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of foreign birth to return to take up arms. We have not the normal supply of labor and the war has made an abnormal demand upon the unskilled workers here because it is possible for them to perform tasks in the munitions factories. These conditions will prevail so long as the war continues. It is imperative that some new source be tapped if the demand for workers is to be met. We can find employment for all the Mexicans who can be induced to leave the turmoil and low wages of their own country and come here where they are certain of good wages and the peaceful enjoyment of what they earn. We can find work for not only 500, but for 100,000 Mexicans. Ten thousand of them are needed right here in Philadelphia at once by the contractors who are to dig the subway. If they should return to Mexico after the job was done they would do more toward pacifying that unfortunate country than a Mexican army of the same size could do, for they would take back with them the experience of life in a country where property is safe and where a man can go to bed at night with some assurance that he will be alive in the morning.

TRADE WAR ALREADY DECLARED

THE economic war against the Central Empires, decided upon by the Paris Conference and approved by the most prominent British statesmen in the House of Commons, is in strange contradiction with the assurance of European peace for which the Allies, as they have repeatedly declared, are striving. Whatever the ideological causes and motives of the Great War may be there is no denial of the fact that the roots of the conflict are to be sought in the political economy of Europe. The clash of contending imperialistic forces formed the real basis of the carnage and slaughter devastating a continent. We are now informed officially by the Prime Minister of England that this commercial competition is to continue, even on a greater and more vicious scale after the war. The Central Empires have already accepted the challenge in the economic alliance formed with Bulgaria and Turkey for the protection of their mutual commercial interests.

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WAR'S REFLEXES SINCE MAY.

The Change in American Feeling Brought On by the Lusitania Horror Remains to This Day



NO SURE indication of the need for a change in American feeling toward Germany was sought then, but the fact that it was in some way, a political issue was nothing of the sort before the Lusitania sank, and could not have been one. It is one now. So the history of the war, as it was expressed in a neutral land, must be nearly a century old, from July 28, 1914, to the second part continues, with no deviation, in one mold.

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Philadelphia, Saturday, August 5, 1916.

You should go to a pear tree for pears, not to an elm.—Publius Syrus.

A Tenderloin policeman denies that he accepted graft. Did any one expect him to admit it?

The proper Berlin retort to the French demand, "The Hohenzollern must go," is that they planned to go—to Paris.

Bayonne babies are said to drink beer because their mothers find it cheaper than milk. Here is a chance for the temperance reformers to get active.

The Southern Senators are invoking the Constitution in their opposition to the child labor bill, but the rest of us wish to protect the constitution—of the children.

Germany's food dictator announces that there is enough food on hand to enable the country to hold out for a fourth and even a fifth year of war. But how about the supply of ammunition?

It may be, now that so many new warships are to be authorized, work will be started on those which were authorized last year. The opinion is growing that construction is just as necessary as authorization.

The retail coal dealers are like the rest of us. They do not like to give up money which they have once had in their pockets. That is why only a few of them thus far are refunding to their customers the illegal coal tax.

The First Assistant Postmaster General, who has been attached to Vance McCormick's staff to prove that the Democratic tariff has been successful, will have the biggest job of the campaign, because it is up to him to prove the impossible.

Mr. Hughes's first campaign tour, which begins tonight, will extend to the Pacific coast and back as far East as Maine. He will arrive in Portland, Me., in time to tell the voters why they should support the Republican ticket at the State election on September 11. Then the country will watch the voting and the statistical sharks will tell us by how big a majority the next Republican President will be elected.

The brotherhoods of railway employees are mistaken when they say that their wage dispute is a matter which concerns no one but themselves and their employers. The public is a third party in interest, and its rights are greater than those of either of the other parties. The tying up of the railroad lines by a strike cannot be tolerated. The switchmen have set the proper example to the other railroad employes by asking the Board of Mediation and Conciliation to consider their case. The situation demands compromise rather than fight.

Former Director Porter's testimony before the Grand Jury agrees with the prevailing impression of what conditions were under the Blankenburg Administration. As soon as the returns on election night indicated the success of Mr. Smith there was a Tenderloin celebration, the significance of which did not escape the knowing. Within a few weeks those who live on vice began to get active. It was generally understood that there was to be a relaxation of vigilance, and that even if the town was not to be wide open no one would be disturbed if the door were left ajar. Director Wilson took a tolerant attitude toward the resumed political activity of the policemen, and he announced that he could see no reason why a man on the police force should surrender his rights as a citizen. If this were not a permit to the men under him to resume the practices which were abandoned when Blankenburg became Mayor, the men on the force misinterpreted it. Political policemen mean protected vice and protected vice means graft and graft means scandal and scandal means disgrace to the city. There is one man who can stop all this sort of thing, and he occupies the desk in the Mayor's office. The way to clean up the city is to take the police out of politics and keep them out.

It will take more than the four or five hundred Mexican laborers whom the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has brought into the country to supply the demand for such workmen, which has grown acute since the war has virtually stopped European immigration. We had been receiving and absorbing about a million European immigrants annually. The total in 1912 was 1,137,000 and in 1914 it was 1,315,000. About five-eighths of these were males and a large proportion of the males were old enough to work. The two years of war have kept out of the country at least 2,000,000 immigrants and at least 1,000,000 unskilled laborers. It has departed the labor supply still further by its demands to train

THE infantile paralysis situation justifies no panic fear in this city. It does justify the exercise of the greatest care to prevent the spread of the disease. This the health authorities and the physicians are understood to be taking.

The disease is feared because so little is known about its cause or its cure, and because those whom it attacks are liable to permanent deformity. The surgeons attached to the orthopedic hospitals in New York, however, profess to have discovered a way to prevent the distortion of the limbs by the paralysis that they have succeeded in many cases in preventing the paralysis itself from becoming permanent. It is probable that we shall know more about the ways of combating the ailment before the epidemic has continued much longer.

The disease is not so great a menace to children as diphtheria, to which we have grown accustomed. Philadelphia has about 2500 diphtheria cases every year, with a death rate of more than twelve per cent. Before the antitoxin was discovered the death rate was much higher. The chances that a child will escape infantile paralysis this summer are much greater than that he will go through the year without an attack of diphtheria. If the parents will remember that they may sleep more quietly during these trying times.

More About 993 on 13
Conceded another champion of Conductor 993, C. M. W. D., who is properly surprised and ashamed of us for giving space to J. P. P.'s comment upon the general official. Says he:

The suggested reproach in the caption, "Can one be too polite?" does not mitigate the offense in the eyes of most people who have been fortunate enough to travel with Conductor 993, whose pleasant, amiable, general cheerfulness and thorough-going courtesy have made a dull day seem momentarily brighter for many persons going to or coming from work. In this day and generation, when politeness has drifted into the class of infrequent virtues, it seems possible that this public servant's meritorious conduct should be noted and their only reward in the service of the public be some one of the departed ones of Heaven.

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