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retary Knox may have believed in "dollar diplomacy," but it was the kind of diplomacy that lifted Nicaragua out of the mire. Humanitarianism becomes the most brutal of all aims when it prepares the ground for barbarism and anarchy.

Tom Daly's Column. My little sister has a beau. She's very fond of whom— It is the grocer's boy, you know. That works for Mr. Groom. And mornings when he comes to get Our order he will say Before he's scarcely got there yet "Well, how is she today?"

THE TWO PRAYERS. A youth stood with uplifted arms and faced the rising sun. "O God," he prayed, with earnest eyes, "ere my short day be done, O God of power, grant me power! O God of strength, grant me strength. To force my way to fame, to claim a conqueror's crown at length. Till when death's shadow creeps a-near my name may show on high Peerless amid earth's mightiest—then could I gladly die!"

"EATS" ACCORDING TO THE LOCALITY. Favorite Foods of Different Cities and Countries—Gastro-Geographical Rivalries—The Ridiculous and the Sublime—Merits of Baked Beans and Terrapin. THERE is no accounting for tastes. Some people are said to consider unadorned watermelon a great delicacy. The man who salts his watermelon is of a kind with the one who wears a sky-blue necktie with a shirt striped with pea green and Tyrian purple, and never knows that he has made anybody's flesh crawl.

THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR DECEMBER WAS 96,783. PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1916. The two noblest things, which are sweetness and light.—Swift.

HOW MUCH FOR AN EDISON? A man puts his own price on himself; a machine is always a machine. The will to do is insuperable wealth. To the man who uses his brain all things are possible.

Lines on the Ease of Column Writing. Webster has the words, and I Pick them up from where they lie. Twist and turn them one by one And give them places in the Sun.

WALTHER RATHENAU, CHIEF OF INDUSTRY. The Man in Charge of the Business End of War in Germany—Career and Personality of an Efficiency Expert. ALONG with talk of military preparedness we hear talk of industrial preparedness—for war. There's doubtless something in it. Industrial resources have to be mobilized, as well as armies, when war breaks out.

Gastronomy and Geography. Nations may be distinguished according to the foods popular in each. It was not by accident that England became known as a nation of beef-eaters or France as a nation of frog-eaters. In England, where food economy just now is something of a problem, it has been rashly suggested that a lesson be learned from Norway. Even the fairly well to do in that Scandinavian country look on the habit of eating meat every day as almost entirely replaced by cheese. But what cheese? Cream cheese, yellow cheese, green cheese, little round cheeses, like penny buns, dotted with curaway seeds, and last, but far from least, the "kammelost," or old cheese.

The Mayor decides that Broad street must be "lit up," too. As the cold wave comes in the grip germs go out. Good-by! Gasoline is going up again, but the sale of automobiles continues unabated.

Whenever we open a contribution beginning, "Of all the easy jobs, a job like yours is the easiest." We know it's sure to be one of those dull episodes that keep the job from being the easy thing it might be.

Here a word, and there a word— It's so easy 'tis absurd! I merely range them in a row, Webster's done the work, you know!

WALTER RATHENAU. No wooden edifices have been erected in Germany in honor of Walther Rathenau, but this man has done more than anybody else to organize industry for war time and conserve the food supply, and that is a task as wonderful and important as that of the generals in the field.

Cooking in Washington. That is exactly what some men have done in the national capital the Army and Navy Club, the Metropolitan Club, the Cosmos Club, the University Club and in fact every club in Washington has in the membership men who think that they are the finest cooks in the world. Each and every one of them has a specialty. One man can make a delicious crab, another knows how to prepare an "à la stew, still another is confident that his method of concocting a Welsh rabbit produces a more palatable dish than that of any other person.

The Kaiser has sent the Sultan a sword, but to Constantine it was a wife. It is within the power of Congress to declare war on Mexico if it is so disposed. The Austrians have taken Cetinje. In fact, they take everything they can get their hands on.

Webster's done the work, you know! Word follows word, till each he inch. I have a column! What a cluck! I take the words that Webster's returned And merely lay them out to end!

Some of us, curious about the ways of our ancestors, may be interested to learn that a city ordinance provided that "every chimney sweeper shall have and receive for every chimney swept by him and passing through two stories or under, 9 pence; for three stories, 1 shilling, and for four or more stories, 1 shilling 6 pence."

The Business End of War. Occupying a suite of four rooms at the Ministry of War in Berlin, into which he moved with his assistants five days after Great Britain declared war on Germany in August of 1914, Walther Rathenau, a giant in stature and a prince in the business world of the Fatherland, lost no time in setting up his wonderful artillery of efficiency to reply to the British campaign of "attrition."

Elucidation of Comestibles. Oregon and Washington have a joint title to fame in the fine, firm meat of the Columbia River salmon. But cookery enters into the competition. Chicken halibut should be eaten at Gloucester or Norman's Woe, say some who have sampled the handwork of the chefs of those localities, and look at this ecstatic bunch of exclamations: "Chesapeake, home of the soft-shelled crab and of his hard-shelled brother! Diamond-bark, composed as only Philadelphia cooks or he of Baltimore can blend thee! Maryland fried chicken! What an Elysium to spend one's days fishing on the Western Shore and one's nights feasting at the Baltimore Club! That, that were quite enough to induce blessed forgetfulness of swordfish and halibut to the North, of tarpon to the South, of tunny and salmon to the West. So it, any wonder, demands the Baltimore American, 'that Maryland girls are fair? No, no—a thousand noes—and here we are, contented to slave in a desert of table d'hotes in that city of strangers, alien Manhattan!"

Some Kentucky night-riders have been sentenced to five years in jail. First thing we know somebody in Texas will be hanged for taking part in a lynching bee. The opposing attorney would say that von Bethmann-Hollweg's reply to the United Press' question about the nature of the Kaiser's illness is not responsive.

Mr. Daly's \$250,000 prize poem, "To a Thrush in the 'Lyric Year,'" Philadelphia Republican. We'd thank the Republic for that extra cipher, but it gets us 0. Yet, on the other hand, it offers an opportunity to call attention to the delightful breeziness of Emma S. Chester's column in that paper—and there's a real joy in that.

What Every Woman Knows. "Over the door of a 'gent's' furnishing store on Ridge avenue," writes Doan Tewman Am. "I noticed the following sign:

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Why have such a thing as national defense when it is possible instead to have a million-dollar postoffice at Podunk? "Defenseless and senseless" seems to be the slogan of the never-be-ready advocates. M'Liss has strong backing in her refutation of the charge that woman is the world's greatest failure. There are some people, indeed, who are unwilling to admit that a woman can be the greatest anything.

What Roosevelt has done with his body is more wonderful than anything that inventors have done with steel. By firm determination and resolute effort he fitted himself to live the life which he wanted to live. Alexander H. Stephens, afflicted with bodily infirmities that he could not overcome, refused to permit them to overcome him. He became one of the ablest statesmen of his day and one of the most powerful leaders of his party.

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Mining on the Housetops. To obtain materials Belgium and Northern France, conquered in the first weeks of the war, were inventoried and an enormous industry in warehousing and shipping their metals and textiles was organized with incredible speed. Poland added its store of wealth last August. And there have always remained partly open a few doors leading into Germany from Scandinavia and Switzerland. But these supplies all put together were not enough to wage war for an indefinite period. Rathenau had to get most of what he needed from Germany.

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It is announced from London that documents taken from Captain von Papen prove that he paid Horn to blow up the Vancorbo bridge. The former attaché was proceeding home under a safe conduct, but apparently it was not very safe. We are not surprised when a 12-year-old boy and his younger sister put out a fire in their home because we expect human intelligence from them. We reserve our astonishment for the time when a dog or a cat gives the alarm in time to save his master.

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The Czar, in whose country New Year's Day is always a little late, has issued a proclamation in which he says that the breasts of his soldiers have formed "an invincible shield of protection for the fatherland." They have plenty of heart, but little artillery. In his special cable to the EVENING LEDGER yesterday, Yves Guyot, the French economist, discussing trade relations with Germany after the war, pointed out that there must be free trade among the Allies themselves, "and to this must be added the application of tariff pressure to the various states comprising Germany and Austria. This is the only way to prevent 'dumping' under protection of customs charges." All Europe, obviously, is planning to do its "dumping" in America, with the assistance of the Democratic party. Forwarded is forwarded.

MAYOR SMITH SELECTS A SITE. THE Convention Hall site selected by the Mayor, on the Parkway between 21st and 23d streets, is within three or four hundred feet as near the City Hall as the site at 24th and Chestnut streets, recommended last spring. It is farther from the hotel district and it is not so accessible by street car. Yet it is within a reasonable short distance of the heart of the city and can be reached quickly by automobile, either jitney or taxi. The Mayor regards it as by far the best site yet suggested. The advocates of the early erection of the hall may not agree with him, but they are doubtless wise enough to co-operate in persuading Councils to go ahead and direct the early erection of the building. There never will be general agreement on any site because all that have been proposed have faults. What the city needs is the hall, and it needs it without any more delay, even if some people do not like the site selected.

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The humiliation and murder of Americans in Mexico was inevitable from the moment that the Wilson Administration refused to recognize the only Government that possessed any real power in that miserable country. The following months of mollycoddled diplomacy, of the Bryan type, strengthened the contempt in which our nationals were held by the natives. That is the result of those there were not more frightful outrages than there were in accepting. Sec-

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