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He knows little who will tell his wife all he knows.—Thomas Fuller.

Mrs. Asquith is a bigger man than Colonel Roosevelt. She won a verdict of \$5000 in her libel suit.

Bryan is certainly a man of peace. When he was called a liar he did not even raise his voice in anger.

Now that Vice President Marshall has said that Tom Taggart is all right, who is so brave as to dispute it?

Interest in the war was suspended while the Methodists read the list of assignments of pastors yesterday.

Those London business men who cabled to Galveston that peace is in sight must have used a powerful telescope.

If Verdun is the Gettysburg of the present war, who will make himself immortal by writing another poem on "High Tide"?

The Governor is said to hope for an amicable agreement on the list of delegates at large, but his advisers are using queer methods to bring it about.

The artificial aurora borealis around City Hall will not hold a candle to the light of friendship with which the advertising men will be greeted here.

Dudley Field Malone does not bite the hand that made him—Collector of the Port of New York. He says that the President's foreign trade policy has been brilliantly successful.

The Mayor has once more assured the people that they may have what they want. Then why does he not stop monkeying with the transit plans which the people approved last year?

Mr. Wilson wants Congress to adjourn before the presidential canvass begins. Is it because he is afraid that if it remains in session longer it will spoil his chances of reelection?

every victory of frightfulness is a definite loss for the future. They still believe that frightfulness can win the war. The liberals and their adherents may despair over the military situation, but despair does not drive them to madness.

A MONTH AT VERDUN

The attack on Verdun began four weeks ago. The conditions at the fortress give the defenders an enormous advantage, and after the first surprise the French proved equal to their task.

IT IS a month and a day now since the actual battle for the possession of Verdun began. Those who followed the extraordinary series of attacks which preceded the battle will recall that on February 2, when the rush on Douaumont began, the offensive against the British on the Yser was still the dominating piece of news.

To understand the fighting at Verdun it is necessary to remember that the fortress juts eastward from the line of the French front and is a perpetual threat to the communication of the German forces.

The actual fighting, under these conditions, demanded almost superhuman courage from those making the attack, and resistance comparably fierce on the part of the defenders.

In the second stage the French line had stiffened remarkably. Joffre had himself come to Verdun, and Petain had displaced Humbert in command. There could be no surprise and the battle for Vaux was a heartbreaking disaster for the troops of the Crown Prince.

The summary of a month's activity on a front which is very limited in comparison with the wide stretches of both Russia and the line from Flanders down can hardly be encouraging to Germany.

It is not to be expected that the present lull in the fighting is an indication that Verdun has been given up by those to whom the fortunes of the war are bound.

Time is also on the side of the Allies in their efforts to enlist the few remaining neutrals of southern Europe. If after four weeks of fighting which has strained every Teutonic fibre nothing definite and far-reaching has been accomplished, it is likely that Rumania will be pliant or Greece more than neutral.

THE STEAM ROLLER IS OUT OF DATE

STEAM-ROLLER methods in the organization of the Republican National Convention four years ago were largely responsible for the split in the party.

The report from Chicago that William Barnes has been attempting to bring about the choice of Senator Sutherland or some other standpat conservative as temporary chairman indicates that Barnes, at least, has not learned anything in four years.

It must be an open convention, with all contests decided on their merits. It must be representative of the voters at large.

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Tom Daly's Column

DARBY AND JOAN

They come into the parlor car And take their seats beside me. How very commonplace they are! I know my wife would chide me, And call it rude of me to stare.

I've watched them for a hundred miles! I'd watch another hundred, To share the paradise that smiles Around them! How I blundered, To call this couple commonplace. Youth's glory and Romance's Play sunnily about each face.

We pulled a "boner" yesterday; forgot to mention the date of that old Sat. Eve. Post. It was January 31, 1823.

IT HAS been out pleasure and misfortune to attend many dinners and to listen to many wise and otherwise japy-juglers, including myself, but our sore sides declare to us this morning (Tuesday) that one bit of foolery pulled at the dinner of the Curtis Club on Monday night was unusual.

The toastmaster started it. "He was sorry," he said, "to introduce a business matter on such an occasion, but, etc., etc." Thereupon the chief devil arose and announced prosily that it had been decided the time was now ripe to publish to the world the "Curtis Honor List," a list of those men and women who, having given of their best and having by their fidelity and interest contributed to the success of the Curtis publications, were worthy of the Curtis Company's gratitude.

A glass fell from a table and crashed on the floor. But the reader proceeded—"R. L. Adams, J. Adams, Mrs. L. S. Adams—" A tin waiter slipped its moorings and rattled rambunctiously. This sort of thing went on for several minutes. Finally the toastmaster broke in. "Look here," said he, "what is this thing you're pulling off?"

THE MAJORITY A pretty woman's always vain, But then—and more's the pity!—The average woman's vain because She merely thinks she's pretty. A. Grouch.

An article from Constantinople, brought by the German papers of the 5th, would persuade us that the Sultan is determined upon prosecuting the war, as the orders he has issued for the increasing his army show; but such a policy he would pursue, were he disposed to make peace.

IN VIEW of recent rumors of Turkey's desire to negotiate a separate peace, the above quotation from the Saturday Evening Post is interesting. Tep, it is; it's from that issue of the Saturday Evening Post of January 31, 1913, which Ruth Plumly Thompson loaned to us. The Turks and Slavs were mixing it up then as now.

Our Village Poet Has a Rival

Is this place growing? Well, I should say it does. At the present time it consists of two grist mills, store, hotel, doctor, creamery, dressmaker, barber, blacksmith, planing mill, cider press, photograph gallery and butcher.

A BUNY TOWN The farmers are busy feeding their stock, And also take time to mow a few rocks. The preacher is kept busy at his sermons, As at war are the busy Germans. The dressmaker is kept busy at her work, From which she never shirks. The doctor is kept busy, So that he has no time for worrying. The butcher is kept busy at his whet, Grinding up the golden meal. The miller is kept busy at his wheel, Grinding up the golden meal. The farmer is kept busy in his shop So that he has hardly time to eat pork chops. The bartender has no time to go to the window, For he is kept busy selling "Merry Widow." The merchant is kept on the go, And has no time to say who.

FRANK DOONER says this is new: The colored witness gave his name as "Fertilizer Johnson." "Surely that's not your name," said the Judge. "Yes, sah; ef yo' doan' believe me dar's mah muddah ober yondeh." "Yas, Judge," the mother explained, "yo' see, mah name's Eliza an' mah husband's he's Ferdinand, so we done made up a name fo' to honor de father and de mother."

Back "Your company's horribly slow about filling orders," complained the irate customer. "Oh, we're not so bad as we were," replied the clerk. "No? Well, I ordered some goods early in October and I haven't got them yet." "That so? What year, 1914 or 1915?"

HAIR-RAISING HEADLINES FROM BARBER-QUE MEXICO "U. S. troops will comb Mexico." "Cavalry combing mountains." "Villa whisks away." "Troops have brush with snipers." "Bandits escape by close shave." "Next!" S. M.

The Worst That Ever Happened Before that the initials M. and P. in front of a name, O'Flaherty, were the first letters of Michael and Patrick, and discovering that they stood for Montgomery and Pietro. It came like a bolt from the blue. It was a bolt from the green. L. C. G.

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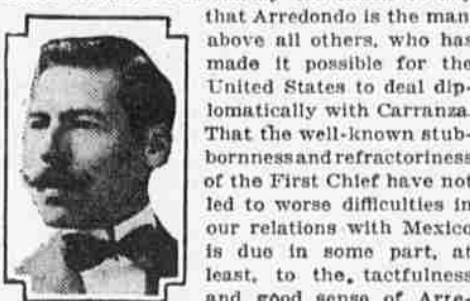
The sale of tickets has been so brisk that every seat has been disposed of.

ARREDONDO, THE MEXICAN DIPLOMAT

Carranza Fortunate in His Representative at Washington—Ambassador Designate Has Statesmanlike Qualities

MEXICO hasn't a full-fledged Ambassador to the United States any more than she has a government de jure in her own country, but she has in Eliseo Arredondo a representative of statesmanlike qualities, whose service to his homeland must be reckoned in superlative terms.

Arredondo is the man, above all others, who has made it possible for the United States to deal diplomatically with Carranza. That the well-known stubbornness and refractoriness of the First Chief have not led to worse difficulties in our relations with Mexico is due in some part, at least, to the tactfulness and good sense of Arredondo. He takes a broader view of things in general than Carranza, and that fact explains a great deal.



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THE STUMBLING BLOCK



took over the building. Arredondo, as confidential agent, was in better grace at the State Department than any of the other representatives of Mexican factions in Washington, either before or since the break. In fact, he was very well liked by official Washington and his appointment as Ambassador was received with pleasure.

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What Do You Know?

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

- 1. Is the Statue of Liberty in New Jersey or New York?
2. What is a watt?
3. Who is Jess Willard?
4. Who wrote "The Marble Faun"?
5. Where is the geographical center of the United States?
6. How does the population of Philadelphia compare with that of Petrograd?
7. Who was the War Governor of Pennsylvania?
8. Is Portugal a monarchy or a republic?
9. Has Philander C. Knox ever been elected to office by vote of the people?
10. Who is the most distinguished man of letters in the Senate?

- Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. William Sharp.
2. St. Petersburg is 39 miles southwest of Tampa, on Tampa Bay.
3. The Nobel prize for physics was divided in 1913 between Thomas A. Edison and Nicola Tesla.
4. The Franklin Institute was founded partly with funds left by Benjamin Franklin, the education of apprentices.
5. North and south.
6. Good Friday, April 21, is the next legal holiday.
7. No.
8. Senator Penrose was born in Philadelphia.
9. Four.
10. Washington Irving.

From the Prayer Book Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Please advise me of the originator of the phrase, "In the midst of life we are in death"; also, where it first occurred. A. D. W. The phrase is found in the burial service in the Book of Common Prayer. It is derived from a Latin antiphon said to have been composed by Notker, a monk of St. Gall, in 911, while watching some workmen building a bridge at Martins Becke, in peril of their lives. It forms the groundwork of Luther's antiphon, "De Moris."

David Graham Phillips Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Will you kindly tell me how, when and where David Graham Phillips, the author, met his death? A. M. C. David Graham Phillips was shot on January 24, 1911, in front of the Authors' Club, 517a street and 7th avenue, New York.

"The Inevitable" Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Can you give me the name of the author and text of the poem beginning "Like the man who faces what he must, With a heart of cheer?" M. C. N. This sonnet is by Sarah K. Bolton. It is called "The Inevitable," and runs as follows: I like the man who faces what he must, With step triumphant and a heart of cheer; Who fights the daily battle without fear; Whose hopes fall, yet keeps unflinching true; That God is God; that somehow, true and just, His plans work out for mortal; not a tear is shed when fortune, which the world holds dear, Falls from his grasp; better with love a crust Than living in dishonor; evies not; Nor loses faith in man, but does his best; Nor ever mourns over his humbler lot. But, with a smile and words of hope, gives out To every toiler; he alone is great Who by a life heroic conquers fate.

Newspaper Illustrating Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Can you tell me where in Philadelphia I could study newspaper illustrating on Saturday afternoon? The best way to learn newspaper illustrating is to take a technical course at an art school. If you have not time for this, the best method would be to take private lessons in the work and to practice assiduously at copying the work of the best illustrators. There is no short cut to a knowledge of drawing.

Variations of William Editor of "What Do You Know?"—I would be obliged if you could furnish me with the equivalent of William in other languages. ETYMOLOGIST German, Wilhelm; French, Guillaume (compare guai and ward for the "Gu-W" equivalent); Italian, Guglielmo; Dutch, Willem; Latin, Guilielmus; Russian, Vladimir.

Darby and Suburbs Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Maybe you can tell me what class of city Darby is in relation to Philadelphia. J. K. T. where is Colwyn? (1) Darby comes under the borough form of government, with a Chief Burgess and a Council of one member. (2) Colwyn is a name applied to one section of Darby borough.

Anagrams Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Please tell me (1) how to construct an anagram, and (2) give me some samples. (1) An anagram is the transposition of the letters in a word or phrase in such wise that new words or words will be grammatical and appropriate to the original meaning. There must be no surplus letters. This is the structure of two simple anagrams are, "There are—thee and 'Flutter by—butterfly." More elaborate anagrams are easier to solve than to build. "The hopeless lung—Mephistopheles' leer" One of the best anagrams ever made is "Woe is the lot of the victor in the battle of the Marston." "Honor comes from the Nile" is based on "The Nile is the life of Egypt." "Victor in the battle of the Marston" is "Woe is the lot of the victor in the battle of the Marston." W. J. C.