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THE COMMON CAUSE THERE still are German troops nearer to Paris than New York is to Philadelphia.

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June roses will not be as welcome as Early Rose potatoes. Coal will be increased forty cents a ton.

Persia, inspired by Russia's example, wants to be a republic too. The dust of empires seems to spread the contagion of revolt as rapidly as the dust of Philadelphia spreads disease.

No vacationist with a bent for travel will have to be urged to see America first this summer. The submarines have won a complete victory for the home-tourist propaganda.

It was perfectly consistent with Marshal Joffre's character that the great French general should have waited his turn in a Chicago barber shop the other day.

Now we know. Doctor Eirth, addressing the New Jersey Osteopathic Association, declares that human beings absorb with meat the characteristics of the animal consumed.

Insurance conditions which permit a young clerk to own and mislay two big office buildings during manipulations of the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company.

Of the five plays to be featured in the forthcoming Masque of American Drama to be given next week at the University of Pennsylvania, it is noteworthy that three of them, "The Prince of Parthia," "The Gladiator" and "Francisca da Rimini" are of Philadelphia origin.

A bill has been introduced in Harrisburg to permit building and loan associations to invest funds in war loans. The stability and prosperity of Philadelphia have been established by its early establishment of such associations and savings funds.

The sentiment of revenge which moved us exactly two years ago today, when the Lusitania went down, is now replaced by something vastly nobler, by a surge of idealism, by an espousal of the radiant cause of democracy that makes our entry into war supremely justified.

A GREAT FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY President Wilson's Declaration Reminded England That the War Is About—She Had Forgotten

By GILBERT VIVIAN SELDES Special Correspondence Evening Ledger LONDON, April 10. EXCEPTING newspaper correspondence we have no way of knowing, so far, how the declaration of war has affected the United States.

What pleases the thinking people most of all in the declaration which President Wilson made and which Congress endorsed. It almost seems as if they could not be sure, until we came in, that this war was a war for the preservation of democracy.

When Marshal Joffre journeyed from the capital to Chicago he went nine times the distance that separates Paris from here. He went past and through great States more than one of which alone, in wealth and men, is almost as rich as all France is today.

The British commissioners have added their requests to those of Joffre that an expeditionary force be sent. It is said that a regiment of Pennsylvania engineers will soon be on its way abroad.

Wherever Joffre goes he receives ovations. If the people do not mean it, why do they shout? As he says himself, it is not the man they cheer, but the idea—the idea that France and America mean liberty and democracy and will fight for these causes until the end.

AMERICAN METHODS GOETHALS and efficiency are synonyms. The great builder is to have ships of wood, or any kind of ships that can be rot, but his mind is firmly fixed, nevertheless, on steel vessels.

A WEEK'S WAR ON DISEASE IT IS NOT necessary to calculate how many germs there will be in every ton of dirt and debris that in this greatest of all Clean-up Weeks, beginning today, Philadelphia will cast off.

The fifth annual Clean-up is all important, because we cannot let one ounce of energy go out of our community to the hospital or to the cemetery. We need every ounce to make munitions and prepare all the other paraphernalia of war that Philadelphia, workshop of the world, is giving and will give in heaping measure.

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Tom Daly's Column

The Wish Oh, man of my heart, I have asked this of God, A little white house that faces the sun.

I have told it to God, the wish of my soul; The little white house at the butt of the hill.

THE VOICE says: "I called you to say that your story of the gentleman at Wayne who lost an important part of his pipe reminds me that I have lost my pencil."

According to Goldlocks, who but lately began adventures in that exact science having to do with computation by numerical units, but whose confidence in those mazes is as great as her knowledge of the rules of grammar is small, two and two is, or are, four.

Never Knew It to Fall Our friend Jack, who has a good job here, lands a better one in Chicago.

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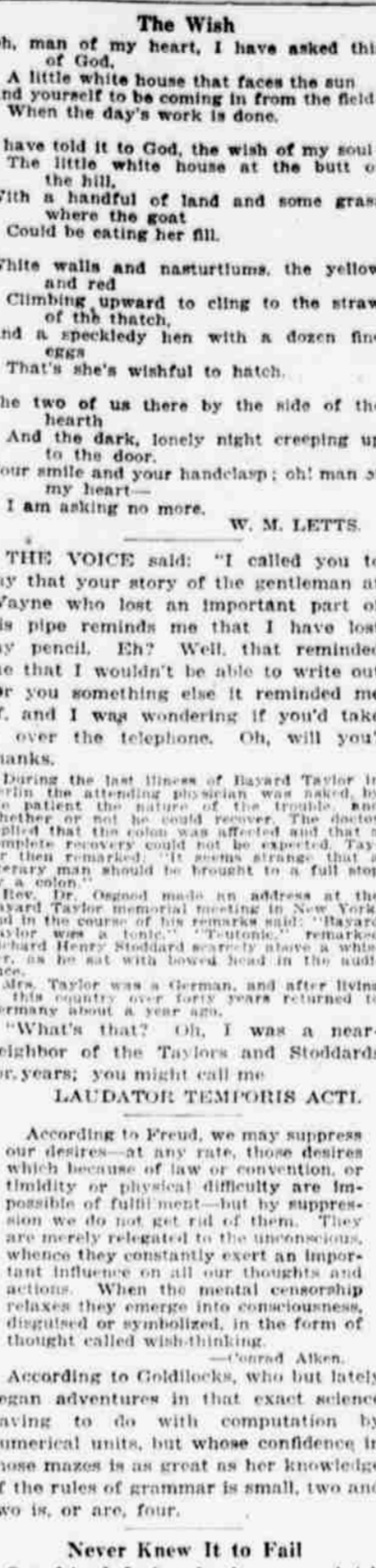
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