

Evening Ledger PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY CURTIS H. K. CURTIS, President. Charles H. Laddington, Vice-President; John C. Martin, Secretary and Treasurer; Philip H. Collins, John R. Williams, Directors.

power, and sheds must be built over all fields where hired men have to work in summer. There are other equally wise and beneficent provisions in the bill modeled on those in the laws passed by Congress and the State Legislatures for the protection of the laborers engaged in other occupations. But the farm laborers have not yet realized their political power and they will have to wait some time before they have an eight-hour and full-crow law, for regulation still stops short of the farm.

The Fight Has Just Begun THE plans for a demonstration in Harrisburg in favor of local option are progressing favorably. The committee expects to make arrangements for 5000 voters to leave this city on April 5 to accompany a petition demanding the passage of a local option law. But the number of voters who can find time to go to the State capital is no measure of the number favoring local option. For every man who can go there are probably 50 who have to stay at home. The active demand for county control of the sale of liquor is so widespread that the General Assembly will fall in its representative duty if it refuses to consent. Bargains that party leaders may make with the abhorrent interests in politics are not binding on the free legislative agents in Harrisburg. Every man who owns his own conscience will vote as his conscience dictates. But those who are bound, body and foot, by obligations to political leaders, who have sold their influence to the liquor interests in return for the support of the liquor machine, will be compelled to respond when the whip is cracked.

The fight must centre on the Senate, because the plan is to let the bill go through the House and bury it in a Senate committee. And the fight, to be successful, must be such as will demonstrate to the Senators that they cannot afford to disregard the overwhelming public sentiment of the Commonwealth. The march on Harrisburg by the local option forces on the first Tuesday in April is part of the demonstration, and its significance will not be lost on those Senators who have their ears to the ground and can hear the tread of the multitude of voters willing to follow the conscience lead of the Governor. Every report from the State Capitol indicates that the local option fight has only just begun.

A "Hull" Lot of Optimism REPRESENTATIVE HULL, who assumes responsibility for the income tax law, with all its incomprehensible intricacies, is confident that the tax will produce \$80,000,000. This is the kind of optimism that is delightful to contemplate. Hull is proud of his law, and he is sure that it will be the most effective deficit remover that was ever constructed. If he were ashamed of his progeny he ought to be drummed out of Congress.

The pride of Mr. Hull, however, will be small in comparison with the satisfaction of the whole country if his optimism shall prove to be well founded. If there have been taxable incomes enough to produce \$80,000,000 revenues this year there is no longer reason for discouragement. The disgruntled state of the man doing a poor business will be offset by the content of the man who has increased his earnings enough to counterbalance the losses of his less fortunate neighbors, and we shall have it demonstrated that, while it is not possible for all of the people to be prosperous all of the time, it is possible for all of them to have prosperity some of the time. And when a man's turn comes he can rejoice that it was delayed no longer.

The Luxury of Grand Opera THE presentation of grand opera is not a business, but an extravagance. No grand opera company employing the great singers pretends to give performances unless it is backed by a group of capitalists willing to pay several thousand dollars apiece each year to cover a deficit. The reason for this appears in the list of salaries paid to the singers in the Philadelphia-Chicago company, now in the Illinois bankruptcy court. The sum of \$85,000 was paid in salaries to four of the managers, one of whom received \$30,000. The singers received from \$2000 a performance down. There were several who got \$1000 for each time they sang.

Grand opera as at present offered is an expensive luxury. It cannot be put on a paying basis until the salaries given to the singers and to the managers are computed with some reference to the possible income from the sale of seats and boxes. But perhaps the backers of the opera season would rather have grand opera remain an exclusive luxury than to make it show an even balance sheet.

Millville is determined that its name shall not be Millville, but Welville. Will the President be kind enough to say who is rocking the neutrality boat? The Terre Haute gangsters are discovering that they cannot terrorize the United States Court.

Mr. Rockefeller, if he wants to keep the water in his Pocomoke Hills lake, should call in a successful corporation reorganizer. Such men can wrap up whole oceans in a few stock certificates. The Russians, who have begun to storm the passes in the Carpathians, will soon be up to say, after the manner of Napoleon on the southern slope of the Alps, that yonder lies Vienna, and a little farther are the blue waters of the Mediterranean.

The Senate has passed a bill that sleeping hours of telephone operators shall not be counted as working hours; but it has not provided a way for the public to learn whether the operator is asleep or just gazing when he calls vainly for a number. Senator Chilton, who thinks that the issue in 1915 was "Roosevelt," gives too little credit to the political skill of the Colonel, who was able to see the revolt against the reactionaries brewing and to put himself at the head of it. The issue in 1915 was much bigger than any one man.

Detective Manely, who was killed while doing his duty, met a death as heroic as though it had come to him on the battlefield. The police force is filled with such men, who risk their lives every day as part of their regular work. But we are so well acquainted with them that we are in danger of forgetting their heroic qualities.

In many ways the war in Europe has been remarkable and provocative of wonders. A dispatch, for instance, announces that "The Gurkhas crept forward toward the enemy's lines. The wind drowned the silent noise." If "silent noise" should be one of the outcomes of the war, the catastrophe is a blessing in disguise. It is not the kind of noise we are accustomed to hear from Washington.

SECOND GREAT CRISIS OF EUROPEAN WAR

Since Leipzig No Meeting of Armies Has Meant So Much to So Many People, Nations and Continents as the Battle in Carpathians.

By FRANK H. SIMONDS

IF IT be accepted as true that the first great crisis of the present conflict came in early September, when Germany approached Paris and seemed about to dispose of France, it is not less patent that we are now facing a second crisis equally great, but this time involving the fate not of France but of Austria.

At the Battle of the Marne France saved herself and Europe from German supremacy. In the snow-covered passes of the Carpathians Austria is battling not merely to save herself, desperate as her own plight now is, but to save her greater ally. For if Russian armies again crown the Carpathians and flow back to the Hungarian Plain, not even the most optimistic German can reasonably expect ultimate victory.

In Vienna and in Berlin it is equally well recognized that the Battle of the Carpathians marks a crucial point in their fortunes. More important than the military are the political issues involved. Russian defeat at the Masurian Lakes was followed by a sudden cooling of the ardor of Rumanian, Italian, Greek and Bulgarian. Those who without direct interest were concerned only by questions of spoil and aggrandizement found in Russian disaster full warrant to delay their own operations.

Austria Faced With Ruin But the capture of Przemyel, the roar of allied cannon along the Dardanelles, the far less considerable but distinct British triumph at Neuve Chapelle—the cumulative effect of these is unmistakable in dispatches that come from Rome, from Bucharest, from Athens; even Sofia now hesitates between ancient injuries and profits the future promises.

A decisive Austrian defeat in the mountains will mean the invasion of Hungary. It will necessitate the evacuation of Transylvania and Bukovina, which will be open to Rumanian invasion.

For Rumania, then, to hesitate at this time will be to permit Russia to pluck the fruit, and Russia will decline to share provinces conquered with a small neighbor whose caution conquered her avarice.

For Austria one more defeat must mean ruin. Hungary, swept by Cossack hordes, will not long consent to fight at home the battle for Germany which the Kaiser's hosts still carry on in Poland, Belgium and France. The onrush of Rumanian and Russian armies, the inevitable incursion of Serbians from the south—these will bring Budapest to a new and unmistakable position.

The Meaning to Italy And Italy—who now doubts the meaning of her waiting? But if she waits until Hungary has collapsed, until the guns of the Queen Elizabeth and the soldiers of General d'Amade have opened the Dardanelles, why should France or England or Russia pay her a pouchoire for neutrality out of the profit they have amassed by rude and terrible labor?

In European history it is doubtful if any battle has had so grave immediate possibilities as that of the Carpathians since the great Napoleon lost Leipzig and all his allies. Those who still hesitated, held back no longer when the terrible "Battle of the Nations" was decided. The doom of the Napoleonic empire was sealed about the Saxon capital, although the final act took place in France—at Fontenoy.

Cracow the Gate to Berlin On the military side Austrian defeat in the present conflict would compel the immediate withdrawal of Austrian troops from Russian Poland. Cracow is the gate to Silesia, to Berlin, not to Vienna. The army corps of Francis Joseph which are defending German frontiers behind the Nida and east of Cracow will be needed on the Theiss and the Danube if the Czar can force the Dukla gateway to the Hungarian Plain.

To Germany must then fall the whole task of defending her eastern marches at the precise moment when Anglo-French armies are opening the long promised spring campaign and from Switzerland to the North Sea new myriads are breaking against the dike German military genius has erected in hostile lands.

The Effect on the Western Front With Russian troops in Hungary, with Italian armies thundering at the Tyrolean and Dalmatian gates, with Rumanian troops flowing through Transylvania to join hands with Russians and Serbians in the valley of the Danube, will Austria, if she still endures, fail to demand that Germany draw back her garrisons from conquered provinces to clear the home land of her stricken ally?

Military men the world over frankly question the ability of the Anglo-French armies to "turn the Germans out of France." With such force as they now have, with the great resources of artillery at their command, the Germans are generally believed to be capable of holding their present lines for a spring and summer campaign. But if Austria must be rescued, Budapest as well as Cracow covered, will German numbers still prove adequate to meet the strain without fatal depletion in the west?

Again, if Przemysl is followed by Constantinople, if Italy, Rumania, Greece enter the contest, will German spirit still hold out? For the outside world the outcome of the war has been settled. Neutrals who believe that German triumph is still possible are far to seek.

In our own country it is unmistakable that hope is beginning to desert the most loyal sympathizers with the Teutonic cause. But so far as it is possible to judge, German confidence endures. Could it survive the shock of one severe disaster in the field followed by the onrush of new nations?

Behind the Censor's Veil Unmistakably the contest in the Carpathians dwarfs all battles since the Marne. An Austrian victory, the arrest of the Slav hosts at the Carpathian barrier, may permit new alignment, new preparations. But a prompt and decisive victory can hardly fail to change the whole face of the war.

Now and again in this great war there are moments which seem to give a sudden realization to a world numbed and dazed by the daily progress of destruction and conflict of the magnitude of the whole struggle in human history. Patently, the present crisis is one of them.

Since Leipzig in the last century perhaps no meeting of hostile armies has meant so much to so many millions of men, to so many nations and continents, for Asia and Africa



are almost equally concerned, as the Battle of the Carpathians now proceeding behind the impenetrable veil of the censor.

A HUMORIST IN GARDENING

Joseph Addison Found Innumerable Subjects for Meditation in His Flower-grown Acres.

I AM one, you must know, who am looked upon as a humorist in gardening. I have several acres about my house, which I call my garden and which a skillful gardener would not know what to call. It is a confusion of kitchen and parterre, orchard and flower garden. * * * mixed and interwoven with one another. * * * My flowers grow up in several parts of the garden in the greatest luxuriance and profusion. I am so far from being fond of any particular one, by reason of its rarity, and if I meet with any one in a field which pleases me, I give it a place in my garden.

By this means, when a stranger walks with me, he is surprised to see several large spots of ground covered with ten thousand different colors, and has often singled out flowers he might have met with under a common hedge, in a field or in a meadow, as some of the greatest beauties of the place. The only method that I observe in this particular is to range in the same quarter the products of the same season, that they may make their appearance together, and compose a picture of the greatest variety.

There is the same irregularity in my plantations, which run into as great a wilderness as their natures will permit. I take in none that do not naturally rejoice in the soil; and am pleased when I am walking in a labyrinth of my own raising, not to know whether the next tree I shall meet with is an apple or oak; an elm or pear tree. * * * You must know * * * that I look upon the pleasure we take in a garden as one of the most innocent delights in human life. A garden was the habitation of our first parents before the fall. It is naturally apt to fill the mind with calmness and tranquillity, and to lay all its turbulent passions at rest. It gives us a great insight into the contrivance and wisdom of Providence, and suggests innumerable subjects for meditation. I cannot but think the very complacency and satisfaction which a man takes in these works of Nature to be a laudable if not a virtuous habit of mind.

WHEN THE SUN "DRAWS WATER"

From the Pathfinder. When the sun is to the east or west of us on a cloudy or hazy day, beams are often seen radiating from it toward the horizon; then many people say the sun is "drawing water." They actually believe that the lines of light and shadow appearing to converge in the sun are great shafts of water and vapor that the sun is drawing up into the air to be precipitated later on the earth as rain or snow. These shafts, as a matter of fact, are generally indicative of coming rainy weather, but they cannot be counted on as infallible signs. The idea that the sun is "drawing water," however, is entirely erroneous, for the lines seen are the result of the passage of light through openings in clouds already formed. The lines that appear dark are shadows of clouds, while the light lines or rays from the sun are made visible in the air by the presence therein of dust or watery vapor, just as the dust in the air of a room makes visible the light that enters it through small apertures. Although as an effect of perspective the shadows and lines of light appear to converge in the sun, they are really parallel. Usually the condition of the atmosphere which makes it possible for the beams and shadows to be seen is indicative of the active condensation of moisture, so that when the sun "draws water" rain may be expected with some degree of certainty, although like all local signs it is far from infallible. Sometimes when the sun is below the horizon a phenomenon, almost the same, is observed—a group of beams spreading fanlike upward from the sun, in lines of blue alternating with lines of pink—in the western sky in the evening and in the eastern sky in the morning.

A DOG'S "CONSPICUOUS VALOR"

Lucky is the soldier, he be private or officer, who is mentioned in dispatches for conspicuous valor. Needless to say it rarely happens that any other than a dog being sarna such honor; and yet not long ago a dog, Marquis, the regimental dispatch dog of the 23d French Infantry, received honorable mention, having fallen while on duty at the battle of Sarrebourg, on the Belgian frontier. Says the dispatch from Dunkirk, appearing in the New York Times:

At this action it became necessary for an officer to send a report immediately to his superior, but at the time the German fire was too intense to allow a man to cross the fire zone, and Marquis was charged with the mission. Off he ran, across the fire-swept zone, and arrived nearly at the objective point when a German ball struck him in the right side and brought him down. He struggled to his feet, though losing a great deal of blood, and dragged himself up to the position where the officer was directing a section of machine guns. He fell the last order, reddened by his blood, and breathed his last.

His soldier comrades are raising a fund for a monument, on which is to be inscribed, "Marquis—Killed on the Field of Honor."

WORK OR FAITHFULNESS?

It is the work that makes life great and true? Or the true soul that working as it can, does faithfully the task it has to do. And keeps faith alike with God and man? —Walter G. Burtin.

"IF DIS WAS ONLY EUROPE!"



VIEWS OF READERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

Woman Suffrage, Compulsory Voting, the Sunday Campaign and Capital Punishment Among the Topics Discussed By Our Correspondents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and their son, George Marquis, took unto themselves jewelry amounting to nearly \$1200. And this in the face of the prophetic of the evangelist that jewelry is the curse of woman and the surest means to the road of ruin! This sum, which they allowed to be squandered on their vanity, had it been placed at the service of some charitable organization would, according to the Emergency Aid, mean life to 2000 babies. Fifty-cent will keep a baby in food for a week. And yet the "servant of God" took this jewelry. Those who have met Mr. and Mrs. Sunday personally know that they are well supplied with jewelry, and that they have no pressing need for a \$200 diamond ring, or a \$1500 watch, or a \$100 safety clasp for said pin. D. C. Philadelphia, March 22.