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THE SYSTEM: BEAST, VIPER OR SAINT?

DIRECTOR WILSON has no confidence in his police force; the public has little confidence in Director Wilson, Persons who happened to be downtown the night of Mayor Smith's election were under no delusions as to how the underworld viewed the result. The parade of jubilation seemed to mark the high tide bacchanalianism. The news accounts of the time described the saturnalia of revelry that swept up Broad street on that memorable night.

This exhibition was important only as showing that, while the wires above ground were telling the world that Smith was elected, the wires under ground were spreading the invitation far and near for the brothel keepers and the disowned and the degraded of the earth to come to Philadelphia and ply their several

They were not long in beginning to arrive. A number of times the Evening Lappen pointed out that a revival of was under way in the Tenderloin. Every reporter knew it. So did men and women who rejoice In the letting down of the bars. Places which had been closed during the Blankenburg regime began to open. Unrented was under way and in the Ten-

tainly it is true that conditions were beson realized he must stage a spectacular requisite, raid or do something equally dramatic to forestall the revelations which were Gibboney. Publicity was about to thrust its rays on the district and no police and disaffection. The bitter criticism of official responsible for the conditions could Austrian military tactics appearing in have withstood it. Director Wilson may or may not have known what was going on, but to assume that he did not is to credit him with a dulness of perception that would shame an idiot in an orphan

is a clean, wholesome, splendid city, be- mind the annexation of Austria as a concause its homes and the character of Its people make it so. Only in the bounded district, where vice keeps step with political depravity, was it possible for wantonness to strut and wickedness to thrive, and there only if the police were acquiescent. That they have been acquithey could not have been so these many sian troops to advance through her termonths without his tacit approval. , They ritery. are as putty in his hands, to be made or cleaning up the district could have bemun months ago had he so ordered. He could, in fact, have prevented the reescence of vice by stern enforcement situation was invited which now with so much clamor and spectacularity it is proposed to ameliorate. The process is the Cabinet. As is well known, however, an affront to the good citizens of Phila- the personal wishes of the sovereign have delphis, who pay liberal taxes for protection against just the sort or thing which has been countenanced by the Department of Public Sufety.

he is going after the gambling fraternity. y some miracle of prescience escape the no are gathered in and brought before dir dissolute and destitute stood bea the bar of justice, of two-years; within and buildings, the muriet the change and my rack uniform

guilt passed through the frowning por

THE Public Ledger demands that Director Wilson be sjected with becoming speed from his office. That is what ought to happen; but the stars in their courses seem to be no more firmly fixed than the Vares in control of the instrumentallties of order in Philadelphia. Director Wilson hears the rumble of increasing public condemnation, but a whisper from South Philadelphia is clearer to him than the thunder of the people's voice. And who so guilible, who so simple, as to think that back of this nauseating story the sinister hands of the factions do not spread, the Hands of Esau cletching at Penn's throat! There is Director Wilson's reliance, and he seems to need no other.

Yet he should go, and there should go with him the whole system of police degradation. The system of a police force out of politics has been wrecked in a few short months. But it is a system which must be revived, not only because it is inherently the right system, but also because without it there can be no guarantee of justice and honesty and progress in Philadelphia. Once let the viperous ward-heeler twist to his purpose the police and it is but a step to the minor courts and be it remembered that the ward-heeler is no more in such circumstances than the lieutenant of the deal ers in vice, through whom he thrives and by whose awful profits his itching palm

NoT a million raids could close a disthe identical source whence came the orders for the raids.

Sterilization of the vice district, it is becoming more and more evident, should begin in police headquarters.

Visitors to prisoners in the Camden jail should hereafter be rigorously restricted as to the amount of ammunition they bring in to their friends.

A "dollar revolution" may or may not save Mexico, but it would not be useless if it prevented, in the future, diplomacy that looks like 30 cents.

Von Hindenburg has been summoned to the western front, says a Berlin dispatch. The Allies will now have a chance to drive the last nail into his

Mr. Hughes is a great diplomat For the first time in two years a "separate peace" has been concluded with satisfaction to at least two of the contracting parties.

The first intelligible information as to the exact sailing date of the submarine Deutschland comes from the Schumacher Company, "Anything," it remarks, "we may tell you about leaving time will be n. lie."

Nine ships, each of about 3000 tons property began to pay dividends. The have been added to the Cuban merchant gentle game of politics as played by the marine, having been sold by the Mexican Steamship Company, which feared serious complications as a result of the present derioin are many votes, to say nothing Mexican situation. The sale is not reof the levies which in one form or an markable, but it must be illuminating other find their way into factional treas, to Americans that Cuba instead of the United States obtained the vessels, particularly as American capital was in vested in the selling company, Instead TT MAY well be that Mr. Gibboney's of trying to revive the marine by Governinvestigation was begun long ago. Cer- ment participation in the shipping business, a revision of the navigation laws to make investments in shipping attractive coming so disgraceful that Director Wil- to investors in normal times is the great

It is typical of the supreme self

confidence of the Berlin Government that it should see a silver lining even in the black cloud of Austro-Hungarian defeat German newspapers is explained as a by product of far-sighted German diplomacy If Hungary, where a party is being formed to demand independence and a separate peace for that kingdom, gains her desires -"that would only help Germany." It Austria is defeated-"that would eventually help Germany." The reason given for this remarkable optimism is that the FTHE Philadelphia that is Philadelphia Kaiser's Government has long had in comitant of a debacle, the idea being that the elimination of Austria would not impair Germany's ability to hold off her foes. But it will be hard for neutral observers to imagine an Allied generosity which would permit Germany to benefit by the collapse of her colleague. The first demand of the Allies of a Hungary seeking peace would probably be her disarmament and willingness to permit Rus-

> Only one thing can save Sir Roger Casement from an ignominious death and England from inflicting a punishment which, however just it might be, would only aggravate the bad impression already created in neutral countries by the swift vengeance upon fourteen other His sentence can be commuted by the King-that is, by the Home Secretary acting under the direction of great weight in issues of this nature, and in time of war the King emerges from his figurehead status to regain some of the premigatives of leadership, George V will, therefore, share the responsibility if Casement is hanged, just as his grandmother, Queen Victoria, had to bear part of the burnen of blame American opinion put upon her Government for long refusing to pardon Mrs. Maybrick. If ever there was a special case that called for special exemption from legal techniculities, that case is Ireland and those who would make her free. At several elections in this century the people of icen) Britain have willed that Ireland he free, and it would not be even good damettic policy, let alone international, Government to exact: another

Tom Daly's Column

BRITISH SLUMBER SONG be sung over the 83 American firms boy-through "Enemy Trade" act.) There are dangers on the deep

There are storms upon the sea, Better stay at home and sleep Where no fear of harm may be. Hush, my dearie, do not cry. Lull, bell, lutt, my alibi!

I will guard you from the wave Which is not the place for you; Nestle in your little grave, Sleep and sleep and sleep ancie. Hush, my dearie, do not cry. Lull, full, full, my allbi.

WE RATHER expected a lot of noise to be made over our attempt at a national anthem, "Flag o' My Land," but everybody seems to have been busy with less important matters. We did get one bouquet, however, that pleased us At the Fourth of July celebration in Wister Woods we read our lines for the benefit of the neighbors. Afterward a tall, soldierly man came to us and asked for a copy of the verses. He said he was Fergus Elliott, a policeman. A letter which came from him later proves him to be more than that, "Your poem," says the letter, among other things, "took me back more than fifty years, when it was my privilege to carry the colors of my regiment from Gettys burg to Atlanta, reluctantly relinquishing them for promotion."

Well, now, Comrade Elliott, that's pay enough for any poem!

We never could evince vast enthusiasm for whiskers, and even the scallops apper-taining to those of Mr. Hughes fail to move us to emotional applause. Neither de those ouchin' on Charles Warren Fairbanks, vandykely though they be, seem to call for approbation, yet we hope to prove, through a series of essays on this subject, the ac curacy of Mr. Gilbert K. Chesterton's as severation, "Whiskers may not be grown in moment of passion."—The Cheshire Cat. BUT a head o' hair may be harvested. See history of John J. Samson and Trixle Delilah.

Film Flickers

Mary Pickford, attending the theatre to see herself in a recent film, learned that she is 42 years old, has been married five times, years store curls and drinks like a fish.

Francis X. Bushman's middle name in ot Xerxes. Charlie Chaplin has decided not to buy that Ford, as he is deathly afraid of the poorhouse in his old age. Marguerite Clark owes her diminutive height to the cigarettes she smoked as a

Louise Lovely may be, but Blanche Sweet

Two heads with but a single thought-A silly one at that: "On ten per week, a couple ought

To rent a cozy flat."

Harry P. Taber, of Wilmington, com-"Admiral Wyle T. Wilson, the most re markable paper boxer on earth, is the for-mer president of the Ananias Club, of Philadelphia, which is composed of more or less fishermen. He told us of seeing a pike 60 miles long. 'Do you know where?' he asked. We were willing to bite. 'Where?' we inquired innocently. 'Lancaster pike,' he cried gleefully. And yet they shot men like Linfor keeping us from starving. This is our menu, with a small "m": Morning—Coffee and hardtack. Noon—Hardtack and coffee and a smell

STRONG IN DEATH. f have fished in brook and river, quiet pond

and mountain lake, Where the sunlit ripples quiver and waves with music break. At dusk and dawn I've tracked my prey, in storm and weather clear; Through starry night and summer day, in

waters far and near. I dream beside the fire tonight, my tackle se who fish may read aright my dream and will not chide.

No dread nor sting of sorrow pricks as I When Charon rows me o'er the Styx, will he let me fish awhile

They say the Styx is dark and chill, but that is naught to me.
I've fished in many a mountain rill; I've fished the stormy sea. The ferryman is stern and grim, but why should he decline If it should be an angler's whim to wet a

fishing line?

Mayhap he, too, is of the race of knghts of rod and reel;
Then would he look with frowning face upon a brother's zeal? Up comes a lizard and makes a bed in-

So, as his way across he picks, the voyage Charon rows me o'er the Styx, by coaxing fish awhile. When Charon NORMAN JEFFERIES.



Pleass', signor, you know da man weeth da redda hair an' da wart on da nose? He's frand o' yours? You batter gon' tal heem shave heemsal' from now out, I don't want heem com' een here no more. Alla right! s' enough, Today w'en he ees een da chair I tal heem how I am gona to da sea-shore for da vacashe' "You theenk I shoulds be scare' for da shark?" I ask heem. "Oh, no," he say, "you don't need be scare'." So alla time I shava heem I tal heem w'at evra body say I should go for da country an' not whire ees com' da sharks. Alla time he say "No, dey won'ta bita you." "But," I say to heem, joost wen he ees gona 'way, "evrabody say dey are bigga maneatin' sharks." "Sure," he says, "so you don'ts need for be scare?" Only now I see what he mean

DEAR T. D.—Does not the WJBworthy sentiment of Prex Wilson, that we are in Mexico "not to fight but to help," smack somewhat of a W. K. popular song of some ten years ago, viz.:

"Mexico, my dark-eyed Mexico, Tho' years may come and go I'll constant be. Mexico, I dearly love you so, And I would like to know If you love ma."

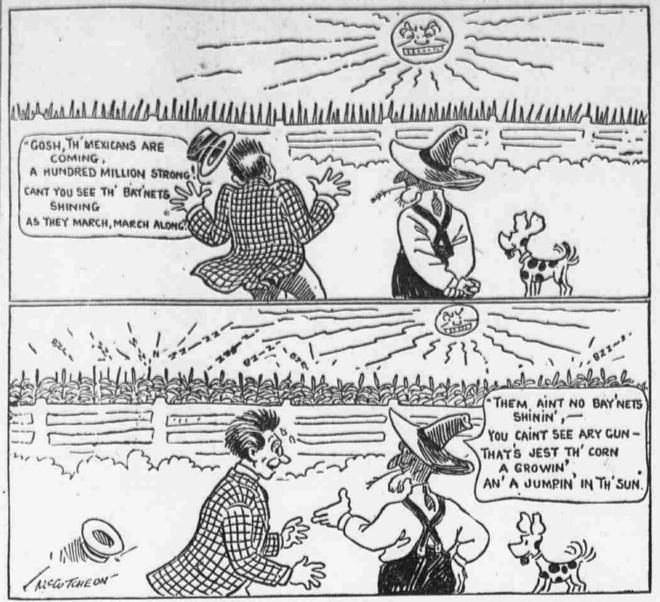
Dear T. D .- This week's S. E. P. in story called "Sudden Jim" gives the inter-esting information that a prime necessity for the making of clothespins is maple veneer. Ever seen a vensered clothespin

ASK somebody else. The Missus makes us hurry so when we're taking in the clothes we never noticed.

the New York Tribute to bling figure, of speech?

"Let us say that the American magazine is the spots fountain of our literature; and, for the reverse, it is a pretty accurate picture to think of our magazine edicored ground in white before a great polished This is contributed by M., who irrele vantly inquires: "What does is bull

OUR LAND FORCES ARE BUSY THESE HOT DAYS



to put in an appearance so they could get bitten.

Talking about sharks, some years ago

before the bar out in front of the pavillon

and looking across the thoroughfare saw

shore and made fast to the wharf. It

turned out to be a female shark six feet long, and while in the shallow water It

gave birth to nine young ones. They ap-peared to be born blind, and after they

knocked them on the head and put them

On another occasion some one caught a

shark six feet long, and after it was dead

a doctor opened its mouth and propped it

open with a stick, then began to explore its throat. He then took out a lancet and cut the shark open to see what was in its

ning, and on inquiring the time found that

their return told the story and, of course

were ridiculed. This may be a shark story, but is true. The doctor, who was a sleight

f-hand expert, while exploring the shark'

stomach, and of course when the shark was opened the watch was found. When he

came up to the hotel he gave the thing

away to some of his friends, but the peo-ple who went to Atlantic City on the trolley

Another time, while fishing up in Egg

Harbor Bay for weakfish, the fish stopped

biting, and some one suggested that a shark was in the bay, and asked Captain

baited it with two weakfish and waited de-

velopments. In about 10 minutes there was

a pull on the line and we all manned the rope, the captain ran a slip knot up over

the body and around the throat-and made

fast another one around its tall. Then we heaved all together, and got the shark on

the side of the boat. We had her tied so

tight she could not use her tail or teeth. She gradually choked to death. The cap-

in the bay are females, and he never sav

one male caught. On reaching shore a car-

penter who was working there took out his

rule and measured her, and she was 7 feet

Another time while I was fishing in Cor-

son's Inlet for kingfish in a small row-boat a big shark, about 6 feet long, came

within 20 feet of the boat, and I lost no

time in getting up that anchor, selzing the

cars and putting for home as quick as the

machine, drawing swiftly and dexterously vanilla love stories and frosted chocolate love stories and occasionally even a straw-berry ice-cream love tale of a bold pink-

And yet care does not lurk in carbonated

waters; ice cream may be nourishing as well as delightful; one can meet the neighbors and get the drift of things from a perch in front of the counter where the long spoons are active. It's cool in there away from the street and the job, and experts the street and the job, and experts the street and the s

perts tell us that those who like sugar in all its manifestations are not so likely to fail for alcohol. But no athlete ever did tram on soda water. What else are you

The preparedness movement is the best advertised joke in the United States.—

IN THE INVISIBLE

At once a dear, familiar air I breathed.

And gentle spirits that o'er man preside-

Faith, Hope and Charity, with arms throw

send my Soul through the Invisible

Daily and hourly with expectant nwe, For I. e'en I, perceive the primal law By which the lesser doth the larger hold.

As doth the seed the fragrant bloom enfold,---

And wait most becomely the destined hour My hidden life shall come to perfect flower — Earth L. Burton in Christian Register

reading this summer?-Collier's.

draw,

enwreathed

nformed me that all the sharks caught

Sam Davis to put out his shark line.

were none the wiser.

ong lacking an inch.

Lord would let me

mouth, passed the watch into the shark's

swam around a little while poked

nose on the sand, where a small

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Pennsylvania Guardsman on the

Border

This department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum; and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents.

WORD FROM THE BORDER

Sir-Inclosed you will find a little sketch

of our life both in a song and a few words

here in the deserts of Texas. I am a son of Philadelphia and in a Philadelphia com-pany. We arrived here Thursday morning

and have seen enough. We are not fighting Mexicans, we are not facing powder and shells. We are fighting rattlers, horned

coads and ground lizards and regiments of

all specimens of bugs and we are facing on the hot sands which blow in our meals, our sleeping quarters and oh, most every-

We all in chorus thank the cook, though

of corned beef.
Supper—Hardtack and coffee mixed and

some beans, and so on every day.

We were all thinking if the kind, good citizens of the East could send us some water, and, believe me, a bath is certainly

The little colonel, the worst of them all,

He gets you home in the morning before

It's fours left and fours right and right

CHORUS.

We won't give a ——;
We will tell them about the ancient meat

We go to bed at night and lay our shoes

Co. L. 6th Penna. Inf., N. G. U. S. Fort Bliss, Tex., July 14, 1916.

SHARK STORIES

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-Last Sunday I went to Corson'

et on an excursion. On going down to

ne beach I found a number of person congregated. I inquired the cause of th

excitement and was told that, as there

was no liquor sold at that place on Sun-day, any one wanting a drink had to get

a shark bite, and that the crowd was ex-

A PACIFIST PARABLE

cursionists who were waiting for the shark

"A stranger has come among us to teach

us a new religion. There are among the doctrines which he preaches a great many things which are indifferent to us, but there

are also some very dangerous for the tribe. He declares, for example, that can-nibalism ought to disappear from the earth

and that it is necessary to renounce ou

"There have been in all ages individuals

to whose stomach this aliment was repug-

idiosyncrasy. Even those who suffered from it regarded it as an infirmity. This is the first time that an attempt has been

sade to make a dogma of this pathologica

"The propaganda of this stranger might

prove fatal. At the least public feast, where

ten prisoners were-immolated three of our warriors have refused to touch the flesh. That is why I have resolved to demonstrate

to you that this doctrine is absurd and that those who permit themselves to be seduced by it will be traitors to their tribe.

"In all ages, as far back as the memory of the oldest men can reach, enemies killed in battle have been eaten and prisoners have

been fattened into proper condition for kill-

been fattened into proper condition for killing. When a custom is so ancient it is
not dependent upon the will of men. It is
not an accident of their history, but a law
of their nature, instituted by the gods
themselves. Hearts too tender may deplore
it, but against natural fatalities it is vain
and puerile to wish to fight.
"Repudiate then. Olympia, these new
ideas. Anti-cannibalism is a doctrine essentially chimerical. Men have always
estes one another; they will continue to do

sentially chimerical see have a aways caten one another; they will continue to do so in the future as they have in the past. And the best way to avoid being eaten ourselves is to enfeeble neighboring tribes as often as possible by liberal bloodletting."

HAMMOCK LITERATURE

Just how much of the whole truth did he New York Tribune tell in this bub-

custom of eating human flesh.

distaste.

PHIL F. PERNA.

Home, boys, home, in God's country,

they handed us for ham.

And we wake up in the morning,

And find we're an hour late; We look down at our little toes

And find there are only eight.

Home, boys, home-that's where we ought

by every one.

first call.

front into line.

And when we get to Philly

You hurry up, you lazy boot, Or I'll give you double time.

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

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What Do You Know? More Shark Stories From the Jersey Coast-A Letter From a

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answere te which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily. QUIZ 1. What, if any, is the difference between a mechanic and a machinist?
2. Who is the Count Karply!?
3. What is the function of an Appellate Court?
4. Explain the initials P. O. S. of A.
6. Which is lighter, moist air or dry air?
6. Why is pig iron so called?
7. Whose was the award Excalibur?
8. What different traits of the British are symbolized by the British Lion and John Bull?
9. What do scamen mean by the "rouring forties"?

at Longport I was fishing along the jet-ties built by the railroad company to pro-tect the roadbed, when I heard a rifle shot, 9. What is meant by "A Greek gift"?

10. What is meant by "A Greek gift"? two men in a boat shooting at some object on a small bar. Presently they made fast to it with a rope and towed it over to the

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz I. Rotten Bow: derived from "Route du Roi"the King's passage.

2. The Patapsco: a river in Maryland, emptying into Chesapeake Bay below Balti-

more.
"Peter's pence," an annual contribution paid at the feast of St. Peter to the Vatican.
"A nickel is worth 6 cents"; this current saying refers to the rise in the price of the metal, the actual value of the nickel in the 5-cent piece now being mearly 6

in the 5-cent piece now being nearly 6
cents.

5. "Time and half-time." Many labor organizations require for work done after hours remuneration a half again as much as for working time during the regular working day.

6. The first railroad to Atlantic City was the Camden and Atlantic, completed 1854.

A shark in attacking a human being turns over on its back because of the position of the mouth on the under side of the lead.

8. The supertax is the higher percentage of

belly, and out rolled a silver watch of the dollar kind. The doctor picked it up and made the remark that the watch was run-8. The supertax is the higher percentage of taxation upon incomes above a certain size.

8. Indirect lighting. Its chief advantage is the saving of the exes from strain.

10. Mansard roof: a roof in which the rafters, instead of forming an inverted V, are broken on each side into an elbow. the watch was right. There were at least 50 persons looking on who had come down on the trolley from Atlantic City, and on

Race Tracks

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Can you tell me where is the location of the race tracks Windsor and Hawthorne? Could you tell me of any place around Philadel phia where I could buy race horses? F. JOHNSON.

Windsor is in Windsor, Canada, across the river from Detroit. Hawthorne is in Chicago. There are no breeding stables in Philadelphia, but many horse markets which night supply you.

Facts About Nathan Hale

H. F. D .-- 1. Nathan Hale was born in 1755. He was graduated from Yale University in 1773 and became a teacher. 2. The purpose of his expedition as a spy was to find out at what point, if at all, the British intended to attack New York. He assumed a disguise and passed through the British lines in Long Island in the character of a schoolmaster who had become disgusted with the course of the Revolution. He visited all the British camps on Long Island and drew up memoranda, writ-ten in Latin in the privacy of his room at night. Meanwhile, the British captured New York city, so that Hale's excursion would have been of little advantage to Washing-ton. He gathered considerable military information which would have been useful n a general way to the American commander. 3. The capture was effected short mander. S. The capture was effected shortly after Hale entered a famous tavern, "The Cedars," and asked for a night's lodging. This was at Huntington Bay, where he was to be called for by a boatman, an American sympathizer. As he sat in the inn parlor a number of persons were seated about, and Hale noticed that were seated about, and riale noticed that one of them, a man whose face he seemed to recollect, suddenly rose and left the place. At dawn Hale left for the waterside, where he expected his boatman. He saw boat approaching, supposed it to be his confederate's, gaily saluted the rowers, and then to his dismay saw that they were British marines. He was captured and sentenced to be hanged. 4. Hale's last requests to Cunningham, the provost marshal who supervised the execution, were refused. Even his hurriedly written letters to his mother, elsters and youthful sweet-heart. Alice Adams, were ruthlessly de-stroyed before his face. His last words were, "I only regret that I have but one life to give to my country.'

The Old Guard

T. G.—The flower of Napoleon's army was known as the Old Guard. In the battle "I sent my Soul through the Invisible," Waiting in silence in breathless awe What strange, new influence I thence might of Waterloo they were reserved to make the final charge, which, though galiantly carried out, was unsuccessful. All hope of carried out, was unsuccessful. All hope of a French victory was lost, and retreat was ordered. The Old Guard were surrounded and called on to surrender. Then General Cambronne is said to have replied (though the phrase is claimed by some to have been an after invention) "The Old Guard dies but never surrenders," and they were over-whelmed. In our political history the sup-porters of Grant in the Republican Conven-tion in 1550 were known as the Old Guard. iere were life's aweetest, holiest flowers To bless my path and crown my numble And the deep founts my hungering fount had fed. "I sent my Soui through the Invisible," And found one there most loved and ever tion in 1880 were known as the Old Guard, and of this famous but unsuccessful "306," it was said. "The Old Guard dies, but never With all the loves that bless the passing I saw, as if my holy magic led.

The joyous eyes of those whom men called dead.

Editor of "What Do You Know"-I would like to know whether the Turks belong to the Mongolian or White race. We have been having a big controversy over it and would like to settle the question. H. S. and J. L.

The Burks are of the Caucasian race, not of the Mongolian. The term white race is misleading, for the Caucasians range from what we call a white man to some very dark skinned peoples. But the Turks are not of the so-called "Yellow race."

ENGLAND'S RARE TREASON TRIALS

Precedent of a Century Says That Sir Roger Casement Will Not Hang for His Work

THERE is one man in the House of L Commons who has watched with more than passing interest the trial, conviction, appeal and adversity of Sir Roger Casement. The member for County Caler is that man, and his interest is the most natural thing in the world. He has been there himself.

Arthur Alfred Lynch is one of the very few who have been tried for treason in England since the beginning of the 19th century. In the early days the very grounds of treason were vague and in the time of Henry VIII they varied with the whim of the sovereign. At one time it was treason to question the legitimacy of Mary, at another to question that of Elizabeth. Later, the high ground of treason was questioning the legitimacy of these children. To get rid of Katherine Howard the monarch of the many wives put on the statute books a most outrageous law on treason. It was always possible, after any act, to call it

Recent Legislation More recently the grounds for treason

have been codified, simplified and brought into contact with the actual feelings of the people who are governed by them. Those of the United States are a model of simplicity, and the constitutional definition is virtually all one needs to know. In England the person of the sovereign and the safety of the State are equally protected, and the right of succession is held unimpeachable by print or spoken word. Aiding and abetting the enemy, the grand charge against Sir Roger, is the one of most frequent occurrence, The last trial before that of Lynch was for attempting to assassinate Queen Victoria. The assassin was caught, acquitted on the grounds of insanity, sentenced to confinement at Broadmoor and finally released. To get a case of actual execution we must go back nearly a century, to the days when the Cato street conspirators, arrested when about to murder the members of the Cabinet and plotting against the life of the monarch, met death on the gallows. Since that time every precedent favors the life of Sir Roger Casement, and none of these more so than that of Arthur Lynch

Lynch's Wild Career

Arthur Lynch is a man of extraordinary gifts, and before the Boer War was considered one of the ablest politicians, one of the most distinguished journalists of the British Empire. He was born, of Irish parents, in Australia and gravitated, after taking his master's degree at Melbourne, to Ireland. He was an ardent Parnellite, vainly contested Galway against the anti-Parnellite candidate and then burst suddenly into fournalism.

He had been a civil engineer, but craving excitement, got a letter to the famous T. P. O'Connor and became a writer on the Sun. His style was trenchant and bitter. His interests varied from cricket to criticasters. His feroclous attacks on the sloppy literature of his time are still remembered. "Our Poets," a caustic commentary on minor versifiers, made him a joyous host of enemies. He was, when the Boer War found him Paris, a man of high

He went from Paris to South Africa as correspondent for Le Journal. Michael Davitt, in his book on "The Boer Fight for Freedom," takes up Lynch's history at that point:

"Mr. Lynch was captivated by the heroic character of the Boer struggle against such cruel odds and he threw away the pen for a Mauser rifle. He was elected to the post of Colonel, and being an able linguist, speaking French and German with fluency, succeeded in enlisting 150 'Irishmen' from'several European nationalities not hitherto reckoned as subordinate members of the Celtic racial family." Colonel Lynch earned an excellent reputation for bravery, and so inspired his men that members of several other commands chose to fight under him. General Botha spoke of Lynch as "one of the very best of my officers," and Lynch enjoyed the General's confidence until, when guerrilla warfare broke out, Lynch returned to Paris,

Irrepressible Impudence

The most thrilling episode in his career is what followed. He had fought against Britain, had sought to become a naturalized citizen of an enemy country. had violated the first law of the land, and yet he had the "nerve" to stand for -Parliament. While still in Paris he was elected member for Galway against Horace Plunkett, elected with a great majority, and disregarding all warnings, proceeded to London to take his seat. He was promptly arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced. His sentence was even more promptly commuted and finally, after a brief service, he was freed. He is now a loyal citizen of Great Britain, sits in the House of Commons and will probably do all he can to save the life of his fellow Irishman. In fact, the excitement caused in this

country by the sentence passed on Sir Roger is not paralleled in England, even by those who heartily hate the idea of legal murder. They simply have an historical background which we lack. They know that the appeal of Sir Roger could hardly have been granted without impugning either the nonesty or the ability of the Lord Chief Justice of England. Merely out of consistency the appeal must have been denied. But they know that "the King's mercy," upon which all traitors are thrown, has not failed to act for a century, and they do not expect to see it fail now. Arthur Lynch was said in the indictment to have been seduced and instigated by the devil. The instigator of Sir Roger is popularly supposed to be the Prince, not of Darkness, but of Potsdam. But even that anger must die down and the probable as well as the desirable thing is that Sir Roger will lie in a British jail until the war is over and then be pardoned.

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And it may be that the German navy is waiting for another consignment of low viaminty before putting to sea aguin.-Macon