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Night is the time to weep, To wet with unseen tears
hase graves of memory where sleep
The joys of other years.

—James Montgomery.

Baldness, says a scientist, is heredstary. Something about the skins of the

Playing soldier is just as good sumamusement as playing polo, and not half so dangerous.

What's the use telling everybody there is so much gold aboard the Deutschland? It's enough to tempt a pirate.

Naval progress appears to consist in devising armor which will withstand the fire of the biggest guns, and then inventing guns which will pierce that

The woman on the hotel plazza in the Poconos who said that the American eagle was really an ostrich had been reading the proceedings of Congress to some purpose.

According to the New York Times, the second Progressive convention, which is to meet in Chicago August 5, may nominate Woodrow Wilson. Isn't he handicapped enough already?

Lloyd George expresses the opinion that the end of the war is not very far distant. It seems, however, that the settlement of the Irish question is just as distant as it ever was, if not a little

While the Danish West Indies affair is being settled, it is interesting to learn that Alaska sold more than fifty that, and cheap.

There is some reason to believe that more than one submarine is on the way of the Bremen to arrive is the occasion of much anxiety, and pending her appearance there will not be much public confidence in submersibles as transatlantic

Perhaps the date set for the execun of Sir Roger Casement is intentionally near at hand. Not even England, with all her muddling, can seriously intend making another blunder so tragic. August 3 must be intended as the date of reprieve or commutation of sentence, not as the date of execution.

New York has its police scandal no less ugly than the one Philadelphia is now enjoying. The disposition of the New York authorities to expose everything is that of the Grand Jury here, has already brought in several true bills. Unfortunately, the city is not entirely persuaded that justice is proceeding with equal hands to her task. The Grand Jury is beyond suspicion. The amount of help which it will get is ques-

Because navigable waters are under the jurisdiction of the United States and not of the individual States is no reason why vessels should become the scenes of revelry and debauchery on Sunday or any other day. Even a boatload of "drunks" must be loaded, and a "wet" on dry land a great musical orchestra should find it cult to give a concert on Sunday afternoon, or a clergyman to offer the citytired children relaxation in the country, but a thousand or more revelers can go on a boat and do what they please? ant of the law is not always so chnical in its differentiations,

The British blacklist is not a question of legal right or of necessity so for as the United States is concerned. It is simply a question of having a sufficient American merchant marine. For months now England has exercised the right of denying a sailing charter to any vessel, and shipowners have been instructed to boycott certain firms dealing with other neutral countries. In that way it hene very easy for a British competitor for South American trade, which has ling whatever to do with the enemy, to out out his American rival. If the United States were possessed of enough ships to carry its own trade with neutral time the blacklist and the other outon of the supreme naval power would

The favorable financial condition of siphia Basid Transit Company run the windom of the people in the so overwheitsingly in favor of the m. The assumption, so gen- istumph with its progest inviers,

erally made, that there is no increase in travel except through increase in population is discredited by the latest state ment of the company's earnings. The better the transit facilities the more they are used. High-speed lines create bushness, just as they create values. The olg thing now is to perfect an operating agreement for the new lines with the mpany. The Mayor recently stated that negotiations were under way. We assume that the public will be given ample opportunity to study and digest the agreement, for the most scrupulous care is requisits in an affair involving so much money and of such enormous importance to the entire community.

FORGOTTEN DYNAMITE

MAN does not become a successful politician until be has learned to act consistently upon a great and infamous maxim. "The people forget." The first pages of all the newspapers of a State will be filled for a week with accounts of a notorious deal or ripper bill. All the politicians sit tight, calm and unmoved as if they were being praised instead of denounced. Time proves their cleverness. The "big story" dwindles, public curiosity wanes, presently the unblushing coup d'etat is accomplished without difficulty.

The biggest thing that Philadelphia has ever done was done this year, and it is already forgotten. The city authorised the \$114,525,000 loan, put a greater sum of money at the disposal of one man-Mayor Smith-than any public official in America has ever been personally responsible for, and then dropped the matter. It was a nine days' wonder. The people for-

It to as if a vast amount of dynamite had been stored in a basement. The first few days every one goes about on tiptoe and scrupulously obeys the most farfetched rules for precaution. Presently a rule is disobeyed, but nothing happens; getting the meaning of the letter at all. read it out for her. Several years after this Francesca attended a business college nothing happens. And one day somebody drops something, and then everything happens at once. Who is the gentleman whom we are

trusting so blandly? A renowned captain of industry and born leader of men. schooled to the constructive wielding of millions like a J. J. Hill or an H. H. Rogers, tried in the fires of disciplined organization like a Goethals or an Edison? No. Mr. Smith is just one of us. His very average human feebleness and folbles, as well as his better traits, are intimately known to every one who can read. He has confessed, as much as any politician is capable of confessing, to having given to his political friends, the Vares, every gift in his power to give-he has even naively handed out a half-dozen plums to members of his immediate family, less closely related kinsmen and dear friends. not one of whom had been obviously destined to rise save by the stars of luck. This urbanity, this docility, this genmillion dollars' worth of products to the erosity, spring, perhaps, from the good-States last year. A good investment, heartedness of the man. He is not unkindly, his compassion for the unfortunate, as, for example, the inmates of Blockley, is transparently sincere. But if I miss the living atmosphere there is to be no sharp drawing of the line | That comforts me when they are between the soft heart and the soft head. if there is to be no distinction between the payment of shabby political debts and the payment of conscientious service to the city in its gigantic constructive effort, now already under way, what guaranty have the people of the city that a great part of the money which the law puts not be squandered, that the debt will not turn out merely a burden for posterity?

It is no criticism of Mayor Smith to say that more than any other Mayor we have ever had he should be watched like a hawk. A Lincoln should be watched. The Mayor should invite all good counsel at every step of the letting of the con tracts and the floating of the loans. For. look you, he stands between those two contracting firms which for long-standing clutch upon a city's resources have no rivals in American municipal history, They are a tiptoe at his elbows, famished for a guzzle at the public crib after the four lean years of Blankenburg. If the past history of contracts hereabouts means anything, it means that our \$114,-000,000 looks to them like a juicy peach to a thieving boy, and the peach is ready is not in sanctuary. Funny, isn't it, that to drop. And now, on the eve of the partition of the spoils, has come a "harmony" announcement of most sinister

> Will the people forget once more Will they wake up some day to find themselves bitted and saddled for the supreme Organization joy-ride of all time? Or will they remember to watch, step by step, day by day, the building of their future and of the future of their children's children?

TOO MUCH FOR LLOYD GEORGE

TT WOULD be a terrible thing for Eng-I land if the sine of centuries should take this opportunity to tumble all the ands of the world on her head. Rumors of disaster have at last reached the stage where Lloyd George and Asquith both are reported ready to resign, not on the conduct of the war, but on the Irish question. Apparently there are "last ditchers" in both Engiand and Ireland who are ready to fight at home when the last ditch ought to be a trench in France. It sylvania. is. fortunately, incredible that the two resignations should be proffered and acquestion would have done nothing to solve the difficulties, even if returned in

Tom Daly's Column

DONZANTE kept a baker shop on Fitz water street between 5th and 5th and his daughter Francesca kept books for him. Francesca had attended school just long enough to learn a few alphabetical characters and the numbers from one to zero. She had no reading or writing. But she never made a mistake in her bookkeeping. This is the way she went about it. The man who was to the habit of bringing man who was in the habit of bringing the barrels of flour

made Fran-pig, so tned to cessca like a pig.

If he happened to
be bringing seven
barrels of flour she would draw his picture and put seven tally strokes inside of
him. The man who brought the yeast happened to be a long individual, and so when his
goods were left upon the
counter she took down
her book and made a
drawing of him, with
tally marks alongside to

tally marks alongside to show what she had re-

In another part of her books she kept a record of charge accounts for those customers who were not in the habit of pay-ing cash. For instance, since she was not able to write names and ad dresses, it was her habit to hit upon the customer's chief peculiarity and make a record of her in accordance with that. One woman, let us say, looked to her like a cat. If she should come

ance with that, in and call for three loaves of bread the charge against her would appear what as shown in the margin here. the woman afterward paid would simply run her pencil through the tallies.

She never made a mis-

Francesca awakened to the fact that the world held a man for her. He was Olivieri, the barber. She could not write, but her friend, Doctor Hurlong, who when he wasn't prac-ticing dentistry was studying Italian and music, could. She went to him and dictated to him in the dialect of her own province a letter for her lover. Doctor Hurlong, while not able to understand what she was saying, could still set it down phonetically on paper, and Clivieri, when he got it, was able to puzzle it out. He, in turn, replied to Francesca, and Doctor Hurlong, without and they readjusted their course to take care of her case. She is now happily mar-ried to her barber and is keeping house for him in West Philadelphia.

CIR-There has been so much said in O the papers lately by cynical writers of one sex or another about the lovely times that the gay husband has while the family's away at mountain or shore. Can't you say a word for those of us married men who are actually lonely? A. R.

We haven't anything new to say, but this, which was written out of a full heart just ten years ago, will not come amiss,

NIGHT IN BACHELOR'S HALL They've gone away! It seems a year, Aye! weeks of years, since they were here; And yet it was but yesterday I kissed them when they went away, Away from all the scorching heat That grips this brick-walled city street, And it was I who bade them go. Though she, dear heart, protested so. And vowed I'd find no joy at all, Nor any peace, in Bachelor's Hall, I laughed at that, but she was right; I never knew a sadder night Than this, while thus I tread, alone, These silent halls I call my own, I never thought this place could change So utterly and seem so strange. The night is hot, and yet a chill Pervades the house; it is so still. I miss the sigh, long-drawn and deep, The music of refreshing sleep, That undulates the gentle breast Of weary motherhood at rest. And in the unaccustomed gloom That shrouds the small adjoining room miss the moans, the muffled screams Of childhood troubled in its dreams. And is this all? Nay! more I miss The strong, heart-thrilling joy, the bliss Of warding, with protecting arm, Between these precious hearts and harn

Of sing your song, all ye who roam Your wistful song of "Home, Sweet Home." But, though unhappy is your lot.

You will not find a sadder spot In all the world than Home, when they Who make it Home have gone away.

A SOUTHERN contemporary speaks of "automatic feeding apparatus for chickens governed by an alarm clock." Gosh! The he-chicken is a self-governing alarm clock his own self.

Very Well, Enjoy Yourself My first attempt. Though it be set tiny type this size, The little thing will look, you bet, THIS BIG TO MY PROUD EYES.

TN A window on Somerset street L near 23d: THIS IS M. CARUSO FROM 7 A. M. TO 10 P. M.

SHOE LACES 20 A PAIR

Kiddo

RUBBER HEELS ATTACHED 15c EXTRA Elegy in a Country Churchyard of the death at Scranton of Garreit Hogart, the last of a great company of sterling men, who built the Lackawanna Railroad. He was operator at Henryville in the good old days. From Henryville Mr. Begart was transferred to Bridge villes N. J. where he neet the girt who was to be this wife. Miss Margaret Vogs. They were married in Hiawelt. N. T. July 9, 1856. Mrailcogart died April 20 hast. It was 57 years ago last Bunday that they were married. Mr. Begart Runday before last said to his daughter. Mrs. Fowler. Tim so lonesome: I think I will go to the cemetry today. He did, there spending he 57th weidting analversary at the gravaside of the woman who, for more than 50 years, had been his mate and companion.—Henryville correspondent in Broudsburg Times.

Explicit Directions Y WIFE and I," said the little man to the subscription clerk, "are going to spend a few weeks with her peo-"Yes, air," said the clark. "What name,

"Well—er—to make sure of my getting it I guess you had better address it: 'Mary-Blank's husband, Blank's Corners, Penn-sylvania."

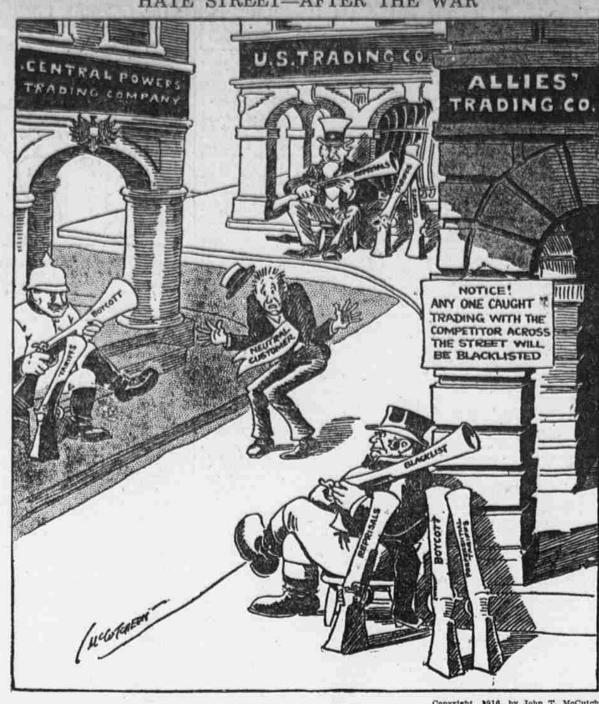
A Cigar Dealer on North 5th street

BELOW

recently moved to a store a block or two below his old location. In the window of the premises vacated is displayed HAVE GONE TO A BETTER PLACE

Republican Organization are controlled by

HATE STREET-AFTER THE WAR



Penrose-McNichol faction. Senator James

P. McNichol heads a number of contract-

ing concerns noted for the magnitude of

their operations in every big city of the

East. Both the Vare and McNichol con-

cerns have already gained a foothold in

transit work, and their share in the many

reading during the years that Mayor

Influence of the Vares

Directors owe their political prominence

and positions to the Vare forces. This

is doubly the case with his Assistant

Directors. What significance, if any, can

be attached to this condition is a ques-

Just how soon an effort will be made

to float loans out of the funds authorized

has not been determined. This is not

indicative of delay, as under existing laws

the loan funds of the city are used for

loan purposes and a general loan fund

is maintained so that contract payments

can be made as they come due out of a

central fund. The effect of an effort to

float any considerable portion of loans at

one time is feared, as bankers on a recent

loan issue did not offer nearly such high

premiums for city 4 per cent bonds as

was the case at the last issue under for-

the city government from now until the

end of the year. It is planned to have

only, so that posterity will not be called

upon to shoulder a burder that under any

"pay-as-you-go" act would have to be met

during the year the expenses were in-

curred. Other bond issues will cover pro-

vision for new transit work and for money

to take over property along the Parkway.

Former City Solicitor Ryan estimated that

approximately \$10,000,000 would be needed

this year for Parkway purposes alone.

Bankers will, during the next year, have

unusual opportunities to obtain city 4 per

cent bonds for periods of years ranging

from five to 50, and the lettings will un-

doubtedly make new financial history for

Future loans that the citizens will be

for a new Blockley, as the \$3,000,000 in

the present loans for a Philadelphia Gen-

eral Hospital will be expended at Byberry

Farms and less than \$1,000,000 of old loan

moneys is available for improving some

TRUTH FOR T. R.

Having hluffed Carvansa to a standstill with proffers of munitions and financial assistance, the Administration fearlessly grants asylum to Cipriano Castro, exclaim-

ing the while "Who's afreid?" Omaha

The Texas Legislature is engaged in try-

Smith's financial advisers.

tion that time alone will tell.

Admittedly most of Mayor Smith's

Smith is in office

ments.

Philadelphia.

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THE MAYOR AND THE MILLIONS

No City Executive in America Has Ever Held a Personal Responsibility Comparable to Mr. Smith's for the Disposal of Vast Sums

TN SIGNING the measures appropriat- in this part of the country. Mayor Smith, ing loan moneys and carrying the enabling clauses which place vast sums at the disposal of municipal heads, Mayor Smith this week puts himself in the posttion of having direct control of \$114,-525,000. In addition to this staggering sum the Mayor has or will have control of at least \$15,000,000 of loans authorized in years past but not yet expended or floated. Add to these sums between \$30,-000,000 and \$40,000,000 that will be needed for operating expenses each year of the four of his administration, and the Mayor looms up as a financial power second to few this nation has ever known.

Mayor Smith's present position has no parallel in any American city. The pres ent big financial deals only partly tell the story, as plans are already being considered for future loans to include millions for a sewage disposal system, mil-lions more for extensions to the city's water system and at least \$5,000,000 for a new Philadelphia General Hospital. Never before in the history of Philadelphia has any Mayor of any party been entrusted with the expenditure of a loan in excess of \$16,000,000, and a loan of such size, when authorized not many years ago, was considered most unusual. In years past loans ranging from \$4,000,000 to \$11,000,000 were considered big undertakings, and when two or more loans were authorized in any twelvemonth such action was considered a feat worth many columns of newspaper comment. These operations, in view of the big expenditures planned for the next three years and a half, dwindle into comparative insignificance and will be more or less lost sight of in the future financial history of

In the Mayor's Grip

In gauging the power of Mayor Smith with such tremendous resources back of him, it must be remembered that he now has absolute control of the largest sum of money that city financiers ever in their this bond issue for a period of five years wildest dreams thought of placing at the disposal of one executive. His grip on the situation is best demonstrated by the fact that legislation placing \$57,100,000 in the hands of the Department of Transit, \$10,000,000 credit to the Department of Wharves. Docks and Ferries and millions more at the disposal of other departments, means that not one cent can be spent before the Mayor lends his approval to even the least important turns in the deal. It is true that Councils have, in some instances, notably in the case of Director Twining, of the Department of Transit, lent their power of creating positions and fixing salaries to members of the Mayor's Cabinet. This was done so that present working forces could be greatly augmented and the new places paid for out of the loan moneys; but it must be remembered that every Director invested with appointive power is directly responsible to the Mayor and that before creating new places and fixing salaries the Mayor must be consulted and must give his approval.

At this time no estimate of the moneys to be spent on new positions made necessary by the vast municipal undertakings now under way or about to be started can ple at Blank's Corners and I want you to be made, but of course the money expended in this way is not to be compared with the tremendous sums to be laid out in contract letting. In the letting of contracts the Mayor's great power is again evident, as it is to him that all contracts must be sent after they have been officially approved by departmental heads. He will be the final court of review, and no work will be undertaken until he has approved.

> The two great political factions of the two of the largest municipal contractors | p

QUIZ

carrying his financial program to its pres-4. What is meant by a "true bill"? ent state by ward leaders and Councilmen 5. Who is John Redmond? who owe their allegiance to Senator Edwin H. Vare and his brother, Congressman 7. What is a "Sabbath day's Journey"? 8. What is a sandstorm? William S. Vare. Most of the opposition to the loan bills and many of the obstacles 9. Who was Madame Blavatsky? to the passage of necessary legislation in What day will be the second anniversary the beginning of the Great War? Councils originated from followers of the

> Answers to Yesterday's Quiz Orange Book, in which the grievances of Holland against Germany, France and England are told. 2. B'nai B'rith, a Jewish fraternal associa

 States in the "grain belt": Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas Nebraska and Kansas. 4. The Latin Union: those countries, like Be gium. France, Greece, Italy and Switze land, whose currency is interchangeab and is based on the franc. 19 3-10 cents.

5. Camaraderie: good fellowship. 6. Yard: a spar slung across a mast to support a sail.

the Emperor Henry IV. Immortelles: composite flowers of papery texture retaining color after being dried; often used to adorn graves.

Golden Age: a nation's best age, usua referring to literature, as the age Augustus in Rome and of Elizabeth

Schools of Oratory

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Where is there a school of oratory in Philadelphia. What is the cost of a school term? W. W. If you will look in the classified section of the directory or telephone book under "Elecution" and "Schools" you will be able tory is taught. Application there will sur ply you with the needed information.

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Why has Alabama 13 electoral votes? Is there any place in the United States where there is no thunder and lightning? What is Alabama's State flower? Some say magnolia. some goldenrod. Where does this quotation

by dying brands, Twenty soldiers sat and waited, with their muskets in their hands.

C. A. B. According to the Congressional Directory of May, 1916, Alabama has 12 electoral votes. In any case, any State has as many electoral votes as it has Senators and Rep resentatives in Congress, which is in cordance with the Constitution. (2) (2) The frequency of occurrence of lightning and thunder storms is published regularly in the United States Monthly Weather Review, and the annual summary shows that the number of days on which thunderstorms were re-ported varies from 100 at any station in Louisiana and Fiorida to five or even one per annum at special stations in Arizona, California, Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington. Evidently there is no section where thunderstorms do not occur sometimes, however infrequently they may occur at some points. (3) The goldenrod is the generally accepted State flower of Alabams, but it has not been officially adopted. (4) Possibly one of our readers will be able to supply information as to the authorship of the lines you quote. asked to approve will be based upon needs

of the antiquated buildings at Blockley.

This ever-popular cry is counted on to carry less popular measures in loans that are as yet tentatively discussed by Mayor

ing to pass a measure prohibiting fake advertising. Those Texans are quite forehanded. They have been reading the papers and probably reasoned that that "major general with 12,000 picked troops" would want to pass through their state.—Knoxyilis The Peace Treaties Editor of "What Do You Know"-Has the

Belitor of "What Do You Know"—Has the United States signed peace treaties with other nations?

About 10 countries have signed treaties with the United States allowing time for discussion before hostilities. Exchange of ratifications has made treaties effective with Guatsmaia, Great Britain, Costa Rica, Norway, Portugal, Paraguay, Spain, Peru, Bolivia, Sweden, Denniszie, France, Russie.

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

What Do You Know?

I. Which is larger in area, the Danish West Indies or Philadelphia? 2. How is salt obtained?

What is meant nowadays by the "golde

big projects planned will make interesting

7. "To go to Canossa": to humble oneself after

Augsburg Confession: the chief credal ats ment of faith in the Lutheran Church.

Concerning Alabama

mer Mayor Blankenburg and before the city had been definitely launched upon its present ambitious campaign for improve-If present plans are carried out bonds Before the deep-mouthed chimney, dimly lit will be sold in the not distant future to cover the \$4,900,000 needed to maintain

Truce of God

D. J.—In 1940, in France, the Truce of God was first enacted by the Church. It forbade private combats between sunset ened with excommunication all men who re-fused to lay down their arms. At the reading of this command, which took place daily, the last words were "may their light be put out as a candle." All lights in the church were then extinguished and the congregation was compelled to work its way out as best it could.

pair of andirons. Every one knows that the andirons were so fine they made the mantelpiece look shabby. A new mantel had to be built. Then the old furniture looked out of place in the room. The outcome was that a new house had to be put up around the andirons before the lady was satisfied.

THE CARIBBEAN

AN AMERICAN SEA

Uncle Sam Can Guard the

Panama Canal Better When

He Owns the Danish

West Indies

WHEN Uncle Sam acquired the Pan-

state of the old lady who bought a new

Necessity, rather than a desire for artistic harmony, is impelling Uncle Sam. He cannot stop until he has made the Caribbean Sea an American lake. The naval strategists are telling him what he must buy or control or neutralize if he would remin possession of the waterway through the Isthmus in time of war as well as in time of peace.

The purchase of the Danish West Indies, which has long been urged by officers of the navy, became imperative as soon as we got possession of the Canal Zone. It had been desirable before that and an attempt had been made to induce the Danes to sell the small group of islands off the east coast of Porto Rico. When that attempt was made we did not own Porto Rico and Cuba was still Spanish and our protectorate over Haiti and San Domingo had not been established. The Greater and the Lesser Antilles were owned by European Powers. France, Great Britain and Holland, as well as Denmark, were entrenched along the rim of the Caribbean. The Danish islands were small and not worth much. About fifty years ago we offered \$7,500,000 for them, or \$300,000 more than we paid for Alaska. The Danes were willing to sell, but the Senate failed to ratify the treaty of purchase. Under the Roosevelt Administration we offered \$5,000,000. The American Senate agreed to the plan, but the Danish Parliament defeated it by a single vote. Now fourteen years later we are offering \$25,000,000, together with the surrender of whatever rights we may have to the discoveries by American explorers in Greenland.

Menace to the Monroe Doctrine

At first blush it might seem as if this was a waste of money. So far as the defense of the Panama Canal is concerned, Cuba is an American island. We control her foreign affairs and no hostile force can use the Cuban harbors as a base of operations against us until it has seized them. We hold Haiti and San Domingo in our fist, and those two negro republics exist by our grace. The island which they occupy is American in all military essentials. Porto Rico, east of San Domingo, came to us after the Spanish War. This group of islands, extending along almost the whole northern length of the Caribbean Sea and separating it from the Atlantic, is no longer a menace to American interests.

The Danish islands east of Porto Rico have been a menace to American peace, for they have contained the possibilities of a challenge to the validity of the Monroe Doctrine. Germany has looked with longing eyes on them, for Germany has needed a naval station on this side of the Atlantic. There were rumors that the defeat of the plan of sale in the Danish Parliament fourteen years ago was due to German intrigue. The reports were denied, of course, but the denials did not necessarily mean that the Germans had been indifferent. The United States could not have consented to the purchase of the islands by Germany or by any other European Power. If they were to be sold we must buy them. There was no question of this in the mind of any American statesman of standing or in the mind of any naval officer who was worth his salt to his country.

A Watch Tower in the Southern Sea

The consummation of plans for the ourchase is one of the most important steps toward strengthening the national defenses made by the present Administration. When the islands are turned over to us there is likely to be a revision of the plans for the naval protection of the Panama Canal. A strong naval station will be equipped on one of the harbors and the importance of Guantanamo station in Cuba will disappear. There are other routes to Panama than by way of the Windward Passage between Cuba and San Domingo, but this is the principal one. With warships stationed at St. Thomas it will be possible to intercept ships before they reach that passage, for our ships will have a base about seven hundred miles further east than the present unsatisfactory naval station on the eastern end of Cuba. It is difficult to overestimate the value of a purchase which will carry our first line of defense so much further out to sea.

When the title to these islands passes the only serious menace that will remain will be the Dutch islands in the Lesser Antilles. The British own Jamaica and a large number of smaller islands, but it has been the policy of America for a century to maintain friendly relations with the other great English-speaking Power, France, which owns some more of the islands, does not threaten us. But Helland might be induced to transfer some of her islands to another Power. The probability is not great, but our statesmen are not ignoring the possibility of it. So, before the train of consequences following the decision to dig the ditch through the Isthmus of Panama is completed, it is likely that we shall have to enter into much larger expenses than any that have already been incurred. We cannot play the part of a great nation unless we rise to our responsi ditties with unfaltering courage. G. W. D.

A STAND-UP FIGHT

In the meantime the tall-ender on the cadless Bull Moose ticket, John M. Parker, headless Buil Moose ticket, John M. Parker, of Louisiams, Progressive candidate for Vice President, continues to implore his fallow partisans to stand up and fight. Many of them are doing so, we can tell Mr. Parker. They are standing beside their former Republican associates and are now fighting the Democrats.—Hridgeport (Conn.) Standard

(LAUGHTER)

The next U-boat that will arrive from Ger