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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. What the country would like to see

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

more senatorial brains.

Great Britain seems to have had o difficulty in deciding what to do with Ireland's ex-president.

Sir Roger Casement's plot would been just as treasonable if it had not been marked "Made in Germany,"

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

We are told that the police were in politics yesterday. Just what the police do' if they were in The Administration shipping bill

will probably be as satisfactory as the compromise army bill. But there is a plation in the gag rule under which it will pass. The purchase of \$400,090 worth of

ground in the Logan section for building purposes in the last ten days is not an ention of the futility of transit exten-Democrats hope to put a Tariff

the wind out of Republican sails before conventions. Speed is possible in Congreas-for political effect. 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 criticised me: I shall now attem to conduct my Administration so as sed me: I shall now attempt win the support of every newspaper .-

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

Refolcing in his triumph in having prevented any real preparedness, Mr. Hay tays 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 deciding to refer the whole question of railway mail pay to the Inratate Commerce Commission for a re-This means that the roads may reasonably expect to get paid according to the service they perform and not acearding 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 19,000 miles of wire were used, a signal tribute to the and gangsters were sneeringly asking shergies of pioneers. The telephone is a nercial necessity and it has been developed. The aeroplane is essential to defense, is as much 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 Rechilcans in the section known as down-wn to put a step to the high-handed and fliegal methods which have been fileed there for a long time that the estin is openly expressed to proamountrate 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. tatement by Senator Penr

Go to it, Senator! Then if the will only go to court also to show thads employed for so many years arose to maintain a local political mey in Pennsylvania, we may exs parer atmosphere after the washof so much dirty linen."

must not be thought that the allium which the bankers in the worth-white thrift campaign say wante annually all goes into who have foolish things to who use the money they care rept and send the children to was land pulleren to feed the boll,

and send to school. The most vital thrift campaign would be one which would tend to limit the number of people doing and making useloss things to a point near zero. Also to abolish all the Jobs which stupidly duplicate the work comprised in other Jobs.

#### 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.

THE lie that Philadelphia is slow was nalled 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.

Factionalism rampant was as harmless as a dove. The people cared nothing about it. They wanted rapid transit, They weren't fooled, and they couldn't be cajoled into a betrayal of their own interests. So they marched to the polls by the thousands, and stamped their O. K. so deep on the project that no politician will ever again trifle with it. They not only Indorsed the Taylor plan, but they gave also a mandate that it be pushed to completion, without undue delay and without hesitation.

This means a new Philadelphia. It means a growth in mere numbers of population far greater than the city has would be less senatorial courtesy and known since the Centennial. It means a grant of superb facilities to citizens, who will be able to find in Philadelphia as modern conveniences as are to be found in any city on the globe. It means an opportunity for broad, intelligent expansion, for the abolition of tenements, for every citizen to have light and air about his home, for working men to have a wider market for their labor. If work is not available in one part of the city. it will be no great inconvenience to work in another part of the city. It means a Philadelphia that will have nothing to do with lethargy, that has on its fighting armor, that will offer magnificent distribution facilities not only to its own people, but in its harbor a system of piers unexcelled, over which can move the commerce of a continent with dispatch and little expense. It means that the machinery is oiled and steam is up,

This newspaper in January lamented the loss to the city of the services of A. Merritt Taylor, but expressed the hope that in private life he would be as vigilant a protector of the public interests as he had been while in office. He has met our expectations and the expectations of the community. He leaped into the breach when the Mayor proposed an imission bill through in time to take abbreviated system; he plunged into the front line of battle when the factionalists boasted that they would smite the loan bill and inter it beyond hope of resurrection. The Irish rebels were led by school- They dreamed that their mercenaries could blight the future of Philadelphia, but they did not dream that a single leader with a vision, a man of brawn and mental muscle and an iron spine, would spike their guns and leave no more of themselves in evidence than the echo of leave and an another of the spike their guns and leave no more of the mental muscle and an iron spine, would spike their guns and leave no more of the mental muscle and an iron spine, would spike their guns and leave no more of the mental muscle and an iron spine, would spike their guns and leave no more of the mental muscle and an iron spine, would spike their guns and leave no more of the imperfections and disadvantages of the latter which their bungling judgment could suggest, and soldiers whose hears are fined with the lust of love for their beautiful with the lust of love for their bungling judgment could suggest, and soldiers whose hears are fined with the lust of love for their beautiful with the lust themselves in evidence than the echo of their brays.

Men can gather from the outcome of this campaign what real leadership means, particularly when it is inspired by devotion to a good cause. In this fight Mr. Taylor has towered like a Colossus over puny, insignificant and puffed-up politicians, who, when they found that opposition was useless, jumped for the bandwagon with the agility of fleas. We commend 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 any body 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 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 agree ment entered into two years ago. We believe that the comprehensive highspeed 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 thrust 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 er. A lot of it, while not put saritest possible moment. There is no m banks, goes into the hands reason now for delay, and no vestige of excuse for obstruction,

The sling of David was again true, and W. do then, may wante it on the people did make their verdict ring

## Tom Daly's Column

Songs of Wedlock

XVI PERENNIAL MAY May walks the earth again, This old earth, and the same Green spurts of tender flame Burn now on sod and tree That burned when first she came, Dear love, to you and me. If any change there be-A greater or a less Degree of loveliness-It is not ours to see, Dear love,

Not ours to feel or see. May thrills our hearts again, These old hearts, and the bough Burns not with blossoms now That blow more splendidly. For since our wedded vow Made one of you and me, If app change there be-A greater or a leas Degree of tenderness

It is not ours to see,

Dear love,

somebody doesn't yawn?

Not ours to feel or sec. You should know that each day's You should knew that each day's entertainment, during the convention, will be concluded with a cabaret performance, starting at 11 p. m. and ending when everybody wants to go to bed. How on earth will they know when "everybody wants to go to bed," if

Tribute to A. Taylor Hark! the strains of Victory's chants Thread the city's wide expants! All our folks are fuller glee-Save one little conterie; Seams this town we call our own Sure is fit to stand a loan! Now with money to invest We will not be sorely pressed, But the things we needle be Built for our posterity. Sew, if this be foolishness We are happy fools, no less, And we're glad (despite abuse) That we've been A. Taylor's goose!

Julia O'Grady and the Captain's lady Are sinters under their name. New York Sun THE last time I encountered the hus-I band of the last-named lady he was colonel by brevet in the British Army. Is it proper to inquire the reason for the apparently unwarranted demetion of this

Bean Boundaries

W. S. VARE

'I can keep my mouth tight . shut. I don't want to spill · Any secrets in this nut-

...... Dr. Alexander Hamilton

I am Brother Bill.

At Curtis's I met company going to Philadelphia, and was pleased at it, being myself an utter stranger to the roads. This company consisted of three men—Thomas Howard, Timothy Smith and William Morison. I treated them with some lemon punch, and desired the favour of their company. They readily granted my request, and stayed some time for me, till I had eat breakfast.

The chief topic of conversation among these three Pennsylvania dons upon the road was the insignificancy of the neighbouring Province of Maryland when compared to that of Pennsylvania. They laid out all the advances of the pared to that of Pennsylvania. They laid out all the advantages of the latter which

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

A Tabloid Sermon

The man who drinks "to beat the Dutch" And guzzles wine and stuff. First thinks enough is not too much-Then calls too much enough.

Phrazzled Phrases "To the nth power." 'In the last analysis.' "The idea is absolutely preposterous."

SPRING POEM The violet blue. Oak's a tree And so is yew.

ABALTIMORE 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 BVR, who discorered it, "meanwhile Villa takes his siesta in the glare of a spreading palm, I sup-

Naughty Girl 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 rags to adorn her.

The Leprechaun Jimmy Malone The quarest ould crab of a man Was Jimmy Malone;

He was built on the twistedest plan, He was built on the twistedest pian,
He was bare skin an' bons,
And he walked wid a rickety limp.
And he pounded along wid his cane,
You'd think him the lavin's of some little wizen'd ould imp;
'Twas hard to imagine a crayture more

crabbit and mane.

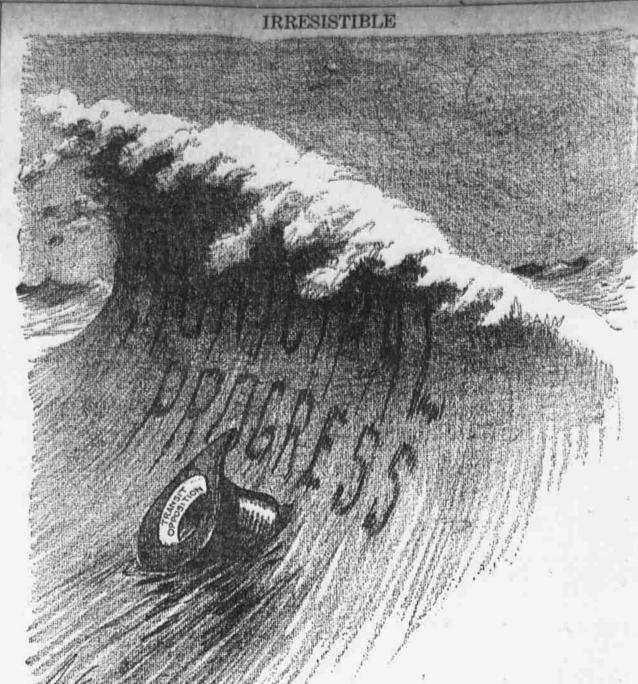
And, faith, he was quare, very quare, in his talk, Was ould Jimmy Malone; Ay, quarer, I think, than his looks an' his

If ever you heard him salutin' a wan that he met:
For this was his "top o' the mornin'"
to those that he knew,
The wan 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 en

Had something inside from the outside entirely contrary;
His mild little curse was a quare twisted
way of his own
To be wishing sood luck and God bisss you;
You know by his twinklin' blue que
That he willed in his heart to caress you,
Though he said but "Bad luck and good
bye."

M. C. Dogovan



### THE READERS' OPEN FORUM

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

plying the following:

next she gives;

William the trumpeter was a good fisher

He caught fishes and put them in dishes,

He caught hens and put them in pens, Hecklefoot, specklefoot, trip and begone.

Apples and oranges good for a penny. Takes a good scholar to count how many. One, two, three, out goes she.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven,

Dixie, daery, down the ferry, In nineteen hundred and

Oneery, twoery, dickery, devon, Crackaboo, marabo, ten or eleven,

Ena, mena, tipsa, teney;

Ena, mena, tipsa, tena,

Occaprocha, dominocha,

Buggley, buggley, boo,

as to the rhyme than the following:

All out but you;

Out goes you.g

the "Ena Mena" verses in

Throth, neck,

Say yes or no. Then spell y-e-s Spells yes and

Out goes you.

Apple jack and John Sweeney;

Several refer to the blue sea in dif-

ferent forms, but usully with more care

Red, white and blue,

Right in the middle

Of the dark blue sea.

Enie, menie, monie, my, Butter, laddie, boney, stry,

We, wo, wum, whack

which I have met is the following:

One of the most "striking" ones

Was hanging out clothes,

My mother and your mother

My mother gave your mother A punch on the nose. Did it hurt her?

This is sometimes used with the first for

for four-score years, a very told enap would 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 varia-

I shall have to omit many of the varia-tions 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 pleas-ing rhyme given by Mr. Eaton respecting the "Three Little Mice" that ran up the stairs "to hear Miss Blodget say her per-

the "Three Little Mice" that ran up the stairs "to hear Miss Blodget say her prayers." Of this I get a version in which hut 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,

the's going to strike and I'm going to dodge it. This is the more foscible, but not nearly

so pleasing as where the three are the actors and all patiently wait for the Aman and then run down again.

J. A. ANDERSON.

Lambertville, N. J. May 18.

nes only.
In the specimen given above, commen

Have a peach and a plum, Have a stick of chewing gum.

Twiddle, twaddle, twenty-one.

All good children go to heaven,

Ibity, bibity, sibity, sab,

lbity, bibity, kenab

in, pan, must be done

four;

give the following:

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 will explain what it is.

What I class as real preparedness is patriotism. The love of one's country has often won victories for America. It was in many revolutionary battles that Washington's men. full of zeal, yet untrained, charged the foe with such vigor that Britain was astounded. Also, in the Civil War, the unprepared Northern soldiers fought day after day. And thus, were we now drawn into war, it would be only patriotism that would save us. Every one must ac-knowledge it. It is known that American soldiers are patriotic, therefore the anti-preparationists became active. I consider this preparedness business all tomfoolery, when people know that we have ambition sailors and soldiers whose hearts are filled foe. But why are they? It is because of their knowledge of their country's power. It is from stories of greatness told to them. la France!" "Hoch der Kaiser!" zaria chrani!" "Gott echalte Franz 'Vive la France!" why not have it resounded throughout the world, "Up with America, down with the

Then again, what is patriotism? Is it nanging out the flag on holidays? Is it murdering anarchists or rebels? Is it mor-tifying foreigners? Is it taking your hat off in front of a foreign convention and singing "The Star Spangled Banner"

Nay, it is trying with all your might to protect the interests of the Government It is boasting of the zeal of the present offiers of the army and navy and the of the numerous fortifications of the country, etc. In this manner by degrees you convince the foreign population of the greatness of the United States and lessen their zeal for their own country. And pretty soon you'll hear them yelling, "Up with America; down with the world! CHARLES WEISBERG. Philadelphia, May 16.

COUNTING-OUT RHYMES

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: To the former interesting "Counting Out" and other rhymes published in the EVENING LEDGER permit me to add the following from my collection.

That given by Mr. Larede, respecting the toe of the person of African descent, is in very wide use. I get it from North, South and West, with variations. A little New Jersey maid put it as "colored man," but shyly admitted that "nigger" was the word used. A South Carolina lad has it "fellow" and for "hollers" uses "hollows." But there is nothing in Webster that is as expressive as "hollers," and I think that should be in

New York State gives me the following: Ana. Mana, Mona, Mi, Bassalona, bona, Stri, Haya, waya, fro, wack, Halliko, balliko, wee, wo, whack. Kentucky supplies the following variation om one of Mr. Larede's, the last two lines

Out goes you. Somewhat similar to another of Mr. Le one I get from Kentucky:

If your father chews tobacker,

One-ery, two-ery, ick-ery, Ann, Phillison, phollison, Nicholas, John, Query, quary, English navy, Hickieum, stackieum, buck. My own recollection of this, in my youth that the two closing lines ran

ingleum, sangleum, buck Kentucky and New Jersey combine pplying the two following: Monkey, monkey, bottle o' beer, How many monkeys are there here? One, two, three, Out goes she (or he).

Queby, quaby, Irish Mary

Brier, wire, limber look, Three geese in a flock, One flew east and one flew west. And one flew over the cuckoo's nost. One, two, three, out goes she, Kentucky, however, is alone with:

Nigger, nigger, never die, Black face and shiny eye. The second line semetimes varying Liver by and abiny eye,

# What Do You Know?

person should know, are asked daily.

South Carolina is quite liberal in sup-William o' Trinity was a good fisherman, He caught hens and put them in pens; Some laid eggs and some laid none, Hecklety, specklety, trip and begone.

The lady who gave this states that it was used by her mother in counting on the fingers of the little ones and later in "counting out." Somewhat similar is the 5. How many delegates will there be in the Republican National Convention?
6. How did the orang-outang get its name? 7. The bandit is called "Pancho Villa." Of

> 8. Is it easier to see the hull of a submarine from the deck of a vessel or from an aeroplane?

One-zall, two-zall, zig-zall, zam, Bob-tall, bob-tall, tickleton, tam, Harum, scarum, moojam, marum, France. Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

2. A bird is not harmed by sitting on a "live" wire because it does not complete an electric "circuit." Without special remark I add several deylvania and New Jersey including some from my own recoilection; omitting a few which vary somewhat from what have been previously published.

5. Ice is wrapped in paper because the latter is a non-conductor of heat. 6. Chestnut and walnut are deciduous;

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, Naughty children come too late. spruce and pine, evergreen.

> solder. Solon was the lawgiver of Sparta. Noncommissioned officers are those be neath the rank of Junior Beutenant.

Fifty Dollar Gold Pieces

under the law cannot be distributed because they were not called for while the exposi-

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Will you kindly publish the complete police regulations for the riding of a bicycle in

From New Jersey comes a variation of in the case of bicycles.

What Japan Got From China

in the specimen given above, commencing with "Onery, tweery, dickery deven," and which has remained fresh in my memory for four-score years, a very bold chap would semetimes use "devil" for the last word In South Manchuria and Eastern Mon In South standards and Eastern aton-golis the Japanese won the privilege which no other nation onlys of leasing and own-ing land, of free travel, residence and com-merce, the rights of exclusively working the control of selfing land, of free travel, residence and commerce, the rights of exclusively working virtually all valuable mines, of control of all loans for general development and all flew railway enterprises and the renewal of the Port Arthur lease of the Kirin-Changchun Railway for 99 years. In Shantung, for the trouble of capturing Tsingtao, the Japanese received all the German prerogatives in the Kiaoohow sphere, the piedge that no harbor or island on this coast would be allenated from Chinese control, the right to build an important strategic railway from Lungkow to a junction with the German railway. China was obliged to promise in the case of the Manyehping Coal and Iron Company, her greatest manufacturing corporation no action tending to confacate this company or to convert it into a State enterprise, nor to convert it into a State enterprise, nor to cause it to burrow or to use capital other than Japanese would be permitted. China pladged harself not to allow foreign carionate construct anything approaching a naval base on the coast of Fukien. China energed harself not to clease or altenate any islands or strips of territory on her speed.

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed

QUIZ

1. How did the President's Cabinet get its 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?

what name is "Pancho" the nick-

9. How does the distance between Dallas, Tex., and El Paso, Tex., compare with the distance between Philadel-phia and Charleston, S., C.? 10. What is "staircase wit"?

My South Carolina friend from whom these were obtained says that the rhyme respecting the "nigger" and his toe is used now exclusively in her vicinity. Congressmen can be compelled to at-tend sessions when a quorum is

Men were smooth-shaven and wore their hair in queues in Washington's time.
4. Dogs of war were used to lick the wounds of soldiers.

7. France owns St. Pierre and Miquelon. 8. A tinker's dam is the mold of clay he builds around a hole to be filled with

(Sometimes crackabone, narrow bone).
One potato, two potatoes, three potatoes, Editor of "What Do You Know"-Have Five potatoes, six potatoes, seven potatoes. \$50 gold pieces ever been struck by the United States Mint? R. S. (The last word may have been "more.") From the numerous "Ena, mena's" I

The first and only time \$50 gold coins ever were struck in United States mints was for the Panama-Pacific International exposition. Three thousand in all were coined and only half of these were subscribed for by the exposition company; the remainder are held in the San Francisco mint, but

Police Bicycle Regulations

A bleycle must carry a light from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise. It must not pass a trolley car which has stopped to let off or take on passengers. It must not travel at a greater speed than 15 miles an hour within the city limits. It must be equipped with a bell. The bell must be loud enough to be heard at a distance of 39 yards. It is unlawful for more than three bicyclists to ride abreast. Riding crosswise or curving to and fro on the highway or riding without having centrol of the machine, failure to pass to the right of a vehicle coming in the opposite direction, or to the left of a vehicle moving in the same direction, is forbidden. The general traffic regulations for motors and horse-drawn vehicles apply

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

# DAYS OF ROMANCE GET SECOND WIND

Notion That Modern Times Are Matter of Fact Is Dying a Natural Death-Some Heroics That Recall Days of Yore

WE HAVE been so meekly access tomed 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 cabbaga leaves. The moving tale from Dublin the other day was actually discredited by many persons, although officially vouched for, and received obscure mention in most of the newspapers. Joseph Plunkett was one of the Irish rebels. He was captured with Pearse and court-martialed. When it was known that he must die, his flances, Miss Grace Gifford, appeared at Rich. mond Barracks and they were married Then, in the dawn of a perfect morning of early May, Plunkett was led out to the firing squad. There was a muttered order, a crash of rifles, and he fell,

This is not really a romantic tale as it stands, though it is the basis for a tramendous one. Real remance would never have the hero die, because Romance la that spirit of kindness which grows as wildly in the human heart that it conjures up the most grotesque and dreadful cruelties in order to show, by averting these horrors at the last minute, the full extent of its own unearthly power. It is only because Romance carries the king's pardon in its breast pocket that it dares to put its heroes in dire peril of the firing squad. And the fact that there was no king's pardon in Dublin a few May dawns ago shows that the sense of romance in London is temporarily atrophied,

Heroics in Gulps

But the evidence is right before us in any paper we pick up. Take this, copied quite at random: "There was a dagger at the bottom of the boat. I could see the footprints of three men in the sand. They led away from the boat and in the direction of my home. Nearby a hole had been dug in the beach, and there I found a tin box bound round with cord." What's this? A breathless moment from Robert Louis Stevenson? Not a bit of it. Part of the evidence in the trial of Sir Roger Casement in yesterday's news dispatches. So it would seem that the essence of remance has been with us all along and we actually didn't taste it because we got it in such big gulps.

If a page of ancient history told us of 10,000,000 men fighting all over Europe we would grow enthusiastic over it as more stimulating heroics than the tale of the Spanish Armada. But there is a tendency to take the contemporary actuality as a drab and unpicturesque procedure. We thrill over the flashing blades of the Crusaders, but speak of the "dull routing of the trenches." Now this idea is all wrong. It assumes that a Mauser and a 42-centimeter are "prosaic mechanisms" and that arquebuses and battering rams were natural and unmechanical weapons. But they weren't. They were highly complex and sophisticated machines. When it comes to the prosaic, the process of pounding a hole in a wall with a bat tering ram looks stupid when compared with a hostile flight over the North Sea,

It has been the chief reproach against our age that it has not seen the poetry of its own mechanisms while gloating over the poetry of mechanisms of old. Modern lovers feel a loss of the golden glow of romance on a stroll near the modern aqueduct, but it never occurs to to a pair of Roman lovers to stroll in the shadow of the ancient Roman aqueduct Men have talked of the pyramids of Egypt as if their origin were as poetleal as the building of castles in Spain. But the building of the pyramids is a more hideous page in the history of industry than any an I. W. W. man ever wrote of Pittsburgh blast furnace toilers.

Beautifying Mechanisms

It is this error which is responsible for such notions as the one expressed by an otherwise clever man: "How absurd to urge a 'City Beautiful' and at the same time a 'Philadelphia the Workshop of the World!" The idea being that a workshop cannot be beautiful, chiefly on account of smoke. But it is, or should be, a generally known commonplace that the smoke of industry is waste and absolutely unnecessary. It cannot only be swept from the face of our cities with known and well-demonstrated devices, but also put to work.

The fundamental reason for our delay in making modern mechanisms beautiful is that they are too new to have earned a literature to give them a romantic tradition. But that tradition is being built every day before our eyes. The war is putting the final clincher to it. To live in a constant atmosphere of heroic deeds is to raise all the implements of those deeds to the plane of the herolc. Because that literature is in the newspapers rather than in books should only add to the zest of the romance. It was no more glorious to have one's head struck off by a headsman of yore than to face a dozen modern rifles and die for one's convic-H. S. W. tions.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW It is hard to tell at present who is the teading Sick Man of Europe.—New York

We begin to fear that Michigan's inderes ment of Justice Hughes has been delivered to somebody else with whiskers.—Grand Rapids Press.

The Cologne Gazette says that Wilson's re-election is assured because of his diplematic' triumph in the submarine contreversy. Perhaps now Fatherland will support him —St. Louis Star.

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