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nan develops his muscles by breaking stones as he strengthens his will by breaking bad habits.

ALL TOGETHER

THE Mayer-elect may congratulate himself that his announcements of purpose are taken at par value. There is no disposition among the Independents to throw obmoles in his way. The progress of Philawphia is as of vital concern to them as it to the Organization, to put it mildly, and they will have no hesitancy in lending the Administration their vigorous support in all good causes.

Independent Councilmen have perfected an organization of their own and adopted a resolution to the effect that

We, members-elect of Common Council, elected by independent voters, hereby pledge our united support to the new Administra-tion in all of its efforts to forward the best interests of the city and the carrying on to a successful conclusion of the present and projected improvements.

The most important of "present and projected improvements" is rapid transit. The resolution is, therefore, a call for the completion of the Taylor plan.

The Independents, we take it, will be no more loyal in their support of good causes than they will in their antagonism to had ones. The new Administration, therefore, has merely to follow a straight road to be assured of virtually unanimous support in most of its undertakings.

BUSINESS BEGINS TO PREPARE

THERE is one chance in twenty, possibly L in ten, that the coal miners will strike when their agreement expires on April 1. The large coal users cannot afford to have their factories closed for lack of coal, and they have begun to buy and store a supply which they hope will be big enough to last them over the crisis in the spring. They are acting in accordance with the dictates of common prudence,

Preparedness is the very essence of commercial success. No argument is needed to provet this, because it is self-evident. Yet, although America cannot defend itself against attack or protect its citizens abroad unless it is prepared, men and women are going up and down the land doing their best to make it impossible for the Administration to begin preparations to avert a disaster which is little less unlikely than the coal strike in the spring.

instruction for eight hours a week may be imparted without interference with the routine of the business. The law specifically provides for the establishment of such schools within the establishments where children are employed.

There is a disposition on the part of the authorities to make it easy for employers to adjust themselves to the new conditions, Children may remain at work after January 1 the same as at present, while the continuation schools, both within and without the business houses, are being organized. This will give all time enough to prepare for the change, if they are so disposed, without depriving any widowed mother of the earnings of her children.

THE LATEST NOTE

BEFORE this era of notes came into vogue a communication of the character of that dispatched to Vienna December 19 would have set the stock markets of the world trembling and excitement throughout both nations involved would have been intense. But the edge has been dulled by a series of notes, each strong enough textually, but the forerunner of nothing more than more notes. It is not peculiar, therefore, that Austria views the situation calmly and takes it for granted that nothing serious will happen.

It must be put down to the credit of the Administration that German naval warfare has become more humane, although there were other factors besides our protests which led to this condition. Nevertheless, it is apparent that our extreme love of palaver has effeminated our diplomacy. What ought according to all precedents to be a final word is not a final word. There is always something additional to be said, some new point to be discussed, some red berring drawn across the trail.

We cannot expect to escape uninjured during an upheaval which shakes half the world, but we can and must insist on recognition of those high principles which have been established by the customs of centuries and have become part and parcel of civilization. We are asking nothing novel, nothing more than reasonable treatment. If Austria is not prepared to give that, it were better far that our official relations be severed with her immediately than that we continue an intercourse repugnant and abhorrent to all who know and understand what Americanism means.

A SIDE ISSUE

THE Turco-Germanic drive on Egypt is I merely a side issue. It will divert troops from Europe, but it is not likely to call off enough of them seriously to affect the situation on the frontier in France. Even if Germany should take Egypt, she cannot get the use of the seas without defeating the British fleet, and she will be no nearer victory than she is now.

The Germans are evidently applying the old rule of strategy which requires a commander who cannot break through an opposing line to maneuver so as to compel a weakening of the opposing line by lengthening it. In this case the Germans are weakening themselves just as much as they are increasing the difficulties of their enemies.

EXHAUSTION DOES NOT EXHAUST

T IS a mistake to assume that a long and I exhausting war really exhausts a nation. The American statesmen who are arguing against preparedness for the reason that after peace is made in Europe no nation will be in shape to prosecute another war are ignoring the teachings of the history of their own country. When our own Civil War was ended had some great generals and a large body of veteran sofdiers. The alternat to set up a monarchy in Mexico with an Austrian prince as emporer had been made while we were busy with our own troubler. The peace of Appomattex left is free to demand that Maximilian he withdrawn from Mexico, along with the Fren h foldiers who were trying to set him on a throne. Our ability to back that demand by an army under the command of General Grant compelled France

Tom Daly's Column

Young Nick

'Twas a night before Christmas, and all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse,

And mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap Had just settled our brains for a long winter

map, When out on the street there arose such a

clatter I sprang from my bed to see what was the

matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash.

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

. . . When what to my wondering eyes should appear

But a khaki-clad youth with his cap on his

And a whole raft of bundles piled up in his arms.

Who was yelling and stamping and raising alarms,

While a motortruck near took a share in the din.

'For de love o' Mike! Say, ain't dey nobody in? Here's six bundles from Sellems and three

C. O. D. Hurry up an' come down. W'at yer say?

Hully chee! Sure! I know it's past midnight, but w'at

kin we do? We just gotter deliver dese things an' git

through.

An' it's harder for us guys, my friend, dan fer you." . . .

Thus I heard him exclaim, and I knew he was right.

So I called to the lad ere he drove out of sight.

"Merry Christmas, my boy, and a speedy good-night."

This sort of thing, perhaps, is a necessary concomitant of the expenditure of \$35,000,000 for Philadelphia's Christmas, but it does seem that something might be done to keep each day from butting too far into the next.

TO A MAYOR-ELECT.

A Merry Christman, Mr. Mayor, May nothing you dismay! This is the public's fervent prayer For you, this Christmas Day.

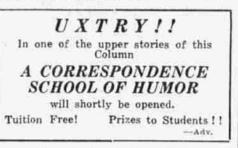
And for the promises you make Of what you mean to do,

We feel we ought to rise and take A little pift to you.

We're sure your stocking, long and deep, No better gift could hold: A pair of nice, warm socks to keep

Your feet from getting cold.

 $R^{\rm ECOLLECTION}$ of the nationality of the Christmas Babe came to us rather forcibly yesterday. The first Christmas money distributed through this column is the five-dollar bill which went to the widow of Jim Fitzsimmons. It was sent in by Julius Tannen, the actor,





ROBERTSON IS A 'SELF-MADE' GENERAL

Rose From the Ranks by Hard Work. Adventures in India - Promotion Came Because He Deserved It

IN THE general reorganization of the mil-L itary managerial department of the British fighting forces several interesting changes of personnel have been made. Lieutenant General Sir William R. Robertson, for instance, has been

of the great war. He rose from the

ranks, and after his GEN. ROBERTSON name are now written

the letters "K. C., V. O., K. C. B., D. S. O." A powerfully built country boy, he went to London at the age of 19 and enlisted in the 9th Lancers. Promotion from the ranks is not frequent. The great majority of officers come from the military school at Sandhurst. But the door is kept open for a private of good education and character. By passing a stiff examination he may obtain commission. Young Robertson had had only an elementary education; but he set out to make up for the deficiency by study. He invested his shilling a day, which is the pay of a British private, in books. As a British regular trooper has none too much time to himself, he used to get comrades to read to him from Bacon and the English classics while he was grooming his horse or cleaning his equipment. His first few years as a soldier of Britain revealed almost none of the powers and trafis which distinguished him later in life. He was a brave, hard-working trooper, a bit more intelligent than his mates, but otherwise of the average. He studied tactics and ultimately beer me a non-commissioned officer. He was ten years in the ranks before his commission as second lieutenant was won. He was old for his rank, and it was quite natural to presume that the highest rank he ever would obtain would be major or possibly colonel. He was gazetted to the Third Dragoon Guards. He joined his regiment in India, and one of his first experiences as a cavalry officer was the picturesque cavalry concentration at Muridki Camp, near Lahore, in January, 1889. He had been twentynine years reaching a grade which most men held at the age of 22.

ting things done when others sometimes failed. When in 1910 he was placed in command of the Army Staff College even those who agreed that he had shown himself to be the man for the place were amazed at the thought of a man who had been for ten years a private without any groundwork of regular academic education becoming the director of an institution which gathers the ablest officers of the army for instruction in the higher branches of war and gives the character to army organization in time of war. Meantime, he had kept on with his languages. He now knew French and German, and he had studied the continental army systems.

Sent to France

As Director of Military Training at the War Office he later had much to do with the preparation of the British expeditionary force. He went to France with it as Quartermaster General, responsible for keeping that army overseas supplied. His success in this capacity led to his appointment as Chief of Staff. All the branches of the army's activities came under his direction. It was his business to co-ordinate all and to amalgamate the forces of every new army which arrived at the front with the old in a homogeneous organization up to the standard required by present conditions of warfare. His duties in London are somewhat similar, but of broader scope. Despite his life of unremitting application, he has few gray hairs at 52; and he gives the impression of the physical vigor and endurance which enables him to keep up the pace of 16 hours' hard work a day.

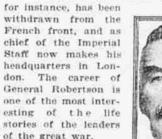
His is the case of a man prepared. His

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WHILE the Allies are floating loans and promising a generous rate of interest Philadelphia enters the market with a request for \$5,360,000. It will pay 4 per cent. interest on the bonds, which are tax exempt in this State, and Uncle Sam can collect no tax on the income. This makes an attractive investment for the man with much money or little. As the bonds are to be issued in denominations as low as \$100, savings bank depositors are rich enough to buy one or more of them. Many savings banks pay only i per cent. If the bonds sell at 103, as 2s anticipated, they will yield 3.88 per cent.

UNIVERSITY DEMOCRATIZATION

TT REQUIRES a Scott Nearing case occasionally to clear the atmosphere. The criticism which followed that episode was undoubtedly the controlling reason for the amendment of the University statutes, the most significant provision of this amendment being as follows:

A professor or an assistant professor shall be removed by the board of trustees only after a conference between a committee, consisting of one representative from each consisting of one representative (such rep-of the faculties in the University (such rep-resentative being chosen by the faculty of which the representative is a member) and a committee of equal number from the board of trustees, at which conference the provost shall preside, and unon a report from such conference to the board of trustees for con-sideration and action by them.

Under this system of procedure the failure to reappoint Mf. Nearing would have caused little more than a ripple, for the removal would in that case have had the approval of the several faculties.

It is apparent that the democratization of the University has begun and academic freedom becomes more than a dream.

NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL

TTHE anticipated hardships to follow the enforcement of the child labor law may not he so hard after all. Twelve hundred children have been discharged from the textile mills in this vicinity; but the chief of the Burvau of Compulsory Education, who issues employment certificates, reports that other employers are valuely seeking to hire children between the ages of 14 and 16. Mr. Gideon is convinced that the children thrown out by the textile mills have found work in other industries where the conditions are more favorable, even if the employers are no more anxious to protect the young workers.

The boys and girls in the department stores are not to suffer when the new law poes into effect, for arrangements are makby to conduct continuation schools within the stores thunselves, as that the necessary to abandon her adventure. Likewise, the same state of military preparedness was influential in London when we demanded reparation for the damage wrought to our commerce by the Alabama We spoke as a strong man armed in both cases and we secured reparation from England and we compelled Europe to respect the Monroe Doctrine when it was asserted for

the protection of Mexico. We were not so completely exhausted by four years of fighting that other nations thought we were unable to enforce our demands.

Does any one think that if Germany is victorious she will be in no condition, if she is In the mood, to attempt to make larger that place in the sun which success on the Continent will insure to her? The truth is that a German triumph will place the Monroe Doctrine in greater peril than at any other time since it was first formulated.

HOW OFFICE BOYS GET ON

 $G^{\rm OOD}$ office boys are about as rare as great statesmen. A New York lawyer found one, and the boy is now going through Columbia University at his employer's expense. The lawyer was partial to a certain make of steel pen and liked to have a fresh one in his penholder every morning. The boy learned of this and made it a point to keep the desk supplied.

"I sent the kid to college," the lawyer said the other day, "because he was the only living human being who knew or cared what made work easiest for me."

No office boys will read this-they read only the sporting pages-therefore, they cannot take the lesson to heart, and employers must worry along as usual until they, perchance, find a jewel who can discover for himself the way to deserve promotion.

General Frost is giving Mr. Ford cold feet.

It takes more than a cable dispatch to kill Bernhardt the Magnificent. She may yet live to play under the French flag in the Lost Provinces.

If the British attacks in the field had half the violence and brilliancy of the attacks in Parilament the war need not last more than another year.

King Peter of Serbia ought to know that there are few more futile occupations than talking about what might have happened if something else had happened.

Ho sever florce may be the light that beats upon a honeymoon, the moving picture people are discovering that it is not bright encogie for taking photographs.

Up and At 'Em; 'At-a-Boy! Tho' dreams we have at night

Don't bother me and you, Let's work with all our might To make our day dreams true,

 $J^{\rm OHN}$ H. SINBERG, who knows real estate and who recently delivered quite a talk upon striking appreciations in Philadelphia property values, happened to run into William L. Hirst one day while he was working up the data for his speech. Now, Bill Hirst is quite an authority upon suburban real estate values, but this was the best he had to offer to Sinberg:

"The most remarkable thing I've heard lately was this about a fellow living out beyond Morton. He engaged a servant girl and actually got her to stay."

"What's that got to do with real estate?" demanded Sinberg.

"Everything," said Bill. "She's got to stay because he succeeded in selling his property to her for only a few hundred less than he paid for it."

Sir-From a nearby aplary in Delaware county there comes to my breakfast table a brand of honey bearing the following legend in prominent red characters: "Golden Coreopsig Blossom Honey-Good for Coughs, Colds and Hot Cakes." If you decide to print this free ad you may be assured that nobody will be stung. I have taken several bottles of the aforesaid honey and find it a sovereign remedy for all three complaints, of which, by the way, I much prefer hot cakes myself. B.

Several contribs have called our attention to those horrible prints of us and our as but this seems to hit the crime off best

Sir-This is what Gelett Burgess might think if he were to see the enlarged reproduction of The Columnist's photo, done in rich orange and purple now adorning the Phila, strest cars. "I've seen a purple T. A. D.-I never thought to see one-And, I confess, twikt you and me. I'd rather see than be one."

WHEN John J. Little, who makes his board and a bit more in the lumber business, first started to run his motorcar around Overbrook one of his neighbors said to another: "Better look out for this fellow in the car or he'll run you down." "Who is it?" asked the other. "Why, that's John Little. He's just learning to run the thing." "Ah! yes, I see. 'A Little, learning, is a dangerous thing.""

Comforting for John

A certain indulgent husband, so the gos-A certain indugent husband, so the gos-sips in Fox Chase are saying, was taken quite ill a week or so ago, and he said to his wife: "My dear, I ordered a sealskin coat for you for Christmas, but now, in view of my ill-ness, I think if better cancel the order." "But John." she protested, "sealskin would not be inappropriate for me in-er-any eventuality."

Julian St. .t reminds us that when our first book of verse came out, nearly ten years ago, we wrote upon the flyleaf of his copy:

My fancy conjures up a place, A friendly ind, where, face to face, A singer of true wit and grace May all with me one day in fullowship and converse sweat Where is this place where we shall meet? It is whetever Julian Street Debuiches ⁴ on Broadway.

* Note to printer-The fourth letter in "o" ; be careful !

And now, just as we debouch to press, three more dollars come in to $M = 3^{1-1} \frac{1}{2^{1-1}} \frac{1}{2^{1-1}}$. Then if, so the to do not set to be

Studies Indian Dialects

Robertson soon became known as a linguist of ability. He mastered the many dialects of India as few Europeans have. He made himself so valuable to his commanders that promotion soon came his way, He took no part in what is known as the first Miranzai expedition, which penetrated into India's mountainous districts in 1891. He subsequently took part in the relief of Chitral and was badly wounded. He was railway and transport officer in those campaigns.

It was during the Chitral expedition that Sir William Robertson had his narrowest escape from death. His zeal led him to ride forward without his Gurkha guard, and his sword, being in the way, he handed it over to a Pathan guide who was riding with him, going himself a little ahead of the man. The next thing that he knew was that two shots were fired at him, one of them passing under his arm and neatly clipping off his horse's ear. Turning round he saw that the Pathan who was guiding him had fired the shots, and the next moment the traitor charged him and hit him over the head with his own sword.

Robertson grappled with his opponent, but noticing two other Indian tribesmen, who seemed to appear from nowhere, rushing forward to attack him, he was obliged to let his man go and beat a retreat to his Gurkha guard, which was some three or four hundred yards in the rear.

A medal and clasp, the Distinguished Service Order, and mention in dispatches were Robertson's reward for his work in the Chitral expedition, and when the South African War broke out it was acknowledged that he was the one man for the job of attending to the transport of food and troops. A staff officer throughout the South Afrithe somethin he surned the praise of Robint mussical second as the carboning for get-

line of business, ever since he looked after the railway transport during the Miranzai and Black Mountain expeditions 23 years ago, has had to do with the care of soldiermen. Undoubtedly one of the secrets of Sir William's success, particularly in regard to organization and transport, is due to the fact that he knows exactly what "Tommy" wants; for he has been a "Tommy" himself. His career, indeed, is a veritable romance of the army, and an exemplification of hard work. "Every one has to admire him," as another general has said. "He has won his way without influence against odds by sheer hard work, making the most of his natural

A PRECEDENT

gifts."

That engaging pagan and master of narrative, Benvenuto Cellini, who journeyed to France in the 16th century and got involved in a lawsuit there, makes some observations on the pretty art of litigation as he found it there practiced that have quite a modern ring. "As soon as they find there is something to be got out of a suit they sell it." he records, "for men have been known to give suits as dowries with their daughters to such as make their living out of these contracts. Another wicked custom is their skillful concoction of false evidence. So it happens that those buy the suits at once instruct five or six per-jurers, according to the need; and thus a man who does not know the custom, and has no hint given him to provide just as many to swear against them, has no chance of winning the

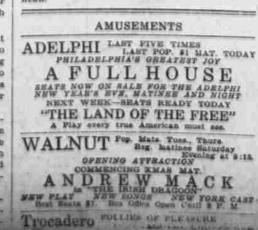
case. Brokerage in lawsuits has an odd, medieval sound at first, but a little reflection will show that it is merely the name of the industry and and not the industry itself that has changed since the Florentine had occasion to comment on it. -Kansas City Star.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

America must be congratulated on its pre-paredness at least to the extent of possessing vigilant and efficient secret service equipment. Washington Star.

Somehow we suspect that if faculties were to examine themselves they would find a spiendill aggregation of scholars, but of teachers scarcely Perhaps this is one reason why the college youth is interested in frivolous affairs. Chicago Tribune.

It is to be feared that in these strenuous days some multi-track minds are in danger of losing control of the switches and signal towers. The yards are getting badly congested. The lines are overcrowded with freight. The reform ideas of two years ago are in danger of violent and destructive collision with the (all-steel) reform ideas of this militant year.—Springfield Ropublican.





NIXON'B GRAND Broad & Montgomery Today, 2:15. 7 & B Host Cour Sents Claus in in Lobby Christmas Tree: Canv for Riddles Xmas Mat

Knickerbocker THEATRE PLAYERS Marked and 40th Bas "The Charity Ball" Mats. Tuesday, Salurday

AMERICAN THEATRE dirard below has MASS DAY ARVINE BROCK CO In "HELP WANTED" PEOPLE'S Lavender and Old Lace NEXT WEEK THE GUILTY ONE

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