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Shadow of Coming Events

REPORTS coming from Europe indicate that a great crisis is approaching in the war. The responsible authorities must decide whether to make peace or consent to a continuance of the wholesale slaughter of the brawn and muscle of the continent needed to restore the structure of industry that eight months of fighting has wrecked.

Likewise the activity of the French and Verdun is preliminary to the beginning of a great spring campaign for which preparations have been made during the winter, a campaign intended to push the Germans back into Germany and to gain every possible strategic advantage before peace negotiations start.

Germany Consents to Pay the Piper. GERMANY, which is setting her own tune on the high seas, is showing a commendable willingness to pay the piper. She insists that she violated no rule of international law when the Eitel Friedrich sank the Eryx, but she consents to pay the United States claim for the loss of the ship after the amount has been properly adjudicated by a prize court.

Quintessence of Optimism. PRESIDENT HOWARD ELLIOTT, of the New Haven Railroad, has told the Norwich, Conn., Chamber of Commerce that there should be a Secretary of Transportation in the Cabinet. "Such a man," said he, "would of necessity have to champion somewhat the rights and privileges of the transportation business."

Fifty Years After Appomattox. TIME has healed all the wounds and there is no scar left to show where they were. There is no North and no South, no East and no West, but one great nation, loyal to the principles of freedom which were formulated by Thomas Jefferson, here in Philadelphia, in 1776. This is what 50 years have done, when aided by the spirit of a free people conscious of their common interests.

There are so many new fashions to be seen that the Mayor of Atlantic City says one Sunday is not enough for the purpose.

Modern philanthropy as illustrated in tenement houses, which the Organization wishes to preserve, made the Swarthmore students gasp when they inspected them under the guidance of their instructors.

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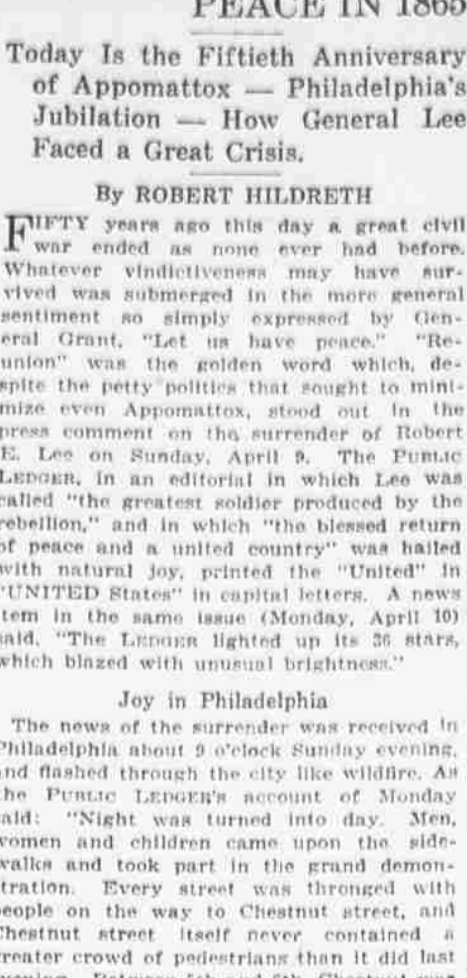
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