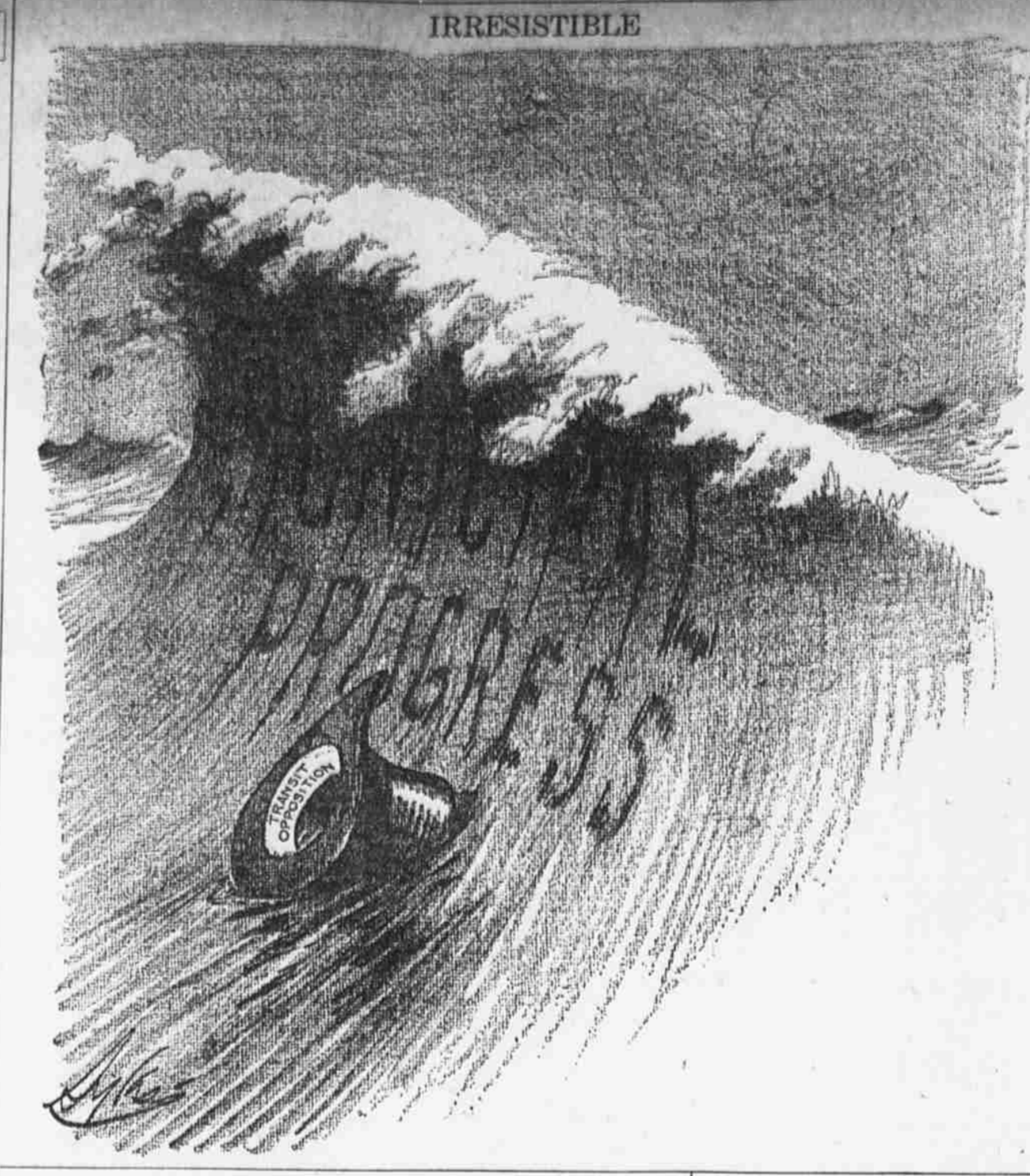


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WE EXULT... A prodigious victory has been won. It is not only a triumph in the material result achieved, but it marks also an era in municipal progress and government in the United States.

Tom Daly's Column... Song of Wedlock XVI PERENNIAL MAY... May walks the earth again, This old earth, and the same Green spirits of tender flame.



DAYS OF ROMANCE GET SECOND WIND... Notion That Modern Times Are Matter of Fact Is Dying a Natural Death—Some Heroes That Recall Days of Yore... WE HAVE been so meekly accustomed to the idea that Romance does not thrive in the modern field that when that exotic flower drops its crimson petals at our feet we have been inclined to brush them aside as if they were cabbage leaves.

That man's the best cosmopolite Who loves his native country best.—Tennyson... Roosevelt has carried Vermont by a majority of 2 to 1 in favor of Hughes.

THE He that Philadelphia is slow was naited yesterday... The way the voters waded through the muck of misrepresentation, anonymous obstructionism and sordid abuse was a revelation—a revelation not only to hold-backs but also to the people themselves of the prodigious power which is theirs when they wish to use it.

HOW on earth will they know when "everybody wants to go to bed," if somebody doesn't yawn?... Tribute to A. Taylor... Hark! the strains of Victory's chants Thrill the city's wide expanses!

THE READERS' OPEN FORUM

Real Preparedness Said to Consist of Pride in One's Country—An Interesting Collection of Counting-out Rhymes

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—During this season of preparedness discussion there are many who keep quiet yet feel the meaning of it all. I myself have often had such a feeling, and now I will explain what it is.

South Carolina is quite liberal in supplying the following: William O. Trinity was a good fisherman, He caught hens and put them in pens; Some laid eggs and some laid none; Heedfully, specklety, trip and begone.

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. How did the President's Cabinet get its name? 2. What is meant by setting a saw? 3. What is the chief ground for the theory that Mars is inhabited? 4. Where are the sources of the Delaware River?

Fifty Dollar Gold Pieces

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Have \$50 gold pieces ever been struck by the United States Mint? R. S.

Police Bicycle Regulations

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Will you kindly publish the complete police regulations for the riding of a bicycle in the street? P. C.

What Japan Got From China

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Can you tell me briefly what Japan obtained as a result of the ultimatum of May 7, 1915? O. H.

What the country would like to see would be less senatorial courtesy and more senatorial brains.

The main objection of Germany to the British starvation campaign seems to be that it is succeeding.

Great Britain seems to have had no difficulty in deciding what to do with Ireland's ex-president.

Sir Roger Casement's plot would have been just as reasonable if it had not been marked "Made in Germany."

Before long we may expect a bill in Congress "to prevent boys from using their fists." But they'll use them just the same.

We are told that the police were not in politics yesterday. Just what would the police do if they were in politics?

The Administration shipping bill will probably be as satisfactory as the compromise army bill. But there is a consolation in the gag rule under which it will pass.

The purchase of \$400,000 worth of ground in the Logan section for building purposes in the last ten days is not an indication of the futility of transit extensions.

Democrats hope to put a Tariff Commission bill through in time to take the wind out of Republican sails before the conventions. Speed is possible in Congress—for political effect.

The Irish rebels were led by school-masters and others who understood such "highbrow" phrases as "the Gaelic Renaissance." But it was an Irish peasant who upset the Casement treason and testified against Sir Roger.

When I took office the newspapers criticized me; I shall now attempt to conduct my Administration so as to win the support of every newspaper.—Mayor Smith.

Do not rest too perfect, Mr. Mayor. You wouldn't look well with wings.

Reflecting in his triumph in having prevented any real preparedness, Mr. Hay says that it is going to take five years to recruit the army, anyhow, and by that time it may be reduced by subsequent legislation. If the army just had a few more friends like Mr. Hay, there wouldn't be any army.

About the most sensible thing a Senate committee has done in a long time was in declining to refer the whole question of railway mail pay to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a report. This means that the roads may reasonably expect to get paid according to the service they perform and not according to the political favor they happen not to enjoy.

If the United States had treated the telephone as it is treating its aeroplanes there would have been no event so striking as that of last night, when the ends of the country were connected with Philadelphia. In the connections 10,000 miles of wire were used, a signal tribute to the energies of pioneers. The telephone is a commercial necessity and it has been developed. The aeroplane is essential to defense, as is as our product as the telephone, may become the great arm of defense, yet its exploitation has been left to Europe and even our army, in time of need, lacks its blessing. There is a moral in this, but not a pleasant one.

So fully determined are the Republicans in the section known as down-town to put a stop to the high-handed and illegal methods which have been practiced there for a long time that the intention is openly expressed to proceed in the Federal Court to demonstrate conclusively to the people of the city and State the methods which have been employed for so many years to maintain a local political supremacy.—Statement by Senator Penrose.

Go to it, Senator! Then if the venue will only go to court also to show the methods employed for so many years by Penrose to maintain a local political supremacy in Pennsylvania, we may expect a puer atmosphere after the washing of so much dirty linen.

It must not be thought that the great millions which the bankers in the world while their thrift campaign say are waste annually all goes into their pockets. A lot of it, while not put into banks, goes into the hands of those who have foolish things to do with the money they earn. They send and send the children to school, and they waste it in their mad schemes to have children to feed.

WE comment the Mayor for having seen the light, and we hope that it will continue to guide him, but that sturdy citizen whom he would not have in his Cabinet is the citizen who, in this crisis, has borne the heat and burden of the day, and literally dragged success out of defeat. Let neither the Mayor nor anybody else forget that the two great triumphs for the people, which have been won within the last few months—transit and reduced electric light rates—have come through two former Directors in the Blankenburg administration, Taylor and Cooke. Yet last fall the politicians and gangsters were sneeringly asking what good a reform administration had done the city. By their works shall ye know them.

We anticipate and expect that the P. R. T., which has been silent these many months, will meet the wishes of the people of Philadelphia by a prompt and final adoption of the tentative operating agreement entered into two years ago. We believe that the comprehensive high-speed system presages a period of prosperity for the company as well as for the city. It is, indeed, a system which is certain to help rather than harm the company. Let it be hoped, therefore, that the P. R. T. will meet the situation in good spirit, and do its part in the final achievement of rapid transit.

It is important, too, that Councils trust factionalism aside, in view of the rebuke which has been given it, and move as quickly as technicalities will permit to the appropriation of whatever sums can be wisely used at this time. The Frankford L. already well under way, should be rushed to completion at the earliest possible moment. There is no reason now for delay, and no vestige of excuse for obstruction.

The sting of David was again true, and the people did make their verdict ring the bell.

THE chief topic of conversation among these Pennsylvania dons upon the road was the insignificance of the neighboring Province of Maryland when compared to that of Pennsylvania. They laid out all the advantages of the latter which their bungling judgment could suggest, and displayed all the imperfections and disadvantages of the first.

They enlarged upon the immorality, drunkenness, rudeness and immoderate swearing, so much practiced in Maryland, and added that no such vices were to be found in Pennsylvania. I heard this and contradicted it not, because I knew that the first part of the proposition was pretty true.

A BALTIMORE contemporary prints under a picture of some United States troops in Mexico this caption: "Cavalry of the expeditionary forces watering their horses in the shade of the blazing sun."

"And," comments B.V.R. who discovered it, "meanwhile Villa takes his siesta in the glare of a spreading pain, I suppose."

There was a young girl named Miss Horner, Who flirted upon a street corner; She lived quite a while In very great style— But now she has rage to adorn her. G. G.

The Leprechaun Jimmy Malone The queerest old crab of a man Was Jimmy Malone; He was built on the twistedest plan, He was bare skin an' bone, And he walked with a rickety limp, And he pounded along wid his cane, You'd think him the levin' of some little wizen'd old imp; 'Twas hard to imagine a crayture more crabbit and mane.

And, faith, he was quare, very quare, in his talk, Was old Jimmy Malone; Ay, quare, I think, than his looks an' his walk, You'd love him alone, If ever you heard him salutin' a wan that he met; For this was his 'top of the mornin'' to those that he knew, When he salutation a friend and acquaintance would get; "Bad luck to you, how do you do?" But this little man that jist looked like an imp and a fairy, Ould Jimmy Malone, Had something inside from the outside entirely contrary; His mind little curse was a quare twisted way of his own, To be wishin' good luck and 'God bless you'; You know by his twinklin' blue eye That he wished in his heart to curse you, Though he said but "Bad luck and good bye."

Kentucky supplies the following variation from one of Mr. Laredo's, the last two lines being: If your father chews tobacco, Out goes you. Somewhat similar to another of Mr. Laredo's also derived from other sources, is one I get from Kentucky: One-ery, two-ery, lickery, Ann, Phillion, Phillion, Nicholas, John, Query, query, English navy, Jicklow, sticklow, buck, My own recollection of this, in my youth, is that the two closing lines ran: Query, quab, Irish Mary, Squegum, squegum, buck. Kentucky and New Jersey combine in supplying the two following: Monkey, monkey, bottle o' beer, How many monkeys are there here? One, two, three, out goes she (or he). Erie, wire, lumber lock, Three geese in a flock, One one east and one flew west, And one flew over the cuckoo's nest, One, two, three, out goes she.

Kentucky, however, is alone with Nigger, nigger, never die, Black face and shiny eye, The second line sometimes varying with: Liver lip and shiny eye, K. C. Donagan.

Several refer to the blue sea in different forms, but usually with more care as to the rhyme than the following: Red, white and blue, All out but you; Right in the middle Of the dark blue sea. From New Jersey comes a variation of the "Ena Menas" verses in: Ena, mena, tipa, teney; Apple Jack and John Sweeney; Have a peach and a plum, Have a stick of chewing gum, Ena, mena, tipa, teney, Occapocha, dominocha, Om, bom, bus, Buggley, buggley, boo, Out goes she. Several refer to the blue sea in different forms, but usually with more care as to the rhyme than the following: Red, white and blue, All out but you; Right in the middle Of the dark blue sea. From New Jersey comes a variation of the "Ena Menas" verses in: Ena, mena, tipa, teney; Apple Jack and John Sweeney; Have a peach and a plum, Have a stick of chewing gum, Ena, mena, tipa, teney, Occapocha, dominocha, Om, bom, bus, Buggley, buggley, boo, Out goes she.

One of the most "trickling" ones which I have met is the following: My mother and your mother Was hanging out clothes, My mother gave your mother A punch on the nose, Did it hurt her? Say yes or no, Then spell y-e-s Spell yes and no, Out goes you. This is sometimes used with the first four lines only. In the specimen given above, commencing with "One-ery, two-ery, lickery, Ann," and "Phillion, Phillion, Nicholas, John," and sometimes use "devil" for the last word of the line. This was viewed by the smaller ones as bordering on the profane. I shall have to omit many of the variations which my collection contains, as well as remarks upon the possible origin of these curious rhymes and their widespread use, or the editor will look askance at the list. In closing I will only refer to the pleasing rhyme given by Mr. Eaton respecting the "Three Little Misses" that ran up the stairs "to hear Miss Blodget say her prayers." Of this I get a version in which but one mouse is the actor, and the author of the first two lines is brought before Miss B. with the stern command to complete the verse, which he does with the lines: Here I stand before Miss Blodget, She's going to strike and I'm going to dodge it. This is the more forcible, but not nearly so pleasing as where the three are the actors and all solemnly wait for the Amen and then run down again. J. A. ANDERSON, Laurelville, N. J., May 11.

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