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Most of us were unaware then so many American 'ships afloat until the Germans started to sink them.

Congressmen are afraid of labor ut newspapers are not. That is because newspapers have to work and Congressmen don't.

Tremble, sea tyrants! Guatemala has forwarded to the Imperial German vernment a "strong protest" against the ruthless submarine order.

In the midst of the war crisis the Manila Cablenews-American cries, "Let us keep cool!" But even on peace days that's not an easy thing to do in tropical Luzon.

The news that Ulzero Zauditu, the Empress of Abyssinia, has extended the hand of friendship in a letter to ident Wilson is about the only thing left for pacifist rejoicing.

Is there any other city, except Philadelphia with a population of over one and a half millions, where one could see ashes being dumped into an open regon on the principal thoroughfare in the heart of the city at high noon?

Mediation at the last moment, 'tis ispered, may get in front of the avathe of sympathy for Belgium, France Poland, Russia and England, which is going to throw America's help into the scales on the side of civilization. But let us hope the avalanche will pass rapidly enough to allow the victim to be taken from the ruins alive.

ook on the "open door" and his MARVELOUS ition to the policy of scramfor territorial concessions have deeply endeared him to Chinese hearts. Paris and Caracas have their Washingtons in marble, but such tributes lack omething of the direct significance of the proposed Hay memorial. That can only mean gratitude to a great American who ever sought to prevent injustice to a helpless nation.

A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD

THERE is as much truth as there is poetry in the suggestion that has been made that if an American expeditionary force is sent to France it should face the Germans in Belgium.

For Americans who understood nothing else about the war did know about Belgium. They did know that the black sin against God and the black crime against man were committed in Belgium. Too many did not contribute to the funds to feed those children, and all Hoover's good deeds, which brought so much honor to the country which Europe thought was supplying him with sufficient means, but which was not, will not wipe out that shame.

There is a chance to make good, under the spur of that suddenly awakened patriotism which covers a multitude of sins. The Belgian Children's Relief Committee of Pennsylvania plans to let Philadelphia feed 100,000 children in the Province of Antwerp for the next six months. If it is not done, then let no history of Philadelphia ever dwell long upon Philadelphia's scorn for Prussian brutality. To fail to undo brutal work is to condone it. There is precisely as much reason for us to help Belgium as there is for us to go to war. We would never have helped the Allies with food and munitions if we had not thought Germany was wrong. We would never have defied Germany to the point of war if we had not thought Belgium was right.

## PATRIOTIC RALLY IS ASSURED

THE Mayor has responded handsomely to the appeal of citizens for official indorsement and forwarding of the plan for a great patriotic rally to be held in Independence Square. He has set March 31 as the time for this meeting, which the highest officers of the national Government will doubtless desire to address. The occasion would need only the presence of the head of the nation to make it the most impressive and useful demonstration of this whole time of tension and doubt. Indeed, that would clear away the last vestige of doubt in the minds of a doubting minority that our Government is aggressively determined to use every atom of the energy and enthusiasm back of it to enforce its will for a right cause-a cause which the overwhelming majority of mankind deems

right. The President has just expressed himself as "profoundly moved at the evidence above any other single thing was the direct of the whole-souled loyalty of the people of Philadelphia." "It was in Philadelphia." he says, "that the American spirit of freedom and liberty was born." It was in age supplemented with Italians and Spanthe well-loved building in Independence Square that it was born, and from the square which the presence of that building makes sacred ground will go forth yet another trumpet call of freedom.

# MAGICAL DEMOCRACY

TF WE will but imagine a lot we may see a little.

a coal dock with every modern appliance was ready and put into commission in three months from January 1, 1915. At Saint-Nazaire by December 20, 1915, a dock 1164 feet long, with ends at right angles, each If we imagine Liberal Russia becom ing an industrial State, we may speculate 400 feet long, was in use. It had con-sumed less than seven months in the buildthat her twenty inhabitants to the square mile will become 100, which would ining. At Havre, which has become an Engcrease her population from 175,000,000 lish base, three new docks of important size were in use five months after Germany to \$75,000,000. had declared wat against France, while We may even, in a mood of wilder during the same period the landing place fancy, imagine American centers of for Havre - Southampton steamers was. activity relieved of their political transferred to a new dock, that the old might, with better advantages of position. Czars, allowing the vast, underdeveloped be utilized to land men and supplies from stretches between our cities to command England. new resources. Then would our twenty-At Dieppe and Treport four new docks, eight inhabitants to the square mile inaveraging 700 feet in length each, were begun and completed in seven months and crease in like ratio, bringing our total to 500.000,000 souls. sixteen days from September 1, 1915. In The two great democracies of Russia Rouen docks that had been in leisurely of construction from the beginning and the United States could house and of 1911 were completed in seven months feed all the people of the world, and the time, and a new one for coal purposes only placed in working order in ninety-seven few puny autocracies remaining, such as, for example, the reactionary English In the installation of cranes and freight-Government at Dublin, would expire for noving machinery at all the ports on the lack of subjects to tyrannize over. Atlantic and the Mediterranean. 207 new Boil down these dreams to the bone stallations were made in 1915 through the combined efforts of the Government and

DOCK BUILDING All Records Broken by French Engineers in Equipping Ports for Wartime Commerce

By HENRY BAZIN Special Correspondent of the Evening Ledger

in Prance PARIS, Feb. 20.

BEFORE the war it had been unanlmously recognized that facilities for docking vessels and the discharging and loading of freight at French ports were inadequate for existent and growing needs. Despite the wild reports of war explod

Serious official study had been made of these open facts and plans tentatively prepared for increasing the methods and means toward greater and more rapid handling of ncoming and outgoing freights.

Because of special facilities for iron and steel arrived mostly

whole year previous.

and Bordeaux.

foreign product imported.

a degree out of all proportion over any

precedent in year or total quantity ever

Dock Building in Record Time

This was not only successfully accomplished in time of war and under the handl

cap of decrease in number of stevedores

and workmen through mobilization, but with genuine lack at the outset of sufficient

On November 1, 1914, a few weeks after the victory of the Marne, a victory that

incentive toward inaugurating really mar-velous economic progress in France, work

upon new docks began in Bordeaux. With

such French labor as was beyond military

iards, a new dock 900 feet long, began in October, 1914, was completed and in active

use by late April, 1915. Below Bordeaux

oward the sea, at Bassens, a new dock

1914. At Blaye, still nearer the sea on the

Garonne, a dock 900 feet long was con-

structed in the period between January 1

At Tonnay Charante, near La Rochelle,

and June 1, 1915.

than five months from October 15

1200 feet long was begun and completed it

cranes and unloading machinery.

tion.

terials

Brest. Dieppe

through

Out of the war's necessities the plan not only developed into immediate action, but a new-born plan produced virtually imme diate and definite result.

Before August, 1914, coal was the most Just let this little column stand between important article of commerce so far as quantity was concerned. Since then coal freights have not only maintained their

position, but have increased in astounding proportion. In 1913 17,738 tons of coal were

landed at Treport. In 1914 54,000 ton rived at the same port of entry, with 273.000 heights commanding Chestnut street tons in 1915, an increase of 1500 per cent over the year before the war's outbreak. The total coal tonnage received at Treport for 1916 to October 15, inclusive, is in round

best I can To keep the war from getting in figures thirty per cent increase over the harm my fellow man. At Rouen, where 2,827,000 tons of coal were received from England and the United

States in 1913, a total of 6.021.130 tons were debarked during 1915. That figure was surpassed by over a million tons last YELLOWED by twenty-eight-count em'-years is the sheet of Crane linen year. The same proportionate rates of in-crease apply to the coal importation through the great and small ports of Honfleur, Caen. bearing the "seating plan of the reception and banquet tendered Mr. A. G. Spalding and fellow round-the-world Granville, Saint-Nazaire, Nantes, Leaguebaseball tourists by the Sporting Life, of Saint-Beleuc, La Rochelle, La Pallice, Brest Philadelphia, at Hotel Bellevue, Phila-In addition to coal every article essential to the needs of war and internal consump-tion that came into France from foreign delphia, April 11, 1889." The relic was sent to us by Mont. H. Wright, of the shores increased in extraordinary propor-John B. Stetson Co. "I thought this might for reinterest you," sez he; and so it does, but celpt, iron and steel arrived mostly at Nantes and Saint-Nazaire. The same manot for the reason he thought it would. from England reached France Treport, Horses from the United There was a place reserved for one "T. Daly." 'Twas not we. Mont. We were too States for the needs of the army came via Saint-Nazaire and La Rochelle Rouen, Havre and Bayonne, with young then to attend "dinners with wine," and we were not as prominent on the Mediterranean, Marseilles and Cette as the gentleman who ate off that plate. on the Memorial and solves and food-stuffs. Nitrate and pyrite arrived at Bor-deaux, La Rochelle, Rochefort, Nantes and Saint-Nazaire. All Atlantic ports received incoming supplies of refrigerated meats, paper pub, gasoline products, phosphates, machinesy multions in varied state of He was the famous catcher of the old White Sox at that time, and we were only s. s. on the Fordham varsity.

Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET

Whenever it's a Saturday an' things a

On heights commanding Chestnut stree

I mobilize my column,

To keep the war from getting in

I've sentries posted all about, an' if you

You may observe a twitch or two that

or robin's when he sings;

But if relief from war's alarms is what

For when it is a Saturday an' things are

with my merry followers I do the

I mobilize my column,

those which stir the thrush's tail

sure you'll never catch us looking

try to make the best of things an

harm my fellow man.

timorous or nervous.

wear a smiling face

ing 'round the place.

inward fervor brings.

you wish to know,

you an' the for.

lookin' solemn.

Like

should observe us

An', with my merry followers

looking solemn,

best I can

But what flocks of memories rise from the list of names upon this time-worn machinery, munitions in varied state of completion, cotton, wool, leather and shoes printed sheet! The toastmaster was F. mention but some of the great mass of preign product imported. In substance Richter, and at his right sat A. G. every port in France increased not only its receipts, but its facilities for handling to Spalding and at his left Senator A. P Gorman. Then there were:

Corman. Then there were: A. C. ("Pop.") Anson, the greatest Roman of them all. Tom Dando, of the Sporting Life family. Henry Chadwick, the "Father of Baseball". Harry Wright, who, some be-lieved, was quite as worthy of reverence as Chadwick, Francis Wilson, whose comis opera standing was mostly due to his least leve Simmons, black-face comedian. Louis N. Mesargee, brilliant journalist: Ben Shibe and A. J. Beach, who were making all the baseball supplies Spalding didn't; W. M. Smith, whose name means nothing to Philadelphians now, but who was then the "Dandy Mayor". Colonel A. K. Mc-Clure, the veteran editor. John M. Ward, s and hish-salaried, J. Kinley Tener, ball player; and others too numerous even to set in agate. But off in one quiet corget there. a. and high-salaried, J. Kinley Tener, ball player, and others too numerous even to set in agate. But off in one quiet corner there were three plates laid in a row for three men whose names always slif us when spring leads forth the baseball season-Anderson. Fograriy and Wood, outfield of the Phillies in '80: And of these Jimmy Fognity, c. f., lives forever, our beau ideal:

#### **Our Fair City**

JOHN MOLITOR, of the Common-MR wealth of Pa.'s Dept. of Health, is-if we may use such an extravagant word-"egging" on Nicola d'Ascenzo to send us a carload of junk gathered from one block Mor on Ludlow street in the hope of stirring us up to the point of boosting clean-up was work, which is Mr. Molitor's raison d'ette. Mr. d'Ascenzo, by the way, has for in 1 some time past been heading his business letters, "Sixteenth and Ludlow the

streets, Filthadelphia."



Through the good offices of the Belgian children's relief committee of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia expects to

THE VOICE OF	"Robin Hood"-an operetta of world-wide celebrity-is based chiefly on its intrinsic merits and not on considerations of home	What Do You Know?
THE PEOPLE Mr. De Koven Takes Issue With a Critic Concerning His Oper- etta—Mother Answers Miss Repplier	A MOTHER OF TWELVE REPLIES TO MISS REPPLIER To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—By what authority does Agnes Rep- plier make such a statement that my chil-	Oueries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answere to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily. QUIZ 1. What was the first nation to recognize the new Russian Government?
MR. DE KOVEN ANSWERS CRITIC To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-A telling commentary on the re- marks that I had the honor of muking be- fore the University of Pennsylvania, on Monday last, anent musical snobhery in this country, and critics who only criticize, was furnished by the two notices of my opera. "The Canterbury Pilgrims." pro- duced with evident success for the first time in Philadelphia last night, which appeared	dren belong more to their country than to me, their mother? I have exactly one dozen children, and I do not need any one to tell me to whom they belong. Those who have families can send them to war if they want to and those who have none cannot. Not one of my family will go to, war to be slain for the sake of maniac kings or for Wall street. A MOTHER OF TWELVE. Bryn Mawr, March 23.	<ol> <li>Who is Miss Loretta Waish?</li> <li>Who is the commander of the German commerce raider Moewe?</li> <li>What is the meaning of "esoterie" and how is it pronounced?</li> <li>What is the navy's so-called "gas rule"?</li> <li>What is the navy's so-called "gas rule"?</li> <li>What is a generalissimo?</li> <li>What are the Russian zemstros?</li> <li>What are the Russian zemstros?</li> <li>What commander and fleet bombarded New Orleans during the Civil War?</li> <li>What famous animal trainer recently was killed by a bear?</li> </ol>
in the columns of the Public Ledger and the EVENING LEDGER.	ALL-WACNER PROCEAM	Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

pany on its merits and after careful consideration, and the production of which by that company, one of the most beautiful

made in this country, was convincing evi

dence of their confidence in its merits, could

not have been as vapid and tepid as you

acknowledged to be our best dramatic poet.

whose reading of the score has been ac-

claimed without exception by every critic

who has written about the piece, with

single exception of your own.

nusicians who ever came to these she

critic would have them believe.

the New York Sun thought

expensive operatic productions even

than any one influence.

and

fair-minded intelligent and competent ; dis criminating in its comments about the work pro or con, was a pleasure for any com

The one in the Public Ledger, dignified. ALL-WAGNER PROGRAM The Orchestra Heard in Excerpts From

1. German millions aver

Philadelphians should blush with me at word of the marvelous progress in dock building made in war-torn France. employing foreign labor and Frenchn beyond military aid magnificent new shipping accommodations have been provided in record-breaking time at Bordeaux, La Rochelle, St. Nazaire and Havre. With the exception of the lastnamed port, none of these places compares with Philadelphia in natural harbor acilities. Half the effort expended in the four French cities mentioned would work a revolution in our own metropolis as a commerce center.

Return of the wily Moewe to German port finally clears up the mystery of the last raid on Entente shipping in the South Atlantic. Captain Donha-Schlodien reports a toll of twenty-five vessels. Considering those previously captured in the campaign in which the Appam was caught, the Moewe seems to be reasing hard upon the old Alabama for first honors as a raider. When the Alabama was sunk by the Kearsarge off Cherbourg, in 1864, Captain Semmes had been responsible for the destruction or capture of seventy Union vessels. If the Moewe can stay on the seas as long as the Alabama did, a hitherto unrivaled career of a certain kind of naval warfare stands a chance of being surpassed.

The attempt to bring on what laire Belloc calls "an action in disloation," after the fashion planned for the battle of the Marne, but then only partly axecuted, becomes hourly evident in the seports of General Nivelle's movements. Should victory crown this simultaneous soure north of St. Simon and the rive beyond Solssons gain speed the French generalissimo's chances to drive wedge in the German line where it is ably thinnest, between Laon and monne, will be of dazzling brilliancy. cs like these could turn the entire nton new line by flanking it. Speed course, the great essential, but exrapid movements are now made by the Allies' superb air service. ich greatly diminishes the opportunity enburg surprises. It was the eness of the aerial arm which to Foch's rush across the Marne ber, 1914, so much the aspect in the dark. He took his deschance and succeeded. Nivelle's sh air scouting now works.

> ion of integrity and fai old-satablianed r. but it has seldom had in than in the proposal to a great and ished trait statue to a gre

and we have a residuum of practical truth. We know that democracy calls men from the ends of the earth, slowly, man by man, family by family, but surely. We know that charitable folk in London, in peace times, send impoverished Englishmen to Canada and Australia, because the only thing that keeps them home is the lack of a steerage ticket. We know that the entire population of an Italian village has found its way to a Chicago tenement; retaining

gaining the chance to eat. Touch but an arid acre with democracy and it blooms with corn and children and all good things. Oust but one city gangster and you may, indirectly, recover one golden acre from the desert.

its communal life, accepting squalor, but

#### **PAYING A DEBT TO RUSSIA**

IN BEING the first nation formally to recognize the new Russian Government, the United States has discharged a debt of gratitude long overdue.

Throughout our Civil War the great Slavic empire stood between France and England and recognition of the Southern Confederacy. Gladatone himself expressed ill-considered hopes of Confederate victory. Napoleon III was almost an open enemy. Russia stood firm in support of the United States.

Thus were knitted between the world's largest autocracy and its greatest repub lic ties of friendship never strained until the Manchurian war sent a curious wave of pro-Japanese sentiment throughout most of the United States. A few years 1916. later Russia's persecution of the Jews

resulted in our abrogation of the long existing treaty, and our feeling that Nich-olas's empire had turned her face against world progress was given definite ex-

The revolution has changed all this, nd Ambassador Francis's official call on the Russian Council of Ministers not only ornstant, but deep regard for a loyal

arious steamship companies. These are electrically and steam driven. In Rouen alone, where 175 such appliances were ex-istent in August, 1914, 254 are now working, with twenty-six more nearly ready to Machines Do the Work of Men

New freight sheds covering 20,000 square neters have been erected in Marseilles, and

the like to a square meterage of 16,000 in Bordeaux. In all other ports, exclusive of these two important ones, new sheds covering a combined area of \$5,000 square me ters have been built since January 1, 1915 Railway extensions have been built in like proportion, in the cases of Bordeaux. Mar-seilles and Havre, in very great quantity These extensions run from dock to ma lines of railways. Freight from ship to car and car to the rails of destination is not the general order. Ingenious appliances too technical to detail here are being utilized to make unloading machinery do the work of human hands, even to the unhooking of slings. At Bordeaux, Saint-Nazaire, Marsellles and Havre the work that before the war necessitated an average of 100 men is now performed with an average of sixtee

and the machines they manipulate. And some of these men have a wooden stump for a leg, or an empty sleeve. The the able-bodied are graybeards. The mass of Only i mall proportion are of foreign birth, and they mostly Spaniards or Mediterranean ports. mostly Spaniards on South Atlantic

The greatest individual increase in registered tonnage of freight in every descrip-tion has been at Rouen, where the total for 1916 is much greater than the 1915 rec-ord of 7,277,060 tons, itself an increase of a round 2,000,000 over 1914. Havre comes

a round 2,00,000 over 1914. Have comes next, with 1,800.086 tons increase, and Bor-deaux third, within a few hundred of 1,000.-000 increase. Saint-Nazaire, Dieppe, La Rochelle, Treport and Nantes show between them over 4,500,000 tonnage of merchandise received in 1915 over 1913, with thirty per cent average increase beyond that fo

1916. Collectively, all the ports of France show totals for 1916 at an average of forty per cent increase over the full 1915 year. There will come a day after a while when all these facilities will automatically be placed at the full disposal of peaceful ex-port and import purposes. That day will see something like an even proportion be-tween the two. That day will see the re-lease of many a man in uniform to the re-wearing of a workman's blouse. It will see the transformation of many an old abd new thetory from a place of manufacture of death-dealing appliances to the manufac-ture of a miss diversity of articles for

### Deludtherin'!

Sir-I don't know how you feel about it poser to read and an but I'm told there are certain Celts who rather expect to see

KAISER WILHELM MAKE IRISH WELL Yours anagrammatically, W. L. SACREY.

WHATEVER else vers libre may be ays Bert Leston Taylor, it plainly is ideal for primer making. Example:

Primer

(Alfred Kreymborg, in The Poetry Journal.) Why does the man flay the horse? If he is late again. The boss will discharge him.

Why does the boss hay the man? If trade won't improve. His wife will be grumpy.

Why does the wife flay the boss? If she wears that hat much longer. The neighbors will sneer.

See the man flay the horse

That's not a bad label for free verse-Primer Stuff. Or, let us say, Perennial First-Grade Poetry.

> BABY SISTER Twinkling butterflies so fair, Softly playing in the air-Hands of baby sister

Violets seem clustered there; Sweet are they beyond compare-Eyes of Baby Sister.

Ever lives the sunlight where Lips of angels touched her hair: Lovely haby sister! MACKIE.

Dr. Merry Sunshine, whoever that may be, has been dosing our morning mail with tiny envelopes containing pick-meups to be used at intervals during the day. This one was marked, "To be taken before the crowd arrives":

> Cheer up! the sky is bluer Than it was a year ago; The very smiles are gladder And have a richer glow. The raining and the sunshine Are helping you and me; The world is growing better Than it ever used to be.

# Old Stuff!

YOUNG MAN TO PACK AND WRAP MERCHANDISE to 20 years of age: experience not nec ry. Apply. etc. ad in o. o. d. p.

MANY'S the time we've heard that "a miss is as good as a mile," but how any one could figure "girls" and "years" as synonymous is beyond us. Yet here comes to one of our office mater a nimeographed postal soliciting insurance for furniture in storage:

Can you afford to take the risk your Cap you afford to take the risk your-self rather than place it with a re-sponsible company when \$2.50 wffl cover a damage of \$590 for three girls? Trusting you will think the matter over and let us hear from you, we remain Very truly yours

Music-Dramas of That honor to have inspired. The other, in the EVENING LEDGER, pert Composer badly written, critically valueless, because of the evident prejudice which defeated There is a stock phrase of theatrical criticism in which plays are described as its equally evident purpose to do harm illuminating illustration of that leaving nothing to be desired." Usually the destructive criticism, selfish, self-seeking

misuse of hyperbole brings its own penalty with it, but the concert yesterday by the and in so far incompetent which has done and is doing more to impede and retard the Philadelphia Orchestra is entitled to some development of native art in this country such designation. Wagner programs are frequent and popular in this city, as in I would like, as a critic of some reputa others, and the unconscious tendency is to tion and standing myself, to suggest to your readers that any work accepted for production by the Metropolitan Opera Comtreat them as a recurrent and unimpor

tant flow of soul, minus the feast of rea The Orchestra disabused the untidy think-r of any such notion. Yesterday's con-

er of any such notion. ert was not without its little ted errors. It wasn't always quite perfection in its contrast of numbers. But as an elucidation of Wagner, as a torch in the gulf of that composer's strange individualty, it was superb.

I would also suggest, that any honest The men seemed, at times, a little weary effort for the furtherance of native ar and not always was the tempo kept with is not, so far as I know, an indictable of metronomic accuracy. Mr.Stokowski, usually fense, punishable either by fine, imprison-ment or the pillory. And yet, in the no-tice written by your alleged critic, positively insulting to every one concerned in the production, because of the contemptuous erring (if it is an error) on the side of the emotional flux, rather than that of the precise notation, gave a performance that was all the same full of inspiration. But he has, too; in reading Wagner that ca brevity with which it treated a work which pacity for infinite pains that illuminates and important makes precious even the "usual things. enough to devote nearly two columns to, his work is never slipshod, nor does the meaning of what he plays vanish in a froth your critic absolutely pilloried by direct implication the Metropolitan Opera Comof nervous excitement. It is splendidly vipany, which has certainly deserved well of tal, but it is also polished and rounded. the American public; Mr. Percy Mackaye,

One hears a great deal about program nusic these days, and its deleterious effects myself, and, last but not least. Mr. Arthur Bodansky, one of the best conductors and on the structure of concert programs. The distinction between the program music of Richard Wagner and, for instance, Richard Strauss (as in the Sinfonia Domestica) is the difference between an opai and mond. The first is picturesque, and mirrors fire and grandeur of color and a score of shifting, burning thoughts. The latter may be picturesque, but it exists for its own I quarrel with no man's honest criticism ake alone. It has no body, no reason for contemplation.

The correspondence in the Wagnerian usic between the beauty of the thing itself and what the thing stands for is brilliantly brought out by Mr. Stokowski. From the sweet throats of the violins (especially lovely yesterday) the reeds, the brasses, he conjures up landscapes and seascapes. throngs of men and women, vivid flasher of incident and crisis. But all these conjurations are interesting and thrilling quite jurations are increasing and turining quite aside from their outer pictorial qualities. They are informed by a deep and searching spirit—the spirit that abides in all lands and people—and the spirit of divining melody that lifts the veils from the human heart, and renders to every searcher for "the gleam" a common tongue and a com-mon impulse. If this be program music, it is the music of an eternal program.

Philadelphians have heard the Venus Philadelphians have heard the Venus music from "Tannhaeuser" so often this season that they might complain of its repetition were it not played by the local orchestra as it is. To shake the senses with the sort of ecstațic madnezs Mr. Stokowski educes from it is no petty ac-complishment. When to such demon won-Stokowski educes from it is no petty ac-compliahment. When to such demon won-ders he adds the celestial power of the knightly "Lohengrin" prelude, realized with a posic inflection of majesty and delicacy, there is little to be said. Adjectives are so chasp. "Die Meistersinger." "Der Fliegende Hollaender." "Tristan und Isolde" and the Siegfried idyl were also drawn on for the program. It was a not udcon-It

"strategic retreat" of the German forces in the west makes it impossible for the Allies to strike a blow at the new po-sitions without tremendous losses.

A glacis (pronounced either "'glay-sis" ""glassis") in military language is an u protected slope over which the ener must advance exposed to fire.

The Australian ballos system provides that the names of the candidates be placed on one sheet of paper.

Moliere, whose real name was Jean Bap-tiste Poquelin, was a French dramatist, born 1622, died 1673.

Prince George Lvoff is the new Russian

6. Yeomen in the navy are petty officers doing clerical work.

The Chinese Empire is called the Celestial Empire because the reigning dynasty, regarded as appointed by heaven to rule, was called the "Heavenly Drnasty."

Hinterland means inland country beyond the

Butter is heavier than ice and each is lighter than water. If water is 100, but-ter is 94 and ice 92.

0. MCMXVII are the Roman numerals for 1917.

#### Zionism

INQUIRER .- The Zionist movement was founded in 1896 by Dr. Theodor Herzl, of Vienna, who proposed an autonomous Jewish State in Palestine ,under Turkish suzerainty and guarantee of the great Powers.' Even before this there had been attempts to recolonize Palestine with Jews. and by 1915 nearly fifty such colonies had been established. The war, which disturbed the plans, tended to center Zionist activity in America, where Justice Louis D. Brandeis, of the Supreme Court, is chairman of the provisional committee for general Zione ist affairs. Concerning the aims of Zionism he Maccabaean Magazine (Zionist) replies that the movement is to establish legally secured and publicly recognized home for the Jewish people as such in Pal-estine. While the war, which is espen-tially-or, at least, it is so claimed -- a war for the protection of the small nationalities has created conditions favorable toward the establishment of a Jewish home in Palestine. realization of Zionist aims is held en-tirely apart from the war, whoever be the victor. That Jews will return to Palestine at the end of the war we are quite cer-tain. Influential forces, in this country and abroad, outside as well as inside of Jewry.

are working for the realization of the Zio ist program. Great statesmen, politicians and authors the world over have not only given their consent to Zionism, but are actively supporting it. The question of the Messiah is a matter of one's own belief, which does not concern us. The Zionist organization deals with facts and not with "promises"."

#### Speenbill Catfish

Speenbill Catfish L. P.—The United States Bureau of Finh-eries has no record of a perfume or related product derived from the spoonbill cat-fish, more properly called the paddlefish, but will make inguiries. The bureau says "So far as we are aware, the names mad-diefish" and "spuonbill cat' are applied to only one American species. Polyodon epste-tive in this country, and there is only one other representative of the family and order in any part of the world, vis. I fresh-water fish of China. The only com-mercial products, derived from the padem ineat and the res. which is used up of course, the latter of course.

New York, March 21. [That acceptance of a new operatic work

ven by the Metropolitan Opera Company loes not necessarily imply infallibility of Judgment is a matter of record. Mr. Gatti-Casazza's list of unsuccessful novelties in-cludes Catalani's "La Wally," Puccini's "Le

cludes Catalants "La Wally." Puccini's "Le Villi," Charpentier's "Julien," all by for-eign composers, and the American works, "Mona" and "Cyrano de Bergerac." by Dr. Horatio Parker and Walter Damrosch, re-spectively. Also a matter of record is last Tuesday night's reception of "The Canter-bury Pilgrims." by an audience which, however generously friendly grant for the conternewsver generously friendly, gave few evi lences of really rapturous enthusiasm. I a a human failing to interpret favorable vorable reviews as destructively un-Furthermore, Mr. De Koven's long d honorable musical experience should great to him that national origins of are contributions are of comparatively ant importance to audiances intent on

of my work, but I would suggest to your critic that, as the piece was accepted with pleasure and enthusiasm by a Philadelphia audience on Tuesday night, he transgressed the first canon of competent criticism by misinforming his readers whom he is paid save the mark, to instruct. In the interest of that fair play which

has always characterized your great journal and which after all is a jewel. I would ask for a place for this communication (a copy of which has been sent to the Philadelphia press generally) in your valued columns. REGINALD DE KOVEN.