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Thinking One. A cartoon illustration of a person looking thoughtful, with a speech bubble containing the text.

March came in like a lamb, but it was a black one. It does not look as if much progress were making toward German-Russian-Japanese alliance.

The Mayor's expression of a willingness to be investigated to be taken in a Pickwickian—be pardon, a Brum-bughian—sense? City cold vaults jammed with food.

While the General Assembly is recalling several hundred obsolete laws it might well see to it that it passes no new ones which will become obsolete before the end of the year.

The agreement of the House in Harrisburg to the plan to permit the Government to buy land to enlarge the Bankford Arsenal has come none too soon. The national Government should have permission to buy all the land it needs.

South Philadelphia believes that the general boycott has been the chief factor in lowering food prices, and South Philadelphia is right. It is an honorable weapon and it requires for successful use intelligence and self-restraint—qualities that make for character.

Whether the proposed lease of the new transit lines to the P. R. T. is approved or not, the Chestnut street subway will be needed in the near future to relieve the pressure on Market street.

Lloyd George is not a minister's son, but he was brought up by his uncle, Richard Lloyd, a Welsh Baptist preacher, who has just died, so he was the next thing to it. Ministers' sons in America have also risen to high office.

If this country is to compete successfully for the trade of the world after the war it must place itself in a position where it can bargain for that trade on the same terms as other countries are ready and prepared to do—that is, by the adoption of a tariff system of greater flexibility.

solely for the purpose of raising revenue if they resort to them at all. A protective tariff mitigated by reciprocity treaties is what this country needs now and will need in tenfold measure when the nations lay down their arms.

NO MORE QUIBBLING IN TWO days the Sixty-fourth Congress will be no more. It is to be hoped that the Capitol will see no further attempts to sap public confidence in the Administration which after Sunday at noon will be, for perilous days and perhaps many weeks, sole charge of the destinies of the Republic.

The attempt to hamper the President had its source in sheer lack of imagination. Men talked of executive usurpation of power, as if the times in which that power was to be exerted lay several months ahead of us and not immediately at hand.

Congress is, or ought to be, at the least, a mass-meeting of typical and representative Americans. If the great majority in it were not at heart loyal and united, and were at the same time representative, what could we hope from the people at large? It would be a time to pray for America, not to act for her.

ANTI-DOPE PREPAREDNESS The evil has certainly not decreased since the enactment of the Federal law (Harrison act). Of late it has been noticed that many of the counterfeiters and other offenders against the laws of the national Government are drug addicts.

JUDGE THOMPSON, of the United States District Court, thus explains why the passage of the Whittaker bill by the Pennsylvania Legislature is imperative. The national Government cannot take up such measures to amend and correct the deficiencies of the Harrison act at this time.

THE British determination to build new ships, ton for ton, to replace those sunk by the submarines is doubtless responsible for the award of a contract for 10,000-ton cargo ships to a Chester corporation. The British yards are not able to replace the destroyed shipping fast enough, so it is necessary to come to the yards on the Delaware.

LAGGARDS ON THE SEA But why do not American shipping men give our own yards so much to do that they cannot fill foreign orders? It is estimated that forty per cent of the ships contracted for on the ways here are for foreign countries.

AN ABSURD GERMAN PLOT THE Administration must have felt that it was a patriotic duty to expose the amazing German plot to enmesh us with Mexico and Japan in the event of war between Germany and the United States. For this is precisely the sort of document which Mr. Wilson would otherwise have felt justified in suppressing at this time.

CHICAGO'S TRACTION BARONS The traction barons of Chicago are making the boldest and most aggressive campaign for special privileges that they have waged since the defeat of Yerkes twenty years ago. They are demanding legislation which will entitle them to a franchise for Chicago for half a century.

THE SINGULAR OF LYNX Leo Harris was in Wednesday west of the mountains with a link hide which measured four feet in length.—Kildeer (N. D.) Tribune.

PATRIOTISM You do not need to bear a gun Nor face the cruel steel To be a patriot, my son; You'll serve your country well If in ten days you'll get the stress On a calm demeanor you possess.

THE German-language newspapers in this country have been talking "yellow peril" for some time, which is all explained now. The old folk from the Fatherland, who have never learned English, and who therefore are dependent upon these newspapers, have to swallow every word they hear.

HOW THE KAISER CAME TO A THRONE His Plots Against His Father Failed, but Death Removed Frederick After Three Months' Reign

By JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS DURING the year that elapsed between the spring of 1887 and the spring of 1888 the imperial court of Berlin was the scene of mysterious happenings which have since kept the world's gaze upon the Wilhelm the Great, the first Emperor of the federated German States, was slowly dying. The heir to the throne, the Crown Prince Frederick, was by all odds the most popular man in the country.

THE Growth in Frederick's Throat This breach between the Crown Prince and his son, Prince William, widened early in 1887, when it was whispered through Europe that the former's throat was being attacked by a severe cold.

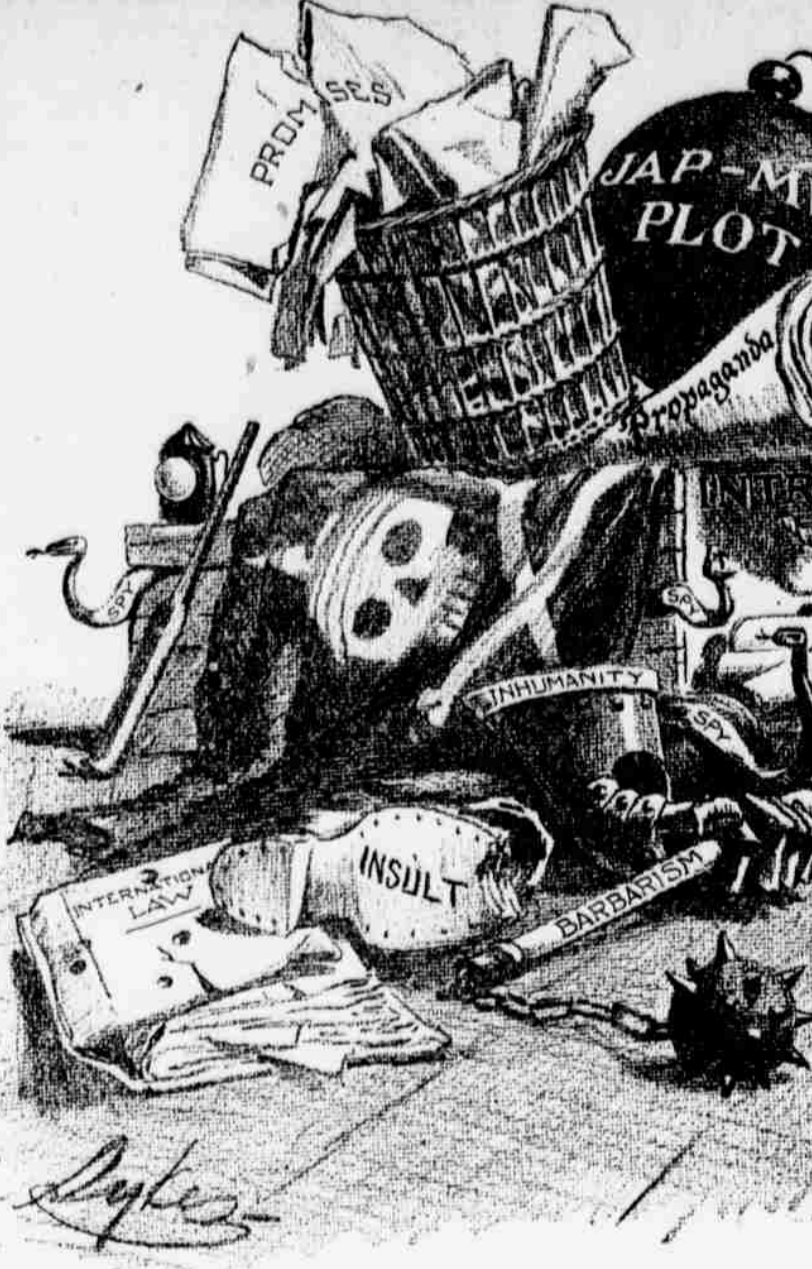
Victoria Knights Dr. Mackenzie All Europe awaited the diagnosis of this great man, and it was justly expected that Dr. Mackenzie would be called in to give his opinion on the throat trouble.

"A BULL ON THE RAMPAGE" The real American stands fully armed to open fire if he heads this way, either subsea or as a snake in the grass. The error made by "Equity" and Germans generally in supposing that we are influenced to any great extent by what her enemies say of Germany.

MR. MANN'S PERFECTIONS To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—It is a pleasure to me to see your issue of the 27th of February, 1917.

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SOUVENIRS OF A FRIENDSHIP



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE Inscription on Bronze Tablet in the Andes—"Near-Side" Cars

"CHRIST OF THE ANDES" To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Quoting from "The South American Tour," a book on South America by Miss Annie S. Peck, pronounced by Ricardo P. Llanos, Director of Commerce and Industry of Argentina.

"A BULL ON THE RAMPAGE" To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—There is no use in my arguing with a bull that is seeing red but a stunning blow.

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What Do You Know? Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, in answer to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

JAPAN PLAYS THE MARKET A Japanese broker, says the East and West News, wishing to capture some trade from the European population of Tokio, scattered handbills bearing this legend: "To the Widewake Public: You who want business and why not my business? I am at such rare extraordinary chance. Even a fool, his pocket is swelling up every day. Why? Because he is daring it himself. Buy your order. More or less, yours faithfully, 'OKINO YONESABURO.'"

PROTECTION FOR THE CANAL Discussion continues as to the inadequacy of the protection of the Panama Canal. The subject could not be too thoroughly considered, or the steps, if they are necessary, taken too promptly to correct the deficiency.

All Points of the Compass Rubaiyat of a Commuter Of course, I haven't all the Things I want; Some fruit trees and some grape vines I must plant. I'd like some Hollyhocks, but the Lady says they're old-fashioned. So, of course, I can't.

Casuals of the Day's Work Mr. Garrett P. Serviss, who writes on any subject from cabbages to kings, including also astronomy and the problems of the fourth dimension, discourses at some length in one of Mr. Hearst's esteemed, by some, journals, on the subject of new words. He quotes from some unidentified author: "He fell on his knees at his feet and said: 'Can you not pity me?' No—said he—'I am not a man, I am a stone'."

U. S. Mints E. K.—There are five United States Mints—At Denver, San Francisco, Philadelphia, New Orleans and Carson City. All are known as such, but only the first three coin money. At New Orleans and Carson City the work is that of assaying bullion.

Information Test M. W.—The list of 100 questions and answers is the "Information Test" of the Friends' Select School, Media, Pa., which is given to its pupils to stimulate interest in contemporary events. The list may be obtained by writing to the school.

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLE CHANGING one letter at a time and always producing correct words, we transform WARM TO COLD as follows: Warm, Ward, Word, Cord, Cold. Now transform the following pairs in four moves each: Fish to Meat; More to Less; Ride to Walk.

THE MERRY PAINTER To paint us green and blue and red— The Kater had a plan, But when he found the top of the cone.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. What is the meaning of the "onus" of possible war which the United States is said to have determined to place on Germany? 2. What is the meaning of "Kut-el-Amar"? 3. Who is the chaplain of the House of Representatives?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 4. Star forts are roughly star-shaped forts, or castles, with projecting angles. 5. Salomon was assigned the actual building of the Temple by Jehovah because David, Salomon's father, was a "man of war." 6. "St." is the masculine, "Stn." the feminine abbreviation of "saint." The former also stands for "street" and "strait."

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 7. President McKinley is buried at Canton, O. 8. "Moonshine" whiskey is so called because it is made in secret, and its use is usually carried on at night. 9. Blondestine, the March blondestone, sets its color from red jasour.

New Half Dollar L. W.—The designer of the new half dollar explained the design as: On the obverse (head) a full-length figure of the Goddess of Liberty, bearing sprigs of laurel and oak, symbolic, respectively, of civic and military power; her right hand is outstretched in a spirit of liberty for the world. On the reverse ("tail") is the fearless American eagle perched high on a mountain crag; from the precipice shoots a sapling of mountain pine, symbolic of America.

Austrian Representative S. Y.—Pending the settlement of diplomatic questions with Austria-Hungary, the Charge d'Affaires of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy, Baron Erich Zeleinski, represents that country in the United States.

Presidential Succession D. F. G.—In case the President and Vice President die or are unable otherwise to perform their duties, the Secretary of State would act as President until the disability of the President or Vice President is removed or a President is elected. The order of succession through the Cabinet is Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Attorney General, Postmaster General, Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of the Interior.

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle JOHN'S age was 49 1/2 months, James's 29 1/2 months and Joshua's 23 1/2 months.

THE DARK DAY It was so dark at noon today We could not look across the way. When teacher's back was turned and we stretched up our necks and tried to see Above the classroom window sill, Then everybody got so still And solemn looking like they do At funerals I scarcely knew If I should show my feelings too Or smile at teacher in her chair And make pretend I didn't care. But that's exactly what I did For when she smiled at me I hid The quiver that was in my chin And left a pleasant smile on in.

Pomeo Written by myself Edited by Tom Daly

Then teacher made us rise and sing Until the recess bell would ring; And when it did she kindly said: "It looks so stormy overhead I will not ask you to come back." Outside it was so strange and black Instead of shining in the sun I did not speak to any one But ran as fast as I could run Until I came to our own door And fell my mother's hand once more. So now I've had my lunch and here Without the slightest bit of fear I sit and try to study out What all this blackness was about.

Peering into into the outer darkness when it first began to gather, we watched the electric lights growing brighter and more numerous and noted the first flowering of the business signs. The earliest to blossom on Sixth street read BAR

Paths This is the story of an amusement advertisement that became a death notice. The LEDGER prepared this neat little card and submitted proof to Superintendent Carson.

A DIFFERENCE The blushing bride bursts on our view, In wedding tulle arrayed. We hope she is the maid so true. But know she is the trowsauc maid. S. S. A.

Predigested Preludes Prepared for Postprandial Prattlers The class will please suppose this morning that one of its component members has been selected to respond to a toast at the annual dinner of the County League and Judicial Fraternity.

"Cow-Killing" Tune L. K. J.—The "tune the old cow died of" is said to be the tune played to the cow by her owner in lieu of food. The words of the song contain the lines you mention: "Consider, good one, consider, The meat's the time for grass to grow. The meaning has been extended to cover inhumanities tunes.

The speaker will remember that "bride" is a legal term and that it may be at this point to consider his end.

One of the denizens of our building straining his eyes through the fog, he called to our attention a sign on the window of the stationer's shop next door to the bank on Chestnut street just above Sixth: "Is Your Bank Account Safe? Later it was explained to us that the stationer was merely advertising a check-writing device.

Sir—I did not see the hunkhound at the Dog Show yesterday, so it looks as if he might be grooming for the fellows who perform that atrocious gaudy tasteless "green carnation" for March 17th. They're already at it, all right. I heard several of them uttering a great cry. I think should also get after those triplet Twins are bad enough with pieces of potatoes and porridge at the present time. I expect they'll be sending you will like this: A. B. C. Start a wee! Hee, hee, hee! Happy go lucky. Old Kentucky. Hee's the use. Faushe's like us! Faugh's a ballah! Send your good old hunkhound to the track" of all this bunk.

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