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The importance of a battle depends on its effects more than on the number of men engaged.

CONVENTIONS AND NO HALL

THE mere fact that 28 large conventions will be held in this city during 1916 ought to be no particular solace to the carnest workers for a new convention hall. The conventions destined for Philadelphia come because of other splendid facilities and because of some accidental advantages in situation. What would happen if, in addition to what Philadelphia has, it could offer an incomparable meeting place can easily be imagined.

However, one can rejoice in the variety of interests which will be represented here. Between March and October Philadelphia will have an opportunity to learn about lumber and vehicles and flowers and un-derwear. It will hear speeches about banking and speeches about speaking. Morocco (the manufactured article, not the place) and hosiery will be check by jowl with directories and house organs (magazines, not instruments). Baptists and Zeta Psi fraternity men and 'social scientists and shorthand reporters as well as many other interesting people will be "in our midst."

Philadelphia will certainly be full of a number of things.

MILITARY TRAINING

MAYOR-ELECT SMITH has put the matter of military training in public schools on the basis of appeal to the red blood in the veins of mankind, and has pointed out the two motive forces behind the idea. They are the ultimate value of patriotic young men prepared for actual training, and the accessory value of drill as exercise. Both are important, yet both could be dispensed with if they brought any suggestion of militarism with them.

Fortunately, they do not. Military training in the public schools does not imply a course in preparation for West Point rather than a course in preparation for college or technical school. It signifies only the acceptance of a possible duty. It means that, while public school boys and girls are recelving much needed development of their bodies, they will receive also a drill of the spirit, will become capable of understanding and obeying. The object is not to make soldiers, but to make citizens capable of fulfilling their citizenship.

The Mayor-elect approves of the system. It is to be hoped that his influence will ussure it a fair trial.

A GALLANT SACRIFICE

IT IS not likely that Tom Shevlin knew when he went to New Haven last November that he was giving up his life for his college, but the gallantry of his sacrifice is no less for that. Had he known and felt that Yale demanded it he would not have hesitated. He gave up his time, his comfort, the luxury of a wealthy life to wear himself out in devotion to Yale's football teams.

It may seem superficially that football was a trifling thing for which this man gave his life. Certainly no enduring gain, no imperishable benefit to humanity, has come from this sacrifice. But men and women are not always acting in the grand manner. The amenities of life can have their heroism as well as tragedy, and the spirit of Shevlin's work, the knowledge that he could do one desired and necessary thing, more than the work itself, made his life and his death noteworthy.

OSBORNE AND SING SING

THE indictment of Warden Thomas Mott Osborne, of Sing Sing, will be a shattering blow to the cause of prison reform if it proceeds to a conviction. The charges against Mr. Osborne are of a very general nature, including neglect of duty, perjury and immorality; but there is no doubt that the indicting Grand Jury has made every effort to discredit the prison reformer by a multitude of specific instances under each head. The gravest accusation of all does not appear in the indictment. It is that Mr. Osborne honestly desired a reform of Sing Sing.

Conditions in that prison were so foul. brutality and vice were so openly practiced. favoritism and corruption were so flagrantly prevalent before Mr. Osborne's tenure of office that a reform was forced upon the State. Yet in that time wardens came and went without special juries of investigation. without charges and without publicity. The necessity for these things occurred only when an attempt was made to cleanse the posthouse of its abominacions. It is quire possible that Mr. Osborne bus not been a perfect warden and that in his real for prison reform he has been zui. overmuch

A herevolent heart. rie thay even be guilty of some of the charges, particularly the technical accusathat of neglect of duty which is based chiefly all absence from his office. But until his it is proved it will be hard to make impareint followers of his case bolleve that Mr. seed ware up a twoStable and respected was for the high hundress of Sing Bing

licity. His gravest error has been in giving his enemies a handle for their weapon against him.

THE WAY TO CURE TARIFF ABUSES

THE tariff can be taken out of partisan A politics when the abuses in the framing

of tariff laws have been removed.

The United States is committed to the protective policy, and has been with more or less consistency since Washington's first address to Congress. On that memorable occasion he said that "a free people require that they should promote such manufactories as to render them independent of others for essential * * * supplies." It was in response to a resolution of Congress asking Alexander Hamilton to suggest a plan for the encouragement and promotion of manufactures in conformity with the President's recommendation that he made his famous

Report on Manufactures," There have been "free trade" tariffs, but they justified the name only because they marked a swinning of the pendulum from extreme protectionism. We have never had what the British know as free trade. Since the Civil War protection has vindicated itself so completely that the Democratic party has not dared to do more than modify the protective duties of the Republicans. There are more protectionists in the Democratic party today than before, in spite of the dominance of academic free traders in its higher councils.

The tariff issue does not turn on a confinuance of protective duties, but on the abuses in the application of the protective policy to specific cases. No Republican who wishes to be honest with himself will deny that there have been favored industries. Nor will be dispute the charge that the "tariff barons" have made contributions to cumpaign funds in the confident hope that the favoritism would be continued. The revolt against such abuses was inevitable, because in a democracy there must be equal opportunities for all and no special privileges for the few who can get the ear of the lawmakers and excite their gratitude by reminders of the way the money was raised. that helped to put them in office.

But even though the Congresses had neted with the purest motives, the system of tariff making has been wrong. There is no body of accurate and scientifically prepared data on which to base any rate of duty. Attempts have been made to secure such data by the creation of a specially authorized commission to gather the facts. Congress, however, has never taken the commission idea seriously. The commission appointed by President Arthur in 1882 devoted a few months to the matter, but no witnesses appeared before it save some theorists and some manufacturer interested in higher rates on their own products. Its report was printed in two large volumes, and is now gathering dust on the shelves of a few pub-He libraries, in the neglect which its lack of thoroughness and selentific basis deserves. About 30 years passed before another commission was appointed, although numerous efforts were made in the meantime to persuade Congress to call in expert advisers. President Taft's tariff board, created in 1912, was not intended to assist Congress so much as to guide the President in his recommendations. It made some investigations into the conditions prevailing here and abroad in specific industries, and Congress read its reports and acted as if they had not been made. Then it killed the board by refusing to appropriate money for its support.

Neither the Taft Board nor the Arthur Commission was the right kind. What the country needs is a permanent body of men so far removed from partisan political influences that when it makes a report upon the conditions prevailing in the bosiery industry in Europe and in American, for example, and on the rate of duty needed to enable the market on equal terms with the foreigner, its recommendation will be accepted with as much confidence as a decision of the Supreme Court.

The creation of such a commission would take the tariff from politics as fast as it gained the confidence of the public. No one wants to destroy any American industry. Every one, Democrats as well as Republicans, is eager to increase the number of our industries and to make conditions such that they can prosper. It is beside the question to argue that Congress will never surrender its taxing power to a commission, because that has not been seriously proposed.

The country has prospered under the present system which unsettles business every four years. But if it were possible for a man to be assured that so long as the conditions abroad remained the same he could be certain of the same degree of tariff protection, the past prosperity would pale into insignificance 'n comparison with that which would follow. And even if conditions changed abroad, an assurance that such changes as were made in the tariff would be only those which were justified by the facts would make for stability. Certainty would take the place of uncertainty in business, and politics would be purer because of the removal of the corrupting influence of men seeking after special privileges with money bags in their hands.

Railroad men were skeptical about the value of the Interstate Commerce Commission when it was first created, but they would be the first to object to abolishing it. A tariff commission of the right kind would do for general burness what the Interstate Commerce Commission has done for the railroads. It is bound to come. If the present Congress does not create it, the credit for solving one of the most perplexing problems of American politics will go to one of its successors in the near future.

"Pea coal to be advanced." Chestnut!

is "not guilty" again.

'Austro-Hungarians Hammer at Scutarl."-Headline And the British hammer at Asquith

David Lamar, the Wolf of Wall Street,

The olive branch seems to be having a hard time in Europe, but there is a disposition to try its efficacy in Pennsylvania noli-

The Russians may not be able to do much against the Germans, but when it comes to cutting a way through Persia they are the

Colonel House, it seems, is not going to Europe in order to carry English trousers from Page to Gerard. Then what is he go-

Chief Davis, of the Water Bureau, did not get his Christmas present last Saturday, but he will have an opportunity to enloy it for by must of variety and the desire for pub- the zext four years, in spite of the delay,

Tom Daly's Column

Ballads of Portland

with the Preble House. On page 14, we read:

Preble Bouse PORTLAND

The Proble House, beloved by all, Invites the wanderer to its rest. And in each room and tasty hall Sweet comfort beckens to each guest; And sun-burnt walters to and fro With willing hands bring visues rare, The very room doth brighter glow, for Africa's dusky sons are there. For Africa's dusky sons are there, And all complete, with all that art Can give or wealth can e'er display. The Proble claims the human heart— When Gibson spoke we saw Our Gibson!—men of every clime Shall love to speak in praise of thee, The Proble claims thee as sublime. It took from thee its majesty And all conveniences are there: The roothing bath, the billiard hall, The marble floor doth brightly shine. McDonald keeps a watch o'er all.
And long the Preble shall uprise. An honor to our Sunrise State, The House beloved beneath the skies, Where Gibson reigns forever great.

One mark of true poetry is the unusual and apt adjective. How much more elegant than 'colored" is the word "sun-burnt" in the fifth

I to him," said Wash, "would you vote to maybe, but capital punishment was good enough for my ancestors and it's good enough

The "For-It-Was-Indeed-He" Club XVII-J. J. S., Jr.



J. J. S. Jr.

Gentle reader, we're

our duty-At least one member planned On Greek lines who will stand

Oh! It's little we care

That the youth stand-ing there a costume that's al-most Colonial Is now making his As a broker in stocks-

monial. For, to tell you the truth. We admire this youth, Jeremiah J. Sullivan, Jr.—

For it was indeed hebeautee,
Though he might be a
tiny bit spoonier.

Awgwan! Not on Bill Connor?

A friend handed us this yesterday: "Mr. Jacob Weixel, of the Shelburne, Atlantic was given a luncheon a few days ago by A Conner, Philadelphia manager of the

"Look here," we said, "we're not running society column. Jokes are what we need me "Well, this is one of the things you need most

And they're saying on the street that Louis And they're saying on the street that Louis Kolh, walking with Francis Shunk Brown the other day, estentiationally lifted his hat and Mr. Brown followed suit. "Who was that?" asked the Attorney General. "A bread-wagon just went by," said Lou.

THE WILES OF GREECE

The wiles of Greece! the wiles of Greece! Where hurning sulphur fumes are flung No deeper arts of year and peace Were ever planned or ever sprung. She waits to see what she can get, And all-except the price-is set.

Liszt's Gondoliera and Austrian Aeroplanes The aeroplanes come in over the ilexes at the Funta della Motte, where the Adriatic is planching on the beach, and there Liszt's gondollera begins under a round moon. Here will we sit and let the sounds of music creep in our ears. After the soft chime of the breakers strange sea sounds from the bells of the galleons of Antonio, wearing Levantward through the quapping waves of et and lit crystal. A gondola sweeps up to-ward the Molo, and Jessica's dark hair is warm against Lorenzo's cheek.

In such a night as this thid Jasaica steal from the wealthy Jew, And with an unthrift love did run from Venice As far as Belmont.

Far off are two great nillars of silver; to the right the campanile of San Marco; beyond the Canal Grands the campanile of San Giorgio Maggiore. The white light floods the broad lagoon. A thin scarf of cloud, caught upon the horns of Venus, clings in the west; but the remainder of the aky is like the velvet darkness of black roses and powdered with the faint polleg of stars. faint pollen of stars.

There's not the smullest orb which thou behold'at But in his motion like an angel sings. Still outring to the young-eyed cheruhins.

The gondoln swims onward, the ripples patter under the prow. The long car sways and dips, and forever it drips the same short tinkling bar of melody, refterant like the crooning of bar of melody, reiterant like the crooning of a wood dove in June. The gondola drifts onward, a great black swam. Suddenly a plata shoots out of the Rio della Pieta and crosses its wake. The boat is filled with laughling, singing girls. They are as white roses. They are gone. The dome marbles of Santa Maria della Salute shimmer before the steel beak. The gondola slips more slowly after its flitting shadow. Hark! Out through the gray and azure dusk drifts the ravishment of the carillon near San Marco telling the hour, and the watch on that grim ship at unchor chants. "All's well."

Venice.

Sir-A man came in here on Christmas Eve. "I want that new whisker book," sai (Business on my part of thinking hard) don't mean Dan Beard's latest?" "Yeh!

Bookman "Let Your Light So Shine"

"Envelopes," said the pastor, speaking of wedding fees and the like, "are usually em-ployed to conceal the means or the meanness of the contributors. In the 30 years I've been on this job I've seldom found more than \$1 on this job I've seldom found more and never more than \$2 in an envelope.

Here's a bit of English as she's spoke which J. L. reports he overheard in a West Philadelphia shop: "Well, well, see what I've gone and done!" "How did you come to do that?" "I didn't go to do it."

"WHAT'S THE USE IN TRAVELING IF YOU DON'T GET ANYWHERE?"

W. S. Jones, advertising and publishing agent, of Portland, Maine, entered according to act of Congress, in the year 1874, in the office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington, D. C. "Ballads of Portland," by Moses tiwen. The little book, frankly an advertising proposition, devotes 180 pages to the culogizing of an many commercial institutions in the Portland of that day. Let us begin

M. S. GIBSON & CO.

line of the above poem.

Ex-Congressman Wash Logue says he was once discussing with one of his constituents, when he had 'em, the proposition to allow the people to vote upon the question of abolishing capital punishment. "And says abolish it?" "No, sir! I'm an old fogy,

Politics His Hobbies VERY busy man is Harry A. Mackey, A chairman of the workmen's compensation board of Pennsylvania, what with his



It is time to secure-f we'd really be doing

the links chasing the As exemplar of youth and of beauty. gutta-percha pill for Health's sake and Pleasur e's. The browned skin Chairman Mackey is

a sure testimony of much recreation in the open air. His automobile champs im-Though avoiding the patiently if kept very long in the garage. Mackey's law office.

the same one he has occupied since 1902, has doubtless seen n

had, he'll be back on

good deal of coming HARRY A. MACKEY and going in that length of time, but probably not quite such a rush as during the last few weeks. This very next Saturday the compensation law goes into operation. If employers haven't all the information they need in preparation for that event the lack cannot be charged to negligence on the part of the board members or the other men on whom devolves the task of administering the act. Part of the work of these officers has been to address meetings of employers, or employes, or both groups together. numerous towns and cities of the State, explaining the provisions of the statute and announcing the policies to be followed in the administration of the new law. At one of these meetings, which was held in Scranton, the attendance exceeded that of any other public gathering in the coal city in a good

CHAIRMAN MACKEY

AND COMPENSATION

Head of Board Received His Earl-

iest Lessons in Law in His

Father's Office-Golf and

new duties and the various occupations left

over from the time when there wasn't any

compensation board to be chairman of. He's

solicitor for the Register of Wills, and when

he gets time again, be it good weather or

Through such means, and through conferences of various sorts, the personal tripartite relationship of employers, employes and compensation administrators is already well advanced. It is generally recognized that the organization of the compensation system. as already effected, has been ably and efficiently undertaken and accomplished, and that the spirit of the new order has been manifested in most creditable fashion in the work preliminary to the actual operation of the statute. But the purpose here is not to distribute praise among the men responsible for the good results thus early accomplished It is sufficient to quote the remark made last July by a leading compensation authority. that on the appointments to the board which were then about to be announced would depend in large measure the successful initiation of compensation history in Pennsylvania. The remark was obviously true but nevertheless significant, for the administrators of a law do much to make that law. The expert added that if men of good ability and of tact were not appointed it would have been far better if the legislature had accepted the proposed court system of administration. The board of which Mr. Mackey is chairman has more than mechanical tasks before it, and its responsibilities to the publie are of equal proportion.

Before the Typewriter

Harry Mackey followed in his father's footsteps when he chose the profession of law. George W. Mackey was the only lawyer in Northampton County in the days when the slate industry in that region was in its infancy. He bought up rights of way and other properties, and a great many deeds were executed in his office. His son, before the time of the typewriter, was set at work copying the deeds; and though the task may hardly seem a very inspiring one, it helped in determining the boy's ambition to become a lawyer. Another hoyhood experience was working in a slate quarry, which, by the way, he now owns. He attended the Scranton High School, winning a prize in mathematics, and was graduated from the Keystone Academy, where he received a gold medal for the best examination in Latin grammar. At Lafayette College he won bonors in the classroom and on the athletic Then he came to Philadelphia to study

law. In 1893 he was graduated from the University Law School, devoting an additional year to post-graduate work. He brought his athletic prowess with him, and played tackle on the varsity football team. Football historions tell of many a gridiron battle in which Mackey starred. From football and law school Captain Mackey went into the office of William W. Porter. He later be-

came a partner of James Gay Gordon, and in 1902 he opened his present office on the twelfth floor of the Penn Square Building. Much of his practice has related to negligence cases; and his experience in this field should prove of great value in the interpretation of his new responsibilities. For several years he has been a lawyer's lawyer. That is, his appearances in court have been almost exclusively in the interest of cases turned over to him by other lawyers for handling before judge and jury.

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Some of His Hobbies

One of his hobbies is golf and the other is politics. His participation in politics has sometimes been as an independent, but not so you would notice it at present. Organization leader in the 46th Ward, he is written down as a Vare man. To this fact his appointment as chairman of the compensation board has been ascribed; but it's a pretty sure thing that a political appointment may have some good in it after all, It's an equally sure thing that the sponsors of the compensation law want to see it well administered. Possibly it might be added that some of the qualifications of a political leader will not come amiss in a position which calls for tact and diplomacy; but that point needn't be emphasized or argued.

Golf is about as interesting as politics, and perhaps more so, even to the spectator of both games. Mackey has played golf all over Europe. That may seem encouraging to a new beginner just a-startin' who plays "golf" (with the quotation marks) over an area almost as extensive. But Mackey's golf is good, and he possesses not a few cups won in tournaments of the ten or twelve country and golf clubs to which he belongs.

At his home in West Philadelphia he has a well-stocked library of general literature. His favorite reading, outside of law books, is history and biography. But, of course, our present interest in Mr. Mackey is not so much in what he reads as in what he does as chairman of the Workmen's Co tion Board. One of the things that "Happy New Year" means to Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, he says, is workmen's compensation. And he's right. And he has no inconsiderable part to play in proving it.

"WHY ARE YE FEARFUL?"

A Letter in Verse in Appreciation of a Cartoon-"Dedicated to Artist Sykes"

Thanks to you now. O Artist Sykes, You've banished the critics' sour dislikes; You've given a text to a parson grave, Who over the war doth weep and rave. Who over the war doth weep and rave.

Not Tissot alone nor Kauffman yet,
Have made us the best of Christ to get;
The puzzles of war you've helped to solve.

And the preacher doth you now absolve rom charges of trifles light as air. Which causes many of you to despair: You see the Christ on the troubled sea, Saving the craft of destiny. For greater is He than craft or sea, For both He made from eternity.

Tis faith we lack this Christmastide. or greater than all of woes beside the faith in Him, the Prince of Peace; He makes both storms and wars to cease: The ship of State may rock and reel, But the nearness of Christ still you feel: winds may roar and breakers The thunders roll and lightnings fir The waves submerge and our ardor drench The very waves the timbers wrench; When lo! and behold on troubled seas Walks one Who's known, the Prince of Peace.

He saith to us as He said to them; As he loved the one who touched His hem— We hear him say: "Why so fearful? Of little faith and so tearful? Trust ye not that the Lord of the sea is Lord likewise of its destiny? That the Lord of the sea is right, And all the storms obey His might!"

Civilization in the craft. Civilization in the craft.

Nevertheless goes far from daft,

For when the storm is brought about.

He says to us, "Why did ye doubt?"

As we falter and begin to sink,

As many now do doubtless think,

Like Peter we feel His arm thrown out

And we bid farewell to every doubt.

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