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Two friendship's laws are by this rule exact—Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest.—Homer.

As we looked over the market reports yesterday we could find no record of a drop in anything but the temperature.

The Mexican Joint Commission has arrived at a "common understanding," but what is needed in Mexico is an uncommon one.

No wonder milk is high when they sell a cow for \$120 in New England. If some one would find a way to get milk from flivvers the babies would not have to go superfluous to bed.

The soldier who has been made Premier of Japan assures us that he does not bite. He won't close the Chinese door, because, he says, "non possumus," which is Latin for "we can't." He may be playing possum at that.

Mr. Hughes did not need to deny the charge that he had been making agreements with Germans as to what he would do when he became President. His record has placed him as a man who does not make deals with any one.

The Civil Service Reform League wants to know whether the Vice President calls it "military service." Here is Tom Marshall's opportunity to distinguish himself by saying just what he thinks, and win the applause of every sportsman regardless of parties.

There has been a lot of fun in the Democratic press because Mr. Hughes called himself a "100 per cent candidate." The assumption is that followers of the New Freedom like a man to hit soft. Mr. Wilson, it seems, is only a twenty per cent candidate. Four-fifths of the railroad men are outside the favored Brotherhoods and they have formed the Employees' Eighty Per Cent Movement to wrest from Congress an extension of wage-increase legislation.

To checker or not to checker, that's the question agitating the Millbourne firemen. Whether 'tis better to play the game on Sundays in the firehouse and dare the anger of the Burgess or to submit and feel the gibes and stings of outrageous neighbors, ah! there's the rub. The order of the Burgess is said to be based on an old blue law, but it is so long since the blue laws were passed that most of us had concluded that exposure to the bright light of liberty had faded them into an invisible white. Many worse things can be done in a firehouse on Sunday than playing checkers. We gather from the reports from the field of conflict that the firemen hold that checkers have the sanction of society and the right to play is not arbitrable.

The failure of Germany to continue sinking British merchantmen caused a drop of war risk insurance to four per cent from the five per cent that was quoted in the panicky hours of Monday. The British ships which load and clear, but await developments before sailing, are not so eager for the gamble as the insurance men. The latter, betting at odds of twenty-four to one, may feel reasonably sure that twenty-four out of twenty-five ships will get to England safely. But the thing has a different look from the other side. Each ship sunk is a tragedy to England, because each cargo is meant to fill some great need not to be expressed in terms of money. The brokers see the mercantile fleet as a lump sum in a bank in which twenty-four clerks are honest and only one a thief.

England, through Premier Asquith, puts a clincher to the denial that peace is in the air, and the hints of a compromise which have been debated ever since Ambassador Gerard decided to visit America at last vanish in thin air. The latest chapter of peace moves closes to the disadvantage of Germany, for while the German Government did not authorize a presentation of terms, it permitted suggestions of its readiness to do so to leak past its censor. Each succeeding batch of peace rumors has been traced in part to Berlin, while France and England have maintained adamant determination. Amid wild cheers Parliament hears "a patched-up, precarious, dishonoring compromise" denounced as unthinkable, and the war loans' total past the fifteen billion mark. But it is something more than money that the Allies are counting on. Their man-power against that of their enemies is as 17 to 14.

The appointment of a nonpartisan advisory committee of local lawyers, headed by John G. Johnson, to work for the election of Judge Emory A. Walling to the Supreme Court ought to leave no doubt in the minds of voters as to their interest in the case.

There will be appointed in other parts of the State to advance the interests of Judge Walling. The Judge now sits on the bench, having been appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy. His record in the Common Pleas Court for seventeen years is not surpassed by that of any other judicial officer in the State. He ought to be supported on election day by all voters, whatever their party affiliations, who are interested in honest and fair-minded interpretation of the law.

IS THIS A PEACE-AT-ANY-PRICE COUNTRY?

DEMOCRATIC newspapers, campaign speakers and writers of campaign literature, following the lead of the President, are charging that Republican success means war.

Mr. Wilson, in his speech to the Young Men's Democratic Clubs, said, "There is only one choice as against peace and that is war," and he did his best to convince his hearers that the policy which his Administration has pursued could not have been changed without precipitating war.

This is the cheapest kind of pettifogging logic. In the first place the premises are unsound. We have not been at peace with Mexico and we are not now at peace. We invaded the country with an armed force and fought a pitched battle, killing scores of Mexicans and suffering losses ourselves. We have an armed force in Mexico now and are just withdrawing from the border a hundred thousand militiamen sent there to prevent an armed invasion of our territory.

The Republican answer to Democratic mouthings about Mexico—it has been made by Mr. Hughes a score of times—is that if the Administration had observed the principles of international law from the beginning no conditions would have arisen to excuse or provoke such war as we have waged on that country. The kind of President Mexico is to have is for Mexico to decide in her own way. All we need to know is whether he is backed by power enough to perform the ordinary functions of government.

The Republican position on the European war, explained by Mr. Hughes time after time, is that if we had pursued a firm and consistent policy of insisting on respect for American right to the protection of life and property we should not have been brought to the brink of war. We have the authority of Mr. Wilson himself that we were liable last winter to be drawn into the conflict any day. By his own admission the course of events carried us so close to war that he had to leave Washington to urge the country to use its influence with Congress to do something to prepare us for the imminent breaking out of hostilities.

As a matter of fact, by the record and by their own admissions, the country is in greater danger of war through a continuance of the Democrats in power than through Republican success; that is, unless the Democracy is committed irrevocably to peace at any price.

There is no mistaking the purpose behind the words of Mr. Hughes in the Metropolitan Opera House Monday night, when he said:

We all desire peace, but we desire peace to be honorably maintained by correct policies, by firm insistence on known rights, by deserving and holding the esteem of the world. We have not been kept out of war; we have not enforced our rights; we have sacrificed our honor.

The Republican party is the party of peace, that peace which is walled in and buttressed and bombproofed by adequate preparedness to protect and defend the national rights. It believes with Thomas Jefferson, on whom the modern Democracy has turned its back, that "whatever enables us to go to war secures our peace."

Mr. Wilson's policy or events over which his policy was powerless took us to the brink of war last winter, and its spinelessness is largely responsible for the presence on this side of the ocean of a German submarine, whose activities are liable any day to bring about a situation which cannot be tolerated if we would maintain our self-respect as a nation.

Nobody wants war, but what is Mr. Wilson going to do if Germany treats as though they had not been made our emphatic protests against frightfulness in submarine warfare and our declarations that we shall omit no word or deed to make our protests effective?

Tom Daly's Column

McAroni Ballads LXIV MR. HAIL COLOMB' Irish, Anglice, Dutchman, Jesu, Wat's matter weetha you? Why you so keep holiday, W'ave da flag an' shout 'Hooray'!

Can eet be you are so dumb You don't know dees 'Hail Colomb' He sees Dago sailorman. Dot seas first to find dees lan'.

BEFORE us is a beautifully colored post card labeled "Paris—Vue Generale." It is from our own Henri Bath, whose chapeau always hid his bare dome when he sat at work in this office. He says, writing from Paris under date of September 22:

'Tis true, in 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue, But if Columbus lived today He'd have to come some other way.

Millennial Menus

These meals will be served every day in Caledonian neighborhoods: BREAKFAST Oatmeal Buttermilk Dinner Oatmeal Parrich Haggis Supper Oatmeal Mair Parrich Haggis

Give me the city! The noisy bustle of the great thoroughfares, The ceaseless hurrying through, The bulldozing like tall gateways against the sky.

POETRY, a magazine of verse, published in Chicago and edited by Harriet Monroe, sends us a circular letter, soliciting renewal of our subscription and saying, among other things:

We are sure that at least you have never read a single number without being obliged to think, and isn't that something! It surely is, and it would be something else again if we were able to express the thoughts aroused in us as brightly and as limpidly as the Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers does in his essay upon "The Gregariousness of the Minor Poets," in the current Atlantic Monthly:

The poet in it at his best before he has been sophisticated by too much intercourse with men of his own craft. It is in a sad day for the new poet when he hears the call of his kind and becomes conscious that he has a duty to perform for his fellow-poets in explaining and defending their innovations.

I once had a lesson which I took to heart. I had two friends, both of whom happened to be blind. It unluckily occurred to me that it would be a pleasure to them to be made acquainted. But when I suggested this to one of them he drew himself up with dignity and said, "I decline to make acquaintance on the basis of my infirmity."

LET THE DIRT FLY! THE public statement of A. Merritt Taylor to the effect that the operating contract proposed by the Mayor is in substantial accord with the co-operative agreement of 1914 is intensely gratifying to the great body of citizens who for so long a time have devoted their efforts to the achievement of rapid transit. The public is quite ready to accept Mr. Taylor's conclusions and his assurance that the rights of the city are properly protected.

These articles are now in my possession and if any of them belong to you, please put your mark on your particular property and return it to me as I will do the rest. Yours very truly, G. L. Here's a couplet, or hear a couplet, authorship unknown, written to describe the children at a party: "Some had snub noses and some had Roman. And they all had ribbon around their abdomen."

AND THEN "DING, DING!"



COLUMBUS DEAD AND TURNED TO DUST

Still Provokes Controversy Among Antiquarians—Santo Domingo and Seville Each Claims the Honor of Guarding His Bones—Dispute Began in 1877

By JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS THE weird fact given to the world by Christopher Columbus is exceeded only by the plethora of doubt which he left to posterity. Some say that his father was an honest, industrious sheepcomber, others that his paternal parent was an itinerant peddler, a vagrant, a cheat and a juggler. We were taught in school that Christopher was a genius far ahead of his time, whose superhuman perspicuity penetrated the secrets of physics and geography. But his fellow-Italian, Cesare Lombroso, the most famous anthropologist of modern times, branded him as a lunatic, who suffered from congenital paranoia, fixed ideas and religious illusions, who showed pronounced stigmata of degeneration; a "liar and boaster," who was "given to cruelty," a "profound ignoramus," whose "overwhelming conceit" caused him "to draw comparisons between himself and the Saviour," to announce himself as the Lord's representative under divine commission to discover David's treasure and with those sinews of war recover the Holy Sepulchre, then rebuild the Temple at Jerusalem.

What Do You Know?

- Quiz questions: 1. The expression "taking the stump" has a very simple origin. What is it? 2. What is a "feisty" man? 3. This is Columbus' day. What is celebrated on this day? 4. What are the twelve largest States in the Union, in point of population? 5. What are the "three R's" in a man's name? 6. What is the principle of the turbine engine? 7. What was the name of the great secretary of the Federal Reserve Board? 8. What is a clearing house? 9. Penalties need to be made more out of guilt when those were in general use, and discipline is the best word or principle of behavior or opinion, the use of or inability to use which betrays one's party, nationality, etc.; also, an old-fashioned and generally abandoned device once held essential. 10. A certain man may attack a neutral vessel when it is carrying contraband of war to the enemy. 11. A literary hack is one who writes or writes matter for pay regardless of his opinions or the value of the work. 12. Unwashed bread is the substance which is used to produce fermentation. Unwashed bread is a bread without yeast. 13. The refrigerator is a shaped body of water in which the water is kept from freezing. 14. The "Mer" is the name of the ship in the "Mer" story. 15. The "Mer" is the name of the ship in the "Mer" story. 16. The "Mer" is the name of the ship in the "Mer" story. 17. The "Mer" is the name of the ship in the "Mer" story. 18. The "Mer" is the name of the ship in the "Mer" story. 19. The "Mer" is the name of the ship in the "Mer" story. 20. The "Mer" is the name of the ship in the "Mer" story.

Salary of Justices

C. L. L.—The salary of the Chief Justice of the United States is \$15,000 and of the Associate Justices \$14,500 each. The author of the poem in which occurs the line, "Sunset and evening star," was Tennyson and the title of the poem is "Crossing the Bar."

Mr. Hughes' Address

C. M.—Mr. Hughes' address is the Hotel Astor, New York City. The Republican campaign manager is William R. Willcox, Republican Campaign Headquarters, New York City.

Cadet Brigade

CONSTANT READER—The National Guard of Pennsylvania has no cadet brigade.

George B. McClellan

J. R. R.—George Brinton McClellan was born in Dreesden, Germany, where his parents were on a visit, November 22, 1826. He was Mayor of New York City from January 1, 1862, to December 31, 1862. President Wilson's mother was born in England.

WHAT THE DEMOCRATS DO

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—In the Evening Ledger, under the caption "Inconsistent Socialists," I read a letter from Mr. John J. Fleming. It was Fleming would take the time to write the subject he would find that the Socialists in this country are not in the matter after he received the protest of the Socialist party, backed by the American Federation of Labor and the American Socialist party. The Socialists have been, and are always will be, opposed to capitalist wars, and if Mr. Fleming is well posted he would undoubtedly know that the Socialists of Europe were tried and fooled into war and now they are fighting war with all their energy—that is, the ones who are not in the trenches.

HUGHES HAS ANSWERED THEM

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I fall to see in Mr. Hughes' remarks Monday evening any answers to the questions placed before him in my issue of Monday afternoon. What right have we to criticize the workings of your office or business without being able to show or explain to you where the deficiencies are and what remedy should be applied to change the conditions? I contend the same principle applies to government policy.

AND EVERYTHING ELSE

And after the price of bread is established why not regulate, by law, the price of shoes and sugar?—Los Angeles Express.

Metropolitan OPERA HOUSE First Time Sat., Oct. 14 Seats Now on Sale at Met. Opera House (open until 9:30 P. M.); Downtown office, 1108 Chestnut St. (Weyman's), and Branch Box Office.

The Stanley MARKET-16TH 11:15 A. M. TO 11:15 P. M.—10c, 15c, 25c, 35c STANLEY CONCERT ORCHESTRA (Best Theater Orchestra) Selections During OVERTURE "By the Sea" (J. S. Bach) Selections During "Clair de Lune" (Debussy) "Andante Con Bolero" (L. V. Beethoven) "Au Matin" (L. V. Beethoven) "Raymond Overture" (Thomas)

PALACE 1244 Market St.—10c, 25c, 50c in "ASHES OF EMBERS" ARCADIA CHESTNUT Below 16TH 10 A. M. TO 11:15 P. M. LAST THREE DAYS E. H. SOTHERN In His First "THE CHATTEL" CAST INCLUDES PEGGY MYLAND

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Walnut Mats, TODAY AND 25, 50c "THE NATURAL LAW" Next Week—"Bringing Up Father in Politics" Regent MARKET BELOW 5TH NANCE O'NEIL In First Showing of Metro Wonderful "THE IRON WOMAN" Knickerbocker MARKET & 40th ST. "THE PATH OF FOLLY"

WILLIAM FOX Presents A DAUGHTER OF THE GODS with ANNETTE KELLERMANN The Picture Beautiful CHESTNUT STREET OPERA HOUSE First Performance TUESDAY EVE, OCTOBER 10 AND TWICE DAILY THEREAFTER PRICES, MATS., EXCEPT SAT. NIGHTS AND SAT. MATS. Lower Floor.....50c, 75c Lower Floor.....75c 1st Balcony.....50c, 75c 1st Balcony.....50c 2d Balcony.....25c 2d Balcony.....50c SEATS NOW

THE BIRTH OF A NATION Chestnut St. Opera House TWICE DAILY 8:15 and 8:45 POSITIVELY LAST WEEK Prices—Mats., except Sat. 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00