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He conquers twice who conquers himself in victory.—Syrus.
This is a bad year for betting favorites. The odds were 10 to 8 on Harvard. They were in favor of Hughes in the same ratio.

The indignation with which the British publicists resent the suggestion that they are considering peace plans recalls the remark of Shakespeare about the lady who protested too much.

The battle for good government will be more than half won when a final decree is handed down for the divorce of liquor and politics. Ambler leads the way in Montgomery County by forming a "dry" political club.

The city of the future will be made by the children of the present. Because this is true we have begun the creation of recreation centers in different parts of the city. The Kingessing playground, on which a building is now being erected—the cornerstone was laid Saturday—is the largest. When the Board of Recreation has accomplished its purposes there will be a playground in every ward, where the play instinct of the children can find expression in a normal way instead of being perverted by the formation of gangs among the boys.

We are all in good trim to follow the Bengali poet Tagore, now visiting us, when he denounces war. But we do not "get him" on internationalism. He would relieve the world of "the burden of nationalism," to level the proud flags under the feet of Brotherhood. But we have just been through the beautiful dream of internationalism and found it a horrid nightmare of hyphenism. We found we couldn't have nationalism enough, and every man of us started to yell "The Star Spangled Banner" in every known tongue, even in English. Peace, as Tagore sees it in vision, will come when men put aside such petty titles as "American," "Englishman," "German," "American," to see peace practically, had to make every American, Englishman and German resident proclaim himself an American. If a flag did nothing but keep men at war it ought to be abolished. But when it does nothing but keep men at peace it is worth keeping.

A beautiful young woman in a big hat and a fine tailored suit issued forth at high noon from a New York city hotel several years ago and knelt on the sidewalk. She chafed the letters "V" and "O," and by that time there were a thousand people about her. When she had written "Votes for Women" traffic had stopped in that street. With courage and with charm she pressed the suffrage cause on, always in the thick of it, but maintaining even in her most public exploits the essential dignity without which womanhood is as nothing. Her woman's strength could not keep pace with her high spirit. She would not have saved herself until she had seen justice done to the last and least woman in the country. This is the suffragist who have lost in Inez Milholland Boiesavain, dead in her prime. A nation that was slow to accommodate itself to the needs of its new generation loses something infinitely more precious.

The labor opposition to Government delay of strikes pending investigation and publication of a report is based on the fact that many a strike, to succeed, must be a surprise attack. If employers were given six months or even one month, in some cases, they could readjust their business arrangements, retrain and discharge malcontents. When a report about certain industries was made public, even though it favored would-be strikers, there would be little fight left in them or what little was left would be ineffectual, according to the extreme militant faction in union labor. This is to say that every conceivable strike is just. The \$3-a-week garment worker striking against intolerable conditions at the moment that her employer has undertaken to fill large orders, and the \$40-a-week expert mechanic or designer, leaving his company helpless at a similar psychological moment, are to share public sympathy equally. He might be striking because of some trifling complaint, or only because it was a good time to strike, but in any case he is not to be deprived of his right to "the element of surprise." Utensible as this position probably is, let us for the sake of argument accept it. How can it hurt railroad employees to permit delay, to be deprived of the chance of springing a surprise? The railroad employers and employees' first series of conferences broke up on June 15. Could not the railroads have prepared for a strike then? Why were the employees content to wait until September, when the so-called eight-hour law was passed, if they so cherished the right to spring a surprise strike? But the fact is that the railroad systems are so complex and need so much of irreplaceable expert men

that they are unable to "prepare for a strike." The men might announce they were going to strike six months in advance, and still the companies could do little to their employees' disadvantage. The American Federation of Labor desires a Government regulation that would apply the same administrative methods to a national railroad strike and to a strike in one small sweatshop.

AN ANACHRONISM

SPECTACULAR efforts to get the Adamson law before the Supreme Court in the hope that a decision as to its constitutionality may be got before January 1 emphasizes a remarkable defect in our system of government. The Government should have the right to refer at once any new statute to the Supreme Court for a prompt decision as to its legality. The day the President signed the Adamson law the law itself should have been sent to the Supreme Court, with a request for prompt consideration of it.

Years ago, before the days of quick communication, delay in all affairs was necessary, as much so in the Supreme Court as elsewhere. But the ancient method is today an anachronism, utterly unattuned to modern conditions. Fortunately some of the States have already empowered their Governments to secure decisions from the State Supreme Courts in the manner described above. It is no experiment. It has been tested and found satisfactory.

As the President was emphatic during the campaign in declaring for certain changes in legal procedure, we trust that the absurdity of the present situation will be made by him the occasion for urging the very necessary improvement herein proposed.

WHY NOT THE TRUTH?

THE Record, which seems to glory in the profound theory that if no public money is spent none can be wasted, bellows with delight over the proposed tax increase, insisting that it is a vindication of the Record's obstructionist attitude in transit affairs. Its chorus of "I-told-you-so's" is predicated on its own remarkable discovery that in some way or other we are going to have the higher transit facilities. A remarkable discovery, indeed! But it and truth are perfect strangers.

The comprehensive transit program has as much to do with the increased tax rate as the administration of the island of Guam had to do with the recent voting in Paris, Texas.

"CUBS"

DIRECTOR DATESMAN has corralled an idea and put it to work. The Society of Clean-up Boosters, to be known as "Cubs," asks no dues from members, nor would it take from any pocket a single dollar. It gives away a little tag, on which is printed what ought to be a badge of honor, "I Help Keep My City Clean."

We hope to see it prominently displayed in front of many business houses, where now each morning faithful employees spend their time scattering the dust from the pavement into the air, and therefore into the nostrils and lungs of inoffensive citizens, who are already overburdened by the high cost of living and object to a new load of doctors' bills. We trust, too, that the tag will hang from the implements of street cleaning, even from the rubbish wagons, and that in good time those who draw a handsome profit under their contracts to keep the streets in a clean condition will also become "Cubs," and even on occasion cart dirt away in their own receptacles instead of compelling human beings to carry it in their bodies.

The dirty streets of Philadelphia are a reproach and the dust evil is a monstrous crime. Director Datesman is right to call on all citizens to help in a permanent clean-up campaign. It gives him an excellent opportunity to see that laws now on the statute books are enforced.

FOOD AND PRICES

THEY are experimenting in Chicago on the possibility of feeding men for forty cents a day, as though it were something new. The wife of every working man getting fifteen or twenty dollars a week proved long ago that it was possible.

A Philadelphia woman served a dinner last week to ten persons, the food for which cost a dollar and eighty-two cents, or a little more than eighteen cents for each diner.

These incidents attract attention because high prices are compelling every one to consider the cost of food. There is talk of an embargo on meat and grain to protect our supply. Germany has a food dictator and meatless days. The president of the British Board of Trade is discussing the necessity of introducing meatless days in London. We hear little of this sort of thing from France because the French housewife is able to make her provisions go farther than the housewife of any other western nation.

No amount of investigation into the high prices of food will increase the supply. We must face the situation and stop waste. If we cannot afford roasts and steaks we must eat stews. But even this is not likely to help matters very much in the United States. There is a contributing cause to high prices here which has attracted little attention. It lies in the remarkable increase in the amount of money in circulation. The total amount in 1910 was \$2,100,000,000, or about \$24.38 per capita. On the first of November last year this had increased to \$2,799,000,000, or \$37.51 per capita. On the first of October this year the sum had risen to \$4,175,000,000, or \$46.62 for each person. On November 1 it was \$4,241,000,000 and \$41.15 per capita. In a year there has been an increase of \$442,000,000, or more than one-half as much as the total amount we had in 1910. A dollar, measured by its value in commodities, is so much cheaper than it used to be that it takes more money to buy food. The gas who is not getting more dollars for his work and skill,

Tom Daly's Column

Comes written by myself Late Pooley

REGARDING THANKSGIVING

When it is Thanksgiving Day We should all rejoice But there should not be too much Bragging in our voice You may like your family best But we must admit There are some among the rest Who are pretty fit.

We're not everything ourself For we all depend On the God who rules above Or some other friend Take our pumpkin pie today Would it be so nice If the Tropics far away Did not send us spice?

That's the solemn thought I get In the kitchen where I set Watching cook prepare Pumpkin pies that she will bake Stuffing and such things that make Our Thanksgiving fare.

There are a lot of Philadelphia kidders who still enjoy the New York horsecars, which have been operated to hold franchises. What will they do when they go out of business? On the other hand, here's a little scheme. Have you ever noticed that when a railroad paints a bridge it puts the date of said painting thereon?

Why not make the Philadelphia street signs deeper—oh, not so very much deeper—but with just enough room to give not only the name of each thoroughfare, but a record of its cleaning. My modest design here shown will give my idea of it. GOTHAM.

While in Seattle I have often seen the following sign in cafes: "MEALS .15 AND UP." Isn't that to be expected for 15 cents? MAK.

Sir—One of our latest "efficiency Mail Distribution" boys would very much like to know what time the 3 o'clock bag mail comes in. R. O.

GIRL TRIES TO PUT OUT BLAZE WITH GASOLINE; FURNACE IN TENNESSEE—Headline in Cumberland (Md.) News.

THE DREAM BABY Ah! The pink baby fingers that beckon to me Through the shadows and mists of the dim "Hope-to-be." They flutter around me at night and caress My cheek and weep lips seem to snuggle and "kiss."

Warm kisses as moist and as fragrantly sweet As the heart of a rose. I awake with an ache at my heart, for they're gone— They are shadows again with the coming of dawn.

I lie there to dream and I long to recall Them again, when I hear in the room 'cross the hall A thud and the patter of feet on the floor, A rattle of knobs and a creaking of door, And Catherine Mary is peeping at me. Her blue baby eyes are stary and sweet, And the ache at my heart takes to wings that wave and wave.

She leans o'er my pillow a moment, and lo! The love in my soul surges up and I know If the charms of all hope-to-be babies could be compressed into one most adorable "wee," If the graces of all could be given to one And that wonderful little one when it was done Should come to my side, I'll confess that to me She'd exactly resemble my Kitty Marie. L. R. B.

Please, asks H. C. M., may I enter STATIONARY STORE at Twentieth and Hunting Park avenue?

Epic Epistles (Received by an automobile concern.) Motor Company: Please pay my teaching, say we have a motorcycle from Oscar Peterson least summer and now he has left and went out West and have no one to send for repairs and I would like to have you to send me a catalog of the— of allparts. You now we got to leave them if your motor is going to the creditor. I give you this. Say you now that Carburetor when it pulls in car that big Packing and that screw and Nut got loos and treeds speed so I got off a no wroon. Please do you best. My writing is poor. VICTOR SUNDWALL R. Box 60 Red Wing Minn.

Dear Boss—Is it true that Cosmo Hamilton wrote "The Sims of the Children" on an Underworld typewriter? ALOYSIUS.

Dear Tom: I notice a Mr. Lamb has applied for membership in the New York Cotton Exchange. Prefers this to the Wool Exchange these near-winter days. I presume, eh, what? W. I. R.

THE BOSTON MANNER Come, Walter, dear, a true lamentation. Who must expect to suffer when thou slighest. What means the proverb, say, for consolation. Most surely. Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

And, Walter, dear, the while we are about it, So well established nobody can doubt its Black cat's name. Holy McPhie in Springfield Union.

Sir—Why so much of this small-town stuff? Isn't this sort of thing rather "straining" to catch the local? KRAB.

PHILADELPHIAN INJURED SEVIERLY. Nov. 22, 1916.—A Poole, while descending the stairs in his residence on South street this morning on his way breakfast on the 1st floor, the injury was caused by the carpet and sprained the middle toe on his left foot. The injury was not fatal. The victim was able to enjoy his breakfast as usual. Mr. Poole is married by marriage to Mrs. Mike Strowski, of 1212 North 21st street, Philadelphia, and having spent eight days about year ago is well known to Philadelphia.

Bachelor Bereavements BETTY Betty's a bit of a snigger; She keeps me guessing, and yet I'll wager a tuppence I'll win her; For she is my one best bet. ALOYSIUS.

REVEREND SCHMIDT, of the Copper Philadelphia, is the father of two twin boys. Quite a catch.

STILL ALIVE AND KICKING



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Right of Each Voter to Have His Vote Counted—The Medicinal Value of Opium—A Wrong Way to Enforce the Law

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respective candidates were not counted by some of the election boards—exclusively made up of this or that political leader's adherents. To what extent has this been done? Whether "proof of fraud" can be maintained, or whether "omission to count a few votes" will alter the result or not, is not the question to be decided. Certain citizens claim that they have voted perfectly legal ballots, and these votes have not appeared on the face of the returns. It seems to me that where such questions arise it is the duty of the Court not to make harder, but to make easier the ascertainment of the truth. Voting is not only a sacred obligation of the voter, but it should be the sacred obligation of election boards and election courts to see that all votes are counted.

OLIVER MCKNIGHT, Philadelphia, November 26.

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.

- 1. The "consentation objects" have given me a "short-term bond" and why is it so named?
2. What is a "short-term bond" and why is it so named?
3. Where do lightning discharges take place?
4. If no candidate for President had a majority in the electoral college, and the members, being accordingly, were to be elected, would the House, could not be decided with the members, voting by States, evenly divided and continuing in deadlock, who would elect the President?
5. What European capital was almost entirely destroyed by earthquake in 1755?
6. What is a quit rent?
7. Who is Sir Rabindranath Tagore?
8. By what name is the Latin poet Quintus Horatius Flaccus usually known, and when did he live?
9. The principal garments of an ancient Roman were the toga and the tunic. Describe them.
10. How is the letter "J" pronounced in German and French?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The Beta Kappa is the college fraternity of which the highest honor is attained by pre-eminence in scholarship.
2. A "cudgel" is a staff or a stick used for striking or beating.
3. A deuterium bomb is the same as a promissory note.
4. About fifty per cent of whisky is alcohol.
5. The Pope may create a Cardinal without publishing the name of the cardinal. This is called "in pectore." In the "breast," that is, in the mind. Those thus created are usually secretaries of State, and their names are not announced until the time of their appointment.
6. Nearly three times Pennsylvania's population in the electoral college, because her three boroughs of Schuylburg, Lancaster and Berks, each elect two Senators. Pennsylvania's thirty-six Congressmen do not very materially increase her electoral representation.
7. Center of population in the United States is moving westward.
8. The rebuilding of the Erie Canal, 200 miles of which are now open, and the center of the main line from the Lakes to the Hudson, was completed in 1819. It is the most important inland waterway undertaking in the United States in the last half century.
9. Gold is exported and imported in the amount of the difference between bills of foreign exchange and bills of lading on goods.
10. Emerson was born 1803 and died 1882.

"Yankee Doodle"—The origin of "Yankee Doodle" is in doubt. In the time of Cromwell there was a song, "Nankee Doodle," of doggerel verse and jaunty air, and the present song apparently is an adaptation of it, the distinctively American "Yankee" being substituted. As such today the song is attributed by some to a Doctor Schuckburgh of Schuylburg, surgeon in the British-Indian army during the first French and Indian war; by others to Edward Bangs, who is said to have written it in 1774. It first came into general use during the Revolution.

"America"—READER—"The words of 'America' were written by the Rev. Samuel F. Smith in February, 1832, while he was glancing through an old German song book. He set the words to one of the airs and turned the poem and the song book over to a friend. The following July he was surprised to find that the song had been sung at a Sunday school celebration in Park Street Church, Boston.

"Star Spangled Banner"—Mrs. W. B. C.—"The Star-Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 during the war of 1812. Key was a lawyer and a poet. He was in Baltimore when the British were in the city. He was in the city when the British were in the city. He was in the city when the British were in the city.

RIGHT TO BE COUNTED To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I have not conceded the election of my opponents for the office of Congressman-at-large, nor have I sent my congratulations to those who are generally supposed to have been successful. While I support the Republican candidates on the last State ticket have been elected by a safe margin of votes, how can we be sure that the Chairman of the Democratic Committee, and the State Tax party committee, have not had their votes cast by their

The Northeast Corner

Rubiyat of a Commetor XVII Three times a Week I eagerly frequent The Barber Shop and hear much of the "Work." I have far fewer Fur than when I went.

In the death of Jack London there is removed from the literary world a most picturesque figure. Whatever his place in literature may be decided by time, he was still a character whose personal obsessions were fully as well developed as those of the late Richard Harding Davis. Both were adventurers in strange fields, and both had the character which determined success, and achieved it. Both went out of the world suddenly, as they did everything else. Both left us better for their having lived, and while both held in some high esteem Mr. Whittier's theory as to "The Gentle Art of Making Enemies," they fought bravely in the open and their opponents respected them. After all, one may believe that we have too few men who can do that very thing—make enemies, and hold their admiration.

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