

SPEAKING THE PUBLIC MIND Views of Readers on the Duty of Newspapers, Patriotism of Workmen, Removal of Civil Service Commission and Other Current Matters

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—It strikes me, a constant reader of your valuable paper, that you are not according...

Now, it is an admitted fact that even a criminal is presumed to be innocent until proved guilty... I do not hold any brief for the Mayor, as he apparently is amply able to do it himself.

Let us declare our souls free from mere money-grubbing, lust and evil thinking... I do not believe in the idea of a national party.

Without any disrespect to his Majesty, King George V, the Englishman is called upon not only to reverse a personality in his Majesty, but to reverse the flag as well...

With food animals constantly diminishing in proportion to population something else has to be done... The right or wrong of conscription is not really being passed upon by the representatives of the British people.

AMUSEMENTS LYRIC LAST FOUR TIMES N. Y. Winter Operetta Lasted Triumphant MAID IN AMERICA COMPANY OF 125, including FLORENCE ZIEGLER and MILLIE DAZIE

THE PASSING SHOW OF 1915 125 PEOPLE, INCLUDING GEORGE MONROE, HOWARD AND HOWARD, MAHLIN MILLER and Broadway's Finest Entertainers

R. F. KEITH'S THEATRE CHESTNUT AND TWELFTH STREETS ALICE EIS and BESSIE WYNN

GARRICK—NOW Nights at 8.15 GOLDEN AGE and HARRY'S Present BEST PLAY IN 25 YEARS

GLOBE Theatre MARKET and VALDESIDE STS. CHESTNUT AND TWELFTH STS. A. M. to 11 P. M. 19, 17, 15, 13

STANLEY MARKET ABOVE 10TH Glee Ridgely "THE GOLDEN CHANCE" Next Mon., Tues. 10c, "MY LADY INIG" Next Week

WALNUT Mat. Today, 25c, 50c Reg. Mat Sat. Night, \$1.00 "A LITTLE GIRL IN A BIG CITY" NEXT WEEK—"A POOL THERE WAS"

BROAD This and Next Week, 8 at 8:15 Next Week, Wed. 8 at 8:15 JOHN DREW "THE CHIMP"

KNICKERBOCKER Theatre Fifth and Market STS. THE NATURAL LAW Mat. 2c, Tues. 4c

AMERICAN GRAND BLOW OFF CHESTNUT AND TWELFTH STS. THE MRS. PEARL BURNETT BROADWAY MAT. TODAY, 2.15, 1.15 & 1.15 CHILLI ATURDAY MAT.

BUCK UP There is no sense in repining. So just quit it, friend, and smile!

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A WAR TRAGEDY IN THE RUSSIAN A War Story That Is Truer Than Any Cable Dispatch Could Be.

Letters to and From the Battle Front By N. SHULGOVSKY

(The following short story appeared in translation in the New Statesman.) NIKKA, forgive my tears! I will not cry any more dear! Write me, write me every day!

"A few lines from a letter." "Why do I not receive so much news from you? You know he writes so much better when you left...

"Our office, madam, will send the mail. Please do not trouble about the bill. We shall supply everything of the best."

"What is the matter now? Oh, yes, take them to the nursery. And what is this? Flowers? Oh, flowers for Pavlik..."

"A few lines from a letter." "It is always the same rainy weather here. I wonder how it is at the front. I heard someone say that you had returned to the front there...

"The French Government wants no unpleasantness with the Government of the United States as its action in regard to the Germans taken off American ships on the high seas gives clear evidence..."

"Sir, the gun in the third company has been knocked out of action." "Call Lieutenant Gavrilov."

"Sparks a copper for a beggar, for Christ's sake. May the souls of your parents and relations rest in the Lord!"

"WELL PRINT HIS EXPLANATION—IF BRIEF Knob, which is near the Delaware Water Works, noticed that the whole northeastern side of the hill was covered with a heavy snow..."

HE-RO! the political pot begins to boil and the Colonel is trying to come back with enough steam to bust the other boilers.

"Not interested." You ask us if we've seen the show, sir? We answer, No sir! No sir!! No sir!!!

"Zaza" the Boa, gives Science a Shake "Zaza" in the police station, was described as being thin and graceful. She is 21 feet long and 4 1/2 inches in diameter around the waist...

WITH a clipping of Professor Hill's Etiquette stuff attached, this letter came in the morning mail: To the Evening Ledger:

"Excuse for my very bad writing remains of one year's readings. Excuse for my very bad writing remains of one year's readings. Excuse for my very bad writing remains of one year's readings."

Tom Daly's Column

"ADA REHAN IS DEAD." The few lines on the printed page. Call up for me a darkened stage...

With all a boy's abandonment I loved her then, this Heaven-sent Interpreter of all the moods...

FARMER SMITH propounded to the young members of his Rainbow Club this question: "What can you suggest to bring your home and school closer together?"

HERBERT A. WAGNER, President, Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power Company of Baltimore, Baltimore, January 10, 1915.

Mr. J. E. Aldred, chairman of the Baltimore committee, is reported in the newspapers of that city as having stated that "gas was being manufactured at around 21 cents a thousand."

An exhaustive study by the Bureau of Gas indicates that a total production cost of 50 cents the thousand, including everything except returns on capital, maintenance of street lamps and taxes, is reasonable...

The difference between a formal blockade and an informal one, as England knows, would be to make legal most of the things now being done illegally.

The campaign of the Greater Builders' Exchange resulted in about 600 applications for membership yesterday. It will be hard to keep such a bunch of hustlers down to a 1000 limit.

Our party, however, if it is to be successful, cannot permit the liquor business to be the predominate influence or party plank in our platform—Congressman Vane.

Seven former presidents of the American Bar Association have asked Mr. Wilson to appoint Mr. Taft to the Supreme Court; but Mr. Wilson's political advisers have been heard from the other way.

Whether flushing the streets, as recommended by the Walnut Street Business Association, would prevent the spread of grip or not, there is little doubt that it would make walking less dangerous.

The Alabama courts have decided that the beneficiaries of a man hanged for murder cannot collect his insurance policy. How about a statute ordering the proceeds to be paid to the dependent heirs of the murdered victim?

The War Department engineers have reported that an inland waterway from New York Bay to the Gulf by the Great Lakes can be completed for only \$4,760,000. If this were Germany the Government would find that money without delay and complete the work.

William H. Andrews is following many notable precedents in becoming a candidate for the Senate from New Mexico. The new states have been very friendly to the men who assisted them in their fight for statehood, and politicians who failed to gratify their ambitions in the East have been successful when they earned the gratitude of the West.

There seems to be grievous disagreement as to the name of the Republican leader in this State. Representative Vane said in Washington yesterday that it was Governor Brumbaugh. He cited as proof the well-known fact that the Governor received 75,000 more votes than Senator Penrose at the election when they were both running.

Yet on December 10 Thomas B. Smith, who had just been elected to the mayoralty, said that he hoped the delegates elected from the congressional districts to the Republican National Convention "would be in harmony with Mr. Penrose and sustain his leadership for the welfare of the State and nation."

When two such distinguished statesmen disagree on so vital a matter something is wrong somewhere. But they are not the only men who disagree. Senator Penrose and Governor Brumbaugh each think that he is the only sirloin-pure, twenty-four carat leader. The question cannot be settled now; but perhaps we shall know more about it after the delegates to Chicago are chosen.

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Wherever God erects a house of prayer, The Devil always builds a chapel there. —Defoe.

The victims in Mexico are waiting forever under the ground, but not watchfully. —Defoe.

Four million for the Art Museum is statesmanship, Mr. Mayor, and we congratulate you. —Defoe.

The issue of a second term, so far as Mr. Wilson is concerned, is simply this: Can he get it? —Defoe.

The Chinese revolt is subsiding. That is what a Chinese revolt generally does when Yuan gets busy. —Defoe.

The Irish members of Parliament are willing to have every Englishman forced to enlist in the army. —Defoe.

There is no doubt that the Kaiser is approaching death. He is one day nearer it every twenty-four hours. —Defoe.

The explosions in the du Pont powder mills are mild in comparison with the ructions in the du Pont companies. —Defoe.

General Joffre says that Germany is wearing out; but his opinion would be more convincing if he could point to the holes. —Defoe.

Now that the pre-primary has selected a candidate for the senatorship, nothing remains for the primary but ratification. —Defoe.

Stough plans attack on Sunday vaudeville. —News. That word "Sunday" is ambiguous. —Defoe.

Camden County showed a surplus of \$241,135.71 for last year. Prosperity, like a Colossus of Rhodes, straddles the river. —Defoe.

Doctor Mebane insists that he is eligible for the postmastership of Wilkes-Barre because he loves the flag. He even owns one. —Defoe.

Did the Governor think that William H. Ball's experience as custodian of city property qualifies him to take charge of a presidential boomlet? —Defoe.

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A fine line of weather samples is being displayed by the forecasters; but just as we have selected one that suits he snatches it from our hands and gives us something entirely different. —Defoe.

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