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To war is human; to battle for the right, divine.

"Gerard to give Wilson inside tip on Berlin." Events seem to show he did it months ago

As a country like Russia abolished the death penalty years ago, it seems like an anachronism that it should be a matter for debate at this late date in Pennsylvania.

Now that the Chinese Parliament approved the break with Berlin, who will deny that the Colonel was right when he declared we were in danger of being Chinafied?

There are conditions under which the new transit system could cost twice ninety millions, but not without the repetition, we suspect, of certain historical events attendant not many years ago on an attempt to sell out the community's rights.

Scott Nearing's latest utterances. advocating that summit of impossibility, a peace-or-war referendum, and arguing o the effect that a man cannot express a reasonable opinion about the American people if he belongs to the Racquet Club, are not calculated to increase the regret that he is no longer at the University of Pennsylvania.

The President, though said to have recovered from his cold, remains in bed. It was probably not his cold that sent him there, but a fatigue and strain such as few Executives have had to endure. There are two reasons why he should take care of himself, and those reasons smed at the tor eratic campaign banner last fall-Wilson and Marshall.

On the first of January next the U. G. I. under its contract will charge but seventy-five cents per thousand cubic feet for gas. Apparently it is the purpose of municipal financiers to put the extra nickel in the city treasury and give the public no share in the reduction. If so, consumers will be paying a tax of thirty-th-ee and a third per cent for the privilege of using gas, a prohibitive tax, and one which is inconceivably large, in view of the fact that the gas yield now an annual profit of between two and three million dollars.

State Government reformers every where will be encouraged by the example which is imperial both in actualities and of Illinois, which has just passed a bill consolidating more than 100 administra- to build worse than uselessly. We want tion agencies into nine departments. Govhad to overcome more inertia than opposition, officeholders and gang politicians using obstructive tactics. This will, of course, be the chief stumbling block in the way of the Pennsylvania efficiency size. and economy commission, which will make its report in a few days. A saving built with the funds available an appeal of \$250,000 the first year was effected in for more funds should be made. Illinois after all the charitable institutions were gathered into one department several years ago. This gives some idea of what a comprehensive system of administrative consolidation would do.

With the notice sent to foreign legations in Washington that ships are to be ermed goes the first official challenge to Germany since February 3, when Von Bernstorff was dismissed, for the Swiss Government, which has charge of German interests here, will at once forward it to Berlin as a matter of routine business. It amounts to a warning to submarine com- station in the line of through traffic. To manders that attempts will be made to get over the obstacle offered by that tink their craft whenever they approach an American vessel. A well-armed merchant ship has an excellent chance to efeat a submarine, the records showing that the number of armed ships sunk in imparison with unarmed ships sunk is German Government would declare år before an engagement took place tween American and German gunners. Berlin has evidently tried to imitate se of Washington, that whatsay be given for a test of the Ger ive to make good what many re to be a bluff. But if there

the President's policy. The situation which the new House will have to mee will not permit slow action in organizing. The sooner it is ready for business the greater will be the confidence of the country in its new Congress.

# CLEANLINESS OR DEATH?

DEATH last summer stalked through this section of the country. No man could stop its ravages, for no man knew its cause. It fastened itself on the young, from the grave. Farents did not know how to fight the unknown terror. They could merely pray that their beloved

No man, we say, could stop the ravages of this disease, but all men knew and know that its sources lie in dust and dirt. Strong men cannot breathe into their lungs and blood filth-laden atmoswithout undermining their strength; for habes and those who are weak it means death sure and certain In the face of the horrible experiences

the dist that cannot lawfully lie on the to run the grantlet of imfebouring the germs which are loosed by this month contractors persist in their failure properly to clean the streets, and from long miles of sidewalks are swept into the air literally tons of death-carrying dirt. The community accepts the condition as readily as the South used to accept the

Let the mothers whose offspring live under this sword of Damocles demand relief. Let the fathers who lived last summer in a reign of terror ensist that to stamp the disease out entirely; but we can administer mighty blows against its progress and hamper its advance by simply being clean. We can see to it that the sidewalks are watered before they are swept; we can see to it that the streetcleaning contractors do properly what they are paid to do. 'We can compel the administration to concentrate its efforts on municipal cleanliness. Germs, we say soberly, are more to be feared just now than Germans. It is more important that the dust evil be abated than that any other public improvement now contem plated be carried to completion.

Citizens may blame themselves for existing conditions. The administration and Councils can give us clean streets. They will give us clean streets if mothers and fathers bring to bear the pressure of their indignation. The situation is so serious that a public mass-meeting to consider it would not be amiss. We are publishing in our pictorial section at intervals pictures which illustrate, so far as pictures can, the peril which lack of cleanliness has aroused against us. Citizens can see for themselves in their daily walks just how necessary improve ment is.

To fight successfully against infantile paralysis this summer we must begin

# AN ANT HOUSE FOR A GIANT

AS EXCELLENT a method of squandering public funds as has yet come to our notice is involved in the proposal to spend \$1,500,000 for the erection of a convention hall to seat, 6000 persons.

We can imagine the laughter which will greet Philadelphia's invitation for either of the great political conventions in 1920 if it is related that we propose to house the gathering in a building which will accommodate so vast a throng as

Apologies and explanations will consume most of our time if in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence we invite the representworks never cost the city a dollar and atives of the nations of the world to convene in a closet.

> We trust that it will dawn finally on certain conspicuous citizens of Philadelphia that they live in a metropolis in hopes. To build in a narrow way is spacious meeting place, ranking with any other auditoriums in America, to which

> If such a convention hall cannot be erect the sort of ball we do not want and the kind of hall that is now proposed boats to the Pacific to catch whales.

#### MAKING NEW YORK A WAY STATION

THE dedication of the new railroad I bridge across the East River connecting Long Island with the mainland marks the completion of the railroad link between Philadelphia and New England that makes New York but a way island city it has been necessary to tunnel both the Hudson and East Rivers, so that Pennsylvania Railroad trains might be carried on bridges from Long Island over the narrower parts of the East River on to the tracks of the New York rigably smail. It is doubtful that and New Haven system. When traffic is opened on the bridges the trains which now go between Boston and Philadelphia by the roundabout route of the Poughkeepsie bridge will pass under and around New York, thus saving several it does is done in self-defense. It hours. Trains used to be ferried around thus be at least a week before occa- the city, but that practice had to be abandoned several years ago on account of the danger. The new way, which will be used first next Thursday, is both safer and quicker. It should develop more inimate business relations between this city and that part of New England

# THE ROMANCE OF BAGDAD

What the Loss of the City of the Caliphs Means to Turks . and Germans

SO GREAT was Bagdad that to this day Turkish official documents still speak of it, out of habit, as "the glorious city" But what many of the old Turks may leaving limping wrecks of those it spared have lost of reverence for the former capital of Islam, the new Turks, whose toppling empire stretched from Antwerp nigh to the PerstaneGulf until the new crusaders found their strength, have more than made up for by the great dream, "Berlin to Bagdad."

It was more than a tyrant's dream. It must be done some time. Though not by the Germans alone as master conquerers. but by a reunited family of European nations, who will want to join India and Persia by rail to the west. The shu route by way of Suez has held a mo nopoly because of political reasons. But the Perlin-te-Sagdad Railroad, which has already covered so much of the route from Constantinople across Asia Minor repetition this summer ever present, men and on toward the Persian Gulf, was talk and think of the dirty streets of meant to be and will be primarily an improvement serviceable to the arts of neace. And Bagdad, which has fallen so many times and now has fallen for the and time, will rise again, the great center of the vast region between the Bosphorus and India, to dominate which was the most tangible reward that the German Caesar played for.

#### 2,000,000 Once Dwelt There

Once it housed 2,000,000 souls. It is not without reason that a city grows to that magnificence. The region about this town of about 140,000 is largely desert today, except when the Tigris and Euphrates are in flood, when the whole land is inundated, and the waters press the dikes and threaten to engulf a city turned into an Island. But it was not that way in the days of the Caliphs, when Haroun at Raschid reigned in the eighth century. The desert has crept down because of the neglect of the irrigation canals; for wherever the least attempt is made to protect and redeem the something be done. We may not be able | soil the yield of crops is marvelous, and it is easy to believe that 2,000,000 persons in the city and many millions more in the adjoining districts were fed without Imports. But what Haroun and the other caliples did can be done better now. So great are the possibilities of fertility that Abdul Hamid, to increase his personal wealth in an easy fashion, acquired large tracts, which are well farmed and managed, in conspicuous con trast with the surrounding territory. Bagdad is now as much of a gold mine as it was in the Middle Ages, waiting for redevelopment.

Even the decayed city of today has had imports worth \$10,000,000 and exports worth \$4,000,000 a year. No wonder the Germans dreamed of making it their eastern Berlin. Their scheme of development included a vast and entirely new irrigation system on modern lines for the redemption of the whole Babylonian plain. The war interrupted this in its early stages. They were also intent on systematic sanitation to replace the present awful methods of getting water from a river into which sewage is dumped and which is the cause of a very high mortality.

# Not Simply a Trade Route

Thus it was not simply as a trade route to India that Bagdad and the region about it were desired-it was for its own sake and for a share in the wealth that would come to the many new mil-Middle Europe turned to Bagdad with an ample reward for his concessions to Berlin, and the whole world would profit -perhaps. Will the British be able to do the work as well?

the Jewish population. There are 34,000 Jews there, 6060 Christians and about 100,-Jews there, 6000 Christians and about 100. With unabated energy. Should war be our 000 Moslems. Only the Jews are pro- lot, each of these interests will be forced, vided with schools, and most of the industry and banking is in their hands. They have from early times played an important part in Bagdad's history and In holding aloft the banner of freedom they seem destined, as the leading citi- for the women of the country, even at a zens, to play an even greater part in its renaissance.

The city, placed on the Tigris, where it most nearly approaches the Euphrates. commands through its port, Basra, the Persian Gulf terminal of the sea route no small-town convention halls. What to India, the caravan routes by Tadmor ernor Lowden, in pressing for the change, the people have voted money for is a of the desert to Damuscus, by Hamadan to Central Persia, by the Euphrates to Aleppo, and again by unfinished rail route they can seriously invite conventions of by Mosul to Aleppo. (Mosul, about 200 every character, no matter what their miles to the northwest, is supposed to be the objective of the British troops operating from their new base at Bagdad) city by the British armed forces cannot be estimated in figures-it is an inestimable moral blow at German and Turkish would be about as sensible as to send cat- pride and prestige. It is the interruption of a romantic daydream which explains all the terrible hate of Germany for the British, for if the British had not come into the war Berlin-to-Bagdad would be a reality today.

There was to be a new romance. The winding and intricate alleys through which 'he adventurous Haroun went upon his mysterious errands incognito were to be replaced with wide boulevards; the towering palaces of old. yellow and red and spankling in the sun; the clamor of the bazaars, the pageantry and passion of luxury and commerce-all was to spring into life at the touch of German efficiency as swiftly as the visions of Aladdin were made real of yore and in the land that gave Aladdin to the world! # H. S. W.

# A SAD WAG

James Harper, one of the original mem bers of the firm of Harper & Brothers, had the Mark Twain gift for humorous narrative. His favorite method was to foist his joke upon the person to whom he was speaking. Apropos of whatever the two speaking. Apropos of whatever the two
men might be discussing, James would say:
"That puts me in mind of what you told
me once." Then would follow some story,
very likely one invented on the spot. "Why,
Mr. Harper!" the other man would respond.
"I never told you that; in fact, I never
heard of it before." Then Mr. Harper would
the spot of t



MOBILIZING FOR THE SPRING DRIVE

# THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Women's Party Has the Same Right to Existence as Other Parties-American Honor

This Department is free to all readers who osh to express their opinions on subjects of urrent interest. It is an open forum, and the Trenting Ledorr assumes no reprombility for he vision of its correspondents. Letters must be stand by the name and address of the correspondents of the contract of the publication, but as a marrante of good faith.

# A SUFFRAGIST STATEMENT

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-As an active member of the Na-tional Woman's party (formerly the Con-gressional Union for Woman Suffrage), I should like to say that our organization was designed for one specific purpose—the national enfranchisement of women—and that would come to the many new mil-lions of inhahitants that restoration would bring to it that the eyes of way interefere with the individual action of its members, who are entirely free to so much longing; the Sultan would have and private questions and to work for them

abandonment of the campaign of the Worn Most of the work that has kept Bagdad by the Republican. Democratic and other from loss of importance has been due to political parties. While our country is at peace, political, religious, educational, con nercial and reform bodies continue to work for the time being, to lay aside some of its special activities and join with the other groups in a common defense. And this common service will be freely given.

risis like the present, members of the Woman's party believe that they are serv ing the best interests of the nation. While the women of today will, as did the women of yesterday, serve their country to the sest of their ability, whether the Govern-ment grant them political liberty or not, we selieve it right, even white we serve to de mand justice

A glance at the past will disclose unlim ited testimony to the unselfish devotion of women to their country in her hour of need. In the Revolutionary struggle every superfluous expense was retremched, pleas-ures and luxuries were given up and an arnest effort made to assure econon the objective of the British troops oper-ating from their new base at Bagdad.)
The importance of the capture of the War, women shared equally with men the uation's burdens. They made even a greater sacrifice when, in favor of the "black man," they laid aside their chances for political freedom. The women were told that it was "the negro's hour," and stepped aside. Susan B. Anthony stood virtually alone in her effort to prevent women from losing sight of their own strug gie while pleading for the freedom of the siave. Fallure to heed her advice resulted a lamentable setback in woman's strugrie to be free. For five years, we are the cause of woman suffrage was not men-tioned in a public place or in a convention except by this fearless leader.

Today we should profit by this lesson.

should not only avoid the possibility of another half century's delay in granting justice to women, but we should be stirn by the recent action of other nations wage a more insistent fight than ever. Den-mark, when the great war broke out, imme-diately enfranchised her women for the reason that their share in the ry's burdens, if they were drawn into war, would be as great as the men's and a voice in determining public policies would be duthem. Recently Canada, a warring country, has given the ballot to a large number of her women. In the five provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchawan, Alberfa, Manitoba and Ontario this act of justice bas been enacted. CAROLINE, KATZENSTEIN.

Philadelphia, March 9.

# AMERICAN HONOR

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger.
Sis—Was it worth the price for our troo
to go into Mexico? What have we got show for it? Nothing but the expenditure of \$350.000,000 and scores of American lives lost. American honor has received just as had, if not worse a blow than Germany has given it, and I challenge any person to show me where it was maintained in

President Wilson advise all Americans to leave Mexico if they valued their lives? Now, if he deems it his duty to call them home from Mexico, why does he not use this same policy in this present crisis with Germany, forbidding them to take passage upon any vessel that is headed for the submarine zone? We say that Mexico should be rine zone? We say that Mexico should be left to work out her own salvation even at the sacrifice of American lives, which has

been done; then I say let Germany, who is fighting with her back to the wall, work out her salvation in a like manner.

Why should I and millions of others go to war, unless we know what we are going for?

R. H. Philadelphia, March 9.

### STREET CAR WINDOWS To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-The pasters of the 'pneumonia committee" on the windows of the Philadelphia street cars are cute indeed. Efficient Doctor Krusen had better follow these with some by the "optical committee," as the windows of said cars are so rain-spotted and soiled cleaning politicians so that the riders can't see the dirty streets? New York streets are netimes dirty, but it is more or less justi-i, as New York is a wide-awake com-GOTHAMITE. New York, March 8.

#### "THE TRADE"—SUBMARINE SERVICE

They bear, in place of classic names, Letters and numbers on their skin; They play their grisly blindfold games In little boxes made of tin. Sometimes they stalk the Zeppelin, Sometimes they learn where mines are

On where the Baltic ice is thin, That is the custom of 'The Trade.' " -Rudyard Kipling, in "Sea Warfare,"

faid

# All Points of the Compass Rubaiyat of a Commuter

The Newsbey, that enthusiastic Wight, Comes crying through the 5:18 each Night, Calls out the names or Foolish Maga-But not one Name of Stories that I Write.

### Casuals of the Day's Work XXXVI. THE letter which follows is exceedingly

Interesting:

Editor All Points: Sir—As you seem to be out aunting for coined words, and if they make you as peeved as you say they dome out and get real happy before you read if, d. Wells's new one. Mr. Britling Sees It Through. Along in the first couple of chapters you will find "religiosities." and some other ones bordering on "metevilous." The latter is beyond my poor mind to even find in a dictionary. I can dope out the first one. C. F. R.

Our hand being busted, we can hold no brief, but we would like to call the attention of C. K. R. to one fact—"religiosities" is as good a word as a perfectly good dead cat is a perfectly good dead cat. "Religiose," (note to the linotyper: "Religiose" ia the cor-rect spelling), "Religiose," and by context, "religiosity"—the plural naturally follows is a state of being having to do with the morbidly religious. Doctor Murray, in his celebrated and very expensive dictionary. tells the history of the word, and Mr. Wells uses it with authority.

We admit C. K. R.'s point. Mr. Wells'is We admit C. K. R.'s point. Mr. Wells'is in one or more places a poseur. He delights in the spectacular in writing. He has done this a good many more times than once to our own delight, for he has sent us on little journeys to the dictionary, which help us in the general uplift, and, though we have disagreed at first, we have simost invariably found that Mr. Wells was right to his choice of the word of exact meaning.

in his choice of the word of the common or garden variety of dictionaries. It appears that the word is derived from, not the Greek, as Charles Holden from, not the Greek, as Charles Holden would say, but from the Latin "metua," meaning "fear," with the natural suffix. "Meticulous," therefore, would seem to im-ply, not a sense of timidity, but a sense of overcarefulness—carried to the nth power. And, while we are on the subject of meticulousness, may we suggest to C. K. R. that it would be following the straight and narrow path if he quit splitting his in-

# 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,

QUIZ What are believed to be the causes of Bus-sia's crisis?
 What position did Mr. Gerard held before his appointment as Ambassador?

Who is Tisza?
 What is the distinction between a hurricane and a gale?

5. About what is the value of the farm lands in the United States?

6. What is a tocsin?
7. Who are Efrem Zimbalist and Aima Gluck?
8. Besides "Rayal Navy," of what is "B. N."
the abbreviation? 9. Where was the Garden of Eden? 10. What is a flageolet?

# Answers to Yesterday's Quiz Chapultepec is a fortress and government military college, three miles southwest of Mexico City. It is the Mexican West Point.

Foint.

Germans do not use the word "ruthless" to describe their unrestricted submarine warfare. For them it is "ruccksichtios" (reckless), "verscharfend" (sharpeaed) and "uneingeschraenkt" (unrestrained). An adult doing light work needs calories a day; medium work, work 4000-5000; exceptionally

5000.

1. Palestine, on the east coast of the Mediter-ranean Sea, in southwestern Syria, Turkey-in-Asia, has an area of 11,600 squarmiles, about one-twenty-third of that of

5. The "First Hundred Thousand" are the members of the first British expeditionary force in France, which was nearly wiped out.

out.

6. Simon Bolivar (1783-1830), the great South American liberator, is known as the "Washington of South America".

7. A P. & O. steamship is a vessel of the Peninsular and Occidental Line. 8. Miss Alexa Stirling, of Atlanta, Ga., is the American woman golf champion. 9. The Hottentota, a South African race re-sembling both the Bushmen and the Ban-tus, are of a yellowish-brown color and have negroid features.

10. A revolution, the cause and extent of which has not been learned, has broken out in Peru.

# 'Moonshine" Whisky

"Moonshine" Whisky

KENTUCKIAN — The probabilities are that "meonshine" whisky is so called because its production and sale are conducted largely at night, although it would be difficult to prove it. Equally difficult would it be to prove your contention that it is so called because it is coloriess and "clear as moonshine." Either of these explanations is logical and gives present-day satisfaction; but it seems more logical to presume that originally "moonshine" deto presume that originally "moonshine" to presume that originally moonshine de-rived its name from "moonshining," or il-licit nocturnal trading in general, than to presume that illicit trading in general owes its nickname to a particular article such as colorless whisky. Smugglers of all kinds in England are known as "moonshiners." Webster's New International Dictionary says that a "moonshiner" is a says that a "moonshiner" is a "person engaged in illicit trading at night, as a smuggler." Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary (1912) says a "moonshiner" is a "person engaged in illicit distilling; so called because the work is largely done at

J. L.—Varied assortments of toasts suitable for banquets may be found in books on that subject in the larger bookstores. A list of these may be found in telephone direc-

Motion-Picture Actress READER-The name is Enid Markey, not Markley.

# SAM LOYD'S PUZZLE

CORRESPONDENT wishes to kno A CORRESPONDENT wishes to know if there is a law in any of our States which would have prohibited his grandfather from marrying the sister of his widow. At first blush it would appear that his grandfather must first have died to make his wife a widow, and so been to make his wife a widow, and so been disqualified from marrying his widow's sister. But closer inspection leads us to advise the young man that his granddad was entirely within his rights in leading the sister of his widow to the altar. Can you prove the correctness of our con-

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle THE merchant sold the 13 and 15 gal-lon barrels of oil at 50 cents per gallon. He also sold 8, 17 and 21 gal-lons of vinegar at 25 cents per gallon. So he had the 19 gallon barrel left, which would have brought 59.55, since it

## DA PUP EEN DA BNOW Deed you evra see Joy Gona wild weeth delight,

Tom Daly's Column

McAroni Ballada

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Jus' so lika small boy W'en som' brighta new toy Mak's heem crazy exotte's You would know wat I mean Eef you jus' coulda seen-Not so long time ago-How my leetla fat pup Ees first play een da anoue.

O! I scream an' I roar An' so shaka togeth laughter Dat my sides dey are sore For mos' three-four days after. An' how mooch I would try, I no speak toeeth sooch skeell l could put een your eye W'at ees fresh een mine How dat leetla pup romp All aroun' da whole place, How he bark, how he jomp An' fall down on hees face; How he fight, how he bite An' ces tumble aroun'. Teell hees cover' weeth white Like a leetla fat clown; W'at surprise fill hees eyes W'en he see da flakes sail, Hom he hark at da shies How he chasa hees tall.

O! I weesh I could show How ees looka dat pup, How he ouff an' he blow W'en hees leecked by da sun An' ees gotta geeve up. An' I s'posa, no doubt, You would say I am fibbin' W'en I say hees tongue's out

Lika yarda peenk ribbon-O! how mooch I would try, I no speak speath south should t could put een your eye W'at's so fresh cen mine steell But I weesh you had been

Where you, too, coulds seen W'at delighta me so-How my leetla fat pup Ees first play een da snow

# Wet Stuff

Representative J. W. Langley, of Kentucky, was discussing prohibition legislation with a group of House colleagues. He told of the manner in which whisty was carried into dry West Virginia from wet Kentucky. "West Virginia," said Langley, "has a law that any package containing liquor must have its contents labeled on the outside before it is put on the train. One of the residents of West Virginia came over into Kentucky, got well filled with intoxicants and before boarding the train for home put this sign on his back, "This package contains one quart of whisky and seventeen bottles of beer."

And, being upon the subject, we can't make up our mind whether the italicized preposition in the sixth line below is the judge's wisdom or a typo's error:

In this instance Judge Christian pointed cut that section 15 of the prohibition act forbade the keeping or storing of lique anywhere than in the owner's home, but the act, in term, did not prohibit any one from having liquor in his person, and the act could not be made an offense of any-thing by construction.—Lynchburg News

# TO YOU

Life is but a flower that blows For a few short days; Sweet and fragrant as a rose When the June wind plays.

Breathe its perfume to the full; Pluck-nor heed the thorn. Just a withered stem you'd cull On the morrow's morn.

Riceding hand or aching heart Is no price too great For the joy life will impart If we brave our fate.

Take the beauty while you can; It can never be Half enough for maid or man Such as you and me. VARLET.

# Poetry in Prose

Barton Blake has made an admir-able translation of Paul Geraldy's "The War, Madame" (and Charles Scribner's Sons have published it) from which we lift these few pages of poetic prose describing a soldier's return to Paris:

The even-tempered autumn country-side passes by my car windows. The rige passes by my car windows. The telegraph wires walts to the rude rhythm of their poles. My railway wagon stinks of stale cigars, and I am happy as a boy. A second-plant happy as a boy. A second-class com-partment is, for a corporal like me, a haven indeed. I can cast on my neighpartment is, for a corporate haven indeed. I can cast on my neighbors a frowning look, such as straight-way paralyzes any notion they may have had of engaging me in talk; I can cross my legs, can read at ease and can follow the plowed ground with the eyes of a man who loves it well, but keeps his distance \* I am most frequently provided with a pass signed by my captain, good for twenty-four hours' liberty, and I have left to the good Bossard (who is not a Farisian) the job of convoying all by himself baggage car Px50712—which he will attend to perfectly well. He ought to come back slowly with a load of mercome back slowly with a load of mer-chandise, and I will catch up with him chandise, and I will catch up this evening. Like a biind zigzaggis insect that the wind has been blowing hither and yon for the last year. I mean to spend the whole afternoon wandering at will through certain streets, passing before windows that the interest of the second of the se are, in memory, very beautiful to me: spots of gold that, from the pavements of wide modern avenues, one sees from under plane-trees. I know well enough what awaits me. Many a curtain will be drawn before what awaits me. Many a curtain will be drawn before the windows I have loved. I shall find it a mournful Paris. But I am going to enter the city as one enters the room of a very beautiful woman who has been very ill.

ONE day last week a member of our taff took a trip to New York. When ne came back he wrote this paragraph;

Philadelphia streets are bad enough-but one has only to go to New York to discover how much worse might be.

Now the New York Evening Sun reprints the paragraph with this head:

WE'RE AWAKE TO THE PACT And we're all wondering if the