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PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1915.

If all men were masters, who would serve?

Human Peace: The Method of Getting It. The surest augury of peace is the awfulness of the conflict in Europe. It is awful in its waste of life and awful in its waste of wealth.

The thirteen sovereignties which the Constitution welded together were envious of one another, jealous, distrustful. Of the compact Union which they formed, despite their differences, the cornerstone proved to be the Supreme Court.

Failure to perform the first of these duties will mean that the Organization, acting through Councils, has decided to block transit absolutely this year.

THE "polymuriel gown" is at last a fact. A young lady over in New York has a \$150 prize in her pocket for designing a dress of positively universal utility.

There is no crack in the Woman's Liberty Bell. Pittsburgh's rushing Pullmans for the Russians.

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Governor Brumbaugh says he will call the General Assembly together again if he gets lonesome in Harrisburg. Does he not know that he can find agreeable society in a way much more agreeable to the Commonwealth?

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One hundred and forty-three thousand people died in the latter year out of a tubercular army of about 1,500,000 and represented a loss of \$24,500,000. If the housing and nursing standards of 1889—Councilman Seger's own standards—still prevailed, 179,077 more would have perished.

Watch Councils Today. NOBODY in Philadelphia knows the technical procedure in Councils better than John P. Connelly, chief agent of the imperium in imperia which is conspiring to put a ring in the municipality's nose next fall and lead it to the slaughter.

There is nothing along these lines that Director Taylor can teach either of the gentlemen in question, yet it is peculiarly fitting that he should send a letter to both, reciting in detail just what steps are necessary to assure an actual beginning of subway construction this summer.

The crucial period in the entire campaign for rapid transit has now been reached. Councils today will prove to the community whether its bond is good or fraudulent, whether it is in truth for rapid transit or, in fact, opposed to it.

These are the things it must do to establish its sincerity. If it omit any one of them, it will stand branded before this community as a lawful assembly of lawless representatives, trifling with a great public purpose, intent on serving a master rather than the city.

Amendment or change of either of the two ordinances authorizing the particular construction work to be done will likewise be a betrayal.

Mr. McNichol is on record as favoring rapid transit. The Vares likewise are similarly on record.

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORLD PEACE

The International Policeman—Unlawful Force Must Be Opposed by Force Used to Maintain Law. Second-Thought War.

By A. LAWRENCE LOWELL. President of Harvard University.

VALUABLE as are treaties for international arbitration, most thoughtful people have become convinced that they must remain in large part ineffective for preventing war without some means of compulsion.

For Americans the participation in a League of Peace means a departure from traditions of non-interference in the affairs of other continents. But men who will not take part in the posse comitatus of a sheriff in enforcing the law, or quelling a riot, have no business to criticize his conduct or give him advice.

Publicity as a War Prevention. The object of such a league should be to reduce the probability of war as much as possible.

The best aids in reducing the probability of war would appear to be publicity and delay; if the resort to arms could always be prevented until the matter in dispute had been submitted to a public hearing before an impartial tribunal, even if its decision is not wholly satisfactory to the parties concerned, much would be gained.

Improvement Not Utopia. The proposal for a League of Peace provides, therefore, for an agreement between all the great states in the world first, that before taking up arms they will submit their differences, if justiciable, to an international tribunal, and if not justiciable, to a council of conciliation; and second that they will enforce this by jointly declaring war on any member who attacks another before the matter has been so submitted and a reasonable time allowed for hearing and judgment.

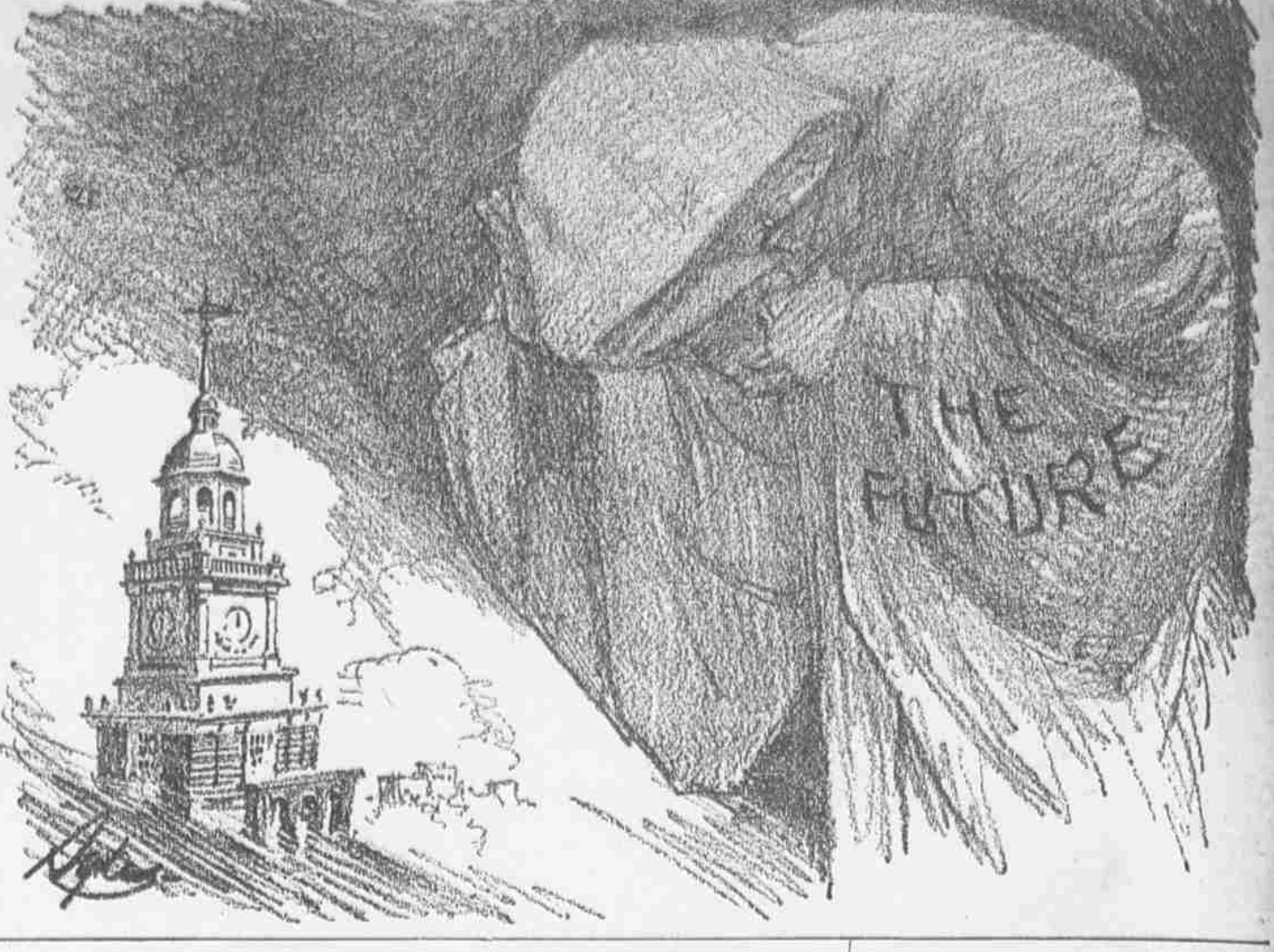
It has been suggested that non-intercourse should be submitted in the plan for enforcement by arms; yet this would be far less effective in preventing war, and in fact more difficult to carry out.

A country that has bound itself to its neighbors to go to war under certain conditions may be expected to do so, but to upset all trade and industry by non-intercourse involves delay and strenuous commercial opposition at home hard to overcome.

War is a terrible thing, involving fierce passions, and it can be prevented only by strong, bold and rapid measures. The plan presented is not free from defects; it contemplates not a utopia, but an improvement; yet of all the proposals so far put forward it seems to offer the best prospects for removing this scourge.

RATS IN THE TOWER. From the Boston Record. Though only a few weeks in use the customhouse is already infested with rats. As high as the fifth floor in the tower these rodents have committed depredations in archive drawers and succeeded in terrorizing the women employees.

BIRTHPLACE OF THE LIBERTY OF ONE NATION! BIRTHPLACE OF THE PEACE OF ALL?



HANDICAPPING THE COMMANDER

General Joffre's Experience With Domestic Intrigue Is Outmatched by the Story of the Plots and Machinations Against Washington in the Revolution.

By RAYMOND G. FULLER.

PROFESSIONAL jealousy is not limited to any one profession and appears in the armies of nations both in time of peace and in time of war. It entered into the attempt to oust General Joffre from command of the French forces and was ably assisted in that attempt by the impatience of the national legislature with the slow progress in expelling the Germans from the borders.

The success of Gates greatly encouraged those who were trying to drive Washington out of power. We come now to the infamous "Conway Cabal," and can leave the Adamses out of the story. The story now to be told has a curious sound when we compare it with the description of Washington as "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

The moving spirit in the cabal was an Irish adventurer named Conway who had obtained a commission in the American army and who made exorbitant claims to promotion. Lovell and Gates and a number of minor officers of the American army were also concerned in the plot against Washington.

The story of Lee is insignificant by comparison, yet Lee had tried to ruin Washington, in the expectation that he would succeed to supreme command. His first disobedience was in November, 1776, when he made necessary the retreat through New Jersey.

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TROCADERO. The Business Review and THE ORIENTAL GLOBE

AMERICANIZATION DAY. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. A number of cities are giving favorable consideration to the suggestion that the Fourth each year be observed as Americanization Day.

EATING ASPARAGUS. From the London Chronicle. Mr. G. K. Chesterton does not like the modern way of eating asparagus. "Excluding cannibalism," he writes, "and the habit of eating and (about which I can offer no opinion) there is really nothing one can eat which is less fit to be eaten with the fingers than asparagus.