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Popular Vote Would Favor Lansing. BEFORE Mr. Wilson was inaugurated the press of the country overflowed with conjectures as to his probable Secretary of State.

Church and State United Today. ONE of the best and most skillfully argued editorials in any New York paper last week was an advertisement. It was an advertisement of the Christian Church.

Jerusalem for the Jews. IS THE great war to be the Armageddon of the Jewish race? If the victorious Allies eject the Turk from Europe will they so humble him that the Holy Land may pass back to the hands that shaped its great days?

The After-Lunch Mood. MEN are wiser than women about their eating. They know that it is impossible to get up steam without fuel under the boiler.

putants discussing the situation all night he sent out for a hearty breakfast. For 40 minutes the disputants ate, and talked of indifferent things. They drank some good coffee, and fell better.

The "Lexow" Hoax. WHAT'S the use "Lexowing" if there's no mazzina in it? The Vares and other hopeful mayor-makers may have their smelling committee, for the Legislature was able to authorize it without the consent of the Governor.

The Heart of Harvard. Mrs. Widener, who has frequently visited Cambridge to supervise the work, since construction began, said recently: "I hope that it will become the heart of the university, the center for all the interests that make Harvard a great university."

Women in Politics. THE opponents of votes for women who argue that women have no interests at stake in politics, that the home is a hermetically sealed chamber through the walls of which nothing can reach mother, wife or sister, should read the list of bills concerning women which have been acted upon by the State Legislatures of our country in the past year.

Completing the Artistic Cycle. JUNIUS SPENCER MORGAN, great-grandfather of the present Morgan of that name, married Juliet, the daughter of John Pierpont, merchant, clergyman, poet, lawyer and judge, who published a volume of poems called "Atra of Palestine" in 1816, and continued to write verse all his life.

Playground weather! Iron isn't a bad place for a "curtain of brass." Greeks have nothing on submarines for disastrous encounters.

Governor Brumbaugh is undoubtedly able to make a magnificent Fourth of July address. Victor Emmanuel and Albert of Belgium seem about tied for the European Monarchs' Popularity Prize.

WIDENER LIBRARY BECOMES HARVARD'S Memorial Gift From Philadelphia Woman Makes Commencement Notable—Beauties and Marvels of a Temple of Learning.

COMMENCEMENT at Harvard this year is of more than usual interest to Philadelphians by reason of the presentation of the Widener Library to the University on that occasion. The event will be an important one, not only in the history of Harvard, but in the history of educational institutions in general and of libraries as well.

The building is already a reality, and will be ready for actual use by the beginning of regular college term which opens in September. The mighty Widener Memorial Library, built in fulfillment of the wish of Harry Elkins Widener, by his mother, Eleanor Elkins Widener, of Philadelphia, will be, as Nelson C. Mead says in the Boston Evening Transcript, a model laboratory of learning, and the first of all university libraries.

The building is a vast hollow square, 250 by 200 feet on the outside. The inner courtyard, 110 by 100 feet, is divided on the longer axis by a central section devoted to the Widener collection, with light courts at each side measuring about 110 by 22 feet. The principal entrance is by some 30 granite steps, nearly the width of the north side, and through a series of 12 lofty Corinthian columns of limestone, which form an imposing portico.

Going from the first floor, past the Widener memorial rooms, and on by either of the stairways, one comes to a lofty hall, and thence to the great reading room of the library—a room 192 feet long, 42 feet wide, and with a barrel-vaulted and coffered ceiling 44 feet high, skylighted by soft-toned glass. The stack extends through eight low-studded stories, and there is a chance for two more floors of stack in the basement, when there shall be need. The total capacity of the library, as it now stands, is about 1,500,000 volumes, and with extension there will be a capacity of more than 2,300,000.

An unusual feature, in connection with the stack, is some 70 good-sized studies for professors, where they can be in close touch with the books with which they are at work; and there are also in the different stack floors 300 reading stalls for research students. Two prominent characteristics, therefore, of the new library are that it will serve not only undergraduates but graduate students alike and adequately. To President Lowell is due the credit of providing for the needs of professors and research students.

Among the suggestions of the memorial intent of the new building, besides the Widener memorial rooms, are three marble tablets—two in the vestibule at the main entrance and the third in the entrance hall. At the left, within the vestibule, the tablet reads: HARRY ELKINS WIDENER. A Graduate of This University. Born January 3, 1855. Died at Sea, April 15, 1912. Upon the Foundering of the Steamship Titanic.



"THEY HAVE STOLEN MY COUNTRY" The Young Grand Duchess of Luxemburg, in the Only Interview She Has Given Since the War Began, Tells of the Invasion and Its Tragic Consequences

By RETTA MELMBURG. A Former Instructor of Marie Adelaide, Grand Duchess of Luxemburg. "THEY have stolen my country. Like so many thieves, they sneaked into my beautiful land, and overnight they turned my flower gardens into open-air stables for their cavalry horses."

"I had scarcely seated myself beside her when she broke out, with tears running down her cheeks, now crying, now sobbing, saying: 'They have stolen my country. Like so many thieves, they sneaked into my beautiful land, and overnight they turned my flower gardens into open-air stables for their cavalry horses.'

"Not satisfied with destroying our beautiful scenery, they have also stolen our public buildings, our local government, our post, our educational establishments, and they have forcibly taken charge of our railroad for which we have spent more than 16,000,000 francs. They seized our telegraph system, and whenever my people protested too strongly, they arrested them and sent them to remote Prussian military prisons; more than 200 of my leading citizens have been sent out of their country to Germany."

"Even I have to receive a permit from a Prussian officer before I can drive my car on my own roads, in my own land. I must even get a permit from a Prussian officer before I can use the telephone which was established by our own funds."

"This is annexation; not annexation through conquest, but annexation through stealing. The people of Belgium have reason to be proud of their great achievements in fighting the arrogant conqueror, but we feel we were robbed in the small hours of the night. 'Had we suspected the treaty-breaking intentions of the Prussians, we would have rushed to arms. If we had had 48 hours notice, we would have put at least 25,000 men on our eastern frontier. We are as big as Montenegro, and our country is as mountainous, but we had implicit faith in the international law; and we thought we were immune.

"In everything that relates to science I am a whole encyclopedia behind the rest of the world; I know less geography than a schoolboy of six weeks' standing."

THE PHILADELPHIA OF ARKANSAS. From the St. Louis Post Dispatch. Truth is mighty scarce and in great travails, and news also is scarce in the Philadelphia of Arkansas, the name being Salem as rechristened by the able editor of the esteemed Salem Sun.

IN GRECE. From the Boston Evening Transcript. When Constantine meets Venizelos then comes the tug-of-war.

TOO COURTEOUS TO GERMANY. To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—Although I am not an American, yet I cannot help taking some interest in the moral concerns of the same. In my opinion the Government of the United States has shown itself to be too complaisant, too remissive, too courteous toward the German Government, which has taken such complaisance, courtesy and acquiescence as signs of weakness, or rather of fear of this nation toward Germany, and therefore has treated this country always worse, with more contempt and arrogance. I do not say, nor expect, that the United States declares war against Germany, as I know that it is not easy or feasible to carry on war in Europe.

TAKE GERMAN TO PHILIPPINES. To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—As it becomes more and more evident that the Germans are reverting to a type we have learned to class as barbarians, it will become necessary for civilized nations to act in concert to quell this recrudescence of primitive type.

MAGNOLIA BLOSSOMS. Magnolia blossoms, near a broken fence, Color gray, unbleached boughs in bluish guise. But, lotus-like, float on the springlike skies. Whose violet makes their rose tint more intense? Whillet fragrance fills the air, so strangely dense! Yet delicate as passion's first sunrise In deepening glow of adolescent eyes. Ere doubt may come to cast one joy-gleam thence. Magnolia blossoms, buds of reverie More beauty charmed than chant of nightingales! Than vision of Arabian fætal halls With aloë-orchid dancers dropping silvery veils. Or than, with love-song answering Triton's call, Aphrodite amid her natal gales! —William Brewster, in the Boston Transcript.