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There is nothing so powerful as truth—and often nothing so strange.—Webster.

The decision of the Supreme Court that the income tax is constitutional will not make it any easier to pay it.

Francis Joseph is ill with bronchitis, and the Allies are hoping that the Kaiser will get it in the neck also.

If all we hear about the New Jersey Legislature is true there is no place where the services of "Billy" Sunday are needed more.

Lloyd-George says that the whole soul of Britain is in the war; but what is needed is a greater number of embodied souls at the front.

Senator Norris wants to abolish the electoral college; but if he should succeed it would not be any easier for him to get his degree by popular vote.

Uncle Sam is preparing to ask Turkey if she sank the Persia, and Turkey is expected to reply: "I cannot tell a lie. I did it with one of Germany's submarines."

A Chestnut street bank is advertising that February 3 is Thrift Day; but the man who wants to accumulate a fortune must be thrifty on more than one day a year.

The independents who are summoning all opponents of the Democracy to the Republican standard are practical politicians, as well as exponents of political preparedness.

Senator McNichol will be justified in saying that this is the greatest Administration for public works, if the plans laid down by the past administration are all carried out.

the fifth place. Every one knows, however, that Chicago is richer than Cleveland and that Philadelphia is second to New York. The assessment rolls do not disclose all the taxable personal property in the other cities, for the reason that the tax rate is regarded as oppressive.

THE WOMAN SPEAKS
To the Editor of Evening Ledger:
I have been the wife of an editor for more than 20 years, and of course interested in the editorials of publications.

THE WIFE OF AN EDITOR.
THE war in Europe has tremendous and terrible lessons for all mankind. Of it, one has learned that if it goes to war unprepared, its young men—the youth and virility of the nation—are shot down like many frightened animals.

War has caught the British nation placid, complacent, dalliant and unprepared, and has shaken and torn, racked and strained it till the complacency, idle luxuriousness and indolent procrastination have disappeared and left a nation torn, naked, stern, in deadly earnest, fighting for its life.

Plattsburg had its lesson for the men of this country. Why not for the women? Why not learn and realize that it is in the home that the nation's character is formed, its strength developed and maintained?

Why not learn that if we would have strong, brave sons and husbands in our nation and homes to love and protect us, we must begin first with ourselves and with our boys at the cradle to develop and cultivate those very qualities?

If we wish our girls to become strong, true women, able to bear fine, vigorous children and to rear them ably and capably, so that, they in turn become true, patriotic citizens of this country, we must begin by having these girls born in homes where fine, true living and obedience are taught and lived.

Our men have learned that today they cannot even defend this great, beautiful nation, of which they are a glad part, or even protect the beloved wife and blooming daughters without training to learn how. Also, that training may not be had in a day, a month or many of them. Nor can it be obtained then unless a man gives heed and obedience, abandons all idle, demoralizing ways of living and strives for cleanliness and health in thought and deed.

One thing we women will do well to apprehend is to make and maintain a clear distinction in our minds and practice between home-keeping with the woman strong, tender and faithful, making and cherishing it, and housekeeping with the inevitable absorption in material things.

There are doubtless in our grand, big country thousands of us women whose husbands are at their places of business all day and whose children have outgrown our arms and apron strings. Some there are with sons old enough to wish to leave home, or daughters who wish to take the mother's place in ordering the home affairs and adjusting it to this age and the manner of these times.

Tom Daly's Column

TIM, AN IRISH TERRIER
It's wonderful dogs they're breeding now: Small as a flea or large as a cow, But my old lad Tim he'll never be met By any dog that ever he met.

Nothing New Under the Sun
In Cicero's "De Oratore," written B. C. 55, we read: "In the case of Caelius, that joke of yours, Antonius, was assuredly of advantage to your cause; when, appearing as a witness, he had admitted that a great deal of money had gone from him, and as he had a son who was a man of pleasure, you, as he was going away said: "See you the old man, touch'd for 36 minae?"

The Dancer's Alphabet
By Samuel McCoy.
N is for Nothing—which is some folks' notion Of the fox-trot and all its attendant commotion.

South's Champion Against England
Most Conspicuous Figure in Southern Politics, Hoke Smith Has Been Through Some Big Fights as Lawyer, Governor, Senator.

WHENEVER anybody by the name of Smith comes into the public eye there immediately rises a chorus of quotation, "Eate triety to conceal him—," etc.

MY HOW WE'VE GROWN: CHESTER
(From Gordon's Pennsylvania Gazette, pub. 1852.)
"Chester, p. l. borough and seat of Delaware county, is situated on the R. & D. R. of Philadelphia, on the Delaware, 15 m. S. W. of Philadelphia. It is the largest city in the State, and was founded by William Penn in 1682. The first settlers were Quakers, and were called to remain in the winter, the R. & D. R. was frozen over on the night of their arrival. There are still standing in this ancient town some old houses among which is the church. Perhaps the oldest is the one known as the 'Bank,' a store, chiefly of stone and brick, a prison, 5 taverns, a church and Quaker meeting house. A manufactory of straw hats was established near the town. Pop. in 1850, 848. There are here 6 practicing attorneys, and 2 physicians.

FOET AND FEASANT
Here I'm making verses,
On philosophies of life—
Pausing in his motor
Is the plumber and his wife.

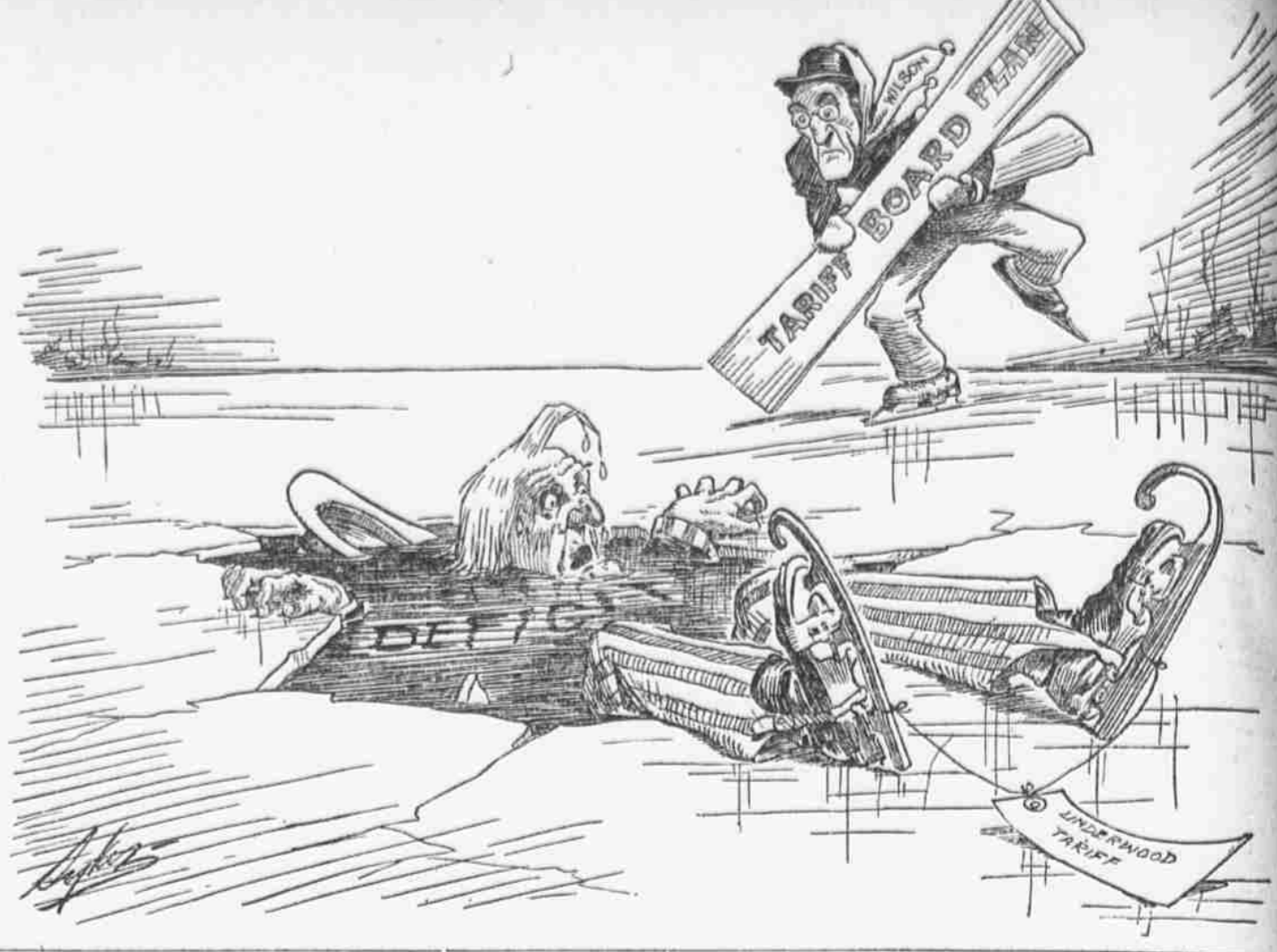
RIGHT KIND OF TALK
EVIDENCE is accumulating that Philadelphia is awake to its great opportunities. The address which was made by Howard B. French yesterday, after he had been elected to the presidency of the Chamber of Commerce, is the latest proof of the alertness of the business men. Mr. French sees a great future for the city, and in behalf of his associates he pledged to the local government the support of the Chamber in securing an art gallery, a convention hall, a library and the completion of the boulevards and parkways.

Well, Child, That's Better Than 50-50
This came from a member of Farmer Smith's Rainbow Club in answer to the question, "What do you like about your home?"

AMERICAN CITIZENS
To the Editor of Evening Ledger:
Sir—Kindly advise me if a person comes over from Europe and is single and marries in United States of America, and his wife gives birth to children in United States of America and the father does not have his naturalization papers, are the children Americans or not? Kindly advise me on this subject at once?

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"IF YOU CAN GET ME OUT AS EASY AS YOU GOT ME IN, HUSTLE IT ALONG"



KEEPING THE STREETS CLEAN
To the Editor of Evening Ledger:
Sir—Mrs. Oakley blames the citizens for the dirty streets because, as she says, the Councilmen are selected on account of their political complexion and not for what they know about street cleaning.

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