

"THEM'S MY SENTIMENTS"



Tom Daly's Column

ONE of our own bright young men, who bears a name which sometimes stirs the risibles of the unthinking, was spoofed a bit by his companions at a movie show when this leader was flashed upon the screen after a patriotic film.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

An Anniversary Flag—Hot Shot for the Peace Advocates

This is a free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum, and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents.

THE FLAG To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Profundly regretting that I was not in my usual position at the breaking out of the flag today by Mayor Smith, I wish to correct some errors in connection with it.

A EUROPEAN REPUBLIC To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Carving your neighbor's goose is not perhaps altogether wise, but if anything it is better than the war William of Prussia has engineered.

MOTHERHOOD AND WAR To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Every evening we enjoy your paper. Last week appeared in your paper a picture of a female pushing in a perambulator a baby smoking a cigarette.

PEACE ADVOCATES To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I am writing this letter fully believing that it is my duty as an American citizen to uphold the honor and dignity of our country in this critical hour and for all time.

ATHLETIC MATHEMATICS A toast, ladies! Our own Bill Rocap, bless his stout heart! A grand fighter in his day—and still packing a wallop, so let's not be too funny—but look here how he's got the multiplication table hanging on the ropes and spilling fractions and things all over us guys in the high-priced seats around the ringside.

RUTHLESS WAR AND OUR TRADE In February exports from New York decreased a little short of \$20,000,000. The experience should be similar at other ports. It follows that the loss to our national treasury is at least over a billion a year.

FOREIGN NAVIES PROTECT AMERICA

We Have Not Profited by Mahan's Teachings About Sea Power and Must Prepare in Haste

IT IS nearly twenty-seven years since Admiral Mahan, then a captain, published his "Influence of Sea Power on History." The effect of this great book has been revolutionary, particularly upon the naval policy of other nations.

But the United States has profited less than any other Power by Mahan's teachings. Mahan knew that what he wrote would have little effect here, for he said: The necessity for a navy in the restricted sense of the word springs from the existence of a peaceful shipping and disappears with it, except in the case of a nation with aggressive tendencies that keeps up a navy merely as a branch of the military establishment.

Events have proved Mahan to be a good prophet, for notwithstanding the completion of the canal the nation has failed to realize its weakness on the sea and has consequently failed to build a navy adequate to the needs of a coast line longer than that of any other world Power.

U. S. Dependent on a Foreign Navy They know now that it is the British and French fleets that keep the German armies on the Continent, and in the event of a war between the United States and Germany we must look to these fleets of foreign Powers to serve as our first line of defense.

INCOMPARABLY THE GREATEST NAVY NOT long ago the President declared that we must have "incomparably the greatest navy in the world." Yesterday he called for "the immediate full equipment of the navy in all respects."

UNIVERSAL LIABILITY TO SERVICE THE President touched the heart of public sentiment when he declared yesterday that the army to be raised should "be chosen upon the principle of universal liability to service."

ONE OF TIME'S REVENGES PRESIDENT WILSON said in addressing 4000 naturalized citizens in this city on May 10, 1915: The example of America must be a special example. The example of America must be an example of peace because it will not fight, but of peace because peace is the healing and elevating influence of the world and strife is not.

THE ARSENAL OF THE NATION IT IS the proud privilege of Philadelphia to offer to the nation in this crisis not only the heart and blood of her men and women in defense of the sacred principles in this locality given birth, but also in prodigal fashion to supply the implements by means of which wars are waged and victory is achieved.

AGAIN the eternal struggle arose when Rome, then republican and freer in certain ways than even Greece had been, confronted the greedy commercial and military despotism of Carthage.

"AND MAKE THE WORLD ITSELF AT LAST FREE" THE President has accomplished the seemingly impossible. His mighty words to Congress have made the purpose that America will have in entering the war transcendent in importance the fact that we do enter it.

THE talent of our organizers, the unmatched skill of our workers in metals, our vast textile establishments, our acres of shipbuilding plants, our great productive capacity in dozens of other lines of manufacture, our drugmaking institutions and our citadels of finance combine to make this city the arsenal of the nation.

HERE the thunderbolts of war are forged in all their forms, in defiance of autocracy and in defense of democracy. In an iron ring about the city, within the confines of the State, are imperial resources for the national use. Many times more powerful is Pennsylvania alone than was the entire nation in the days of its first freedom.

NO DAWDLING! WE TRUST that Congress today will measure up to the high standard of service and idealism set by the President in his calm but terrific arraignment of the German Government yesterday.

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH armed neutrality an utter failure, it is gratifying that the President has ignored all recommendations for a so-called defensive and passive war.

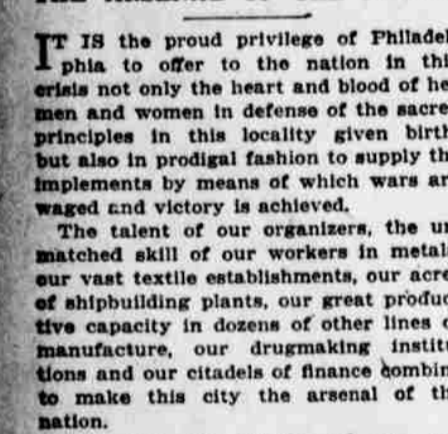
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IN THE LIGHT OF HISTORY GERMAN aggressors of the Tri-State school had not so persistently preceded history to suit the present mad passions, but a survey of the world's chaotic life, and the fate of mighty nations, emphasized therein, would afford some food for Teuton reflection.

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What Do You Know?

- 1. What is meant when it is said that "evening is moving in seven-league boots"?
2. Why is Senator W. Wilshire famous?
3. Name the Danish Minister to the United States.

- 1. The purchase price of the Danish West Indies was \$13,000,000.
2. David R. Francis is United States Ambassador to Russia.
3. Hiram W. Johnson, former Governor of California, is Senator-elect from California.

German Money

READER—Your question—"Will the money of Germans in this country be confiscated if we go to war with Germany and what can a German girl do to protect her savings?"—was referred to United States District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane. He said: "I cannot imagine that there will be any such confiscation by the Government of the money of German citizens, and I am glad to take this opportunity of allaying groundless fears that seem to have been aroused. The representatives of the Government will do their best to punish violations of our laws, but beyond this they will not go. It would seem unnecessary to make such a statement, but in view of the absurd rumors that are being circulated, there would seem to be a reason for the statement."

Legislative Committees

F. T. Mc—Senator Clarence J. Buckman, of Lancaster, is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Senator Sumnerfield J. Miller, of Madera, of the Senate Public Health and Sanitation Committee. Representative James F. Woodward, of McKeesport, is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and Representative Sigmund J. Gans, of 3247 North Fifteenth street, Philadelphia, of the House Public Health and Sanitation Committee. There are 140 members of these four committees. Write to the State Printer, Harrisburg, for the 1917 legislative directory.

Easter

H. G.—(a) Easter, the principal Christian feast, is a movable festival celebrating the resurrection of Christ from the tomb. It always is the first Sunday after the paschal full moon varies. Easter is movable. The proper time for holding Easter has been the subject of much controversy. The Council of Nicea in 325 A. D., during a controversy between the eastern and western churches, decided that Easter should always fall upon a Sunday instead of a fixed date. (b) From the beginning of history eggs have been regarded as symbols of resurrection, and were adopted by Christians as appropriate for Easter.

Pasover

H. G.—The Pasover is a Hebrew festival commemorating the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage and the sparing of their firstborn when God smote the firstborn of the Egyptians, "passing over" the houses of the Israelites, which were marked with the blood of the paschal lamb. It comes regularly on the fifteenth day of the month Abib (now Nisan) of the Jewish calendar, and extends over seven more days. The feast is a movable, spring festival, and is observed by Jews and Christian calendars do not coincide. The Jewish calendar is a lunisolar calendar, the year being either ordinary (twelve lunar months and 29 1/2 or 30 1/2 days) or embolismic (thirteen lunar months and 39 1/2 or 40 1/2 days). In every cycle of nineteen years seven are embolismic, bringing the solar and lunar years into coincidence. The Pasover, also, is a movable festival, and is observed by Jews and Christians.