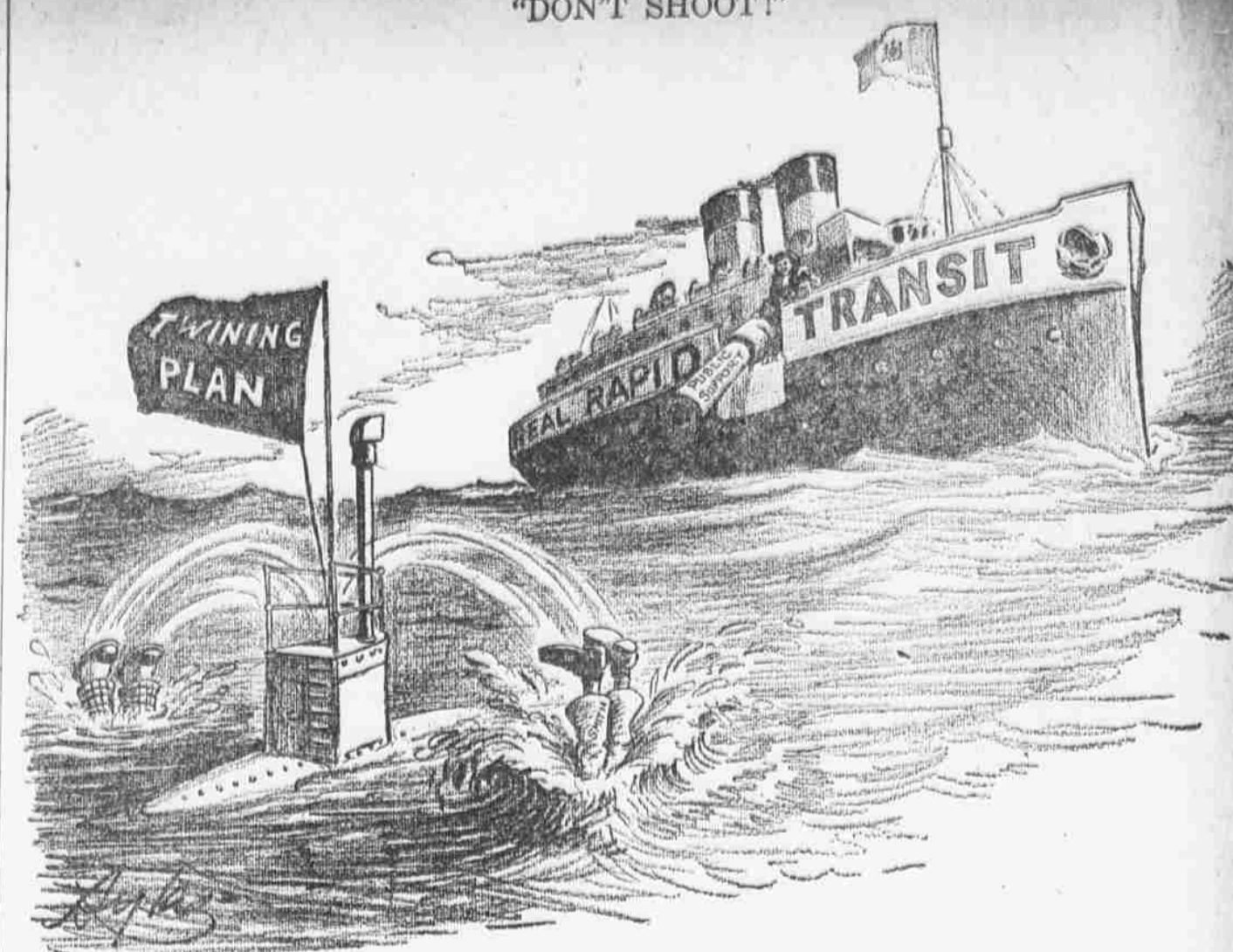


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when he has become interested in looking after a pony, or a calf, or a sheep, or any other dumb beast which shows affection for those who feed it.

Tom Daly's Column Comes written by Myself Lulu Chilly Lent The penitentiary season Lent is here now in attendance.



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Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Lincoln.

It is gracious of the Mayor to say that the people may have the Taylor system of transit if they want it.

Doctor Hexamer insists that he is not a lobbyist. He is simply trying to influence people to favor the Germans.

Villa is reported on the way to Washington to see the President; but he is likely to find that Mr. Wilson has a previous engagement.

The German Crown Prince may find, after all, that the price which he will have to pay for Verdun is too big for his pocketbook.

Albania has an Mpret once more in the person of William of Vied, who has returned to Durazzo, but it is doubtful if Albania cares.

The price of gasoline has been boosted another cent; but this will not interfere with the operation of the steam roller at St. Louis in June.

Director Datesman says that the Parkway can be completed by December, 1917. If—Who was it that said there is much virtue in an if?

There are so many millionaires at the winter resorts that the man of moderate means who goes to them for rest and change is discovering that the New York wit was right when he said that the servants get the change and the hotel proprietors get the rest.

If the charge of the Citizens' Republican League that the police are being forced into membership in political clubs is untrue, Director Wilson will have no difficulty in establishing that fact. He ought not to ignore the charge.

The New York German newspaper which says that American citizens of German descent would remain neutral in the event of war with Germany is apparently unaware that a neutral, under such circumstances, automatically becomes a traitor.

The Mayor's remarks about the lack of money to pay for free Sunday concerts by the Philadelphia Orchestra remind one of Franklin's saying that he was thankful man was a reasoning creature, because he could find a reason for anything he wanted to do.

Now that the bill leasing the city land at Eastington to the Philadelphia School of Aviation has been signed by the Mayor, we may expect to hear reports almost every day that German aeroplanes are hovering over the city, but the aeroplanes will be only the schoolships in which the cadets are learning how to fly.

Senator Martine is modest. He does not want to help renominate President Wilson, but will be content if he is sent back to Washington by the New Jersey voters. This is not gratitude. If it had not been for Mr. Wilson's assistance, Martine would never have had a chance to hear his rotund voice echoing in the Senate chamber.

There is nothing new in the report of a pro-German lobby in Washington. The German propaganda is not confined to the National Capital, but its agents are active in all parts of the country, including Philadelphia. Whether any Congressmen have been influenced by it or not, it is a wholesome sign when they resent the charge that they have been dickered with the agents of the Kaiser.

Rear Admiral Walker, who died yesterday afternoon in Annapolis, commanded the Concord at the battle of Manila Bay on May 1, 1898, and was advanced nine numbers for eminent and conspicuous conduct. He then held the rank of commander. It was not till the next year that he became a captain. He reached the rank of rear admiral about a year before he was retired in 1907. He was one of the able and conscientious men whose military efficiency thirty years of peace failed to destroy. The Civil War was over when he was graduated from the Naval Academy, and there was nothing for him to do in the interval before the outbreak of the Spanish War except to keep himself ready for any emergency. His record shows that he was ready.

Progress toward the establishment of a parental school for incorrigible boys is slow, but every one who believes in saving the boys before they become chronically bad is hoping that it is sure. A site was purchased at Byberry and Knight's roads a year ago and an examination of candidates for the principalship was held yesterday. The school should be opened with no more delay than is necessary to assure the adoption of the right sort of system of housing and instruction. These matters have already been agreed upon in a general way. The boys who make no progress in the ordinary schools are to be put in residence in the proposed school, where they will be under rigid discipline and where indoor instruction can be combined with work in the open air in the raising of crops and in the care of animals. It has been discovered that similar schools in other cities that many of our incorrigible boys has been made tractable.

RUNNING TO COVER

The "red herring" transit plan has been deserted by its friends. The overwhelming demand of citizens that the Taylor plan be carried out has already borne fruit. The next step is to see that the pending loan bill specifies the uses to which the transit money is to be put, for this is a sure method of preventing any additional attacks on the integrity of the comprehensive program.

THE "red herring" transit plan stands repudiated and "none so poor as to do it reverence." Not in years has there been such a run to cover as there was yesterday. The puny weakling has been left alone in the desert, unmothered and without a friend. It ought never to have been born. Some people have been learning a lesson in national patriotism down in Washington during the last week, and it is just possible that here in Philadelphia also some obstructionists have discovered what it means to trifle with the hopes of an earnest people.

The Mayor's repudiation of the "red herring" plan is surprising; but perhaps it is sufficient that he refuses to recognize the inn. Last week he was not so sure. In fact, it was stated last Saturday that "Smith has Director make public revised and APPROVED routes." The new scheme was supposed to be that of the Smith administration and only of Director Twining incidentally, it having been understood, we believe, that Mr. Twining was interested chiefly as an engineer to carry out such work as Councils should authorize. But now the city is told that the plan is not the Administration's at all. No, indeed! Who ever thought of such a thing! The idea! Isn't the Mayor on record as favoring the Taylor plan and were not the routes specifically named in the loan and other ordinances? How, then, could the Mayor be for some other plan?

So far as we can see, it is nobody's baby now but Mr. Twining's. He is left holding the bag. The buck has been passed to him. Talk about Secretary Garrison and the President's repudiation of formerly approved plans! Why, they have placed Mr. Twining in a monstrously more false position. They won't even give him a shawl to wrap the brat in, not even a kind word. No, they are all out of it and ready to throw their hats into the air and yell their heads off for the Taylor plan.

That perhaps is good. It is a fine thing that leaders have enough sense to know when they have jumped into the wrong pool. After all, what the city wants is rapid transit, and it welcomes all converts to the cause, no matter how immoderate they may formerly have been. But it is time they understood one thing: There must be no more monkeying with the plans. The people are not looking for lukewarm support of the great undertaking. They want it directed by men in full sympathy with the whole enterprise, who will guide it with their eyes single to the people's benefit.

The Vares seem to be in some doubt. They are pursuing a course of watchful waiting. We surmise, nevertheless, since they are devoted to the interests of South Philadelphia, that they think South Philadelphia ought to have rapid transit. We should not be surprised to see them boldly say so when they have had a chance to make up their minds. There were rumors that they had approved of the plan to have the subway stop at Spruce street, but no proof of this was ever offered, and it may be assumed that they did not sanction such a blow to the interests of their own ballfield. Indeed, we confidently expect to see both of the Vares among the enthusiastic supporters of the whole Taylor plan. Outside of South Philadelphia there is no feeling except that South Philadelphia should have this facility.

THE PRESIDENT UPHELD The Senate responded last Friday with an overwhelming majority when the President asked it to kill the Gore resolution, which was tying his hands and making him impotent in his negotiations with Germany. The House yesterday followed the lead of the Senate and gave notice to the world that the nation is not divided in its views on the duty of backing the President in an international crisis. The individual opinions of various Congressmen expressed in the debate must not be allowed to confuse the issue. Whatever a man thinks of the wisdom of taking passage on an armed merchant ship, every patriotic American is lined up with the President just now. The majority against the McLenore resolution was not partisan, for the Republicans joined with the Democrats and all voted, not as party men, but as Americans.

LITTLE LESSONS FROM CLASSIC LIVES

IT IS related of Aetivittus, the philosopher, that, purporting to encourage the youths of Cyprus, his pupils, in the pursuit of knowledge, he promised that the lad who should memorize all his Works should possess a copy of them in full calf. One Octavius, having accomplished the task, claimed the prize. "Thou hast it," said Aetivittus blandly.

"Whadja mean, 'hast it,'" faltered the youth. "Tut," rejoined the Master impatiently. "Thou hast my Works in thy head, hasn't thou?"

"Ay," cried the youth (who was of Scotch descent) "but thou saidst—"

"Having wasted so much time on my bum stuff proves that thou art a calf. Therefore, thou possessest all my Works, in calf. Ave atque Vale," yawned Aetivittus, returning to the name and betting a blue chip.

Reflection—From which it appears that he who permits himself to be kidded will inevitably turn out to be the goat. A. A.

After the Mowee's Home Run

(Lines which should have appeared under Sykes' column.)

"Hey! boy, what was that you said: 'John Bull's sure is some blockhead?'"

"Heck, no! This is what I said: 'John Bull sure is some block-head!'"

NOW comes No. 3 of "Contemporary Verse," showing better wares than ever. Here is a lovely bit, but not to be read in the hurly-burly of the broad day; let it be saved for the quiet hour at home:

A Wish The very last good-night is said, And now the small reluctant feet Have beat a lingering retreat And echo faintly overhead.

The Minds are drawn; the fire sings, As hand in hand before the blaze, We talk of youth and yesterdays And smile at half-forgotten things.

Some day when we, grown full of years, Have seen our children's children grown, We two shall linger here alone Until the last flame disappears.

Each in a warm old frosidde chair; I wish, my very dear, that we May fall asleep, contentedly, Until our children find us there.

And know that we have slipped away Upon our Journey hand in hand, Together, in the Promised Land, In just the old familiar way.

—Memory Hare Cook. And William Rose Benet flashes his imagination's wing in the high savannas of the blue with his colorful singing of "The Reliquary." Indeed, this number of Contemporary Verse is an unalloyed joy.

Miss Kathryn C. Haffey of home the bride of Franklin J. Neuman. Miss Margaret Mary McDonnell, now maid of honor and the bride was Miss Estelle Haffey, a sister of the bride. The best man was Mr. Byron Pizzarello and the ushers were Mr. Hoffman, Vincent DiNorelli, Charles Jones and John Connelly. —Society Item.

Where but in this U. S. melting pot could we have such a chance to add up the nationalities at a single wedding?

Dr. Alexander Hamilton in Philadelphia

TUESDAY, September 18, 1744.—I paid a visit to Col. Alexander in the afternoon, and at night going to the coffee house. I went from thence, along with Messrs. Wallace and Currie, to the Music Club, where I heard a tolerable concerto performed by a harpsichord and three violins. One Levy there played a very good violin; one Quin bore another pretty good part; Teach Francis played a very indifferent finger upon an excellent violin that once belonged to the late Col. Calvert, Governor of Maryland. We dismissed at 11 o'clock, after having regaled ourselves with music and good viands and liquor.

Wednesday, September 19.—Today I resolved to take my departure from this town. In the morning my barber came to shave me. I dined with Mr. Alexander and, taking my leave of him and wife, I went to Mr. Strider's, in Front street, where I had some commissions to deliver to Mr. Taker at Annapolis. Taking horse at half an hour after 3 o'clock I left Philadelphia and crossed Schuylkill Ferry. At a quarter after 4 I passed thro' the town of Darby, about an hour before sunset.

Nature Studies The hippopotamus, they say, Is very fond of custard, And eats about a ton a day With hippopotamustard. —Robt McPhee in Springfield Union.

To would-be woodmen, too, we would Be offering one more cue; Pine needles for your bed are good, But not if they are porcu—

SPEAKING THE PUBLIC MIND

Views of Readers on Fire Protection, the Matter With the Universe and Other Topics of Timely Interest and General Concern

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: The suggestion of Herbert S. Donnelly in last Tuesday's Evening Ledger strikes a timely note calling attention to the hand fire extinguisher as a necessity in every well-ordered household.

I wonder what proportion of homes are equipped with sufficient means of fighting the far more terrible and ever-present danger of fire.

Table listing fire statistics: Conflagrations 26, Lighted match 18, Lighted candle 18, Lamp explosion 2, Barn fire 3, Oil lamps 24, Not classified 24, Total 106.

Manhattan has a population of approximately 2,000,000, and Philadelphia of 1,500,000. If the figures of Manhattan fatalities are typical of Philadelphia, and I see no reason why they should not be, it means that 75 people died of fire in this city in 1915, without taking account of disabling and disfiguring injuries.

I will wager that not one home in 50 in Philadelphia has any practical means of extinguishing fires, not even a pail of water, and if they had a pail it could not be found when needed.

Mr. Donnelly's idea that householders be compelled to provide themselves with fire extinguishers is a good one. If some of the money that is now spent for weapons that are more apt to do harm than good was invested in fire extinguishers, life and health would be conserved—not to mention the saving of property and reduction in insurance premiums. In this last item alone I believe it would not be long before a saving in excess of the small sum expended for fire protection would be effected.

WANTED: "SOCIAL STATESMANSHIP" To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—Your editorial headed "The Voice of the Nation" is reasonable and sane, but what has caused the war in Europe and will cause war here sooner or later.

What pleasure in life has the average workman of today? What pleasure in "living" against any abuse, such as, for instance, the exorbitant price of coal, amount to?

He would feel a lot like shouldering a gun for men who are plotting continually as to how near they can come to freezing or starving and his family to death—I don't think . . .

What we want, and what we are soon going to have in this country, is a system of putting the kind of men in Congress and the White House who will pay some attention to the health and comfort of the people and not leave them to the tender mercies of a lot of wolves in the shape of men.

The United States ought to learn a lesson from Europe just now—that is, the people who imagine they are the United States—and show some evidence of the care and protection which we need so badly from the bunch of millionaires who have been "legally" plundering the country for the last half century.

If they are wise, they will see the handwriting on the wall and take a leaf out of Henry Ford's book, entitled "Concerning Preparedness."

There's no good in "blood money," and never was. We need a few good men to put a stop to gambling in the necessities of life—cornering anything the people must have is a crime—worse than murder. JOHN J. FLEMING, Philadelphia, March 6.

GERMANY AFTER THE WAR

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—Your editorial entitled "Verdun and Victory" tells the story. Ever since the beginning of the war the persons representing the German Government have been trying to impress upon the minds of the lower classes that the war was for the purpose of Germany maintaining her mercantile prestige, and that they were fighting for their wives and families against a ruthless invader.

The nobility, aristocracy and wealthy classes of Germany want to retain their power over the lower classes indefinitely. If they had told the people that the war was for the purpose of maintaining the dynasty of the Hohenzollerns it would have been more truthful. How long will it be before the American people realize this fact?

Are they so imbued with love for the Hohenzollerns that they have lost their sense and judgment? You would think so to hear them talk. They cannot but realize that Germany, by her acts of barbarity, such as the sinking of the Lusitania, employment of asphyxiating gas in the trenches, undersea craft, Zeppelin warfare on women and children, the murder of the nurse, has incurred the ill-will of the whole civilized world.

There is only one hope for Germany, and that is the obliteration of the Hohenzollerns forever. It may be caused by internal dissensions, if not

LANGUAGE ON THE MOVE

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The language is growing right before our face and eyes. "Jitney" as an adjective is coming in. Let's hope it will stay. It's a good word. Vice President Marshall referred the other day to "Jitney Jurists." William Allen White has written of "Jitney statesmen." The phrases are at least as good as "peanut politician."

"Jitney" existed before the auto of that name, but it took the sudden and temporary craze over the five-cent bus to give the language a vital addition. Watch the language grow and read the newspaper therefor.

LEIGH RAYMOND, Philadelphia, March 7.

THE MATTER WITH THE WORLD

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—In reading a novel last evening I came across the following passages, which struck me very forcibly as being applicable to the conditions in Europe:

"We must do nothing to put an end to war, as the lower masses of humanity show such frightful fecundity; and, while the upper classes produce so many pretty gentlemen with no brain power above the military level, the great peril of our time is superfluous population. Our academic statesmen are trying to solve the problem by pedagogy through the solution found in the schools of Mars. Europe and the world in general are suffering from plethora. The remedy is the old-fashioned one of blood letting. Civilization needs nothing so much as a decimating when occasion presents itself."

Were not these the views of the war lords in Germany when they started the present war? Then again it goes on to say: "We have less self-reliant courage, less self-directing energy, but we are not a whit less brutal, less selfishly eager to tear and rend and get the better of each other. We have substituted craft, cunning, duplicity, hypocrisy, for the claws, fangs and stoneware with which we used to settle our rivalries and terminate our disputes and accomplish our desires. But we are just as pitiless in our new way as we were in the old; just as determined to profit by the weakness and misfortune of our fellows; just as treacherous in our friendship. Where self-interest arises."

QUOTATION. Philadelphia, March 6.

FAMILIAR YET HALF FORGOTTEN

You've read the Declaration of Independence, of course, but how about re-reading it now? Following is the introduction to the list of grievances and our motto should say, here is the statement of principles:

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

"We hold these truths to be self-evident—that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Refresh your memory of the preamble of the Constitution, which is as follows: "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

DIVISION THEN AND NOW

The country is indeed divided in its European war sympathies, but there is no reason to despair of the republic on that account. The country holds merely divided loyalties, as when the French Revolution and the Napoleonic wars were in progress. Those who are most distressed over present divisions should recall the fact that during the administrations of George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison our population was far more homogeneous in race and origin than it has ever been since; but the Americans of those days divided in their sympathies just the same.—Springfield Republican.

ATALANTA

When spring grows old, and sleepy winds Set from the south with odors sweet, I see my love in green, cool groves, Speed down dusk aisles on shining feet.

She throps a kiss and bids me run, In whisp'ers sweet as roses' breath; I know I can not win the race, And at the end, I know, is death.

But joyfully I bare my limbs, Anoint me with the tropic breeze, And feel through every sinew run The vigor of Hippomenes.

O race of love! we all have run Thy happy course through groves of spring, And care not, when at last we lost, For life or death or anything, —Maurice Thompson.

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

- QUIZ 1. Who is the defender of Verdun? 2. What was the longest reign in England? 3. Where is Kiev? Why is it important? 4. What is the reason for the present opposition to the President in Congress? 5. What is the meaning of the word "homonymy"? 6. What is the great automobile center in the United States? 7. Who is the Prime Minister of Ireland? 8. What provinces did France lose in the Franco-Prussian War? 9. Who is the Earl of Palatine? 10. What is the meaning of "March" (the month)?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia. 2. Systems of shorthand writing have been in use since the 5th century, B. C., but their general use dates from the publication of Sir Isaac Pitman's book on stenography, in 1837. 3. Agriculture. 4. The Blue Hills Reservation, adjoining Boston, is larger than Fairmount Park. 5. According to the operators, a ton of steel coal costs \$3.25 at the mine. 6. A house inspector may enter any house between the hours of 8 in the morning and 6 in the afternoon, whether the occupant is willing or not. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina. 10. A rifled field gun.

Ames Corners

The original ames corner was the corner of Paternoster Row and Ave Maria Lane, in London. The priests marched to St. Paul's Cathedral on Corpus Christi Day and they began to repeat the Lord's prayer in Latin in Paternoster Row. They finished it at the corner of Ave Maria Lane, where they said "Amen." A corner in the lobby of the old Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York was jocularly called the "Ames corner" because during the residence of the late Senator Platt at that hotel the Republican leaders of the State used to gather there on Sundays and talk politics. Mr. Platt called it his Sunday school class.

Texas Governors

Editor of "What Do You Know"—I. What is the name of the present Governor of Texas? I. Also the preceding Governor? M. M. 1. James E. Ferguson. 2. Oscar C. Colquhoun.

What Every Schoolboy Knows

Editor of "What Do You Know"—In this evening's EVENING LEDGER School Girl asks for a passage in Macaulay, beginning "Every schoolboy knows . . ." The second sentence in the essay on Lord Clive begins: "Every schoolboy knows who imprisoned Montezuma, and who strangled Atahualpa; . . ." The passage wanted, rather than the one given, although it can hardly be said to ascribe "a great number of things to the schoolboy's learning." W. A.

K. M. A. also says the passage can be found in Macaulay's essay on Lord Clive, and remarks that it gives "a number of facts which I am sure certainly did not know when I was a schoolboy."

Posthumous Fame

Editor of "What Do You Know"—These lines asked for by J. McN. "Their noonday never knows What names immortal are; 'Tis night alone that shows How star surpasseth star," are by Father Tabb, J. McN.'s attention is called to the second line, as it varies with his quotation. H. S. LAW.

True Worth

Editor of "What Do You Know"—I should like very much to get a copy of the poem beginning: True worth is in being, not seeming; In doing each day that goes by, Some little good—not in dreaming Of great things to do by and by. I should also like to know who wrote it. I. L. D.

Can any reader find this poem for I. L. D.?

Ambassadors to Germany

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Who was the first American Ambassador to the German Empire? U. H. J. Empire? Theodore Runyon, of New Jersey, was the first American diplomatic representative to hold the rank of ambassador to the court of the Kaiser. George Bancroft, of New York, was ever the first United States minister sent to the new German Empire founded in 1871.

Church Settings

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Out of your correspondents asked for the number of sittings in the churches of the United States and in the churches in Philadelphia. I do not know the latter, but according to the census figures for the year 1906, there were accommodations in the churches of the whole country for 55,524,836, an increase in six years of 14,974,767. There are no figures available for the capacity of the churches in 1915. K. C. D.

United States Secret Service

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Who is the chief of the United States Secret Service Department? M. G. D. William J. Flynn, of New York.