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Philadelphia, Thursday, December 31, 1916.

Alast the love of woment it is know To be a lovely and a fearful thing. -Byron.

-Sloppy weather.

I'm a Republican for the same reason that I have cars-I was born that way. Henry Ford. A Democratic reason.

The best Christmas decoration is expect it.

Mr. Hughes did not attend the President's reception to the Supreme Court Justices in Washington. He doubtless felt regrets, even if he did not send them.

Lloyd George's speech seems to be capable of as many interpretations as the moods of the interpreters. But his terse siliteration defining for the Germans the terms of the Allies, namely, "restitution, reparation and guarantee against repetition," is not ambiguous.

"Xmas" ought to go. It has outlived its usefulness if it ever had any. "X" means in algebra "the unknown quantity." But if there is one quantity in the world that is known and can be counted on as the beginning of all other knowledge, it is Christmas-spelled out,

I love people, just people, and I don't think any one is so had but what he can be helped, and I like helping him. -Mrs. Jano Dester Rippin.

The new probation officer of the Juvenile Court might have used more words, but she could not have epitomized the necessary qualifications for a social worker more successfully.

They do say that John R. Scott is uttering two words in favor of his own uttering two words in favor of his own political ambitions for every single word in bolitical ambitions for every single word the attempt to federalize the Nabehalf of Cox's speakership contest.

subordinates, down to the lowest laborer on the rolls, will have enough to occupy their attention if they confine themselves to road building. The State has no money to spend in the payment of men to keep political fences in repair. The funds at the disposal of the department are inadequate if they are used with the greatest economy in the employment of expart workers who will give all their time to the real business at hand. Some day a leader will rise to the top who understands that the best way to serve his party is to serve the State, and he will devote his energies to that end instead of trying to oust one set of leaders by adopting the abhorrent methods which

have made those leaders notorious. But so long as the pot confines itself to calling the kettle black there is no hope for reform. Is it not about time that the men who have grown weary with existing conditions began to groom for the gubernatorial race a man worthy to look after the interests of this great Com-

monwealth in Harrisburg? WHAT DO YOU BET?

WHAT do you bet-that the feelings of parents who besitate to cast more ions into the vortex of blood will make Midvale Steel drop from 60% to 57% or that the solemn pride of mothers in the doeds of their dead and their willingness to sacrifice more of the living will make the stock jump to 6514 ?

SANTA CLAUS NOT A MYTH

THE controversy which has broken out in the public schools over the propriety of allowing the children to continue to believe in the Santa Claus myth is the ancient dispute between the material and the spiritual in a new form. They tell us that Santa Claus is an llusion. Of course he is, and that is his chief claim to affection. The man who hugs no illusions to his breast is a sorry spectacle. Man delights him not. Neither does woman. His dog loves him only because he is a provider of food and shelter. The earth brings forth its fruit, each in smile on the face of a friendless man Its season, because it is its nature to, and who received a gift when he did not not because of a beneficent Providence which has arranged things on the earth

for the comfort and sustenance of living creatures. Yet, as a matter of fact, the illusion are the real things. They are what have

made civilization-these intangible imaginings of men with second sight capable of plercing the vell of the material and laying hold on the substantial verities of the spirit.

Let the full-grown man or woman turn his back upon these beautiful truths, if he will, but who would be so cruel as to on the job, refreshed and refreshing. make a child a cynical pessimist before his time? In the face of the sordid and syllable alone of both those words dematerial selfishness of the world it is difficult, indeed, for the best of us to keep our ideals. But faith in the higher things must be preserved if humanity is te continue to lift itself above the brute. 'Except ye become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven," does not refer alone to a state after death. It is the prescription and formula for making a heaven all about us here and now.

We called it the "Santa Claus myth." But it is not a myth at all. Santa Claus is one of the realest characters in Christhan history, as real as mother love and paternal affection. Let him who dares deny the reality of these.

Tom Daly's Column

TO A RICH MAN What corries me and makes me blue May seem a little thing to you; But then, you see, you have a lot Of ready cash and I have not. Your bills are paid, but mine are due.

You say you have your troubles, too; A jaded heart, a jaundiced view-Bad stuff! Thank heaven, that is not What worries mel

My heart trips light, my selfe's beats true We pluck life's roses, not its rue.

And so when next you ask me what My worries are, what cares I've got [7] answer you with courage new: "What? Worries? * * * Me?"

Boston did something to Sunday or Tuesday for fear of a Thirstday.

FACTS TOO LITTLE KNOWN

That it is a misdemeanor, a crime, ac ontrary to law, to harbor or feed a sparrow in the State of Feansylvania,

Im-ad-gination

JACK AND JILL Jack and Jill ran up the hill A bite to eat to get. Jack fell down and broke his crown-

Gillette. PRONTO.

IGNORANCE UN-A-LLOYD

Dear T. D.-After writing to the quiz editors of the Albuquerque (N. M.) Cyclone and the Berliner Tageblatt without results. I ask you-I ask you-as the poession of the greatest quantity of futile information ever before concentrated, who is the Mr. General who is reported by contain proof aver before concentration, who is the Mr. George who is reported by cortain great newspapers to have made a speech in the House of Commons? /The name "George" does not appear in any lists of British Min-leters, nor do I find it in the English "Who's Who." Yet he seems to be prominent. WEBHIERB.

Yet L. E. W. thinks there must be comething wrong about all this talk of the h. c. of L. and offers in evidence this ad from Kermess of West Philadelphia: 5 & 10c store. 5 & 10c store

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BETTED THAN THE MOVIES. Was it Emerson who said the dictionary was not an uninteresting book to read? At any rate, M. J. R., browsing in the Phila-delphia Business Directory recently, found this: "When dissatisfied with your work try the F----- Laundry."

Don Marquis, who has been fill, is back Some might tell you that the middle scribes him, because of the snippy way he answers questions supposed to be unanswerable except by the book certain publishers are trying to make us buy for Christmas. Here are a few questions:

*4. What are erchrows for?
*5. Why are tears sail?
*6. Where do thoughts come from?
*7. What makes a bee hum?
*11. Why do we dream?
14. Why is yawning infectious?

And Don's answers: 4. For aly Italian barbers to attempt to rub

frama on: 5. They would be very insipid otherwise. But they legth to tasks of Worcestershire sauce a ghysician at once. 6. Boston, the Rockefeller Foundation and c. Nicholas Murray Buller. 7. Ennut.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Builer. 7. Emmi. 11. With the cost of living what it is dreams are the only diversion within the reach of all. 14. The infactionsness of yawning is due to a germ which breeds in yast numbers in the soop served af large public dinners. Style free firest to threat with incredible rapidity, etc.

SUCCESS THAT IS A FAILURE WALLY SMITH, who hasn't a blessed thing to do all day long and day after day but lie on his back in bod and be happy withal, was one of the fifty or more who



The Terrors of Child Actors-A Program of Municipal

Reform

 Canal?
 Twenty per cent is paid in Lundan for In-surance providing for the payment of claims should peace be declared by June 30, This amounts to a water. What are the "betting adds" involved in the transaction? TERRORS OF CHILD ACTORS 3. Who is John Barrett? What is a mess? What is a razorback hog? To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-1 read in the EVENING LEDGER with Sil-frend in the Events Laborate with much gratification a lotter written by our well-known filmstrator of child nature, Sarah Stilwell Weber, one who owes her great success to a life study of the psy-chology of children. She refers to the "Child Terrors in Moving-Picture Dramas," where is depicted mental suffering of chil-dren signs as an example the ferror of Is the accent in "arbutus" on the first or second syllable? Saug-frold means coolness in danger. What is its derivation? 8. Give three uses of the word "fris." 9. What was the revolution of July, 1830;

10. Who was Julian the Apostate? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

"Americal" is a compound of "American" and "Indian." The term is used to de-scribe any American Indian as dis-tinguished from the natives of India.

dren, giving as an example the terror of the children in "A Daughter of the Gods." Can we not recall scence of similar suffer-ing in other motion pictures, where a little is seen the mother heaten by an enraged The republic of Andorra is in the valley of the same name in the castern Frences, between France and Spain.
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long after, for, as Mrs. Weber says, "children are incapable of simulating such torror and grief we witness time and time again during some of these productions," so that this suffering is real to them and he mental torment as great as any that ver came to an adult. Is the Society to Protect Children from ruelty sleeping that it has not called hose remponsible for this torturing of lod's little ones to an account? I feel sipless in conceiving a remedy for abolish-ing this cruel practice, but I might suggest. hat we express our disapproval by hissing when a scene is recied off depicting a ter rized child, and, in addition, let

stone Telephone Company from leasing all its unused conduits to the Philadelphia Electric Company so that when we have the five-year contract law for the city any outside competitor could lease the unused conduits of the Keystone Telephone Com-pany for the five-year period of the con-tract and be able to go right ahead and light up in case a competitor got the con-tract, and then we would do away with all overhead electric-carrying wires. PAUL S. KELLER Philadelphia, December 13.

FRENCHMAN ANSWERS DR. BRAV

To the Editor of the Rvening Ledger: Sir-Dr. Aaron Brav's letter entitled 'Likes the Peace Proposal," which appeared in the Evening Liebdan, expresses the sen-In the EVENING LEDGER, expresses the sen-timents of a true Berliner. He tried to laud all the good qualities of the Kaiser and the German Government, even admitting the Kaiser is responsible for the starting of the war. Now, Doctor Brav should consider that the Triple Entente, although having consider these base has a party of the starting of the sacrificed many lives, has been carrying on a war for humanity's sake and for the honor and glory of its principles.

Garrick-Last 3 Evgs. 1457 1 We will admit that at the beginning of the war there was an intense rivalry be-FRITZI SCHEFF the commercial nations, but th not warrant Germany in trying to go rough ahod over her rivals and ravage Belgium as she did. Another point admissible is the unwritten history of the sympathy of Flanders for the DAVID BELASCO SEVEN CHANGE Germanic influence and its partial permission to Germany to conquer Belgium in order to subdue the French influence among the Walloons. This may have encouraged BOLLAH WEDNESDAY MATS., 500 to 118 BROAD Opening Xmas Day Mat. Other Matinees Wed., Sat. and New Tears the Germans to overrun Beigium as they did. They contemplated that scheme as soon as possible after the decease of King MRS. FISKE Leopold, who was a descendant of a Ger man house. After all, the Kalser's game was to annex Austro-Hungary after the death of Franz Joseph. This had been an under-standing between the two Kaisers since the visit of Kaiser Wilhelm to Jerusalem-an-POPULAR WEDNESDAY MATS., the ta in Seats Nov for Xmas and New Year's West LYRIC MATINEE TODAY at \$:30 Tonight at \$:20 (Last 6 Test other unwritten history, but held in the archives of Rome. Now the Kaiser, having made a name for Civilization himself by smashing all the small countries makes a peace proposal, with his own terms, and expects the outraged people who BEGINNING CHRISTMAS NIGHT, DEC. S Sents Now on Sale for First Weak and New Tear's Matines and Night have suffered to say "Thank you Well, his pipe-dream will seen be over. There is no question that all nations will selecone peace, but it must be peace with weicome peace, but it must be peace with satisfaction, and the one responsible for this war will pay. On August 1, 1914, when the mobilization tools place in Paris, every one among all the troops who de-parted declared it would be a fight to the finish--and extermination, if necessary. It would be well for our Government to be ADELPHI-Tonight at 8:1 EXPERIENCE JUMBO. very cautious if it is to handle this ques-tion as a mediator. The authorities in Washington well know STRAND Germantown Am PHILADELPHIA'S NEWEST THEAT ating Capacity 2300-Every Moders that at present Americans are disliked b the nations of Europe and Japan, and it may not be long when Europe, by intrigue, may give us trouble which we least expect. NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON especially as we are absolutely unprepared for any emergency. PHOTOPLATE and MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL CONCERN ORCHESTRA IS PIECES It would be well for Doctor Bray not to feel too exuberant over this peace proposal as his disappointment might be more se-

The Northeast Corner

Pastels in Prose

The Freacher told me aged and beat my breast in conte Thien, on a day, A woman planted roses in my heart. They

Which simply proves that the was wrong.

Folks who make a virtue of an are too apt to believe that they are ous from choice.

A quandary, best beloved, is a pac-capacious vessel. We are led to the clusion because of our observation large number of people that get is

Oh, yes, truth is mighty, all rist, the proverb maker should have added

Mr. Lloyd George, commenting an pictures of the British "Tanks" results possing in the American papers, spin the reproductions bear no results the actual machines. This hads to be actual machines. This hads to be actual machines the massions of better be altered to conform to the pa-so that the American public will be misinformed as to the exact facts

A original may be, and clim i given. It is the dreamer of dream can never by any chance secure a mutation of his sentence.



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Whether this is true or not, every one is likely to know that Scott has his eye on the governorship long before the nomination is to be made.

The liquor interests built up an or-ganization in which porters, bartenders, waiters and waitresses, owners and brewers, political bosses and workers, busifices inen, clubmen and Back Bay landlords fought side by side.—Boston news dispatch.

Which, somehow or other, suggests that surprisingly elucidating enigma of O. Henry: "A trust is its weakest point."

It is a healthy sign that the \$50. 650,000 gift-buying rush has in many cases not led to overstocking by too optimistic retailors. Many of the markets were bought out, and some planes and other things too big to go down the chimney will go to the recipients on Christmas Day in the form of certificates Thus nobody stood to lose, and the holiday demand is spread out over the slack after-Christmus season.

Register of Wills Sheehan will be allowed to retain \$60,000 in fees because the Court has decided the act aimed to prevent this anomaly was badly drawn. Obvicually, the thing to do is to rewrite the law. If it is desirable to let one city official draw \$30,000 or \$40,000 a year, or more than the combined salaries of a Govsenor and a couple of Mayors, such a malary should be fixed by law, to prevent the deep embarragement which Mr. Shoe han is showing over the misunderstand ing, as evinced by the difficulty with which he is repressing one long, triumphant yell.

Unfortunately for the success of our negotiations with Mexico, we have presented so many ultimatums which did not ultimate that it will be difficult to persuade Carraines we have any policy on which we are willing to insist. Huerta survived eighteen months of ultimatums and Curranza has been able to hold his own after a fachion, in splits of the fact that American notes have fulled upon him as thick as heaves in Vallombroza. who was that post of progratination that wrote

What a tangled shalo we platt When we first begin to wait?

Attention which the high State ofcovarning is being absorbed by the game still insist an fighting to the end. Their of polition. The report that the Governor seaking to turn the Highway Departnent tore a political manhine is the intest

has failed. Yet the Hay law was cited during the presidential campaign as one of the great achievements of the Democratic Administration. The scaman's haw is denounced by every

one who knows anything about the necessities of successful shipping; the law to increase the merchant marine by Government purchase of ships is doomed to failure when an attempt is made to put it into effect, and the Underwood tariff law must be rewritten.

Evidence is accumulating that the Dem-ocrats boasted prematurely over their "unparalleled record of accomplishment." for at least half of what they have done in the last three and a half years will have to be done over again.

THE "NIGGER" IN THE WOOD PILE

WHEN the Municipal Court act was passed in 1913 it provided that the appointments in the court should be made by a majority of the Judges.

The General Assembly of 1915 amended it so as to empower the president of the court to make all appointments. The president of the court is a follows: of Penrose and McNichol. Judge Mac-Neille is a follower of the Varea. A conflict of interests and ambitions

leads to war in Philadelphia as well as in Europe.

BLUFFING THE WORLD

BERLIN'S answer to Lloyd George's speech is that he is bluffing. The best way to answer that bluff would be to avoid in future, loging 11.000 prisoners A plumber and a pick-tut, tut. to avoid, in future, losing 11,000 prisoners

to the French in front of Verdun. The best way for Lloyd George to continue to bluff would have been to declare the Rumanian campaign a violory disguised as a defeat. But he did not. He called it a blunder. He went further than that,

and let the world know he thought the Allies had messed things up pretty badly. such humility may be an attempt to bluff the Kaiser, but it does not look like an attempt to bluff the world.

What must be to the German Govern ment the most depressing phase of Lloyd George's speech is its terrible candor If it had been set to the tune of victory, the Chancellor could have said to his people: "See how our enemies delude themselves! They talk as victors, but look at the map. Their boast is a whitsting in the dark to keep up cour age." But instand of that he must report something like this: "Our onemies admit fours ought to be giving to the art of they have disastrously falled. But they

humility, their professed determination is a bluff." In the same that is all bluff the man ifestation of indifference he the ef- with the alrongest hand is alwars humbl

management of State husiness. The preiending he has the weakent. It is the Come, now, this will be a good night for the reveating of G Linhess's "Christ his reveating of G Linhess's "Christ his reveating of G Linhess's "Christ

tional Guard was doomed to failure from olved Sacrey's anagram Ho has made the start. He is not surprised that it hree little ones himself and concealed 'em If RAINS CAME forth from

aut the clouds would ANY GERM destroy the SHINGLE? If you know the answers and care to tell him so before Christians, your note will catch him at \$57 North Forty-fifth

street WANTED-Pin sticker and knocker-out (mals) on artificial testh. Address, etc.

Ad in eve, contemp. And, suggests D. Lou, if nothing comes of that proposed scrap, Jess Willard might qualify.

UES WANTED-1000 skunks wanted at Schemak's livery missis every Friday from 3 to 4. No. 1 skunks, \$3.501 2, \$2.251 5, \$1.25 4 50 cents. Muskrais large 33 cents. All others at markst prices, same paid without akinging. Days at home. Montays. John H. Sinjier, Reaville. N. J.-Classifiel ad. Days at home anything to do with the

laiting day of the 1000? A. H. S.

Imp-proverbials

THE LONGEST WAY 'ROUND IS THE SHORTEST WAY HOME" here's a little squirrel waiting For the boob that pulled this crack

For the boob that pulled this crack. He's coming home the longest way, Safe bet he'll not get back. If you're comin' home to dinner, And the longest way you've paced, When you get your soup your whistors Will have grown below your waist. Little squirrel—liftle squirrel. There's a meal awaiting you There's & meal awaiting you. It started out for Camden. But you'll find it in Peru. P. NUT.

Union Stuff

I see by the paper (y. o. d. p.) that plumber and his plok put a lot of electr plantage out of business tother day. A plumber and a pick! Ah, Tammas, never the twain shall meet. Do you set up your own stuff (and chrs) on the presses? Do

KRAB.

Warren Mack and Archie Jerskey, of Bear Creek, have been dear hunting at Pocone Lake. They succeeded in landing two fair spectmens.—Strondsburg Times. Nee, what, Arch? Nee what, Warren?

Useless and Truthless Signs

Smaking Bakind the Scenes Frohihited Do Not Fark Taur Agits Heres Firchouse Please Do Not Wasts the Sinitanery Vialing Brothers Alwars, Welsome Bent Valdorille Show Is Town Hart Carries Fare Mand-

TOWER

Sir-A houkseller in Newark has solved a problem that has been puzzling distorians WHAT THE WAR IS ABOUT-100. WALLAND.

THE SIX MOST GIVABLE BOOKS The votes of readers have shanged the com-stanton of our lind again; Crotherne Pleasures of an Absoutce Landlord,"

S. "Lars for Battle Turn Propies." Jenkin

As B. I. T. paints out in his colyum:

Muno Meyer has the right iden. Gog-many must fight on till Ireland is free

note between a freely suspended onte-belle medle and the horizontal. At the maximile pole the needle stands vertical; at the magnetic equator it stands hori-ontal.

4. The pyramids were built to be the tombe and memorials of kings,

 In England the fauld is concentrated in the pessession of a remarkably small number of persons. It is estimated that four-tifths of the total cuttivated area is held by only 33.090 handhords. the "division of labur," in political econo-imy, expresses the fact that in modern production each workman performs a part only of the process of manufactures.
 Sidney Porfer, the writer of short stories, wrote nuder the pen name of "G. Henry,"

8. The Great Lakes are the largest body fresh water in the warid.

fresh water in the world.
 Lord Listee applied the principles of anti-scottes to the treatment of wounds, and the development of these principles revo-lutionized modern surgery.
 Pope's chrming of "teat" and "obey" and of "boll" and "while" was correct, be-cause in the eighteenth century "teat" was pronounced "tay" and "ball" "bile."

Declaration of London

T. W. R .- The provisions of law as set forth in the Declaration of London regarding the capture and disposal of a vessel carrying contraband are as follows: "A vessel carrying goods hable to capture as

absolute or conditional contraband may be captured on the high seas or in the terri-torial waters of the belligerents throughout the whole of the voyage, even if she is to touch at a port of call before reaching the hostile destination. Contraband goods are liable to condemnation. A vesset carrying contraband may be condemned if the contraband, reckoned either by value, weight, volume or freight, forms more than half the cargo. If a vessel carrying contra-band is released, she may be condenned to pay the costs and expenses incurred by the captor in respect of the proceedings in

the national prize court and the custody of the ship and carge during the proceedings. Goods which belong to the owner of the ontraband and are on board the same yes

contraband and are on board the same vea-sel are liable to condemnation. A vessel which has been stopped on the ground that she is carrying contraband, and which is not liable to condemnation on account of the proportion of contraband on board, may, when the circumstances permit, be allowed to continue her voyage if the muster is will-ing to band over the contraband to the bel-ligerent warship. The delivery of the con-traband must be entared by the captor on the bobook of the vessel stopped, and the the logbook of the vessel stopped, and the master must give the cautor duly certified copies of all relevant papers. The captor is at liberty to destroy the contrahand that been handed over to him under these

Australian Profits

INQUIRER .--- Your question about profits INQUIRER-Your question about profits being limited in Australia probably refers to certain war legislation relating to the taxation of excess profits arising out of war conditions. We understand that the average annual profits of each firm are calculated for a given period prior to the war and that all profits in excess of this amount curried since the war are considered excess profits and are taxed by the Govera-neat according to a sliding scale up to about seventy-five per cent of the total excess profits.

Gold Coins

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Gold Colus E. D.-The Government charges for the alloy contained in gold column at the rate of 5% cents use obtains of support required, which is equivalent to about 1 cent for every \$75. This means that if a persen-brings \$166 worth of gold to be turned into outs there is no charge for coinage or for matring to make the gold suitable for solings, and Duras is the charge for mailing and refining to make the gold suitable for solings, and Duras is the charge for color alloy. Whit obsers \$22.1997 the dome and re-quirk remains.

mother each day voice her protest in a line α the Eventso LEDGER, when after a time his practice may be finally abolished. C. C. J. Media, Pa., December 20,

OTHER FELLOW'S MILITARISM To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-With one breath Mr. Lloyd George enounces Russian militariam, and with the other announces that England is going to copy it, by a scheme of compulsory national service, military and civic. To interional service, military and civic. To effect this an act of Parliament will be passed, and I venture to say it remains on the statute book of England for years after the war, if not forever.

Is not this a piece of giaring inconsist-ency? And by the way, are we not about to adopt this terrible Russian militariam Frankford, December 20.

A REFORM PROGRAM

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-I sincerely hope you will keep up Sir—I sincerely hope you will keep up the good work you are doing in the interest of having the affairs of the city put on a business baals. In any other large business men are employed for their efficiency and are not appointed to positions of trust re-quiring business experience aimply because they happen to be able to carry their divi-sion in their ward. Now I ask you to use your paper in keeping before the public the following in war and amendments to inwa already on the statute books:

following news and amendments to laws already on the statute books: First. Commission form of government. Second. Abolishment of the present an-tiquated usciess Magistrates. Third. Local option, based upon one of our fundamental principles of the United States Constitution, that the majority shall will. rule

Fourth. A metropolitan police force such as they have in London, where a policeman once appointed is there for life, regardless of which party has control of the houses of

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