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the Progressive vote had returned to the old parties, but 18,225 still voted in the Progressive column, retaining the balance of power, for in 1914 the Democrats elected a Governor by a small margin.

FELLOW WORKERS ALL!

It is one of the choice secrets of this new land that concentration, leadership and subordination produce abundance.

THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR JULY WAS 131,000.

Philadelphia, Saturday, September 2, 1916.

One thought includes all thought, in the sense that a grain of sand includes the universe—Coleridge.

Fairbanks knows that the tariff is the issue.

Shadow Lawn? Is there not something prophetic in that name?

Now that the redbird season is open the mortality among English sparrows will soon be very great.

The Vares' domination is resulting in successes which are as numerous as they are vital and vibrant with constructive statesmanship.

The great buying of Russian ten-year bonds in this country is significant of growing belief in the inevitable success of the Allies.

Senator Reed's recent speech on the achievements of the Democratic party was not in New York, for he boasted in it that the Democratic party had succeeded in compelling the New Yorkers to pay more than forty-four per cent of the individual income tax.

It is understood that Vance McCormick is considering sending post-haste for Horace Fletcher to get him to teach the people how to chew their food so they can cut their consumption in half and get just as much nourishment out of it and thereby justify the platform pledge that the Democracy would reduce the high cost of living.

The toppling of thrones in the Near East is usually the result of the juggling of their occupants, but no rulers in that section so richly deserve election as Constantine of Greece and Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

The Democratic leaders are discovering that the Republican Senators have conveniently long memories.

THE WAY UP AT IT

ROOSEVELT'S speech will not have any effect in Maine, according to Vance McCormick, who says, "When I was a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, Teddy Indroved me and came through Pennsylvania whooping it up for me, and they made a great fuss about him. I wasn't elected. That shows just how strong his influence with the voters is."

TOO HIGH A PRICE

THERE are worse things than a strike. One of them is legislation changing the basic conditions of a great industry when such legislation is enacted under threat, in response to a pistol pointed at the Government.

THE proposal of J. Hampton Moore, relating sympathy with the cause of an eight-hour day, but declaring that its effect on other railway employes, outside the brotherhoods, and on the people in general should be studied by a commission, appointed by the President, which commission should report to Congress before December 20, seemed eminently fair and just.

Mr. Roosevelt's drive into Maine is a strong move toward diverting the \$7,493 votes he received there into the Republican column.

Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET Whenever it's a Saturday and summer months are through I like to walk on Chestnut street to see what news is new.

A coat of tan on Pat Moran And one determined look, A lack in Mack of comin' back To buy a hook or crook;

There may be more important things apparent to the eye, But these are what appeal to me an' that's the reason why

Unpublished Letters

Dear Theodore: In re your recent speech would say: As we told you before, we are willing to take you at your word about being anxious to see us land that Washington business, and we have forgotten all the harsh things you said out loud against us when you thought you had a look-in.

DURING our recent chautauquatorial absence some one said something in this column reflecting upon Wilmington, Del., for which we were reproached.

Speaking of the City Club, and me, as a member of the entertainment committee, an eminent source approached me last night speaking, more or less as follows: "You're a member of the entertainment committee, ain't you?" "Yes," I replied in my most dignified manner.

PHILADELPHIA RHyme Contest UNTIL we hear definitely from J. B. Dignam, of Chicago, we can't lay down the rules to govern the Rhyme-for-Philadelphia Contest, but we would say for the benefit of C. J. B. E. M., Elsie and others that our notion is that the rhyme is to cover all four syllables, as, for instance: "Mill add 'elphia'."

YESTERDAY George E. Lothrop was telling about the wonderful shoes Moll the cobbler made for Napoleon, and we left the wrathful little Corsican smothering over the bill.—No! We're ahead of our story; but to resume:

napoleon's White Boots (Copyright, 1907, by Geo. E. Lothrop, Jr., 95 Brook Avenue, Boston, Mass.) Then Napoleon was ugly and Napoleon was mad;

And where she went the court would go to mimic her on the street.

For Josephine wore costly boots and stopped at the cobbler's door.

For he would show that he was King and the cobbler's dictator.

This was in eighteen hundred forty; ten years passed, the Bourbons came.

Had Moll a cobbler a beggar and Napoleon a tool.

They made the cobbler a hero and pensioned his patriotism.

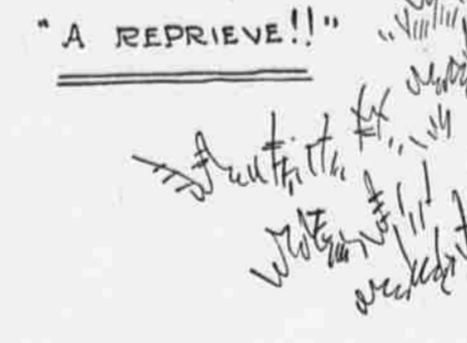
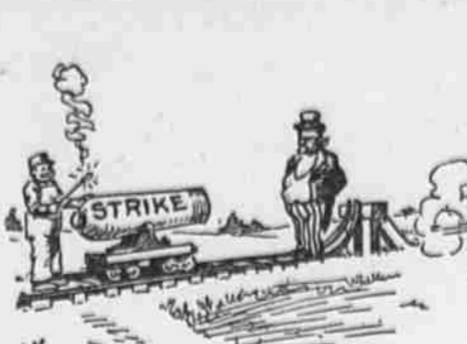
He made boots for Napoleon; now we'll do the proper thing.

GREATLY as we dislike to malign any one, we can't help wondering if L. Biddle Duffield, of Fifteenth and Locust streets, calls himself EXODONTIST just so we will notice it and give him a free advertisement, which the ethics of the profession would not entitle him to acquire otherwise.

Sir—There's a name in the directory you can't find. It's Wood street. But here's one you can: John W. Boos, who lives at 2449 Olive street, is a bartender. B. K. H.

Mrs. Olive E. Beachamp, president of the Kentucky W. C. T. U. and one of the foremost women speakers in this country, will deliver an address Friday evening. She is known as the "Phil Sheridan of the Temperance Reform."

Twenty miles away? PH. J. Journal.



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Alfred Noyes's Criticism of Casement Resented—Responsibility of Cats and Dogs for the Spread of Disease—Casement's Sister Objects—Other Matters

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IN DEFENSE OF CASEMENT

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The EVENING LEDGER printed an article from the pen of Alfred Noyes entitled "Confessions of Casement's Diary." I am sure that many of your readers will agree with me that this literary effusion comes not from Alfred Noyes, the poet, nor yet from Alfred Noyes, the professor at Princeton University, but from Alfred Noyes, the Englishman who is one of the great army of English writers who are officially engaged in the patriotic work of the English cause to the neutral world.

CASEMENT'S SISTER OBJECTS

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The article published in the EVENING LEDGER of August 31 by Alfred Noyes is so vile that it is not even worthy of the "pig's trough" mentioned by this Englishman. I defy this cowardly abuser of a man whose shoe laces he was not fit to tie to show me the "diary" he now, with the malice of the average Englishman, pretends belonged to his murdered brother! I was amazed that England intended to send her "agents" to try to defile his memory, a memory, thank God, that will live forever as ever among Irishmen and women as one of the purest types of man.

WHY NOT HALF FARE?

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I have been in every city of consequence in the United States and Mexico and in many cities in Europe. Philadelphia is the only city in which I see the sign in street cars that children over three must pay full fare.

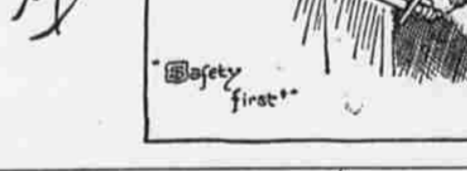
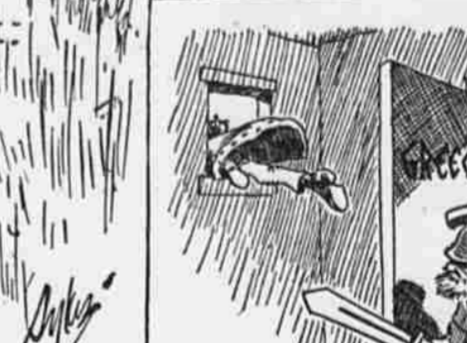
TRAITORS!

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—The men who would plunge this country into unnecessary war would properly be held as traitors and should be hanged. The men who needlessly and wantonly provoke a strike which, if prolonged, would be no less disastrous than war, are also and deserve the same fate.

THE WIND AND THE SEA

The sea is a jovial comrade, He laughs wherever he goes; His merriment shines in the dimpling lines That wrinkle his hale repose;

POST MORTEM



What Do You Know?

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

QUIZ

- 1. What is a walrus? 2. What is the retina? 3. What is the difference between gross earnings and net earnings? 4. What is the difference between infection and contagion? 5. When does summer end? 6. What is a breeze? 7. What is meant by windward and leeward? 8. What are moales? 9. What are pros and cons? 10. Who is Asquith T. Dice?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. "Laissez faire" doctrine; that Government should keep hands off economic, industrial and commercial conditions and let them take care of themselves. 2. Marmite; an article which is too strict and petty in enforcing discipline. 3. Truckwrecker; a railroad employe whose duty is to remove wrecks. 4. "Walking the plank"; plates compelled to jump into the sea. 5. Cholmondeley; pronounced "chamley." 6. Banishes; spirit whose wall portends death in a house. 7. Dames; a condition and admitted facts or conditions in an inquiry. 8. Fiscal year; the financial year, usually beginning on the first of July. 9. Welton; the Celtic population of southern Belgium living on the Ardennes plateau. 10. Opium is obtained from the poppy.

Postoffice Figures

O. R. V.—The Philadelphia Postoffice employs 1353 letter carriers, serving an area of 12 1/2 square miles, in which are about 370,000 residences and 51,000 business places. In the course of the year about 1,000,000,000 pieces of mail matter are delivered, including nearly 3,000,000 pieces of parcel post matter. In the business sections seven deliveries are made, and to hotels and apartment houses in those sections which do not receive their mail in sections from four to six deliveries are made, and in the outlying districts two deliveries. There are about 1500 clerks, distributing about 8,000,000 pieces of mail matter daily.

Wedding Anniversaries

B. G.—The names of wedding anniversaries accepted by most persons are as follows: First, cotton; second, paper; third, leather; fourth, fruit and flowers; fifth, wood; sixth, sugar; seventh, woolen; eighth, India rubber; ninth, wool; tenth, tin; eleventh, steel; twelfth, silk and fine linen; thirteenth, lace; fourteenth, ivory; fifteenth, crystal; twentieth, china; twenty-first, silver; thirtieth, pearl; fortieth, ruby; fiftieth, golden; and seventy-fifth, diamond.

The New in Art

B. H. L.—Post-impressionism, cubism and futurism are three latter-day art movements which, besides, addition, Allegory, barbaric in artistic expression. The post-impressionists regard drawing as secondary to beauty of color and leave the artist to scatter his colors as may best convey his impression. The cubists and futurists go still further and aim at realizing by a series of chaotically placed colors the pictorial idea in the mind of the artist. While the layman all three movements signify little that is understandable, to their devotees they indicate a healthy desire to break away from conventions.

Revolutionary Months

T.—The following are the dates beginning and ending the French revolutionary months for the year 1844, the last complete year of this style of reckoning: Vendemiaire (vintage), September 23 to October 23; Brumaire (foggy), October 23 to November 22; Frimaire (frost), November 22 to December 21; Nivose (snowy), December 21 to January 20; Pluviose (rainy), January 20 to February 19; Ventose (windy), February 19 to March 20; Germinal (spring), March 20 to April 19; Florival (flowering), April 19 to May 19; Prairial (pasture), May 19 to June 18; Messidor (harvest), June 18 to July 18; Thermidor (heat), July 18 to August 17; Fructidor (fruit), August 17 to September 16. This left five days between September 16 and 23, and they were dedicated to virtue, industry, labor, opinion and rewards. To leap year a sixth day, called "the day of the revolution," was added.

Candidates

J. R.—Governor Beckman is a candidate for re-election as Governor of Rhode Island. Governor Hildcomb's attitude is that he would accept a nomination for re-election if his party called upon him to run, but that he will do nothing to obtain the nomination.

WAR'S EFFECT ON MARRIAGE

French Social Reformers Seeking to Make It Easy for the Dowerless Bride to Get a Husband

By HENRY WOOD

THE war promises to end in France what has constituted in the past the greatest obstacle to general marriage, namely, the "dot" that is exacted of every girl who wants a husband.

So deeply is this custom implanted in French life that any girl whose parents are not able to provide her with a "dot" has such a small chance of effecting a marriage as to render it unworthy of either consideration or hope.

While it is generally conceded that the necessity of having a "dot" has made the French woman the most efficient and economic home manager in the world and also relieved her of "slavedom," yet it has greatly restricted marriage in France.

Since the beginning of the present war an active propaganda has been carried on in France to put marriage on the American and English basis—a matter purely of love, on which the husband also assumes the full responsibility of providing for his wife and children.

Statistics have established that following every great war there comes a marked increase in the number of male births over female. The propagandists for "dotless" marriages have therefore been doing a little investigating and find ample cause for rejoicing.

While therefore the propagandists realize that immediately following the close of hostilities the death of men, brought about through military and naval losses, will place the groom very much at a premium, yet they figure that by 1940 and 1950 they can count on such an abundance of potential grooms and such a dearth of potential brides as to place the latter at a premium regardless of "dots."

MGUFFEY'S FIFTH READER

We have been looking long for a "McGuffey's Fifth Reader," the old textbook we used at school in the sunny days of our childhood. It occupies a prominent place in our library. Every page is filled with culture, wisdom and inspiration. It is possible that no one has made a deeper impression upon the men of 50 or 60 years ago living in this old reader. On the trolley the other day we happened to quote a piece of a paragraph from it to a friend, when he promptly asked a question. Then we essayed a fragment from another paragraph, and he gave the rest. We tried another, same result. Then we discovered that fully three-fourths of his intellectual endowment, like our own, had been furnished by that book.

Then we recounted the various articles, and nearly all of them had a line or two in our memories. There were Halleck, Willis, Cook, Whitman, Percival, Irving, Campbell, Longfellow, Signourney, Benjamin, Bryant, Cooper, White, and that whole galaxy of glories who furnished the thought and inspiration of the last century. There is no schoolbook among all the readers—grammars, arithmetics, geographies, histories, rhetorics, sciences—that has done as much good as McGuffey's Fifth Reader. Its lessons are a guiding influence in the lives of thousands of prominent men and women today.

Every article in it is pure literature and every poem real poetry. Of all the books we have read in our life we can remember more from this old reader than from any other book. And it has more than a memory of words and sentences; it is the flavor, the unctio, the soul of things that make life what it is. There is not an article in the whole index that is not worth reading over several times.

There are Pitt's Reply to Walpole, Hayne's speech on the Bank, Addison's Allegory, Disraeli's "How the Water Course Runs at Lodore," Scott's Tournament, The Love Indian, Darkness by Byron, The Sisk Scholar by Dickens, Marco Bozaris, Song of the Greek Bard, Discontented Fendulian, Lochiavar, The Fourteenth Congress, Origin of Property by Blackstone, God in Nature, and so on to the extent of 449 articles, all of this character—uplifting, instructive, inspiring. No wonder this book dwells in the minds of the reading generation like a beautiful benediction.—Ohio State Journal.

A WORD TO THE KAISER

While wedding out the disappointing generala, the Kaiser should overlook the Crown Prince.—Boston Record.

BY WAY OF CONTRAST

Would you like just now to be in Buenos Aires? Where according to the news the cable carries Mercury at 35; You can hardly keep alive! And a 44c rate early arrives! Bitter comment such a crisis sure arouses! All the nations have quit on hearing cables. And, except in big hotels, Even folks who rank as swells Sit and shiver while the idle freemas drowns. This is Nature's way, as thinking folks remember. Arguing against her summer in December! While New Yorkers kick a lot. When they find their August hot. Though costly every winter heartaches comes. —Edna Allen, in the Brooklyn Eagle.