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The man who eats all his eggs will never raise any chickens.

Imaginary Attack on Vested Interests

THERE are beginning to appear craftily worded statements that the people who want rapid transit are opposed to the existing company. It may be doubted, as a matter of fact, if a public service corporation was ever treated with more consideration than Director Taylor and the men working with him have shown toward the P. R. T.

There is abundant reason to believe that the city is treating the existing company with at least as much consideration as the existing company is treating the city. Any assertion to the contrary is unworthy of thoughtful men who have the real progress of the municipality at heart.

In transit the interests of the city and the company are closely interwoven. The city is determined to have a comprehensive rapid transit system. It is entirely up to the company to determine whether or not it wishes to participate in the benefits accruing from that system.

The Mother Heart

WHAT would you do, if you were a married woman without any children and should go to the door in answer to a ring and find on the step a basket containing a three-weeks-old baby that looked up into your face with a three-cornered smile and waved two pudgy and dimpled hands in the air as if in salutation?

The first impulse of a woman in North 11th street, to whom this wonderful experience came, was to adopt the baby. Her mother heart responded to the subtle appeal.

Jitneys Have Come to Stay

MR. EDISON thinks that the jitney craze will be short-lived because a five-cent fare is too small to pay the cost of operation and maintenance. Perhaps he is right, but there are some jitney owners who think otherwise.

The Lifting Power of a Woman's Ideal

EVERY sane woman, as well as every well-balanced man, objects to war. Brute force is not a weapon which commends itself to reasonable beings. The women, therefore, who have said that they could see no reason in the present crisis for sacrificing their sons on the battlefield, have been uttering the natural sentiment of all humanity.

Woman is the idealist of the world. Her faith in a man has many a time kept him in the straight road, and made it possible for him to resist the temptation to be false to his principles.

When the women, who are increasing in power and influence with every passing decade, say that there must be no more war, that the sons whom they have brought into the world with so much pain and travail must not be slaughtered merely because some refuse to listen to the voice of reason and obey the behests of justice, who shall say that the nations will not attach themselves to the higher standards also, and pull themselves out of the bloody trenches of the battlefields and take their place, along with Bunsen's Pilgrim, in that pleasant chamber looking toward the east whose name is Peace?

THE COMMANDER OF THE WAR FLEET

Rear Admiral Fletcher Is Not Only a Great Sailor, But Something of a Statesman—A Man of Versatility and Poise.

By ELLIS RANDALL

OF THE man who commands the magnificent war fleet now at anchor in the East River, President Wilson said, at the time of the taking of Vera Cruz, "He is a great sailor with a touch of statesmanship about him."

Mr. Ridder's persistent special pleading for fair play for Germany since the war began has, however, led many persons not familiar with his sterling Americanism to misjudge him and to assume that his loyalty to the land of his fathers was stronger than his love for the land of his sons.

Clearing Houses for Ideas and Ideals MORE men attended the City Club dinner last night to celebrate the completion of the successful campaign for new members than were on the membership roll on January 1.

Can the Nursery Be Neutralized? THE suggestion recently made before the Woman's Peace Society of Pennsylvania that the nurseries be neutralized in the interest of universal peace will receive from the War Departments of the world the consideration which it deserves.

Give a real boy a choice between a woolly lamb and a tin sword and he will choose the sword every day. The boy worth while is a primitive savage in his instincts.

Policy of the Curbstone Cabinet THE curbstone cabinet, which holds daily sessions in front of the EVENING LEDGER bulletin board, is in hearty accord with the policy of the President.

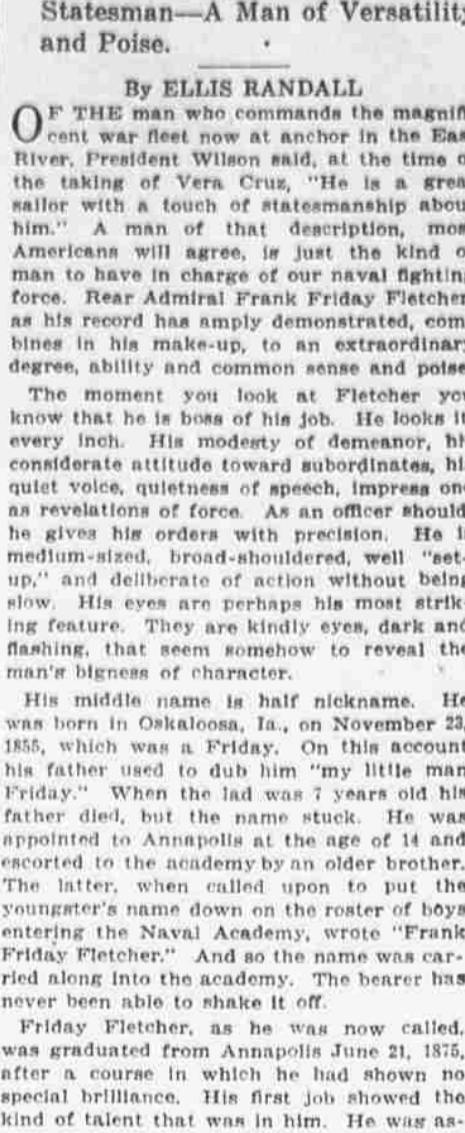
Who Would Not Be Straight-laced? CERTAINLY not the lady of fashion. For it is decreed that to be up to the minute she must be laced straight from her heel up to the crown of her hat.

It is almost universally liked. In many qualities, said an officer of the Atlantic fleet a short time ago, "he resembles Sampson. He's a type of the best Annapolis product."

ONE RESULT IS SURE From the Brooklyn Eagle. Whatever the outcome, one result is sure. The blow at humanity, at civilization, hard as it hits the world, hits Germany harder still.

NO BLUFF ABOUT THIS

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HOW THE MOVIES AFFECT THE DRAMA

Educating a New and Democratic Audience in the Picture Palaces—The Future Hope in the Present Disastrous Situation.

By KENNETH MACGOWAN

AMERICA'S most disastrous theatre sensation has come to an end capped with the calamity of Charles Frohman's death. It is a little early to estimate the results of his taking off, but it is surely time to try to think a little more decidedly about that competition of the movies, which has played such a large part in the threatened bankruptcy of the American theatre.

From the beginning we have had plenty of articles glorifying the fortunes involved in the movies; plenty decrying them as the destroyers of our theatre. But until very lately there has been no deeper inquiry into their effects, no sharper vision of their possibilities.

Two-dollar drama—Isben or "The Follies"—is what a good many declaimers of the movies want. But that is no reason for blinding ourselves to the fact that the tastes of a lot more of us haven't been developed by education or wealth to appreciating either example, while the mere ploy of admission has barred many from any chance of developing a liking by experience.

The patron of the movies has an excellent case. It is a case independent of the potential art of the cinematograph. He has taken a very sensible stand in the face of the fact that the American theatre is not a place of popular amusement.

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Is it better for Germany to allow a shipment of ammunition to land in England to be used to destroy the lives of possibly thousands of Germans, or for the Germans to destroy ship and cargo with all on board, after due notice being given to a civilized people of danger in using the enemy's ship or ships carrying contraband of war for transportation?

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NOT A REBUFF

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—An article appeared in today's EVENING LEDGER entitled "Anti-Suffragists Rebuffed by Board of Education."

On May 13 I went before the special Board of Education Committee representing the Pennsylvania Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, which I have the honor of serving as State campaign manager. I explained to the secretary of the Board of Education that I had come to make protest against either suffrage or anti-suffrage being made the subject of essays in the public schools.

Mr. Wannamaker explained that, as it was a Subcommittee, it had no power to pass on the question. He then directed the secretary to take my name and address and assured me that when the General Committee met in discussion of this subject I should be duly notified and my plea should be heard before that body.

PHILADELPHIA, MAY 13. LORENCE GOFF SCHWARZ

PRESIDENT ISRAELS

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Can you tell me why the name of President Israel is not mentioned in Webster's New Ideal Dictionary? I read the first part of the "Impeachment of President Israel" and I would advise everybody to read it; it will put down and settle a good many of these hot-headed people who do not realize what means until they find themselves troubled with it. We should be thankful for the good common sense of this deep-thinking man, President Wilson.

PHILADELPHIA, MAY 13. [THE EVENING LEDGER has received many inquiries in regard to the identity of President Israel. He has no historical prototype, but is one of the strong, outstanding characters of our time.—Editor of the EVENING LEDGER.]

MORE RUINS

From the Boston Advertiser. Among the newly acquired ruins of this age we number the Rhelms Cathedral, the Ballmore Platform and the Law of Nations.

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