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### PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1915.

He who runs his business according to every man's advice runs it into bankruptcy.

# THIS CITY IS THE PLACE

THE report that many of the Republican leaders gathering in Washington for the meeting of the National Committee next Tuesday favor Philadelphia for the national convention, because they are reluctant to go to Chicago where the party split in 1912. shows that they are men of judgment and discretion.

Philadelphia suggests harmony and victory. Its very name tells all who believe in Republican principles what should inspire them in the coming political contest. If there cannot be harmonious co-operation and brotherly love among the conservative and progressive wings of Republicanism the convention will be held in vain, wherever it meets.

There has taken place in Pennsylvania that reunion of forces which must occur in the nation if there is to be hope of victory. The party is so nearly united that the breach will be completely healed before next November. unless counsels of folly prevail. The surroundings of a convention held here would strengthen the confidence of success which is now inspiring the party.

The evidence that the national leaders are looking with favor upon this city will doubtless lead the committees in charge of the campaign to work with greater enthusiasm and with the confident hope that they can bring about the nomination of the next President here. In the meantime those who have not yet subscribed to the guarantee fund should not forget to do their duty.

# TALK OF PEACE

IF THE importance of the "peace talk" of the last week were to be judged only by the terms laid down, there would be neither hope nor consolation in ft. The Premier of England, the Chancellor of Germany and the Minister of Munitions of France have all spoken, and their demands are almost as irreconcilable as those made in the fierce days when the war had just begin. True, there is less talk of "crushing German militarism" and of the freedom of the seas. True, also, that the actual objects of the war have become known since that time. But for a basis of understanding, the terms in themselves

there will be most strenuous objection from a multitude of sources.

The arbitrators in the dispute between the locomotive engineers and the Eastern railroads in 1912 expressed the prevailing sentiment of the country when they said that the public utilities are of such fundamental importance that their operation must not be interrupted and that some way must be found for insuring a continuity of service under all circumstances. That is what the nation demanded then and it will demand it in the future.

The men employed on the rallroads would be expected to conduct their campaign for increased pay without waging active war upon all industry by trying to tie up the trains.

# THE BYBERRY EXTENSION

AN EXTENSION of the Frankford elevated to Byberry for the benefit of the feebleminded and their friends is not being proposed to the people of Philadelphia.

In the 1914 report of Director Taylor, under the head "New Surface Lines and Extensions Recommended" appears the item: "Highspeed line on private right of way from Bridge street, Frankford, or from the end of the elevated branch on the Boulevard. through the 35th Ward, serving Bustleton, the city farms and Somerton."

Such a line would cost \$1,100,000. It would tle up to the city a large territory, now virtually vacant, which is within the city limits, but is without any of the facilities enjoyed by other sections. It is a territory of exceptional value for development. The cost of the improvement would be comparatively small, and the interest charges would be more than met by the taxes accruing from increased valuations.

The extra \$5,000,000 proposed at Councils' meeting yesterday was for the purpose of bringing the transit appropriation up to the full amount asked by Director Taylor. But a small part of it is for the Byberry extension. Mr. Seger was unfortunate in giving the impression that this was a "feeble-minded" proposition. It is nothing of the sort, but is, on the contrary, sound business and an important part of the comprehensive transit program.

# A NATION BEHIND THIS DEMAND

THE note to Austria demanding apology Land reparation for sinking the Ancona was not needed to inform that country of the views of the United States. Those views were set forth with detail and some explicitness in the notes to Germany on the Lusitania and the Arabic. When Germany promised to abandon its submarine policy it was assumed that her ally would not take it up. But it seems that we were mistaken. Germany spoke only for herself.

The attacks upon merchant shipping and the killing of noncombatants, in violation of all the accepted rules of international law, are as intolerable under the Austrian as under the German flag. And they will be as outrageous under the Turkish flag, if a German or Austrian submarine, transferred to the Turks, should sink passenger ships after Austria has followed Germany in promising to behave with common humanity on the sea. The Administration has let it be known that it will be satisfied with nothing short of complete acceptance of its demands. This means that Austria must disavow the acts of its submarine, must pay a suitable indemnity, must agree that there shall be no more offenses of the same kind and must punish the commander of the undersea boat which sank the Ancona. The American people will not be satisfied with anything short of this.

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

# Tom Daly's Column

ALMOST we are persuaded that our pet pest is the reader who professes to believe that we have been writing all these letters to ourself and that Professor Thomas E. Hill is, merely a creature of our jaded imagination. Now, just for that, we are going to let the professor out of this yard for today, for a deserved period of relaxation, which-as he might say, and, in fact, does say on page 217-"Is the divine right of all who seek health and the pursuit of happiness." But he will be back tomorrow to delight those who believe in him.

Sit-Interested in weather phenomena? Well, there were four feet of ice in our bed last night, out here in Oak Lane. Pawn Maw.

# The "For-It-Was-Indeed-He" Club XV .-- J. L. S.

himself for to be a soldier to the recruit-

ing officer of the

Corn Exchange Regi-

ment, of Philadel-

phia. Not long after that he had his pic-

ture taken, and the

proofs of it still sur-

viving show that his map, while barren

of herbiage, wore the

look of one not dis-

pleased with his job.

His job, gentle

BOUT the time John Greenleaf Whittier A was writing his poem about Barbara Frietchie-that is to say, on "a cool September morn" in 1862-a youth might have been seen offering

J. J. B. reader, was to wipe

off the map of his country as many Johnny Rebs as possible. This took time, for the plans mapped out by his generals were not so efficiently executed as they might have been; in fact, none of his generals was ever quite so successful in the map business as John L. Smith himself-for it was indeed he-because ever since the war he's been publishing just those things.

### Compensation

Though we're "blind to the faults of others," As some of our smug folk claim, Our ears keep getting longer Through listening to the same. O. F.

An anonymous correspondent takes us to task for inaccuracy in our announcement of Judge Porter's election to membership in the "F.-I.-W.-I.-H." Club. Ordinarily an anonymous correspondent isn't deserving of notice, but the handwriting, in this case, shows more character than a hardened offender would be likely to possess, so we arise to our feet to remark that our only inaccuracy, the crediting of a Judge with having resigned from the Supreme Court when it was merely the Superior Court, seems to us rather a virtue than a fault.

# On Passing Up the Muses

Say, girls, there's something nice about you, I quite admit you're Janes who matter, Tis not my thought ever to flout you Or sucing the anvil line of chatter.

I do not wish to own the city, Nor grab a mighty stack of dollars, But your disciples-more's the pity!-So often stick to rubber collars.

In every way you're there distinctly, You lead the league of ladies classy, But just to put the dope succinctly, Your payroll turns out rather gassy.

So, ta-ta, dears, I go, with grieving;

# "ANYHOW, THEY'VE BEGUN TO TALK ABOUT ME!"



# CURIOSITIES OF NAMES OF PLACES

An Old Joke That Turned Out to Be New-Gallipoli in Turkey and Gallipolis in Ohio-Town Named by a Wrestler

THIS morning, as I was coming into town on the elevated train, I noticed on the face of the passenger sitting opposite an amused expression, which evidently had its cause somewhere in the pages of his newspaper. The look of amusement spread itself quickly and pleasantly all over the man's broad and steadily widening countenance. Surely he was going to his work in the right mood. But the contagion of his good humor had immediate effect.

The smile was by no means content with remaining a smile, and speedily developed into a chuckle, which drew simultaneously a smile and a glance from his neighbor in the same seat. The chuckle continued, and likewise the neighbor's interest. The party of the first part pointed out the cause of it all and the other found the place in his own paper. Then the two laughed together andas the rhetoricians say-were friends. When I reached my station I bought a copy of the paper, which they had been reading, and remembering that the item I sought was on the page which contained the taxicab advertisement I quickly satisfied my curiosity. This is what I found (under the heading, "Name of this Town Has Dual Pronunciation"):

A conductor and brakeman on a Montana railroad differ as to the proper pronunciation of the name Eurelia. Passengers are often startled at this station to hear the conduc-"You're a Har! You're a Har!"

And then from the brakeman at the oth-

necticut and Massachusetts moved in large companies up the Connecticut and settled in Vermont. The towns of Windsor, Weathersfield and Hartford, closely grouped in Vermont, were settled by people from the closely grouped Connecticut towns of the same names. Barre, Vermont, was settled by people from Barre and Holden in Massachusetts. Originally it was called Wildersburg. In an old record appears the following remark: "The name of the township has ever sounded uncouthly to the inhabitants and settlers, and is also disagreeable on account of its length." In trying to decide on another name the people disagreed, the Holden contingent strongly favoring the name of the Massachusetts town from which they had come and another party favoring "Barre." The question was decided in this manner: A wrestling match was arranged. The Barre men chose a champion and the Holden men a champion, and the match was pulled off on the common. The Barre wrestler came off victorious, and the

name of the town was thus determined. Place-names are useful not only to antiquarians and historians, but also to vaudevillians. There's some deep reason in the psychology of vaudeville why "Oshkosh" is expected to bring a laugh. In Philadelphia "Camden" or "West Chester" is supposed to be funny, and in New York "Yonkers" and 'Newark" are depended on for a laugh.

The names of the months and the days of the week are a history of the calendar. They take us back to the quarrel between Julius Caesar and Augustus as to the number of days Augustus could have in his month and to

Woden, God of Saxons, From whence comes Wensday, that is Wodensday

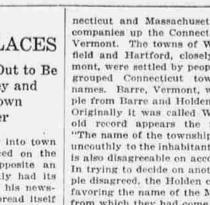
They give rise to seeming anomalies. Professor Ross reminds us that in Chill, as in Australia, the people speak of March vintage, brown April ale, sultry January, bleak July February dogdava

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The illuminating and enlightening thing is the very fact that discussions are taking place, that ministers are being interpellated and are willing to give answer. There is still the ancient diplomatic reticence, the artificial fear, that to offer peace is to confess defeat. There is still the demand, a diplomatic subterfuge, that the enemy speak first. But there is also the fact that each country is already speaking. The prospect of a wearisome, fatal, indecisive war makes the prospect of even an indecisive peace almost agreeable.

# PHILADELPHIA GETS THE PROMISES

DHILADELPHIA gets the promises, but other cities get the building of the dreadnoughts.

To be sure, the League Island bld was the lowest submitted, but that is a matter of small importance. The argument that several hundred thousand dollars would be necessary for changes of plant in connection with construction at the local yard loses considerable force when it is understood that the Mare Island Yard, to which one of the contracts has been awarded. needs just about the same sum of money for that identical purpose; namely, "changes of plant in connection with construction."

A reason for not building at Philadelphia becomes a reason for building in California. It is a wonderful thing, this departmental logic, so wonderful that some people may suspect that politics is behind it.

# A PRUDENT DOSE OF PUBLICITY

ELISHA LEE apparently thinks that a litmay prevent a great industrial disaster. This is why the general superintendent of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad used Delaware College as a platform from which to call the attention of the nation to what is going on among the employes of the railroads.

Little had been heard, until he announced it, of the movement on foot to combine all the associations of railroad men in a united demand for standardization of wages so that the men who do the same kind of work shall get the same pay on every mile of railroad. If the combination is effected, an increase of may will be asked for the man receiving less than the maximum wage on the busiest section of the most prosperous line in the coun-

Mr. Lee intimated that the increase cannot be granted without making the general pub-He hear the burden in the shape of increased freight and passenger rates. He is right, for every additional dollar added to the cost of production, whether it be the production of transportation or of potatoes, must be borns by the consumer.

No one objects to a fair wage for the rallroad men, and no one objects, either, to the use of fale means to persuade the companies to bey it. But if there shall be any concertai attend to be up the transportation sustems until a wars dispute can be setting

ON THE whole," says Mr. Taft, "I favor President Wilson's plan for preparedness." It is not an ideal plan, by any means, and it must be revised in many important respects; yet as between the blood-drenched dream of the one Colonel and the whitefeathered Utopia of the other Colonel, there are a good many millions of virile American citizens who would prefer to keep in the middle of the road, hats on and unafraid. Mr. Taft was never cut out to be a polltician. He has too much common sense,

# SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

 $R^{\rm UMOR,\ customarily\ rich\ in\ unpleasant}$  things, is responsible for the assertion that Superintendent James Robinson, of the city police, is to remain in office after the administration changes. For once rumor is a pleasure, and there is good reason to believe that on January 1 Mr. Robinson will say, "I am here, and I remain."

There seem to be political reasons for retaining his services; but the city, which holds Mr. Robinson in respect, which trusts him and believes in him, will be indifferent to reasons. In appointing a friend of the Vares to high office the Blankenburg administration did an unselfish thing, because the man was fit for the position. In retaining a servitor of a defeated opponent the Smith regime commends itself to just as serious consideration as a well-wisher of the community.

The duty of the police is ; simple and single thing, and the complete performance of that duty makes it essential that the police force shall not be disturbed or harassed by changes in the political texture of the city's government. We have reason to believe that that duty was well performed under Mr. Robinson, and he will be expected to do no less in the long term of office which is before him.

### A logothete is just a word slinger.

That wave which drenched the captain of the Ark was not enough to cool his ardor.

Roosevelt calls the President a logothete and the Brooklyn Eagle thereupon says that the Colonel is a Thersites. Next?

Ellis O. Jones, on board the Fordship, calls the President's message "reactionary." Well isn't it proper to react from certain things?

The Communipaw is getting in trim for a municipal mystery. She has been sunk and captured and blown up as often as the Crown Prince has been killed.

The Record is trying to argue the President into hocking the Panama Canal to raise money for current expenses, but the President is not yet convinced.

Emerson's remark that it is foolish to be afraid of making our ties too spiritual may help the women hovering around the neckwear counter in search of something for "hubby

But if you raise your union wages, Just cable me and-no deceiving-I'll gallop back by speedy stages.

CLIFF.

And we might remark here-with hand upon heart and a grateful bow in several directions-that verses, in or out of dialect, in praise of the conductor of this column will be unlikely to achieve the dignity of agate type even.

Colonel Bill Lampton sends us a copy of last Thursday's Hyden (Ky.) Thousandsticks (only Republican newspaper in the 33d Judicial dis-trict), and across the top of the first page he has written: "Oh! say, Tom, when did you start a postoffice". Sure enough, in the fourth column we find the following "out-of-town notes". notes":

### DALY

Dr. J. J. Baker has been suffering very had for the past few days but is hetter now. Cause his horse throwed him and broke 3 ribs. Joe Williams who has been at Benham for some-time is home again and reports everything lively.

R. J. Shepherd has been at Masu Perry County loding staves.

### TO LATE FOR LAST WEEK.

Buddy Day of Cutshin passed here today.

Cris Lewis has been kept very busy for the past week moving his friends to their homes of abode for the winter. The Weils boys Uriah and Andrew have com-pleted their new water mill, and can manufacture all the corn meal the people want.

# RALLY DAY

## Baptist Sundsy School Sunday Decemcer 5

We want you to be present and help us begin a big year for the lord. What do you say Services from 9:30 to 1:00

Dear Sir-What's the proper thing to say when you rebuff a supposed street beggar and learn that he was an apologetic foreigner trying to find his way in a strange city? J. F. F.

"Doesn't it seem to you." queries Knox, "a rather curious thing for the PUBLIC LEDGER to put a Bullitt in that sea-going Ford-decker as a correspondent?"

It is said nearly 200 persons are involved in the Grand Jury investigation. Sixteen Harvard students, six of them students, are included...-Public Ledger, December 5. Dear Sir-Fm a Harvard myself, and I think this proportion is about right. H.H.H.

WHY NOT GIVE THE BIRDS A CHRISTMAS?

Phousands will forget the birds at Christmas, while is so easy to remember them. A bird-shelf will at you but \$1.00 and we will come and put it up as a small piece of suct-and every bird around ir house will have not only a happy Christmas, hut wards and happy winter. Let us put one up for a now, before we are runbed.—*Circular of Merion* in Association. Civia Ass

Good! And now some wide-awake followup man should invent and distribute a muz-

### Mister Moist, Merchant

Dear Sir:

In the town of Tyrone (Pa.) there is a merchant named Moist and here are two signs in his window: MOIST MOIST Notions

Dry Goods -RommeL

end of the car: "You really are! You really are!"

Was I disappointed? Not a bit of it, though I had heard the story years and years before. Here was proof conclusive that no story is so old that it isn't new to somebody

# This Muddling War

There is no place-name so poor that it hasn't a story to tell. Pronunciation is sometimes the source of interest-or one of the sources-for every name has a variety of associations, etymological, historical and otherwise, besides still other fascinating qualities.

Out in Gallia County, Ohio, is a town named Gallipolis. It owes some of its present fame, which isn't yet of very large proportions, to a name familiar to readers of the war news. Gallipoli, as everybody knows, has the accent on the second syllable. The people of the little Ohio town can't get used to it. They have been accustomed from childhood to saying "Galli-police," with the accent on the first and last syllables, especially the last. Gallia County was settled by the French about 1788. The French gave it the name the Romans gave to the old country, and drew on Latin and Greek for the name of their county seat. It is stated that there are seventeen places in this country the names of which contain the Greek "polis," the word for "city." They are Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Annapolis, Copperopolis, Demopolis, Kanopolis, Cosmopolis, Metropolis, Opolis and Gallipolis. 'There's an Indianapolis in Oklahoma as well as in Indiana; a Minneapolis in Minnesota, another in Kansas and a third in North Carolina; while Annapolis is found in Maryland, California, Illinois, Missouri and Ohio.

Some place-names are manufactured for descriptive purposes, as "Philadelphia" is Greek for "City of Brotherly Love" and "Cynwyd" is Welsh for "Thou art first." "St. Petersburg," or "Petrograd," is a perpetual reminder of the romance of the founding of the city, and the mere mention of the name "Rome" speaks volumes. The street names of London are a treasury of historical lore. The "City of a Thousand Gates" has still its Newgate, the fifth portal in the original Roman wall of London and the scene of the executions; it has its Canonsgate, its Billingsgate, and, one might think, the whole thousand. Mount street is so called because Oliver's Mount, a point in the fortification lines built around London by Oliver Cromwell's men, stood beside the highway in those times. Golden Square gets its name from an inn called "The Gelding," which formerly stood in the neighborhood. The Square was first called Gelding Square, but the people didn't like it and changed the name by usage. Pall Mall was the scene of many a game of pall mall. So it goes with the other names-Covent Garden, Westminster, Temple Bar, Piccadilly Circus-all having interesting origins and associations. Charles II kept an aviary in the locality now known as Birdcage Walk, and the keeper of the aviary, Edward Storey, lived hard-by in a neighborhood which is known today as Storey's Gate. Place-names, too, are a record of migra-tions. In New England the people of Con-

and gentle Boreas. A Chilian Lowell would exclaim:

What is so rare as a day in December! Then if ever come perfect days. R.H.

FAMOUS BELL IN JUNK

One of the most historic bells of the South American churches was discovered and brought to San Francisco by two Oakland junk dealers, William Rosenthal and Lewis Rothenberg, who have just arrived from South America on the They have been on a buying steamer Cuzco. trip in Peru and Chili for two years. The bell is 325 years old and hung in the Cathedral of San Augustino at Lima for more than two centuries. In the revolution of 1895 the Cathedral was wrecked and the bell dis-

The two Oaklanders bought the debris of the Cathedral and in excavating among the ruins found the bell. It was thought in Lima that it had been stolen 20 years before.

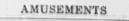
had been stolen 29 years before. Peruvians wished to buy the bell, but the new owners thought it would be worth more in this country, and refused to sell. The relic weighs 500 pounds and is of bronze, with in-acriptions in gold.—San Francisco Chronicle.

# NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

It is good to realize that Uncle Sam's dragnet for the conspirators in favor of a foreign Government is wide and strong. Still better luck to it.-Boston Post.

Much more than any program of legislation is involved in the first session of the 64th Con-gress. The honor, the welfare and probably the peace of the United States are all at stake.--New York World.

It is just as well to acknowledge now that the chances of the man to be nominated at St. Louis in June will depend very largely on the work of this session of Congress; on the party solidarity displayed; on the volume and character of the constructive statesmanship displayed. - Brooklyn Eagle (Ind. Dem.).



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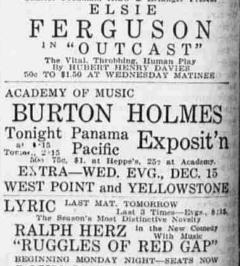
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