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PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1915.

Happiness that depends on riches will disappear along with the dollars.

Case of the Nebraskan
IT IS inconceivable that a German submarine would deliberately torpedo a ship flying the American flag, homeward bound, and particularly inconceivable is it at this time when the entire diplomatic talent of Berlin is engaged in an effort to answer the latest American note in such a way, presumably, as to ease the resentment and indignation of the people of this nation.

Everybody Loves a Horse
DID you ever see a man or woman stop on Chestnut or Market street and give a lump of sugar or a piece of candy to an automobile and then pat it caressingly on the radiator or the mud guard?

Billions for South America
SOUTH AMERICANS in Washington this week are looking to the United States to finance their countries. They have hitherto looked to Europe. The greater part of their total national debts, amounting to \$2,000,000,000, is held in Europe, and the interest on it is paid by shipment of South American products to European markets.

Give the Juvenile Court a Chance
IT MAY be that Judge Gorman has performed for the Juvenile Court the most splendid possible service by determining to withdraw from it. His intense interest in the work permits of no doubt that he would have continued in it had there been any possibility whatever under existing conditions of achieving the results that ought to be achieved.

Regulate, but Do Not Persecute, the Jitneys
THE Jitneys must not be legislated out of existence. Neither must they be permitted to monopolize the streets and operate without proper guarantees of their good behavior.

Triumph of the Little Welshman
THE appointment of David Lloyd-George to a new Cabinet position as Minister of Munitions is a high compliment to the great abilities of the man. At the present time the supply of munitions is of vital importance. The British may have men in the field well equipped with rifles and they may be supported by the finest artillery that it is possible to build, but if there are no cartridges and no shells the men might as well be at home.

What a Pity!
LORD LANSLOWNE joins the new British Cabinet as a Minister without a portfolio, while Winston Churchill is given a sinecure in order that the new Cabinet may have the benefit of his advice and experience. What a pity that the President of the United States cannot have a few sinecures of the same sort to hand about, wherewith to reward deserving politicians without turning over to them important duties that require knowledge and care!

Becker learns that Supreme Court, unlike juries, don't have to agree.
First prosperity touch: "Meat prices rise under the stimulus of war's demand."
Other Nebraskans have been torpedoed before, as a distinguished Democrat very well knows.

Party government is a good thing, but when a nation gets into trouble efficient leadership is better.
Governor Brumbaugh gave the Public Service Commission a talking to, but it was the previous commission that needed it.

The man who said "only single men want war because most married men have had enough of it" was doubtless a bachelor.
Brewers may become knights in England, but they are excluded from the Knights Templar commensuraries in this Commonwealth.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company thinks that it is cheaper to spend \$500,000 in rebuilding 2000 box cars than \$2,000,000 for the same number of new ones.

ment is engaged. More than that, his tremendous abilities brought order out of chaos in the financing of the war and won for him the approval of his former fiercest enemies. Now the nation needs a man to get the munitions made as fast as they can be used, and the little Welsh lawyer is selected for the task. And he will get them, all right.

MR. WIRT'S "WONDER SCHOOLS" IN GARY

Making "Prisons for Half-day Involuntary Labor" into Workrooms That Children Hate to Leave. Better Schooling at Less Cost.

By PETER STAINFORTH
PUNISHMENT in Philadelphia schools: "Being kept in." Punishment in Gary's schools: "Being kept out." That is a distinction which ought to mean as much to the educator as it would to the child. Out in Indiana a man named William Wirt has put together a sort of public school that the children like and where their energies go into learning things instead of breaking rules. Is it at all remarkable that the vice president of Girard College, Joseph M. Jameson, should have recommended last week the adoption of the Wirt system here? Or that New York should have invited Mr. Wirt to remodel a few of its school buildings for it?

More Schools, Less Taxes
But the most remarkable thing about the Wirt system is that it means better schools at a smaller cost. Working with a relatively poor town, which grew from 300 to 35,000 in eight years, with no advantages in tax appraisals, educational laws or teaching force, Mr. Wirt has produced what Randolph S. Bourne, writing in the New Republic, calls "probably the most varied and stimulating course of public instruction in the United States, as well as an equipment of buildings which in beauty and convenience are not, I think, surpassed. All this has been done with the lowest tax rate in the country, and a per capita cost of instruction less than that paid by the city of Chicago, with its overcrowded and poorly equipped school buildings."

Vocational Training at a Profit
In Gary the domestic science room is a real kitchen in which the daily luncheon is prepared and served at cost to the teachers and pupils who desire it. The printing class supplies all the record blanks for the school. The botany class cares for the garden and shrubbery. A shoe shop was started in the Froebel School to relieve the shoeless condition of many of the children.

The same practical method of teaching is pushed into other studies. The chemistry class is under the direction of the city chemist, and tests the supplies sent the schools, the water and milk of the city, and the food products and candies of the stores. With his pupils' co-operation the city chemist has an inviolable list of successful prosecutions for pure food law violations.

The vocational training of Gary is not a matter of picking out a child and deciding just what machine he shall tend through the rest of his life. There is none of that hardening of class lines which often seems so evil a thing in vocational work. The school turns out its pupils skilled amateurs with machinery in general, and proficient in a number of fields, "equipped to cope with a dynamic, rapidly changing industrial society."

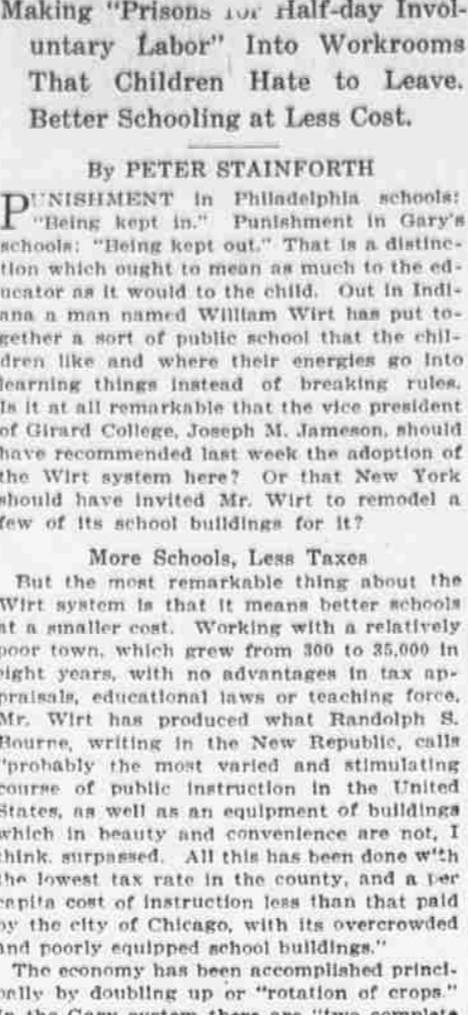
There is also a considerable reform in the general methods of teaching. Read, for example, Mr. Bourne's description of a physics class: "I found a dozen 12-year-old girls and their 9-year-old 'helpers' studying the motorcycle. With that fine disregard for boundaries which characterizes Gary education, the hour began with a spelling lesson of the names of the parts and processes of the machine. After the words were learned, the mechanism was explained to them as they pored over it, and their memory of vaporization, evaporation, etc., called into play. The motorcycle was set going, the girls described its action, and the lesson was over, as perfect a piece of teaching as I have ever heard. To these physics classes the ventilating, heating and electric systems in the schools are all textbooks."

There are a hundred more details to the organization that makes Gary's schools a microcosmos of the city's life. But the humanness of the whole thing—and its success—are summed up in the attitude of the school and the children toward each other. "There is none of that slightly depressing atmosphere of the mild if excellent prison for half-day involuntary labor which is too often the ordinary school. . . . You are dealing with interested individuals who, singly or in spontaneous groups, are utilizing all the facilities of a lavishly equipped and stimulating community."

BEYOND
I wonder if the tides of spring
Will always bring me back again
Mute rapture at the simple thing
Of lilacs blowing in the rain?
If so, my heart will wear its
Above all fear, for I shall know
There is a greater mystery
Beyond the time when lilacs bloom.

—Thomas B. Jones, Jr., in "The Voice of Silence."

"WHILE YOU'RE ANSWERING, WILLIAM"



AT THE COALITION LOVEFEAST

United in the Reconstructed British Cabinet Are the Opposing Personalities of Lord Lansdowne and Lloyd-George, "Meek" McKenna and "King Carson."

By ELLIS RANDALL

IN THE reconstructed British Cabinet Sir Edward Grey remains in the post which he has occupied ever since 1906. Every other Power but Great Britain in that period has changed its Foreign Minister at least once, and some of them two or three times. With the exception of Premier Asquith, Sir Edward is the only one of the real directors of the Liberal Government to pass through the recent Cabinet crisis without any effect on his official position and authority. Though Lord Lansdowne is expected to give him considerable relief from his arduous duties, Grey is still Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs both in name and in fact. Some of the changes of office brought about by coalition do not, of course, signify loss of prestige, but Sir Edward's continued tenure, though not surprising, is fresh and striking evidence of the remarkable confidence which he commands throughout the country. In this respect he is an exceptional Foreign Minister among those who have figured in recent English and Continental history. Sir Edward Grey has always had the confidence of the British nation as a whole.

The editor of the London Daily News, writing in the Atlantic Monthly, sizes him up as follows: "If Mr. Asquith's intellectual mastery of the House is supreme, Sir Edward Grey's influence is not less remarkable as a triumph of character. In many respects his equipment is undistinguished. He has traveled little; it is jocularly said that he made his first visit to Paris when he accompanied the King there a short time ago. He is not a linguist; he is wholly ignorant in his tastes, almost unknown in society, much more devoted to fishing than to politics; speaks little, and then in the plainest and most unadorned fashion; is indifferent to the currents of modern life, and turns for his literature to the quietism of Wordsworth, Walton and White's 'Selborne'; is rarely seen in the House, and then seems to stray in, as it were, like a visitor from another planet."

"And in spite of all this he exercises an almost hypnotic influence on Parliament. The detachment of his mind, the Olympian aloofness and serenity of his manner, the transparent honesty of his aims, his entire freedom from artifice and from appeals to the 'gallery,' all combine to give him a certain isolation and authority that are unique. His speech has the quality of finality. Mr. Asquith wins by sheer mental superiority; Lloyd-George wins by the swiftness and suppleness of his evolutions; Sir Edward Grey wins by his mere presence, and the sense of high purpose and firmness of mind which that presence conveys. It is a favorite jest of his enemies that no man can be quite so wise as Sir Edward Grey looks."

A Man of Fourteen Titles
Lord Lansdowne, who joins the Cabinet as "Minister Without Portfolio," was Foreign Secretary in the last Tory administration. In that office he redeemed himself, at least in the eyes of his friends, for the catastrophes and bunglings of which he was accused when he was War Secretary at the Boxer situation was far inferior in humanity, foresight and practicality to that of John Hay, and he steered Great Britain into the Venezuelan mess of 1903, but he contributed effectively to the making of an Anglo-French entente. Confronted in 1901 with the alternative of a Russo-Japanese or an Anglo-Japanese alliance he boldly elected to cut loose from tradition and to execute the most momentous curve in British policy of the previous half century. As Governor General of Canada, his first office of real importance, he scored a great hit with the French-Canadians by frequently addressing them in their native tongue.

Lansdowne led the Unionists in their fight against the program of Lloyd-George—the "Demagogue of the Cabinet," as they call him—for the solution of England's land problem. He accused the Little Welshman of "waging a predatory campaign against property in land." The two are decidedly unlike. If Mr. Lloyd-George may be taken as representative of the newer England—the England that judges men by what they are and do, and not by the non-essentials of birth or position or wealth—Lord Lansdowne may stand equally well for a type of the older and more aristocratic England. His whole career, as Sydney Brooks has said, is "a picture in little of the British system." It is a part of that system that men of ancient lineage and great possessions should look upon office as a bright light, should find the path to public activity and distinction thrown invitingly open to their footsteps, and should gradually have it recognized as something

ENTHUSIASM FOR EVENING LEDGER

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—The Atabot Country Club, composed of and reflecting to a great extent the opinion of young Italian-Americans, has instructed me, as its president, to tell you of the tremendous wave of enthusiasm that is sweeping over the Italian colony in favor of your paper, the EVENING LEDGER.

The generous policy you are pursuing in the treatment of news relating to the entrance of Italy into the conflict now raging abroad has aroused much favorable comment. The most prominent men, as well as the most humble in the Latin Quarter, have almost come to look upon your paper as their official organ and are delighted with the well-written, authoritative articles, both in English and Italian, which are daily a part of your issues.

It certainly gives me great pleasure personally to write you these few lines of commendation for I know this opinion is an accurate reflection of the sincere feeling toward the EVENING LEDGER in the entire colony. We trust the good work will continue and increase the growing prestige of one of the best newspapers in the city.
CHARLES M. BANDIERE
President Atabot Country Club
Philadelphia, May 25.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—You have the vessel in your cartoon labeled "Civilization." You are aware that this vessel carried 5500 cases of ammunition to kill Germans. The British are the guilty ones to carry passengers on a war vessel, and you are wrong to draw such a rotten picture. The world doesn't see it the way you do.
GEORGE K. GOLDEN
Kittanning, Pa., May 25.

WHO CAN ANSWER?

From the Kansas City Times.
To invent a word, "Jitney," that would not rhyme with any other word was something of a feat. Only two other words in the English language have no rhymes—"silver" and "orange." Or are there others?

AMUSEMENTS

JAPANESE FETE
A STREET IN TOKYO
TODAY, 8:30 TO 10:30
AT CHESTNUT HILL
(Residence of Dr. George Woodward)
Imported novelties in shops and unique features. Includes Japanese, Chinese, and other curiosities.

DANCING TEA SUPPER
For St. Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo, Japan.
Luncheon and buses at P. R. R. trains, Allen Lane and St. Martin's.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE
CHESTNUT AND TWELFTH STREETS
EVERY ACT A HIT!
ORVILLE HARROLD
BILLY E. VAN & BEAUMONT SISTERS
"THE BROKEN MIRROR"; BONITA & BEAUMONT; SCOTCH LADS AND LASSIES; OTHERS.

LAUGHING GAS AT THE FRONT

Progress in Poisons to Add to the Fearful Frightfulness of Modern War.
AFTER all, why not gas?
When it comes to losing a tooth, we never let the extra fee to the dentist stand between us and pain. If it is a matter of losing a life, why let international law get in the way of a short death and an easy one? William Hohenzollern, D. D. S., like our less cosmic dentists at home, never hesitates. He supplies the gas, and his editors furnish the laughs.

There are admittedly a great many advantages in the gas method—besides the paltry, materialistic side of gaining a trench or two. If promptly and relentlessly applied, it saves hospital bills, a big item in twentieth century war. The bereaved relatives should also appreciate the fact that the body of the loved one is thus saved from the mutilation of rifle ball and the dismemberment of aerial bombs. German chemists in Carlisle's favorite town of Weisslichtwo are, it is hinted, even now at work on the preparation of a gas which will have an embalming effect on the human system, thus saving labor, expense and dangers of infection to the victors. The report is emphatically denied, however, that Prof. Schreckel has discovered a gas which will drive its inhalers crazy and set them to killing everybody in sight. Prof. Schreckel is working on the problem, but has not yet reported success.

Of course it must be admitted that gas has

its drawbacks. Sometimes the victims recover and have to be fed and housed as prisoners. Often the chlorine is absorbed by the air before it can overcome the enemy. Hydrocyanic acid, as Hudson Maxim suggests, would be a better substitute. One whiff is enough.

On the whole, it is safe to say that the gas period of the war will soon be over. The range of action is too small. The aeroplans has made it possible to distribute culture-tubes of virulent germs over a comparatively wide area with no danger to the distributors. The flow of rivers and the prevalent fad for drinking water among soldiers renders poison a much more effective and economical agent. With the descendants of the Borgias and the Mediceis now in the battle line, had they been properly trained, real progress in the more modern aspects of warfare might be expected. Some "frightfulness" with more punch in it than the tentative proposals to drop a flock of potato bugs on Germany's back lots may yet be.

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"SCOTTIE & BABY"

LYRIC TONIGHT AT 8:30
MATINEE SATURDAY, 2:30
"FIND THE WOMAN" WITH HENRI

ADELPHI MATINEE TODAY, 2:30
TONIGHT AT 8:30
GEORGE NASH IN "THREE OF HEARTS"

NEW WOODSIDE PARK THEATRE
Evenings at 8:15 "Little Boy Blue"
Matinee Sat., 2:30
TROCADERO STOP LOOK AND LISTEN TO MILO