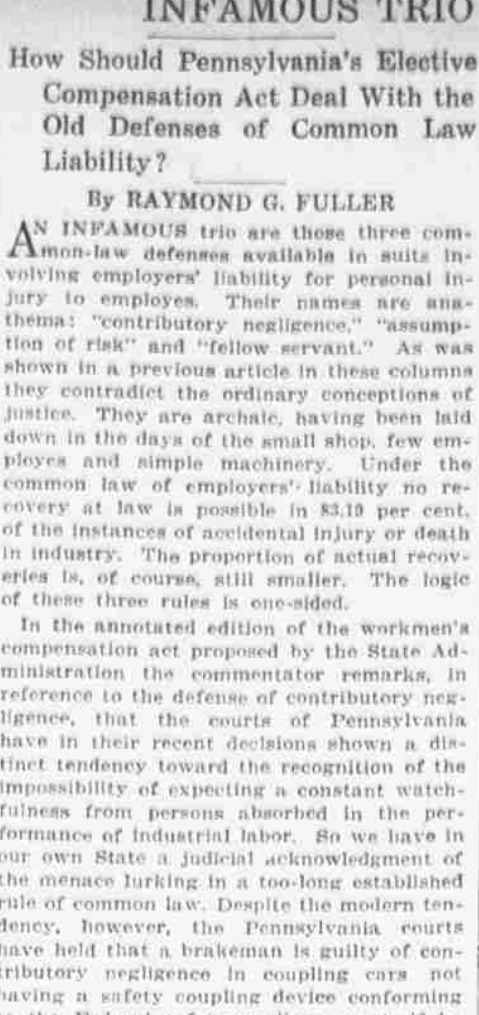
Put it down to the credit of the Blankenburg Administration that the city now gets 1/2 per cent. more interest on its deposits.

We have "the itney" in our midst," says the New Haven Journal, apparently failing to realize that it is a much more serious ailment than appendicitis.

New York experts say that every fourth passenger in a street car is a germ carrier. But why make the number so small? Do not the doctors say we all carry germs?

So far as the Bulgarians are concerned, it is perfectly safe to prophesy that they will live longer by sticking to buttermilk than by becoming targets for shrapnel.

ANOTHER UNRECOGNIZED BLOCKADE



WHO'S WHO IN CANNED LOBSTER

Uncle Sam's Tender Regard for the Niceties of Taste—Masquerade of California Crawfish—Chewing Gum Habit Unaffected by Government Comment.

BEWARE the Panulirus Interruptus! He isn't a lobster. He's a crawfish. There is only one lobster, recognized as such under a new ruling of the Department of Agriculture contained in one of the "service and regulatory announcements."

The P. I. impostor haunts the shores of the Pacific and flaunts his flippers in the gilded cafes of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Portland. He is a runt specimen, but toothsome. You may sometimes pick him up two for a quarter, or a pair for two-bits.

The Impostors Look Genuine
In justice to the canner we must point out that the lobsterologists of the Department of Agriculture do not object to the Pacific coast crawfish on the ground of flavor. There is no taint in his flesh, nor the slightest blemish upon his pink integument.

Middle West Is Stirred Up
During that recent period of extreme agitation over the purity of our food and drugs there were many weird tales in the air concerning the manner and kinds of substitutes for canned lobster.

THE BIRD'S HOUSING PROBLEM
The city of Cleveland proposes to encourage friendliness toward birds, and no one will believe it misdirected effort. There is growing appreciation everywhere of the desirability, economic and sentimental, of bringing back our native song birds in as large numbers as possible.

LENGTH OF LIFE INCREASING
According to Dr. V. C. Vaughn, of the University of Michigan, the average length of life in this country is now 15 years greater than it was 35 years ago. The death rate from tuberculosis, he says, has decreased 54 per cent. since 1880.

TRUE LEARNING
Boss call their several awnings from this flower and that blossom, here and there where they find them, but dismount after make the honey, which is all purely their own, and no longer thyme and marjoram; so the several fragments the pupil borrows from others he will transform and blend together to compile a work that shall be absolutely his own.

THE FIRST DANDELION

Simple and fresh and fair from Winter's close emerging. As if a sacrifice of fashion, business, politics had ever been. Forth from its sunny nook of sheltered grass—innocent, golden, calm as dawn, The spring's first dandelion shows its truthful face.

NEUTRALITY
It was a neutral meeting. That cheered itself to bits (The cheering led, it may be said, By Hans and Franz and Fritz) With jovious hawls, The Brits and Gauls Were put upon the grill. It was a neutral meeting (And how he cheered for Bill!)

It was a neutral meeting. At which a Frenchman rose. He'd just unlace his facia tongue! When came five thousand nees! He tried to say "La liberte!" But some one threw a bench! It was a neutral meeting (And how he loathed the French!)

It was a neutral meeting. At which an Englishman Would fan orate, but, sad to state, On him they tied the can! They howled and yelled 'Till he was quelled. They bade the wretch begone! It was a neutral meeting (And how he silenced John!)

It was a neutral meeting. At least they called it such. Although the horde in scorn ignored Italians, Belgians, Dutch. They crowned a Russ With cry and curse! They gave a Yank a hoist! It was a neutral meeting (Except that it was Teut!)—John O'Keefe, in New York World.

BELGIUM'S "DAY"
Athwart the ripening grain and flower, Fruit of a patient toil, From wings of war dark shadows fall And blood-red is the soil.

From humble, e'en from princely heart, The fugitive must flee Would they not bow to ruthless power, And sue on bended knee?

The avenging angel, sword in hand, Seems hopeless—held at bay; Have courage, faith and hope, brave land, For thee must dawn "The Day!"—"M. G. G." in the Boston Transcript.

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