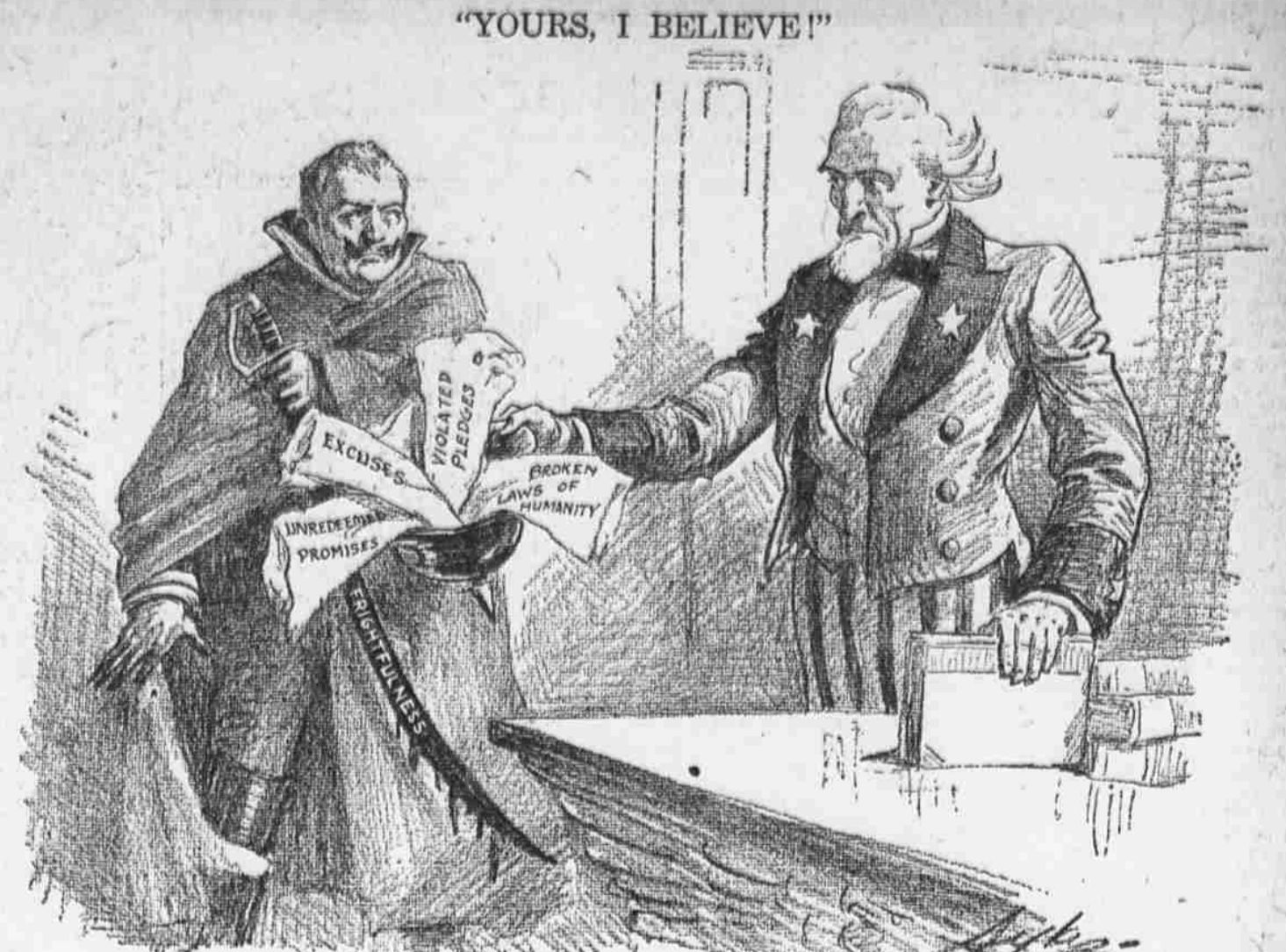


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not only for the Lusitania but particularly for the repudiation of the Arabie. The loss of 115 Americans on the Lusitania was a wild crime, but it is a small thing in comparison with the loss of American independence.

Tom Daly's Column

APPLYING THE SERMON
'O! the pastor's sermon was splendid this mornin'
Said Nora O'Hare,
'But there's some in the parish that must have had warnin'
An' worshipping elsewhere;
But wherever they were, if their ears wasn't burnin',
Troth, then, it is queer!



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PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1916.
By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world.

BE AMERICANS THIS DAY

THE breaking point in the relations between the United States and Germany has been reached. Fulfilling his promise made when the Gore and McLemore resolutions were before Congress, the President has summoned both Houses, to put before them the conditions of the country. This momentous meeting of Congress falls on the one hundred and first anniversary of the battle of Lexington.

If the independence of the United States was worth buying in blood on the field of Lexington and at the bridgehead of Concord, it is worth preserving today. It is worth preserving for a united people, for a people standing with their President and upholding his hands.

And, God helping us, we will preserve it.
Villa may be only playing 'possum.

The man who described Peck's bad boy is dead, but the boy survives under a thousand other names.

If General du Pont should be nominated, lack of fireworks in the campaign would not be due to his inability to provide them.

British pride managed to withstand the blow of a withdrawal from the Dardanelles. But, then, the heir to the British throne was not directing the work.

Now that the 800 razor-makers have had their wages increased they may be able to make a blade sharp enough for the use of the factional hair-splitters in Pennsylvania politics.

The Ford peace delegates have given up trying to get the boys out of the trenches and are now seeking to get Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro away from the Teutonic Allies.

Slogan of the Taft Republicans—"Hughes or bust!"—Brooklyn Eagle.
As they carried only two States in 1912, they would not make a very big noise if they should bust.

In this report that the Mayor was pulling wires six months before his nomination intended to create the impression that he really had something to do with his selection as his party's candidate?

The aviators of the Allies have taken a lesson from the German book. They are assuming that the minarets of Constantinople are military observatories and are dropping bombs on them, to the scandal and derision of the Mussulmans.

The millionaires around Rittenhouse Square have no monopoly on spring blossoms. The humblest two-story house can be made a thing of beauty at this season by putting flower boxes on the window sills, to the delight of the people inside and to the delectation of those who pass by on the street.

Paral was noted before the Mexicans attacked General Pershing's troops there. The city, which has more than 6000 population, is in the heart of the wine-growing district, and all the books say that it is famous for a particularly fine quality of argentine, which, being translated, means fire water.

The New England Methodists have decided by a unanimous vote at the annual conference to permit young people to dance, go to the theatre and the circus and to participate in other forbidden amusements, which suggests various things, according to the temper of the mind on which the action of the conference rests.

No one can read the reports of the efforts of Berks County reformers to eliminate the stick from mince pie without indorsing Asa Bird Garner's famous remark about reform. The Board of Poor Directors has decided that whatever other innovation is to be introduced in the county almshouse, the inmates are to continue to have real mince pie. They deserve a vote of thanks for their humanity in preserving the gustatory delights for the unfortunate.

Francis Ouimet has passed from the rank of an amateur to that of a professional golf player by the ruling of the United States Golf Association because he is engaged in selling sporting goods. The ranks of the amateurs must be kept clear of professionalism even if the distinction between a man who plays for sport and a man who makes money by his play is enveloped in a hazy twilight so dense that it is as difficult to find as the last hole in the course in the shade after the sun has gone down.

They seem to know how to do things a little better in Russia. Consider the matter of the equipment of a commercial delegate now in this city studying trade conditions and making preparations for the rehabilitation of Russian commerce after the war. General Denissoff, the delegate, is president of the Russian Chamber of Export and is a member of the Imperial Council. He speaks French, German and English besides his native language, and is more familiar with our foreign trade than many American business men. He is qualified for the task in which he is engaged, and that is why he is engaged in it. The young American business man who wishes to fill a large place in the development of American commerce would do well to equip himself in the same way. If he wishes to expand American trade in Russia he should be able to speak Russian. If he understands French, German, Spanish and Portuguese he will be equipped to deal with business men in South America and Europe. There is more to the world than the United States, but we have been so busy with our own affairs that we have not given the attention to the affairs of other nations that we should. A little German kultur could be applied to the conduct of American business with profit to the man engaged in it. The Russians began to apply it some time ago.

AND "SUGAR" IS SLANG FOR CUSH
THE fact that Wilmington is trying to raise \$325,000 for a Free Library may not interest so much and so many as the fact that the Campaign Director is Edgar T. Honey and the Assistant Director, Henry Candy.

PATRIOT-LET
To be the champion of right,
My native country you essay,
To cope with overbearing might,
To be the champion of right,
May that be ever your delight;
Nor wisdom's guidance disobey
To be the champion of right,
My native country, U. S. A.

SOME days ago M'Liss told a story about a couple who broke up family life because they scrapped about who should get out of bed and turn out the lights when they were through reading.

Let out the dog, throw my burned matches, etc., into the fire, sweep up the hearth, arrange what's left of the logs, lock seven windows and two doors, arrange three evening papers on the table, wind two clocks, find the missus' spectacle case, pick up two spoons of thread, a thimble and two knitting needles from the floor, help the missus off the couch, give her a drink of water, put out the lights, see that the gas isn't burning in the kitchen, fix the furnace, bring up wood for next day's open fire, let in the dog, stow two kids, open their windows, explain what effect the battle of Verdun will have on the price of flour, turn out some shades, turn on some others, pull-down some shades, go down stairs and get the missus' book that she forgot, read a bit, explain what a primary is, take the missus' book and glasses, put them on the table, get up, see that the kids are still stowed, arrange two down quilts, open three windows, put out the last light and try to think up some good excuse for not having called up the plumber about the kitchen tubs. And I'm the happiest guy in the whole world.

Health Hint
To those who go down to obesity in motorcars.
Where are the feet of yesterday?
Tucked in a handsome motorcar.
Why are men fat, their eyes less clear?
Because their feet are where they are.

FORD touring car, 1915, demountable rims, extra; run 2000 miles. \$2.50. Popular 1617-W. Classified Ad.

I HAD a new caddy all day yesterday. 'Twas a long haul and a heavy load for the lad and I helped him cut corners and eased up on him where I could. He was the sort of boy you'd like your son to be. On the last hole in the afternoon I sent him by a short cut to the top of the hill we drive over. Thus he saved some walking and could watch our drives for us. Our boy-wonder stepped to the tee and whaled a screamer low and dead on a line for my small boy. For an instant he didn't see it, and then he dived to safety by a hairbreadth as the ball whistled by. The clubs were on the ground. "Hey, boy! You should have taken those clubs with you; the ball might have hit them," called the enemy. All them golfing guys is wild.

Of Quite a Different Stamp
If liddle or lassie is haughty
We tame them by whipping discreetly
But give any stamp a good licking
And you see it get stuck up completely.

Indoor Sports
Trying to find the sporting page of the P. L. at the breakfast table.

Anagram Contest
LAST CALL! No entries will be considered that reach this office later than tomorrow's first mail.
'How's this for a final whoop?' asks Musica:
CAN TEST HAT ON A GERM.
Yesterday's:
Exact monies—Income taxes.
Bombs rule at sea—Submarine boats.
I am cruel! I hurt at arms—Articular rheumatism.

MEN ON HORSEBACK—AND THE DARK HORSE

America in the Throes of Inventing a Hero—Elements of Mystery and Legend That Gather About Presidential Timber

THEY tell us that after all it was Boswell who created Doctor Johnson and Plato who invented Socrates. The biographer is beginning to be recognized as a poet, a man with an imagination greater, very often, than the man he writes about. America is a poet, and every four years the country writes a great and romantic biography. It invents a hero—and then elects him President.

That these biographies tell white lies, fascinating fibs, does the country credit. It builds up an ideal man for itself. It sends him tingling with warm praise to the White House. It explains away his past errors as the result of red-blooded impulse, his evasive silences as signs of dignity and strength. And woe to him that flouts his fame and does not "measure up!"

Just how do we choose a President? Of course there is the machinery of primaries, conventions and election. To say such things create him would be like saying that the meals a poet eats produce his poems. The three real ways of creating a President are to acclaim a man a military or diplomatic hero—one and the same thing, for diplomacy is veiled war; to accept him as the political offspring of his powerful predecessor, or to identify his personality with the latest popular cry and breathe about him a legendary personification of the spirit of the nation. Summing up, these three ways are "Horseback," "Inheritance" and "Slogan."

There is a fourth way, which we can ignore: the accident of a party split resulting in a triangular fight, in which the best organized party, of course, wins. We can ignore that because third parties are transient in America.

Horseback and Idealism
There have been too many sneers at "the Man on Horseback." We always elect our military heroes President. But we do not elect our military heroes Governors and Mayors. We elect Governors and Mayors for some concrete success in some special field of legislative or business reorganization. But when it comes to a President, we do not look for the concrete, special effort. There must be a general glow about him, the earnest of all virtues—strength, the ideal sense about him of an all-embracing humanity conquering all obstacles. Of course we made out Grant and Roosevelt to be better than they were. But they suffered more than we did by our mistake. They were the vehicles of our idealism. We elected not them, but their horoscopes.

And this glamour sometimes stays with a man. It makes him capable of dictating his successor. The two great examples of such dictation are Van Buren and Taft. Van Buren was as different from Jackson, who forced his selection as his successor, as Taft is from Roosevelt, who said, "Take Taft or me." Van Buren's personality resembled Taft's in many ways, deliberate, circumspect, polite, unassertive, amiable. "You shall not dim my fame"—that is what Jackson and Roosevelt seemed to say of their mantle-bearers. In the second case there seems to have been an even deeper foresight in the selection, as if the Colonel had said, "You shall not spill my third cup of coffee."

But the important point—pathetic, beautiful, if you will—is that the majority of a whole hundred million people should put their faith in one man and let him choose their king. For such methods are royal. There has been much idle talk about the analogy between our Presidents and kings. But the most important attribute of kings abides in the President, after all. Both represent the whole people directly and not a section or a party. The Premier of England leads a party. There would be the same loss to the spirit of English nationality through the loss of the monarchy as there would be to the spirit of American nationality through the loss of the presidency.

It is not a bad thing that we play the national anthem as our President enters, that we pore over the pictures of his sons and daughters and grandchildren, that we thrill and raise our hats at his passing. The meaning of his office is more than the man. A great President sometimes legislates. But a greater President does not legislate. He leads.

Why Slogans Are Needed
The third way of creating a President—by identifying him with a slogan—is just now the most interesting. For we have no hero and no inheritor. The catchword will win. The weakness of Wilson, so far in the campaign, is the lack of a slogan. His effort to take "Preparedness" from Roosevelt has not been particularly convincing. The best slogan the supporters of Wilson could use might be something like this, which courage to do what

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.

- 1. What is the Duma?
2. Name the planets in our solar system.
3. Which State is called the "Nutmeg State"?
4. For what is Constantine the Great distinguished from the Roman Emperors who preceded him?
5. Of three bars of exactly the same size, one of iron, one of gold and one of lead, which one is heaviest?
6. What is "the humidity"?
7. What is a carat?
8. Who wrote "Ivanhoe"?
9. With what title is the Vice President of the United States addressed by Senators when he presides in the Senate?
10. What was the mammoth?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Ardolph L. Kline succeeded Mayor Gaynor when the latter died during his term of office.
2. By "pork" is meant appropriations sought by legislators to help their political fortunes in their own districts.
3. "Copperheads" were Northern Democrats who were Southern sympathizers during the Civil War.
4. Assistant Secretary of the Navy.
5. "Meyer" is pronounced in that country as "May-hee-co" or "May-see-co."
6. Former Governor George W. Peck, of Wisconsin, was the author of "Peck's Bad Boy."
7. Heroin is a morphine derivative. It cannot be sold except to licensed chemists and doctors or through doctors' prescriptions.
8. The English shilling being usually the equivalent of about 24 1/2 cents, the forin, or two shillings, is 48 1/2 cents; the pound or sovereign, 48, 80, and the guinea, or 21 shillings, about \$5.11. The crown, five shillings, is about \$1.32.

Mason and Dixon's Line

Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Please publish the exact location of Mason and Dixon's line. B. U. BUENA.

The line is the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania. Its latitude is 39 degrees, 43 minutes and 25.3 seconds north.

When Typewriters "Came In"

Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Will you please tell me when the typewriter came into general use and about when it was invented? H. E. H.

Up to 1868 typewriters were mere illustrations of sporadic genius, occurring as the pet hobby of impractical persons. In that year the first patent for a practical machine was obtained. The typewriter was first introduced to the general public about 1873 by Sholes, Glidden and Soule, the inventors, all of whom lived in Milwaukee, Wis. Fewer than 8000 typewriters were manufactured between 1873 and 1882, but after that year the spread of the machines was rapid.

Standard Time

Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Will you kindly let me know what is meant by "standard time" in the United States and how it was established? H. E. H.

Primarily for the convenience of the railroads, a standard of time was established by mutual agreement in 1883 by which trains are run and the time regulated. According to this system, the United States is divided into four time sections, each 15 degrees of longitude, equivalent to one hour, commencing with the 75th meridian. The first, or Eastern, section includes all territory between the Atlantic coast and an irregular line drawn from Detroit to Charleston, S. C. The second, or Central, section includes all the territory between the last-named line and an irregular line from Hamarck, N. D., to the mouth of the Rio Grande. The third, or Mountain, section goes to a line near the western borders of Idaho, Utah and Arizona. The fourth, or Pacific, section covers the rest of the country to the Pacific coast. At 12 noon here it is 11 o'clock a. m. in Chicago (Central time), 10 o'clock at Denver (Mountain time) and 9 o'clock at San Francisco (Pacific time).

Reality of Haroun Al Rashid

Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Can you tell me if the caliph who figures in "Arabian Nights" Haroun Al Rashid, was a real or a mythical figure, and if real, will you please tell me some of the facts of his life? G. K. L.

He was the fifth of the Abbasside caliphs and was born about 766 A. D. In his reign the capital of his empire, Baghdad, became the most flourishing city of the period. Tribute was paid to Haroun from all quarters. He loved luxury and pleasure and was a patron of the arts. He was celebrated in countless songs and stories, and is best known in the West as the caliph around whom centre the tales of the "Arabian Nights." In 803 he caused the Visitor, his four sons and all his other companions on his nocturnal rambles and adventures to be executed. There followed a period of rebellion and disorder, during which the caliph died.

Wellington's Remark on Battles

Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Can you tell me who it was that said, "Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won?" R. T.

The sentence occurs in a dispatch written by the Duke of Wellington, victor in the battle of Waterloo, in the year 1815.

Highest Altitude in the State

Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Will you please tell me the highest altitude in Pennsylvania and what that altitude is? F. G. U.

The highest altitude is Mt. Kinzua, Bedford County. It is 2136 feet high.