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Philadelphia, Friday, September 15, 1916.
But each day brings its petty dust
Our soon-choked souls to fill,
And we forget because we must
And not because we will.

No other President has ever had so gorgeous a summer home as that in which Mr. Wilson is now taking his ease and trying to make himself believe there is no hoodoo in its name.

The teachers, who are having a longer vacation than usual because of the infantile paralysis epidemic, will earn every dollar of their full salaries by crowding a full school year's work into three weeks less than a school year.

New Jersey is classified by the New York Herald among the doubtful States this year, but when one recalls that Mr. Wilson, who received 233,682 votes when he ran for Governor in 1910, polled only 178,282 when running for the presidency in 1912, with a combined Taft-Roosevelt vote of 234,326 against him, there does not seem to be much doubt about the way it will go this year.

So long as the anti-narcotic drug law remains unchanged heroin will be smuggled into the city by illicit dealers and the efforts of the police to punish the guilty will be frustrated.

Admiral Mahan wrote a few years ago that it was not probable that any warship larger than ten thousand tons would be built. The Idaho, now under construction, is of 32,000 tons displacement. Yet when the recently condemned frigate Franklin, built of oak in 1864, was completed, naval experts thought that no more powerful ship would ever be constructed.

Congress on the strength of his good fellowship as displayed in his disregard of the law, and when he ran for Mayor he was elected over all opposition. It is this sort of thing that discourages believers in popular government.

TAXES AND COMMON SENSE
IT IS inevitable that there should be a change in the tax rate. For a long time the financing of the city has been of a character to make men blush.

What the new rate will be nobody knows. Until the budgets of the several departments are in and a general survey of the whole situation has been made, it will be impossible to arrive at a fair estimate.

The city has four great money-making assets, actual or potential. They are:
1. The gas works.
2. The water works.
3. The rapid transit system.
4. The dock and pier system.

The second of these, under an antiquated system of financing, is yielding the city not less than \$1,000,000, after paying interest on all bonds and other indebtedness.

The third and fourth assets are greater potentially than actually. The city has had no trouble in leasing such piers as it now possesses. The experience of New Orleans and other ports proves conclusively that for every dollar wisely spent in port development there is a definite return sufficient not only to pay for the development, but actually also to yield a net profit.

The new transit system contemplates no tax on citizens. It does contemplate eventually an actual earning power, so that the city will share, as Chicago does, in the \$23,000,000 or more annually expended, even under present conditions, for urban transportation in Philadelphia.

These public utilities in which the city has a proprietary interest are distinct from those municipal instrumentalities which are not revenue-producing. The policing of the city and other functions of the sort give a due return to citizens, but not in the form of money.

The present Senate contains fifty-six Democrats and thirty-nine Republicans. There is one vacancy, caused by the death of Senator Burleigh, of Maine. It is necessary to elect nine Republicans to give the Democrats a majority.

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Tom Daly's Column

OH! HORROW!
Sakes alive!
Can it be?
These dubs 5
Philly's 3.

OUR Panama cost us more than we could afford and we haven't got our money's worth out of it yet, so we plugged our ears with cotton yesterday that we might not hear the Straw Hat Knell this morning.

Beware the Bunkhound!
Serving the City Beautiful He Bites All Unlovely Things
The Bunkhound took a little rest yesterday. He needed it. Mr. Aaron D. Faber, superintendent of the Jewish Foster Home, chased him with a stick.

VERY WELL, OLD FELLOW
Sir—Mains may show which the whippersnappers mean, but their Sunday E. and C. Pate, Pace and Rasp Specialists, do champagne and manure and make hair split to order.

AND that same anonymous contrib. presents this:
I see by the paper that a lady friend of yours wants to know how people of moderate means spend their Sundays. Easy! They arise from mahogany beds at 8 a. m., bathe in one of the three bathrooms on the second floor (father, who was rich, had one for the whole house), drive the car a mile for a five-cent newspaper because they are not delivered so far from the station, breakfast, drive to the golf club, drive four balls into the woods, spend a pair of white flannels in the brook, lose eight dollars to a caddy, pay the caddy, sign checks for drinks, buy a club or two they don't need, drive home to lunch, have three servants to serve it, and a maid to have the garage shingled, take a fifty-mile auto trip, stop three times for sandwiches, ice cream and drinks, blow out two shoes, use all kinds of gas and oil, buy a fender, rain a suit of clothes and four dresses with dust and oil spots, drop in somewhere for tea, get home and look the place over, tell the gardener to order a couple of hundred dollars' worth of shrubs and flowers, and to have the garage shingled, have dinner in new clothes and with four servants, open a new box of cigars, a bottle of sherry and one of creme de menthe, light the log in the open fireplace, burn sixty electric lights, and

The Philadelphia Rhyme
Lots of them, such as they are, but most of them do not comply with our rules.

CHINESE BOOKSTORE
Yah Lung kept a bookstore in Boston, Massachusetts. He was a famous writer he was ailing fat, reduced state. I told him, "This is loved to read, for books I had a mania. And I had a lot of them to Philly, Pennsylvania. Yah Lung, many shall I send to you in Philadelphia. You need about enough of books to fill a shelf. Yah Lung, many shall I send to you in Philadelphia. You need about enough of books to fill a shelf. Yah Lung, many shall I send to you in Philadelphia. You need about enough of books to fill a shelf."

Sympathy for the Irish
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—There has been much discussion in the Evening Ledger concerning Roger Casement. This discussion will evidently result in a verification of the truth of the adage:

National Point of View
Democratic ability to get comfort out of adversity has ever been wonderful. Present interpretations of the Maine election by the old war horses is confirming that reputation.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

He Prefers Albania
Queer, but in all of the talk of the abdication of King Constantine there is no mention of George Fred Williams as his successor.—Rochester Post-Express.

What the Guns Say
As rills the air, a fountain of bird song. When summer comes, her hand on morning's gate. So, on this golden, glorious day in France, With splashing trout and leap we hear War's horrid heart, till all the air is filled (Each bird, a burble of howitzer, screech of shell). With such infernal music as might seem Made of old Satin, orchestra'd in chiel.

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EIGHT-HOUR DAYS

How the Railroad Law Differs From the Other Eight-Hour Statutes
Thirty-seven States have an eight-hour law applying to persons employed on public works. There is also a Federal law limiting the working day to eight hours for all laborers and mechanics employed by the United States or by any contractor for the United States.

The new railway eight-hour law differs from all these in that it provides that after January 1, 1917, eight hours shall be deemed a day's work and the standard of a man's labor, but for the purpose of computing the compensation, it applies to all employees who are now or may hereafter be employed in any capacity in the operation of trains used for the transportation of persons or property in interstate commerce.

The law further directs the President to appoint a commission of three, "which shall observe the operation and effects of the institution of the eight-hour standard of workday" as the measure of a day's pay. The commission shall continue its observations for not less than six months nor more than twelve months. It must make its report to the President and Congress within thirty days after it concludes its work.

The law will further direct the railroad to give their employees ten hours' pay at the present rate for eight hours' work until the period of thirty days after the filing of the report of the commission. This means that if the commission reports that the time allowed for the twenty-five per cent increase in wages during that period, at its expiration they will resume control over their wage schedule, which, however, must be fixed with eight hours as the basis for computing the amount of pay a man must receive. Overtime is to be paid for at the same rate an hour as the workman receives for eight hours.

WE DID IT IN 1912
The Department of Agriculture says they ought to be more exact in their farming in the country. Why not supply the deficiencies in drafting the peanut politicians?—New Orleans States.

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