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ended to give an eight-hour day, to any one, specifically or permanently. It was a vague appeal to labor in general, a promise that could not be kept through any law, but containing the inference that it might be indefinitely extended.

Tom Daly's Column

FIELD PERILOUS
If we could see that fight
That jangle of despair,
What hand could keep it tight?
What heart beat calmest there?

CAN GERMAN MILITARISM BE CRUSHED?

IN ALL our thinking of the war we should keep in mind that it began because of a conflict of interest and that it can be ended either by a plan of accommodation and compromise or by the overwhelming and crushing victory of one side or the other.

The conflict of interest was so grave that for years prior to August, 1914, statesmen were discussing the inevitable rupture and hoping that it could be averted, only because it was thought the consequences would be so terrible as to make any nation pause before bringing so great a catastrophe on Europe.

The catastrophe has been greater than any one anticipated. But, in spite of it all, no disposition has appeared on either side to make peace by an accommodation of conflicting interests.

The views of the Entente were epitomized by Mr. Asquith in his famous Guildhall speech. He announced that the sword would not be sheathed until Belgium and Serbia had recovered all that they had lost, until France was adequately secured against the menace of aggression, until all the small nations of Europe were placed on an unassailable foundation and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed.

The persistence of this determination to destroy Prussian militarism is the distinguishing feature in the comment on the German peace proposals that comes from responsible sources in the Allied nations. We are told that the Allies are fighting for a principle—namely, the right of all nations to live their own lives in their own ways—and in the same breath we are told that Germany's military policy must be modified by outside pressure. There is no spirit of conciliation in all this. The announced willingness of Germany to restore Belgium to itself and to withdraw from France and to submit the Balkan situation to the decision of a conference is treated, perhaps rightly, as a Machiavellian move in the game. The agreement between the German proposals, however, is perfect on the surface up to the point of the crushing of Prussian militarism.

The Allies have been attempting to crush the militarism of Germany for more than two years, with what degree of success the world knows. It really must be admitted that the Germans have some reason to be proud of what their militarism can accomplish in the way of national defense. If it were less effective we should hear less about the necessity of destroying it.

The armies are deadlocked. There is little expectation on this side of the ocean that there can be a complete and decisive victory for either side in less than a year, if at all. There is a prevailing hope that statesmen can bring themselves to attempt to do what the armies have failed to accomplish, that is, arrange for a livable agreement among the Powers which will remove so far as possible the long-standing causes of friction that, in the last analysis, were responsible for the terrible cataclysm that has overwhelmed the continent.

CHARACTER COACHES

THE public has been surfeited with stories about the football coach and his fabulous salary. Can he turn out a winning team? Then let him name his price.

But they do differently in the rest of the West. There is Dobie, the nonpareil, coach for the University of Washington, whose team has not lowered its colors in any antagonism during the eight years in which Dobie has been in command. That's a record for you, but it is not good enough to keep Dobie in his job. The eleven, it seems, went on strike just before the Thanksgiving game with California because one member of it had been disciplined by the faculty for irregular work in an examination. Dobie put a second eleven in the field and won, but his sympathy, it was understood, was with the strikers.

Into the scene steps the president of the institution. "The chief function of the university," he says, "is to train character, and Dobie failed to perform his full share of the work." So Dobie must go, no matter what happens hereafter to the football team.

A character coach! There are thousands of American parents who want to shake hands with you, President Susalls, of the University of Washington.

THE PRECEDENT IN THE CASE

WHY doesn't Senator Ware cite the conduct of Woodrow Wilson as justification of the course which Senator Mc-Ni-hol is charging Governor Brumbaugh with following? When the president of Princeton was made Governor of New Jersey he turned his back on the political bosses who made him and announced that he had been elected by the people as the democratic leader of the State. Wilson was able to get away with it and has become President. He is now, according to his theory of politics, the Democratic leader of the nation, and he has been able to get away with this contention also with some degree of success. If we are to have bosses they should be elected, according to the wisdom Princeton school teacher. The trouble in Pennsylvania is that the Governor, instead of setting up in the boss business on his own account, is lending himself to the creation of an unelected boss who is ambitious to do through the aid of one. It is not an edifying spectacle, but one that promises much for reform.

Every garden lover should seek for permission to contribute to the fund which the John Bartram Association is about to raise to restore the garden of Philadelphia's famous botanist to its original condition. Bartram lived on the banks of the Schuylkill and cultivated flowers and plants in a genuine old-fashioned garden. The place had a water view and a land approach and combined all the delights which every flower lover would like to see in his own pleasure ground. It is proposed to restore the house as well as the garden and make Bartram Park a gem among the breathing spots in the city.

IM-ADGINATION

Excuse us for casting asparagus at so highly developed an art as that of advertising, but it seems to us that it is all wrong—too straight and monotonous. Ads should be written on the by-gones, as our favorite dramatist says. They should stimulate ideas and leave something to be imagined—like this:

Tom Jones fell into the river one day,
Men hunted a week in boats.
"Have you found the missing boy?" (said they)
"Use Ivory Soap, for it floats."

Or this:
When we go out to sea to sail,
The waves get high and roil;
The steward brings a mop, a pail,
And also much Sapallo.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—More than two score clergymen will meet with prominent business and professional men and others of the Second Illinois Infantry next week to discuss a bill permitting boxing in the next Legislature.

And upon all such pleasant occasions, presumably, the Speaker will become referee.

Who is a pedestrian? To give the makers of automobile horns an excuse for being Hindley in Spokesman Review.

Not so in dear old Philly. Auto drivers here need 'em to run into instead of architecture and other obstructions.

Psychology
(With apologies to Wallace Irwin and everybody)
Dear Mr. Tom:
Of Daily News Newlander:
While thinking up ways for let-off of nerves which require expressions to fill up loose time when Hon. Ross takes Bridal Honey-bunch out to dinner, I talk back and froo very much to Nigero Shlofer which is waiting in kitchen for call to bring same home.

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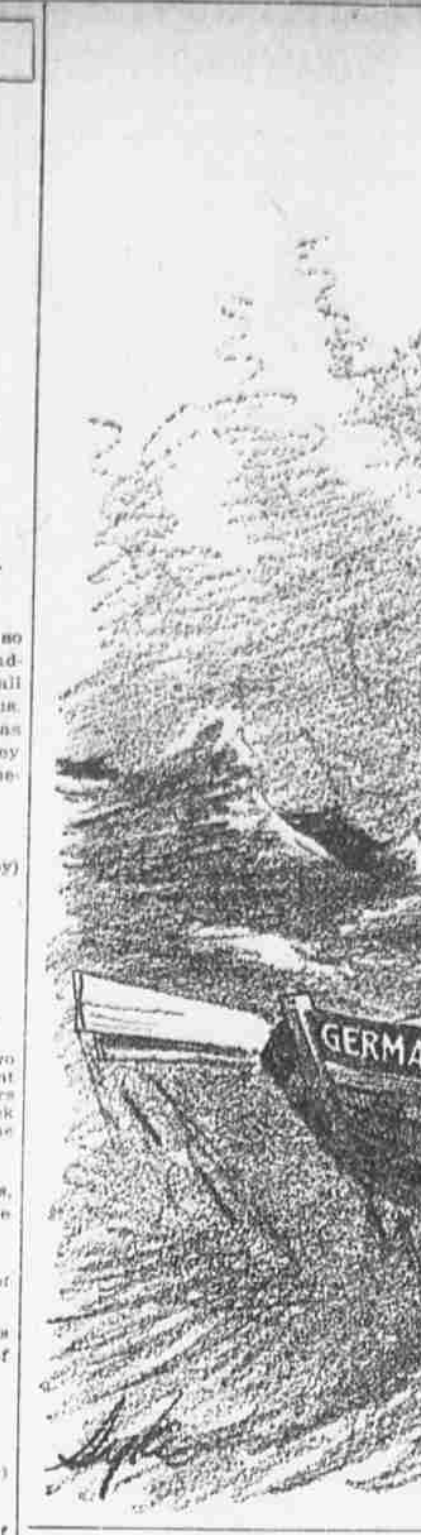
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Can Philadelphia "Christmas Catarrh" Be Prevented?
Right of Firemen to a Home Christmas

THE FIREMAN'S CHRISTMAS
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—The appeal of little Mary Doran for her father's Christmas presents for "just this one Christmas" touches a sympathetic chord in the hearts of every reader of the Evening Ledger, even should they not be in accord with the point and aim of the appeal.

NATIONAL ANTHEM
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—There ought to be legislation against the indiscriminate playing of the national anthem. Its use should be restricted to the playing of the piece at moving-picture houses, theatres, minstrel shows, circuses or at any occasion whose dignity does not warrant its use as a cheapening of it in the eyes of the nation.

Likes the Peace Proposals
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—No happier news has come to us since the outbreak of the present war than the announcement of the proposed offer of peace by the Kaiser to the Allies. Our newspapers and prominent men are indulging in wild speculation as to the motives that actuate the Kaiser in his effort to restore peace to the suffering beleaguered nations of Europe.



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The Northeast Corner
Casualty of the Day's Work
Oily chooses now to make a Christmas fantasy in the manner of M. O. Maupassant. It is not a pleasant thing, but it is very funny. The fakers ran out on miserable wooden pipes on the outside, where he had seen her last, had been piping such as Pan would do the days were younger days, and the wands glimmered in the sunshine when now was in the air, and will be after.

The Stantley
MARKET AT 10:15 P. M.
PROGRAM-TODAY AND TOMORROW
1—Current Events
2—The "Magic Isle"
3—Comedy—"The Musician in the Kitchen"
4—Comedy—"The Only Girl"—Stanley Comest
5—First Presentation

ACADEMY OF MUSIC
BURTON HOLMES
TONIGHT AT 10:15 P. M.
TOMORROW AT 8:00 P. M.
EXTRA FRIDAY MAT. Dec. 29. 2:30. 5:00. 7:30. 10:00.
CANADIAN ROCKIES

University Museum
SATURDAY, 3:30 P. M.
Free illustrated lecture by Charles Williams.
Next lecture, January 6, 3:30 P. M. and every Saturday afternoon at 3:30 P. M.

GLOBE Theatre
Catherine Crawford's
"FASHION SHOP"
Special Matinee—Ladies Only
Today, Beginning 11 A. M.
MEN POSITIVELY NOT ADMITTED

Cross Keys
MARKET BOWL 50TH
Daily, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.
"HARVEST DAYS"

Little Theatre
"YOU NEVER CAN TELL"
By G. Bernard Shaw. IT'S A HIT!
Tonight at 8:30. Mat. Tomorrow.

CHESTNUT ST. TWICE DAILY
OPERA HOUSE
LAST WEEK
WILLIAM FOX PRESENTS
"A DAUGHTER OF THE GODS"
WHY ANNETTE KILLERMAN

FORREST MONTGOMERY
"THE CHIN-CHIN"
METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE
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ORCHESTRA
WALNUT MATINEE TODAY, 2:30 & 5:00
MUTT AND JEFF'S WEDDING
Knickerbocker 40th & Market St.
STOCK CO. "The Divorce Question"