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He that is choice of his time
will also be choice of his company—
Jeremy Taylor.

Three results expected from the
British shake-up are more power to the
military authorities, industrial conscription
and more vigorous prosecution of
the war.

Mayor to use power to aid Cox
candidate—Headline.

The first official visitor to waddle
into the reconvened Senate was that
venerable personage, the "dame duck."

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
Company would better watch out or some
trust buster will get after it when it
perfects its plans for co-operation with
a group of South American capitalists
in establishing a steamship line to connect
Baltimore with ports on the other side
of the equator.

Nonvolatile coal tar and not the
animalcules with hard names is now said
to be responsible for the medicinal taste
of the Schuylkill water. It only remains
for Sherlock Holmes to trace the coal tar
to its lair. Then he can arrest it and
put it under bonds to keep out of the
river.

There is a widespread impression
that much organized charity is con-
ducted on the same philanthropic plan
adopted by the man who collected \$2500
from an insurance company every time
a policeman died and turned \$100 of it
over to the bereaved family. Yet sometimes
a little more than four per cent of the
contributions reach those for whom they
were intended.

Why eggs? Breakfast on the Conti-
nent of Europe has gone its way in peace
for many years with nothing more than
coffee and rolls. Even in heavy-eating
England a rasher of bacon and a bit of
tea is quite all right, without eggs, for
breakfast. Samuel Pepys seems to have
gotten along without any breakfast, could
do half a day's work without a bite. In
fact, breakfast, as a regular meal, is a
recent institution. It's the two or three
soft-boiled that are here objected to as
particularly tautologous. One's enough,
and the second is mere absent-minded-
ness. There are a lot of little things that
go to make up the high cost.

"Philanthropy" that offers cheaper
insurance rates to one group at the
expense of other policyholders and stockhold-
ers of a company should be on the face
of it too transient and unstable a propo-
sition to delude the horse-sense of the
average man. In such cases it is best
to trust to the common sense of the
rank and file, who object to "philan-
thropy" on principle. The project ac-
cepted for the policemen by the board
of directors of their beneficiary associa-
tion was not put to a vote of the
man. But the firemen were asked to
vote on it, and overwhelmingly turned
it down.

Assistant Postmaster General
Koons is showing commendable perse-
verance in his efforts to induce the farmers
to use the parcel post. He has just per-
fected a plan for bringing farmers willing
to send produce by mail into contact
with town dwellers who wish to
reduce the high cost of living. The mid-
dleman absorbs such a large proportion
of the final cost of many articles of food
that any device which will reduce the
expense of distribution will be welcome
as a ruck in a desert land. But, after
all, he cannot expect the farmer to sell
his produce at retail direct to the con-
sumer at the same price that the middle-
man pays at wholesale. The cost of dis-
tribution is not eliminated simply by
shifting it from one man to another.
The consumer will have to pay it, any-
way. Perhaps this is the reason that the
parcel post method of distribution has
not been more successful.

The building of four fast liners of
the Mauretania type at the New York
Shipbuilding Company plant should fix
Philadelphia beyond possible displacement
as the most important center of marine
industry on this seaboard. Experience
has shown that it is not location and
facilities alone that bring business. More
important is the momentum given by

actual accomplishment and the gather-
ing of thousands of skilled mechanics
who will make their homes hereabouts
now that there is years of work before
them. In all work that requires a max-
imum of speed and efficiency the labor
problem is the most important. Mr.
Knox, president of the company, has
said that Philadelphia and Camden al-
ready provide the best shipbuilding labor
in the country. The thing to do is to
keep it here and draw more. In this
the municipalities can play a great part
in speedily providing accommodation for
the workers in cheap and rapid transpor-
tation and other improvement of living
conditions.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM

THE railroad program urged by the
President on the eve of the threatened
strike is again presented in his address
to Congress with an appeal for speedy
action, but there is a feature of it which
he now withdraws. That is the "explicit
approval by the Congress of the consid-
eration by the Interstate Commerce Com-
mission of an increase of freight rates
to meet such additional expenditures by
the railroads as may have been rendered
necessary by the adoption of an eight-hour
day and which have not been offset by
administrative readjustments and
economies, should the facts disclosed
justify the increase."

This recommendation Mr. Wilson says
he does not now deem it necessary to
renew. The power of the commission to
grant rate increases "is indisputably
clear," and the recommendation "might
serve to draw in question the scope of
the commission's authority or its inclina-
tion to do justice when there is no reason
to doubt either."

To the well-informed there never was
any technical reason for the recommen-
dation in the first place. It served inci-
dentally, however, as a quick and easy
argument for the President's followers
during the campaign. A Hughes man
would say that Congress was going
beyond its recognized authority to favor
the railroads, too, a Wilson man would
rejoice. The sop to the railroads served,
in a way, to balance the sop to the
workers. Many will construe the can-
celling of "moral support" for rate in-
creases as a rebuke to the railroads for
having sought to invalidate the so-called
eight-hour law. But it is not from the
railroads that protests are now to be
expected. They leave their case to the
Supreme Court. It is from labor that
objections are likely to come.

Organized labor, which has embraced
the trainmen's cause as its own, does not
want "full public investigation" before
a strike or lockout "may lawfully be
attempted." But the President's reasons
for delaying what would amount to a
form of civil war seems incontrovertible.
"The concerted action of powerful bodies
of men shall not be permitted to stop
the industrial processes of the nation."
This was his ground for stopping the
strike. If it does not continue to be the
ground for permanently compelling both
railroads and employes to permit "the
justifiable safeguarding by society of the
necessary processes of its very life," it
would be better to risk a strike than
abandon the principle.

My five-year-old niece was "helping"
her grandmother to do the ironing when
shortly a curl of smoke arose from the
ironing board. Her little hands lifted the
heavy iron and she looked amazedly, first
at the handkerchief which she had been
"ironing," and then at her grandmother,
and finally said, "Oh, grandma, this
iron's got sumpin' yellow on it."

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Tom Daly's Column

EX CATHEDRA
At the National Congress of American Hotel
Associations in New York, John M. Howie, of
Philadelphia, proposed that a school of gastronomy
should be established in the State universities.
If this would only settle certain ills that
flesh is heir to,
Such as toughness, cost and others we
might mention if we'd care to,
And, avoiding indigestion
If it only solved the question
As to how the true clam chowder should
be built and cooked and dished,
It were a concommem-shun devoutly to be
wished!

WILMINGTON TO SHOOT
DENTISTS TOMORROW

No, this is not a municipal auto da fe
in which the professionals are to be "pain-
lessly" popped with their own tooth
powder, but is the playful way of announcing
a trapshooting contest, using, of course,
XX XXXX powder.
C. W. C.

A CHANGE OF AIR

"A change of air—the doctor's head
Was sagging gravely to and fro—
I knew that I must pack and go;
I felt the truth of what he said.

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.

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BOYS AND CIGARETTES

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TAGORE AND HIS DRESSMAKER

The well-known saying that "the tailor
makes the man," doesn't seem to hold in
the case of the distinguished Hindu phi-
losopher and poet, who with his great ap-
pearance is now among us.
The "dressmaker" rather than the tailor
seems to have had most to say in the
external make-up of Sir Rabindranath
Tagore.
It is difficult to determine how much of
the adulation showered on Sir Rabindra-
nath since his visit to America is due to
his intellectual worth, and how much to his
style of costume.
Carlyle showed us long ago in his
" Sartor Resartus" how much our estimate
of the greatness and dignity of men de-
pended on their clothes, by calling upon our
imagination to contemplate what would
become of the dignity of the British House
of Lords if its members wore clothesless.
A cocked and plumed hat, a gold-laced
uniform, ribbons and tassels and epaulettes
and swords and all such trappings of mili-
tary impress us more than we would be
willing to acknowledge, perhaps, but
We know "A man's a man for a' that,"
but the unusual in dress appeals through
the eye and creates first impressions more
sooner than the appreciation of real worth
of character and intellect by the ordinary
processes current in society.
Nevertheless Sir Rabindranath is the
vogue just now.
E. E. H.

HERE'S ONE VOTE FOR IT

Let's all agree for the future to give one
of the most beautiful words in our language
its full spelling and dignity: not "Xmas,"
but Christmas—is it a unanimous vote?—
Boston Post.

A GEORGIA TRAGEDY

The William Goat is missing.
And no's a can of paint;
The former ate the latter.
And now, he gre, he ain't.
—Macon Telegraph.

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