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PHILADELPHIA MUST HAVE CHEAPER GAS
THE price of gas is too high. The president of the gas company says so...

When religion does with virtue join, it makes a hero like an angel shine.
Walker.

Supersubmarines are all right, but what the world needs is a supercaptain.

A shipping bill against ships is a triumph of Democratic legislation.

The Mayor is the captain, he says. The Vares, no doubt, are the major generals.

If Sherman were doing the defining there would be much difference between "war" and "weather."

Berlin Newspapers Praise Feat of Deutschland—Headline. She showed 'em a clean pair of heels.

As a protective tariff the House revenue bill is the slickest method of making the few pay the taxes ever invented.

The Pennsylvania division of the National Guard at El Paso is officially known as No. 7. We trust it is the lucky seventh.

General Wood said something when he declared that the size of a flock of sheep never yet frightened a wolf.

Senator Penrose was not appointed to the Republican Campaign Committee. It has been noticed before that the senator is quite capable of doing a great deal without appearing in the dazzling light of publicity.

While Illinois and Massachusetts telegraph wildly for the Deutschland's eye cargo, Philadelphia textile men remain indifferent. It is possible that there is a supply on hand and that the announcement of return to butterfly days was premature.

As for the Zeppelin freighters, there will be a scarcity of jokes about them. If Germany were to announce that she had flattened out the world or drawn milk from the Milky Way there would be few to diabeleave. About the only thing Germany cannot make us believe is that she can defeat the French.

The Mayor wants a united party behind him for the November elections. The villain in the melodrama had tied Nellie in front of a buzzaw, thrown her before a racing express train, tossed her to the sharks in the middle of the South Atlantic, murdered her parents, etc., etc. But in the last act he asked: "Nellie, why do you fear me?"

It would be almost as sensible not to build any convention hall at all as to build one too small for large gatherings. What Philadelphia wants is a great assemblage place, fully capable of taking care of any sort of convention. To build anything else would be a blunder, and the Mayor is to be congratulated on his determination to demand something really worth while.

Today marks the opening of a waterway route between Philadelphia and Cape May and Lewes, Del., the first in twelve years. Welcoming it heartily, Philadelphia may be impressed by the fact that the steamer Cape May and the company which directs her are chiefly owned by the municipalities at which the steamer will touch. It is to be hoped that the line will be successful, not only for the benefits it brings to commerce, but as an embourgeoisment to municipal enterprise.

It seems from the report made by the Guaranty Trust Company and from the reply of Mr. Norris, of the Philadelphia Reserve Bank, that some banks do not like the Federal Reserve act and some do. It would probably come out on inquiry, that those who have prospered favor the act and those who have not prospered quite so much as they desired dislike it. This brings the matter down to the level of mere human opinions and does not invalidate the good in the act to any appreciable extent. Criticism and suggestions for improvement are a good deal more important than mere denunciations.

It is not necessary to believe that the operation of even a thousand super-

Tom Daly's Column
McAroni Ballads
LXIV
DA IRISH TUNE
"Veeth music for Italian
I maka vera veal,
So, too, veeth tuucsa 'Merican;
But, oh, I no can tel
Eef wa't I play for Irishman
Gon' rataia joy or hal."

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE
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APPROVAL OF A "VOICE"
TO THE EDITOR OF EVENING LEDGER:
Sir—I must, without any further delay, give credit to the voice who signs his name "Abbe Meyers" for I, and surely everybody, will agree with him as the point of defending the tipping system.

REPLY TO A CRITIC
TO THE EDITOR OF EVENING LEDGER:
Sir—The gentleman who criticizes you under the heading "Barking Up the Wrong Tree" is very appropriately named "Bryson" and he is evidently suffering from the same disorder which seems to affect people with only one idea.

RECALLS PANAMA-PACIFIC TRIP
TO THE EDITOR OF EVENING LEDGER:
Sir—Just one year ago I, together with your other Panama-Pacific guests, started on what proved to be the most educational, scenic and pleasure trip we ever had.

CARE FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES
Provision for the dependent families of National Guardsmen now drafted into the Federal service ought to be made by Congress without delay.

PROHIBITION THAT PROHIBITS
There seems to be a determined effort on the part of the authorities in Savannah, Ga., to enforce the new prohibition law in a manner that will leave no room for criticism.

HARRISON'S AMERICANISM
It will be my purpose to show you the beauty, strength and adaptation of the Constitution of the United States, and thereby to make your love of our institutions deeper and more intelligent.

DEAD MAN'S HILL
Who was the first to give the name, "Hillmen," to this mountain side?

DYE MULES LEST THEY DIE
Because a white mule offers too good a target for Mexican snipers, two mules in the lot received by the 1st Cavalry at Van Cortlandt Park have been dyed.



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What Do You Know?

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

- 1. What are the chief uses of nitrates?
2. Where is the new Convention Hall to stand in Philadelphia in 1916?
3. What are "moonshiners"?
4. Just what part of a window's equipment is called the sash?

- 5. What is "proof spirit" and what is meant by "over proof" and "under proof"?
6. What is the "prima facie" case?
7. What is meant by "mashing a fleet"?
8. Who was the "Iron Duke"?
9. How the Kaiser was killed in France?
10. What is meant by "John Barleycorn"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Paul Koenig, captain of the submarine merchant ship "Dresden" which was sunk in 1904.

2. The Board of Viewers assesses damages or levies an assessment upon private property by public improvements.

3. Street lighting by electricity was introduced in Philadelphia in 1851.

4. Tennessee is the "Big Bend State."

5. Bicycle gear is determined by multiplying the number of teeth in front sprocket wheel and dividing by the number in rear sprocket wheel.

6. "Inco," an assumed name or title.

7. "Hish tea" is an English term for a meat substituted for dinner consisting of tea and a rule, call whist.

8. "Inco," Abbreviation for "Incoherent" under an assumed name or title.

9. Lieutenant Berge is the German officer who brought the Appann to this country.

10. Lordstar: the constellation which mariners are guided: the pole-star.

High Treason
Editor of "What Do You Know"—Can you tell me why the term "high treason" is used in England? Why not "plain treason"? I. T. R.

Transylvania
Editor of "What Do You Know"—Please explain the origin of the name of "Transylvania." I. T. R.

Farewell Addresses
Editor of "What Do You Know"—Will you tell me whether there would be any precedent for President Wilson's delivering a farewell address next March? I mean, has any President done so except President Washington? I have also heard that even Washington's was not his own. Is that true? H. K. L.

Land Tracts
P. R.—The information you ask for is not at hand for immediate use. Write to the Department of the Interior, Washington, for full details.

Immigration
Editor of "What Do You Know"—Will you please furnish me with the figures of total immigration to the United States in 1915, 1914 and 1913? Would it be troubling you too much to ask for the figures from Austria-Hungary in 1915 and 1914? J. E. M.

And—Ravaged earth and shattered trees,
And tragic river stained with red,
Dear God, have mercy on all these
Who follow after me! he said.
—Moray Dalton, in London Spectator.

BOYNE DAY SEES HOPE FOR IRISH

Home Rule Measure to Come Before Parliament Next Week May Lead to Permanent Settlement

TODAY, Boyne Day—signal in the past for a renewal of ancient bitterness between Unionists and Nationalists—should be memorable in the annals of Ireland as a synchronous with an official announcement which gives hope of the first tangible step toward disentangling the Governments of Great Britain and Ireland since home rule became a big parliamentary issue forty years ago.

The new Parliament will be constituted by transferring the 78 members representing the Irish home rule counties in the British Commons to Dublin. The total Irish representation is 103, of whom 25 sit for the six excluded Ulster counties. But the 78 will retain their membership in the Imperial Parliament at Westminster (a typical British anomaly), as the Irish Parliament will not have much work to do at first.

It is not likely, after the entering wedge of a separate Parliament has been driven home, that there will be any withdrawal of authority over purely Irish affairs from the Irish legislators. Yet nothing is certain in this most ticklish of British problems, and thousands of Irishmen in this country as well as at home will find no satisfaction in the temporary arrangement, and the permanent home rule plan to be devised by the conference will probably be only a signal for another agitation for an entirely independent Irish republic.

Facing a World of Critics
In this agitation England will act under the eye of America in a way that she has never experienced before.

More significant than the criticism that has been aimed at Germany is the world-wide criticism of England, for denunciations of Germany have been mostly for specific acts of individuals, while the swelling chorus of complaint against England, in which even many who wish her to win have, strikes at the very fabric of her governmental and social system. If this war is being fought to determine whether the British or the Prussian civilization is to survive; whether this is to be an "Anglo-Saxon world" or a "Prussian world" America, which evidently desires it to be the former, will make her influence felt, as the most populous English-speaking nation, for the extension to Ireland of an autonomy that England is professedly fighting to give to Belgium—that is, for a realization of that "Anglo-Saxon world" of which the virtually autonomous governments of Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand are only a beginning in the right direction.

The Legislation of 1914
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After Ireland is added to these self-governing democracies it will be only through humility and self-criticism learned by England through the price she must pay for victory in war. For there was no sign of these virtues up to the moment that the Great War postponed an Irish crisis that was heading toward civil war.

Few persons recall now that English troops fired on a crowd of Nationalists in Dublin, killing four persons and wounding 60, on July 26, only two days before the war broke out. This event, occurring at a time when Ireland was an armed camp, with nearly 100,000 Orangemen under arms in Ulster and many thousands of Nationalists forming volunteer regiments and receiving arms from gun-runners, never has received attention proportionate to its importance, as the European conflict wiped it out of the "news" by calling the possible participants in a civil war to the battlefields of France.

It is worth while reviewing the events which made the Boyne Day of 1914 a day to be dreaded. When the British Parliament met in February, 1914, to take up the Irish question Walter Long challenged the Premier to submit home rule to a vote of the country. He had 100,000 men were ready to die in Ulster rather than submit to a Dublin Parliament. Asquith replied that the home rule bill had been twice passed and would automatically become law that year on its third passage.

There followed the agitation of Sir Edward Carson, which stirred up Ulster to the point of open rebellion. Asquith feared to press the bill to an issue. He offered compromise after compromise. He suggested that the various counties in Ulster hold referendums on the question whether they should be included in the Irish Government. This Ulster rejected. Meanwhile many British officers resigned their commissions rather than fight against Unionists in Ulster. Matters approached a crisis in that July which saw the first shots fired on the Danube. King George at last took a hand—an amazing breach of precedent. He called a round table conference at Buckingham Palace and delivered to the opposing leaders an address which was openly criticized in the press. "The cry of civil war is on the lips of the most responsible and sober-minded of my people," he said, and the Liberal press complained that the King's phrasing made it seem as if he were voicing a Unionist party cry and taking sides.

After England was at war home rule came up in Parliament and was settled in the usual British manner—by a compromise that was no compromise at all. The home rule bill was passed and in September was signed, but—it was not to go into force until after the war was over! In this stale home rule remained until the rebellion of this year and the hasty legislation in which that rebellion was now to result. H. S. W.