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Philadelphia, Wednesday, January 17, 1917.
In Mr. Penrose playing for the adoption of a policy of reconciliation, division and silence?

It begins to look as if some one in Washington were trying to start a new Ananias Club.
It would be a pity, would it not, if fifty years after slavery was whipped out of America it should find a congenial roost in Europe?

To connect the Chesapeake and the Delaware, offering a secure inland water route for the greatest ships of the navy, would cost a very few million dollars. It is obvious, therefore, that the project should be postponed until Padonk gets a \$200,000 postoffice. Preparedness, avowed the philosopher, is doing the things that ought not to be done in order that the things which ought to be done cannot be done.

Will Senator Stone find it impossible to talk on the same platform tomorrow night with Daniel P. Cohalan, the pro-German Irishman of New York? Mr. Stone is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and in the spokesman of the Administration in that body. He is much more closely connected with Mr. Wilson than is ex-Judge Gray, who refused to speak after Mr. Beck had said bitter things about Mr. Wilson.

Every time Doctor Liebknecht appeals from his sentence he gets additional punishment. His first sentence was to thirty months' imprisonment. When he appealed he got four years. His second appeal has been followed by an additional sentence to four and a half years in prison at hard labor, with expulsion from the Berlin bar. When peace comes, Government will certainly have to reckon with the followers of this great popular leader.

The dividing line between East and West Philadelphia is the Schuylkill River. From the forlorn appearance of this stream below Callowhill street one would hardly believe that it led to the handsomest park in the world. In fact, it looks now as though it might lead to perdition. Somewhere around City Hall in the pigeonhole of some desk there is a plan for beautifying the Schuylkill's banks, but it has probably been lost in the shuffle.

With one college president resigning because most of the "students" simply idle their time away and State, Princeton and Harvard all at one time crying for huge sums of money, we are constrained to wonder if the \$500,000 which Temple University wants isn't \$500,000 that ought to be supplied quickly. We are told that most of those who attend Temple go there to work, because it is the only chance they have, if it is a chance which in most cases they have to make for themselves. Yes, it is quite probable a dollar given to Temple would do a full day's work every day in the cause of real education.

Thomas Haeburn White favors abolishing the two-chambered City Council and substituting for it a single chamber of sixteen men, receiving a salary of \$2500 each and elected from the senatorial districts. He would also forbid Councilmen to hold any other public office of profit. We do not suppose he thinks that all public abuses would end with the adoption of this plan any more than we suppose a man who had found his new suit of clothes was made of dollar would expect a better suit if he should tell the tailor to make a new one out of the same piece of cloth, but cut on a different pattern. The fundamental evils in the city government do not find their source in the charter. They cannot be cured by a change in that document. The trouble lies in the indifference of the vast mass of the voters. So long as they are willing to tolerate the kind of government the politicians will give them, whether the charter is changed or not.

When a housewife pays thirty-five cents a dozen for California oranges, about ten cents of the sum goes to the railroad company for bringing the fruit across the continent, or a little less than one cent for each orange. When she pays sixty cents a dozen for Washington or Oregon apples she pays about ten cents of the amount for carrying the apples from the western orchards to this city.

Washington and Oregon apples bring more in the eastern markets than California oranges. But western apples are not better than Pennsylvania apples. Next to New York, this is the greatest apple-producing State. In a good year our orchards yield about 25,000,000 bushels. New York produces about 18,000,000 bushels. The yield of Washington is between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000, and Oregon yields less than 4,000,000. But these western States are able to sell their apples in New York and Philadelphia, the chief cities of the greatest apple-producing Commonwealth in the Union, at better prices than the homegrown product brings. This ought not to be so. It will not be so when the Pennsylvania orchardists take proper care of their apple trees and pick their fruit for market actively, for every one knows that the flavor of an eastern apple is far superior to that of the apple from the Pacific coast States.

THE FRANKLIN FABRIC
IN THIS year 1732 two important events occurred: George Washington was born and Richard Hakluyt started his Atlantic. In the twenty-five years that followed while our first President advanced from infancy to that manhood which was to flower in the type of our citizenship, the nurtured Franklin prepared the ground for him. For "Poor Richard" and his wise sayings were most influential in molding the new American character that was to be, and it was this differentiation between English colonial and American that made the April of '76.

If Franklin was but a century ahead of the average colonial before the Revolution, he was more than half a century ahead of the average American citizen of the newly established republic. One of his last public acts before his death in 1799 was to sign a memorial to Congress as president of the Pennsylvania Society for the Abolition of Slavery.

He was practically ahead of the Philadelphia of his day, and he was ahead of them posthumously. All his writings had an accurate and special aim. It is not hard to be a thousand years ahead of the times, any decent minor poet can do that. But the difficult thing is to be constantly some few years in advance in a creative way. Thus it is that he is a tradition rather than merely a famous man. His fame was absorbed into the life of the community from day to day. Mere fame stands out best against a background of failure. If Philadelphia had not followed his subtle leadership his fame would have been greater. Real success is communal. It sticks the individual at the root of it. For each decade rewarded Franklin with the view of other men. And the more there were many of them the less there was the one.

We can look back to him as a man to be honored, but we can also look forward to him as a fabric to be used.

IS AMERICA SPIRITUALLY DEGENERATE?

WE PRINT in the adjoining column a brilliant article by Dr. Joseph H. Odell, who sees in the rapidly giving of America for the relief of the bleeding wyes of Belgium an exhibition of spiritual degeneracy or blindness in the nation. His property dulled our moral perceptions? Is our vision obscured by bonhomie and its indulgence of our personal likes the great goal of our existence? We invite expressions of opinion from our readers. Perhaps they can answer the query: Is America spiritually degenerate?

STILL ON PAPER

WE DO NOT know who it is to blame, but this fact itself remains. This is the greatest industrial country in the world, but the naval preparedness program is still on paper instead of on the building docks.

FULL OF "PEP"

FOUR sheer constructive power no paper of more worth than Governor Edger's inaugural address has come from a State executive in a long time. Puff-blowing is not one of Governor Edger's virtues. There are certain great business problems to be solved, and he proposes to solve them, or to clear the road for their solution, and to do it in a thoroughly businesslike and efficient way. There are some things he proposes which do not appeal to us and there are others that do appeal to us immensely, but the great big important thing is that the Governor of New Jersey is a man with definite ideas, who carries a backbone around with him, who has a vision and the "get-there" spirit. While he is running things there will be something doing, not now and then, but all the time.

DON'T FORGET THIS

CONGRESS gave the Treasury Department authority to issue bonds to pay for building the Panama Canal. Under Republican revenue laws the income of the Government was so great that it was possible to pay for more than one-half of the canal out of current receipts. Under Democratic revenue laws the Treasury is now running behind at the rate of \$2,600,000 a day. It is proposed to sell Panama Canal bonds to the extent of \$21,000,000 and to issue short-time notes for \$20,999,999 to replenish the Treasury and save it from bankruptcy.

It is further proposed to increase the inheritance tax and to levy a tax of five per cent of all business profits in excess of eight per cent. If these things are done "we can meet the revenue situation without disturbing the present tariff duties or amending the income tax law," according to a distinguished Democrat. This means that if the Democrats can borrow money they can worry along for a few months longer without being forced to confess that their revenue legislation has been a failure from the beginning.

IS UNITED STATES NOW A SHYLOCK?

She Has Given \$9,000,000 for Belgian Relief and Made \$15,000,000 Profit on Belgian Supplies

By JOSEPH H. ODELL

THERE are sorrowful periods in the history of splendid deeds. Hope gets mixed, courage comes out, ideals grow low under the weight of ignominious compromise; the best men can sink to the lowest depths in a moment and the worst men can rise to the loftiest heights in an instant; every one seems to be a mass and a mass of contradictory satiricisms seem to be played against each other the falling out of the sun of the subject at hand, so that the human race goes out of life—individual or national life. The kind no longer counts at the prospect of adventure, chiefly with its career ambition, goes down to its knees before the altar of expediency. We have seen even our great men of letters, like Sir Philip Sidney and Lafayette, or about men and women who were joyous and reckless in their devotion to the cause, who have been lured for a season. If our goodness does not hold so can depend with Sir Shylock.

What would George Washington, Lafayette, Paul Jones, John Jay, Abraham Lincoln and Lord Castlereagh think about modern America and our foreign relations? If there were a British attack on the United States, the British would be the record of the Belgian invasion and the record of the United States made into it. The United States, it is well known, is a nation of immigrants, and its complete history is a record of the struggle of the United States to get rid of its past. The United States is a nation of immigrants, and its complete history is a record of the struggle of the United States to get rid of its past. The United States is a nation of immigrants, and its complete history is a record of the struggle of the United States to get rid of its past.

America Has Given 8 Cents Per Capita

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What Do You Know?
Quiz
1. What is Jefferson's Manual?
2. Was it ever regarded as a standard of conduct to challenge a member to fight a duel?
3. Was any one under twenty-two years of age ever admitted to a seat in the House of Commons?
4. Under whose management is the Stephen Great railway?
5. What is a hision soufflé?
6. What is the chemical composition of ozone?
7. What was the name of the ship which sank in the Channel in Paris during the Franco-Prussian war?
8. Who was Lullabyer?
9. Who was Mandelstam?
10. What is Gray's Inn?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The "Belgian Relief" bill was passed on an unlimited basis in the Senate. Each Senator was asked to contribute \$1000 to the fund. The bill was passed on an unlimited basis in the Senate. Each Senator was asked to contribute \$1000 to the fund.

Appeals for a Return to Chivalry

THE spirit of the age has been recovered. Yes, but only a faint effort is being made in the future. Sir Walter Scott says in the introduction to "Quentin Durward" that the spirit of chivalry began to be nurtured upon the banks of the River of Honour, which is the source of the River of Honour, which is the source of the River of Honour.

TOM DALY

During the illness of Tom Daly his estate has been conducted by his friends. Mr. Daly is now convalescent, and it is expected that his estate will be returned to a regular feature in the course of the next few days. In the interval a poem by Mr. Daly will be printed every day.

STALKED BY HIS PAST

Over his shoulder he spies it,
Hides behind it, but he can't see it,
Spies of the used that he flies it,
Still it is always there.

Under the bush it is lurking,
Under the bush it is lurking,
Under the bush it is lurking,
Under the bush it is lurking.

There is his cup over the bushes,
There is his cup over the bushes,
There is his cup over the bushes,
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There is his past over stalking,
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"BON VOYAGE!"



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Russia's Claims Upon Turkish Territory—Human Brotherhood in Wartime

ENGLAND AND THE TURK
In a reply to my letter in the Evening Ledger, "The Phil" writes: "Mrs. P. J. T. thinks that the Allies are not consistent in desiring to take Constantinople and the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, while the Allies are the champions of the rights of small nations in the world, yet neither England nor France did anything to end them."

HUMAN BROTHERHOOD
Sir—Let's forget we are American, Frenchman, Englishman, etc., and remember that we are all human beings. We were not born for the purpose of destroying each other for the profit of kings, the Roman gladiators or beasts in the forest; we are not on earth to advance civilization and not to tear it down with instruments of death.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC
Newman Color Views
THIS FRIDAY EVENING AT 8:15
THIS SATURDAY MAT. AT 2:30
JAPAN TODAY

STRAND
Edith Taliaferro
"The Conquest of Cannan"

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The Northeast Corner

Casuals of the Day's Work
THOMAS DALY, who phoned the matter up to me, said, "I have read your great article, think your wisdom, though it is still a great gift from you and the fact." And we are led to quote this as the expert opinion of a philosopher who has realized something of the eternal verities, having in mind the career, unobscured by the end of Colonel William P. Daly.

And perhaps the real critic was not so much right as they thought themselves. America needed the illusion of it was an illusion, which Buffalo Bill's rodeo are created. Fact after fact, it is not all of truth, though it is a great service. He made dreams come true, and that is no unimportant part of the day's work. Facts, indeed, are not all of truth, though it is a great service. He made dreams come true, and that is no unimportant part of the day's work.

EVERYBODY IS GOING TO THE CHESTNUT STREET OPERA HOUSE
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MARY PICKFORD
IN HER FIRST MOVIE "THE PRIDE OF THE CLAN"

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190-200 ALL THIS WEEK
NAZIMOVA

ARCADIA
CHESNUT Below 10TH
CONTINGENTS—11:15 A. M. to 11:15 P. M.

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TEN COLLEGIANS AND OTHERS

Cross Keys
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MABEL LAINE AND HER BAND

KNICKERBOCKER
4th and
Market

GARRICK—MATINEE TODAY
MR. LEO DITTRICHSTEIN

FORREST—Pop. Mat. Today
LAST EVENING—LAST MAT. SATURDAY

BROAD—Pop. Mat. Today
LAST & EVENING—LAST MAT. SATURDAY