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Opportunity finds no one at home, when she calls more frequently than she is met at the door with a welcoming grasp.

THERE will be issued with the Eventson LEDGER tomorrow a handsome Christmas supplement. It will consist of four intugliofull pages. Striking features of the edition will be a Christmas editorial by Dr. John P. Garber, Superintendent of Public Schools. and a "Ynle Song" by Tom Duly. The pictorial features will include "Bringing in the Boar's Head" and "The Nativity," a reproduction of a great painting by Taylor. The supplement will be permeated throughout with the spirit of Christmas. Nothing comparable to it in beauty and graphic appeal has been published heretofore by any afternoon newspaper in America.

CRITICAL RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA

TT WOULD be sheer stupidity to deny the I gravity of the situation, so far as our relations with Vienna are concerned, in view of the arrogant tone of the Austrian reply to our note.

> The madness of Austria has been aggravated vastly since an influx of Germans saved her beaten armies and brought to them for the first time in generations some real military victories. But there is one tone to be observed when dealing with a Serbia and another when answering the protests of such a nation as the United States. Our notewriting may be ridiculed, for war-ridden Europe seems to be utterly unable to comprehend the patient devotion of this country to peace, so long as peace with honor is at all possible; but back of that note-writing is a national purpose as definite and set as any that ever actuated a great people.

The time for patience has long since passed. There must come from Vienna a completely satisfactory answer or our official relations with Austria will be terminated. That would be regrettable only, so far as we are concerned, but for Austria and Germany it might well prove to be the beginning of the end. The issue is out of our hands.

SUNDAY'S CONCERT

FOR sheer inspiration few events of the past months in Philadelphia can equal the concert given Sunday by the Philadelphia Orchestra. In this the music and its players had a part: but the spirit of the occasion was by far the more significant.

From every part of the city and from its auburbs came men and women of almost every degree of wealth and poverty. If social standards have been nebulous in the past, they were obliterated in the common desire to hear good music. The audience was as one, and actually took part in the afternoon's performance. Their presence was the reason for its existence, and their evident pleasure was more than a justification. So carefully was the suspicion of commercialism avoided that no advertisements appeared even in the programs. So wisely was the event ordered that the pleasure and comfort of each individual was complete. A fine thing in itself, as an augury of finer things the occasion was altogether successful.

MORE GARY DINNERS

GARY dinners are famous. The steel man-ufacturers used to gather at Judge Gary's house and talk about the weather, the latest popular song, the exasperating possibilities of the just developing automobile, and a thousand and one other topics having no relation to the price of steel. The guests went home and began to sell steel at a price so near the price fixed by the company in which Judge Cary was interested that it looked uncanny. But the diners did not talk about steel! Oh. no!

Colonel Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a dinner at Judge Cary's house on Friday night, according to a report that gained currency Sunday. A number of other men. more or less interested in politics, were also present. But we are told that the dinner was a private function, intended merely for the social enjoyment of the guests. Perhaps it was. And perhaps the activities which give social pleasure to politicians and to business men whose affairs are affected by a relation to politics will be more fully revealed as the date for the Republican National Convention approaches.

MURDER BY FIRE AND BOMB

N APPARENTLY inspired dispatch from A Berlin declares that "the enemies of Germany have succeeded in creating the impression that the German Government is in some way morally or otherwise responsible for what Mr. Wilson has characterized as anti-American activities, comprehending attacks upon property and violations of the rules which the American Government has seen fit to impose upon the course of neutral trade This the German Government absolutely

denles." Koenig, an employe of a subsidized German company, over which the German Government has exercised complete control, as was recently proved by the conviction of its officers because of their illegal acts, under orders, at the beginning of the war, is under arrest in New York on a charge of conspiring to blow up the Welland Canal.

Boy-Ed and von Papen have been recalled at the request of Washington, a proceeding | one section of the city.

so unusual that nothing could have prompted it but the complicity of these gentlemen in some of the many outrages inimical to the peace and order of this country.

In San Francisco, von Brineken, attached to the German Consulate General, has been arraigned on an indictment following on alleged conspiracy to blow up munition factories in different parts of the country.

The German Government need not wonder that public sentiment holds it responsible for outrages that have occurred. Its denial is interesting; but the cessation of murder and destruction by fire and bomb would be farmore satisfactory to the United States.

GO AHEAD!

DHUADELPHIA petitioned the Commonwealth for authority to raise funds wherewith to finance two great projects, rapid transit and port improvement. The city knew that it wanted the money and it knew what it wanted it for. Yet the moment it is proposed actually to make the necessary loans and go on with the work an epidemic of cold feet makes its appearance among certain elements, particularly among men who seem to have so little faith in this community that they are constitutionally opposed to anything except miserly appropriations for public improvements.

The transit program is not new. It has been discussed in all its phases until not a single citizen whose opinion amounts to anything can possibly be in ignorance of it. It has been gone over and talked about and criticised in all of its features. Nothing remains but to put it into effect, and the only way to put If into effect is to horrow the

money and go on with the work. Fifty millions is what Director Taylor says is necessary. Did any one ever imagine it would be less? Nor is there any reason to provide the sum in driblets. The whole system must be sanctioned at one time, in order that the proper arrangements for its operation as a whole may be made. To autherize the system in parts only would be to penalize the city from the beginning and prevent the sort of contract with the P. R. T. which every one recognizes is imperative if a final and completely satisfactory solution of the transit problem is to be made. This feature of the case was anticipated when provision was made, not only for capitalization of interest charges during the peried of construction, but also for issuance of bonds only as money was needed. To anthorize a loan of fifty millions for transit does not mean the borrowing of the entire sum at once, but only of so much as can economically be used at a given time.

The city has confided its interests to Mr. Smith and his Administration. It expects him to go ahead with the transit program as a whole and to do it in such a way that there will be no waste of funds. This could be absolutely assured by the retention in office of Director Taylor, who has the confidence of the whole people. But in any case it is the duty of the new Mayor to go ahead. It will do no good to piddle along. It is an era of big things, to be done in a big way, and the best thing the new Administration can do will be to push the little fellows to one side and go militantly ahead. The kickers will be few and far between if efficiency marks the construction work

MILLIONS IN SMALL HOMES

THE average value of each parcel of real Lestate transferred in this city during the past eleven months was about \$2700. The total transfers numbered 28,598 and the total value was \$75,567,538. This is more than \$400,000 in excess of the value of the transfers for the twelve months of 1914. The impression of the real estate men that it has been a poor year for them is not sustained by these figures.

The record is impressive and encouraging, for it reveals that Philadelphia is still maintaining its pre-eminence as the city of inexpensive homes. The proportion of one-family houses to the population is much greater here than in any other large city. The average number of persons in each house is only 5.2 In 1890 it was 5.6. In the old city of New York there are 30.9 persons in each house, whereas in 1890 the number was 19.9. The average in the whole city of New York, including Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens, is three times as great as in Philadelphia. A city in which the people can invest \$75,000, 000 in small homes in a year is in a pretty wholesome condition.

ACCENT ON THE ORDER

THE twelfth annual Wallow of the Washington Corral of the Military Order of the Carabao took place Saturday evening. It was a decorous occasion. Some songs were sung, the chorus of one of them intimating that those in attendance would be willing to fight if the country happened to go to war. But nothing was whispered, said or sung that could have hurt the feelings even of a Delegate from the Philippines.

There was nothing about damning the Filipinos and nothing about boosting them into high offices far beyond their capacity to adminster. It was just a joyal, jolly time for men who had fought the fight for their country beyond the seas, taking up the white man's burden in the way it ought to have been taken up and sending what some superhumanitarians have called the "venom of civ-Hization" through the barbarous villages of crude warriors destined to be the forefathers of good American citizens.

It was a Wallow of the Order of the Carabao, with the accent on the Order.

Germany disowns all the spies who have been found out.

The shopgirls will breathe a sigh of relief when they leave the trenches on Christmas

There is some reason to believe, those who know say, that Mr. Wilson will continue to be President during the remainder of his

The report that Doctor Cook will join the Ford party as advertising manager is probably not true. But he may join the Ford

A letter mailed in Illinois fifty-five years ago reached its destination in Ohio a few days ago. Before long some Democrat will be proposing storage charges for special de-

Villa announces his purpose to seek peace and quiet in the United States. Had a few of the things he did been done a few miles further north he would doubtless have found both in a penitentiary or an electric chair.

The question of whether pigs can legally be inhabitants of the city is now before the Supreme Court for a decision. It is feared in some quarters that their removal would seriously reduce the ordinary majorities in

Tom Daly's Column

THE free concert for the poor given by the tan Opera House yesterday afternoon was a great success; and how the poor did enjoy it, bless their hearts! They crowded the house, dressed in their poor best. And what an inspiring sight their motorcars were, parked up and down Broad street for blocks! Blessings on the poor!

Out in Chicago the other day a lovely lady said to us; "O! Philadelphia. That's the only town in the world where the 'busybody' flourishrs. I mean that curious contraction of mirrors and metal installed on the secondstory window sill which permits the lady hidden within to see who has just rung the doorbell or who's coming down the street." We tried to defend the old town we love so much, but our powder was wet or something, for the larely ledy drove us out of our last trench. This was her parting shot: "This adjunct of sneaky snabbery was not only invented in Philadelphia, but it was never tolerated in any other town," Is this a fearful lib or the terrible truth?

O OUR desk comes a little book from the Munder-Thomsen Press, of Baltimore, which is a nugget of pure Joy. It's a sympathetic, chatty study by M. S. Pine of "John Bannister Table the priest-poet." Of particular interest to us are those bits of his verse which show the whimsical side of

> the homely, angular, omer hermit who hid imself from the world at St. Charles College, n Maryland. In the book before us we find his double libel upon im (the caricature and the verse), both selfinflicted:

This is the Catholic briest
Who in piety never increased.
With this world and
the devil

He kept on a level, Though from flesh he was wholly released. And here is how he celebrates two unconscious lovers:

The Tryst

Potato was deep in the dark underground. Tomato above in the light; The little Tomato was ruddy and round, The little Potato was white. And redder and redder she rounded above. And paler and paler he grew; id neither suspected a mutual love

Till they met in a Brungwick stev For several years before his death in 1909 Father Tabb was blind. In 1907 a book of his humorous verse was published in London and the volume was bound in a color which appealed strongly to his sense of humor, for

ON THE COVER OF JOHN B. TABB'S LATE LONDON VOLUME His eyes are dim And so for him.

They thought in London, 'twas enough To bind his book in blind-man's buff.

It isn't nice for one to knock his own folks all the time, but we do hope no sarcastic outsider will notice this break in yesterday's P. L.: "As the clubhouse is not large enough to ac-mmodate all whom it is expected will attend, nomas M. Love courteously offered, etc."

Who Was Boss? One Guess

Dear Sir-Here's America for you: An Irish-man, Italian, negro, German and Frenchman comprised a gang working for a street con-tractor in north Manayunk the other day. Joe.





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reason why.
By fulfilling every engagement promptly, discharging every obliga-tion when due and always being punctual, you thereby entirely avoid the necessity for an

Apologizing for a Broken Engagement Frederick, Md., July 13, 18-

My Dear Miss Merton: My Dear Miss Merion:

I fear you will feel injured at my failure to keep
my appointment this evening. You will, however, I
show, forgive me when I explain. When about to
proceed to your residence, my horse being very
rative, became so frightened at an object by the
consider as to louse his runaway, throwing me vicarity to the ground, breaking an arm, and completely domainshing my carriage. Regretting my
callure to keep my engagement, I am yot reloked
hat the accident occurred before you had entered
his derivated.

Trensing that my excuse is a sufficient apology. Your faithful friend.

Albert Bigbee. Excuse to a Teacher for Non-Attendance of Child

at School Wednesday Morning, Sept. 4, 18-Miss Highe:
You will excuse Germade for non-attendance at school yesterday afternoon, she being detained in consequence of a severe headache.

Very respectfulty, Marcia Barrows.

Apology for Delay in Returning a Book My Dear Amy: Kentland, Ind., Nov. 19, 18

My Dear Amy:

You must excuse my long delay in returning your
book. The truth is, it has been the rounds of
several to read, though it has not been out of our
house. When I had nearly finished its reading,
Aunt Mary became intreested in its contents and
read it through. Her glowing description of the
character of the work caused mother to persue it;
so that we have kept it from you several weeks.

We feel very grateful in you, however, for furmening the with each an intellectual feast and hope
to have the pleasure of doing you a like favor.

Truly Your Feend. Truly Your Friend.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Frederick the Desconist of the Northern ethodist Church of this City, bid us good by The bridge is going up rapidly this week.

Sometimes the cows think that they are as nice people for they walk on the sidewalk just the

the editors, W. A. & S. I. Smith.

It is reported that our town marshel Johnson arrested a fellow here restorday that was wanted in Huntington W. Va. It is closed that he got mixed up about a ring but we have not learned his name and the particulars. -Pikeville (Ky.) Young Mountaineer.

Sure! It Means 'I'm the Works; No Words!' Dear Tom-I witnessed you in soup-and-fish raiment t'other n'ght at Hammerstein's late temple of music. Sure it's home ye should have been, y' divil you, writing for the paper. But maybe it was a case of "opera non verba," if they included the meaning of that in your classical education. CELTICUS.

In Bert Taylor's column in the Chicago Tribune we note this, from the Warsaw (Ind.) Times: "Shake-speare, that wonderful delineator of men's acts, said: 'The esti men do live after them, their virtues are burned in their tombs."

Which reminds up of a wheeze we pulled once, when we were preved after receiving a surgeon's hill, which bur, no matter, here's the wheeze:

"The good that surgeons do live after them; the evil's off interred with other people's bonce."

B.

SANTA DOESN'T NEED REINDEER WHILE THERE ARE SO MANY GOATS



A NEW VERSION OF "THE DOGS OF WAR"

An Ancient Phrase as Interpreted by the News From Europe-Dogs of Neutral Countries-"Human Documents"

THERE'S an ancient saying, and worthy I of all acceptation, that you mustn't kick my dog around. "Love me, love my dog," is one of the many variations. Men will fight for their dogs. Once, in ancient time, there was a battle about a dog. Note first the preliminary remarks of the narrator:

The Pictis houndis were nocht of sic speed As Scottis houndis, nor yet sae gude at need. Nor in sic game they were nocht half sae gude. Nor of sic pleasure, nor sic pulchritude. What boasting! But natural enough. Aye,

inevitable. And the Scottish king-

One bound he had both curious and bold.
Pleasant but peir, and full of pulchritude,
Supple and swift and in all game richt gude;
All other houndis he did exceed sae far As into licht the moon does near ilk star. Then the Picts stole the king's dog.

And there was slain, if I right understude, Sixty Scottis that were men of gude; Ane hundred Pictis fighting on that plain into that field that same day was slain.

Good Dogs of War The phrase "dogs of war" is a little unfair to the canine species. Dogs have been

associated with war on many occasions, one of which is described in the poem quoted above; but usually the connection is of a more beneficent kind. Over in Europe dogs are rendering valuable service to their respective nations. Some of them are "watchdogs," or rather, in military terms, patrol or sentinel dogs. They work only at night. When darkness descends the watchdog of war leaps out of the trenches and passes till dawn in patrolling four or five hundred yards of front. The ambulance dog assists in searching the battlefields for wounded men. Other dogs are trained for "linking work." The duty of a "linker" is to keep two bodies of soldiers in touch with each other. There must be some one whom the dog knows at the point to which the intelligent animal is sent. The dog must have exceptional qualities if he is to act independently; if he is to be used, for instance, for dragging a stretcher out to wounded men under fire or small portable kitchens on broad-gage wheels to men in an advanced fighting line, or at a listening post. In linking work the dog at the outset always makes first for his point of departure, and from there starts for the detachment to which he is to carry his message; but on his second or third journey his sense of smell enables him to make a short cut between the two points. The speed shown by the linking dogs is sometimes remarkable. 'One strong dog has been known to cover a mile in less than five minutes. and at French maneuvers the war dogs sent out on linking duty returned 35 minutes before a squadron of cavalry dispatched on the same duty at the same time.

More Than Human Devotion Speaking of war, let us tell one of the many "human interest" stories which even the censor is willing to pass. The dog of a French soldier followed him to the war, lived with him in the trenches and shared his blanket at night. A shell killed a dozen men and buried this one, badly wounded, in a trench which the explosion half filled with earth. The dog dug frantically for his master, and managed to expose his face before he suffocated. Then he seized other soldiers by their clothing and finally succeeded in drawing them to the scene. They unearthed their comrade and put him on a hospital train, into which the dog also managed to force his way. At the hospital, near Paris, the man's leg was amputated, and the devotion of the dog was such that the attendants found a kennel for him near the kitchens and allowed him to visit his master twice a day. His love for the wounded man touched the hearts of all who saw it. The classic tale of canine devotion is to

be found in Homer. You remember the homecoming of Ulyases:

When wise Ulymes, from his native coast Long kept by wars, and long by tempests tost, Arrived at last—poor, old, disguised, alone, To all his friends and even his queen unknown. Changed as he was, with age, and toils, and Furrowed his rev'rend face, and white his hairs,

his own palace forced to ask his bread, corned by those slaves his former bounty fed, orgot of all his own domestic crew. ils faithful dog his rightful master knew? 'nfed unhoused neglected on the clay, die an old servant, now cashfered he lay; and though ev'n then expiring on the plain And though ev'n then expiring on the plain, Touched with resentment of ungrateful man, and longing to behold his ancient lord again. Him when he saw, he rose and crawled to meet, 'Twas all he could), and fawned and kissed his feet.

Seized with dumb joy; then falling by his side, Owned his returning lord, looked up, and died.

There's a modern story of a dog found

begging before the portrait of his master, and many another tale of similar import, albeit sentimental more or less. Lord James of Hereford tells the following story: "Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, when Ambassador in Madrid, had a Spanish dog, the best bred creature in the world. One day its mistress had a visitor who engrossed her so much that she forgot the dog's dinner. He was too well conducted to scratch or whine, so he went out into the garden, bit off a flower, and came and laid it at her feet. The flower was a forget-me-not." The number of dog stories is limitless.

Some of them relate to canine aristocracy and canine heredity. One interesting tale shows incidentally that cows, another breed of animals entirely, cannot be herded on the moral sussion plan. A farmer complains that his imported Scotch collie dogs are too gentle with the stock. These dogs, he says, are very bright and intelligent, and would make good stock dogs if they would only bite his cows "enough to make the cows afraid of them." The dogs are probably hereditarily disposed not to bite their charges, collies having been for generations accustomed to herd sheep. Their indisposition to attack the cows ought to go to their credit as being genuine collies.

Bishop Doane on His Dog

We cannot leave this very engaging subject of the character and deeds of dogs without quoting a celebrated poem written by Bishop Doane. Dr. George W. Douglas, his volume. "Essays in Appreciation." prefaces the poem with the just remark that it is "a very human document." He adds: "Bishop Doane has always been as fond of animals as of mankind, and those who are familiar with Doctor Brown's 'Rab and His Friends' and Matthew Arnold's 'Geist.' will find much of the fine feeling and poetry of the Scottish physician and the English manof-letters in these beautiful verses of our American bishop." Here is the poem:

Since he is God on whom each one depends For life, and all things that his bounty rends-My dear old dog, most constant of all friends Not quick to mind, but quicker far than I To Him whom God I know and own; his eve Deep brown and liquid, watches for my nod: He is more patient underneath the rod Than I, when God His wise correction sends. He looks love at me deep as words e'er spake And from me never crumb nor sup will take But he wags thanks with his most vocal to And when some crashing noise wakes all

He is content and quiet if I am near, Secure that my protection will prevail. So, faithful, mindful, thankful, trustful. Tells me what I unto my God should be

DETROIT ON ENGLISH HUMOR Lord Rosebery refers to Henry Ford as "a canufacturer of perambulators," which in England is no doubt considered rare humor-De-troit Free Press.

LAUGHING TO SEE SUCH CRAFT After the Panama Canal, it is the Suez Canal that will be closed. Cape Horn and Cape of Good Hope may have their laugh at the new-

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