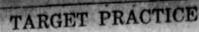
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SHALL GERMANS WRITE THE HISTORY OF THESE DAYS?

HISTORY is what men have written, Trojan penned the Illad, Hector, not ble shume. army, wherefore Athens was the eye of band in the trenches without a cent. Well, Greece.

Could German professors write the story of the last three years' events, could Germany conquer all Europe and print the textbooks for succeeding generations, the doubt that a real soldier's tastes are heroic Belgians would go down into the frugal enough to be measured by an records as a dastardly, faithless race, whose extinction conformed a great benefit on humanity. It makes a cast difference who tells the story. Partisan recorda- work, it is true. But every woman can tion paints virtues black and under its not work. The mean maparity of mive magic touch crime shines in radiant whiteness.

There is evident in all recent German utterances an hysterical longing to free the nation from the "standers" which have been heaped on it. "The greater the truth the greater the libel" was a maxim | state, if Concress has not time to under lawyers loved to mouth. So, the German take such a task, to arrange for the em objection is not that Beigium was un- ployment or relief of those who ask it raped and God Himself not insulted in An economical form of help might be the His temples, but that the facts were printed and revealed to all the world. It was a neutral crime to tell the truth at the expense of the community. about frightfulness. What man with eprous spots does not clothe himself in THE ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME fine linen, if he can, and hide his limbs? Wherefore, with almost pathetic emphasis, the German rhetoricians have sought to Flanders, and not only in the Cabinet at which will fasten itself on every individual other servants would be the same.

it will was it realized that nu- WHEN JACKSON is triumphs of stuffed ballot boxes in this city were algoalized by the base em ployment of so lusty and invigorating a marching song as that which Gilbert and Sullivan wrote for "The Pirates of Penzance," "Hail! Hail! the Gang's All Here" replaced the original text of the libretto. The words had a sinister sound. Even the music, good as it essentially was, seemed killed by its ward-heeling interpreters. Honest citizens came to hate the whole product and actually felt like believing the saying that the Devil has

all the good tunes. But that wasn't true, "Hall! Hall! the Gang's All Here" is out of bondage now. revision of Gilbert's text is purged of ugly significance. The words are hearty now, even full of the flavor of a manly mradeship, Curious, indeed, is this tale of a song from an old operetta master place. Before all other Americans, Phila delphians must rejoice at its emancipa tion.

LIVING ON 80 CENTS A DAY

TMIE question of married men's exemptions has been, more than muy other draft problem "subject to revision" icon the beginning, and B was pathral that this should be the case, since every ather country at way has encountered motion tains of difficulty in second that the wives of sobliers were properly taken cure of It will do no good to minimize the diff. cutty. It must be faced. For a cich na tion like ours to allow the wives and chill drep of flahting men to suffer what would not what men have done. Had a be an unparticulate neglect and an indeli

Achilles, would have been the perfect When it became apparent that the perfect to except all married men would have warrior. All that we know of Carthane to be abandoned, it was propert to cus comes from Romans. When the African Into uniform only married men who had city fell, down with it went centuries of no children, and it has been rather gibbs Phoenician literature. No Persian wrote stated that a children wife could get a of Marathon. The golden era of Pericks along very well on the Ele a month ho was a period of ultimate military defeat. Sam, that more thoughtful persons no but the Spartans had no poets, only an served that that was leaving the hun-

> let him have \$5 a month for pla-money. said the optimists, But there are other things to pay for boundes elgarettes be bind the trenches, such as pattare meat and entertainments on holidays. We office-boy's allowance. But, granthar \$2 to the wife, so much a day, can ever woman he expected to live on that will prices at their present status? She mut are not out in the world curning money Laving on 80 conta a days would mean

impulsed locality for many. Some system of celler must be evolved If many married men are to be sent to way. It would be most distantiful to American pride to leave this to charity It will be the duty of Covernment, city o sale to soldiers' wives of food at cost or below cost. in addition to free medical rervice, and, where needed, free lodging

PEACE will be near when there are radical changes on the battlefront in stay the universal tide of condemnation | Herlin. The Hohenzollerns with any elution.

WAS PRESIDENT

Chapter of American History With Pennsylvania Complications .

Special Correspondence of the Evening Ledger. WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.

A FEW weeks ago the Washington news Clerk of the House, ferry South. Journal of the House for the first session of the Twenty-fourth Congress, beginning December 7, 1835. The story of the find-Gang's All Here" is out of bondage now. The latest cables tell us that the irrespat ble Bullivan melody is the prime favorite of America's first troops in France, cut-running "Tipperary," "Dike" or the syn-copations of the latest ragtime. Even the revision of Gilbert's text is purged of a House, together with sundry measages on Andrew Jackson, President, Including road Andrew Jaccison, President, Including road Hickery's' famious preparedness me-age of February 22, 1826 - a message an vectoral with meaning for the United liates today as it was when the United liates and Fiance solve but enjoying the costin relations they do now.

This swill-preserved and corefully written the Journal way. Mr. South's quick eye the Jaurenal way. Mr. routing quirts ey-trocked the absence of receive of this back dama enough of them, indeed, to have versal a simulation or reality of also emigh-ness spacety, or article outry susceptions or continue, or penalty source references to

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Enter James Bachaman

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or he as well to leave it in the alternative rescinding, repeating and revenuing the re-

Tom Daly's Column

THE KETTLE DRUMMER (Otto Behwar, of the Philadelphia Orchestra and now with Wassill Leps at Willow Grove, I think the works that throb With extra verve and vim Were built around his job; Composed, indeed, for him. Sakuntala" is one,

And there's "Finlandia," too; For when his dramming's done There's nothing more to do. know I'm talking rot-At least as music part-And these remarks are not The words of one who knotch; But though with noises curled, With hiss and snort and shout The critics of the world Should rise to basel me out; Though everywhere I see Their thick inverted thumbs, I succer the lad for me In Otto and his drums.

My house of decome will show, Upon a dualar shelf, drum that long any

I uncit to plan muzelf. Store off of maxie's art That ever dwell with me thad there its humble start And there its apparer. Performs 1 feel that there I should not bead or badae. But, status up, declare The competent to inflathat even Though Tan 1995 Through wild my judgment strike; The world can pasto pot-T TRANSPORT THE PRODUCT I like. and when the archestree To mission: plantits comes, I survive the full for set is otto and his dennis,

Some one has obserted to the "Samm wished upon our field in Frimes. Some one else summeriz to us that they be called "Wash" out of compliment to the inmeetal Centre, Someboly else may come down neares to our own day and over "Table" "Summer" and "Wash" seem semally suitable captions for lade assigned to a big clean anciely. Som is a favorite "Chiletian" mane angona Chinese laundry-1 11.0721.

BRITT here we clear up a mystery of some thirty years ago. When Samue Young, of Fourth and Tanker streets, was an impirant for the job of police limited ant, he awoke one mitaling to find on the front of his house a flaring red wooden stan taken from a neighbor's shop at Fourth and Bood streets. B read, "Sam Young. Chinese Loondey." We are now in a position to declars authoritatively that the work was done by Ed Lower, Harry Young, Clem Paul, John Camp

COLLABORATIONS

From the gold hav of heaven: And, felling down, she brokt her crosen And the atom is her head were seven

D. G. ROESETTI AND WILL LOU Writer Thinks Japan Should THE BRIGHT LADS name must not be disclosed because he wants to hold he

Send Army to Europe-Status tob for a comile of works longer. "But/ But I did not says he. "I'm proud of the intelligence my college training enables mo to bring

to my summer work as assistant to a landscape pardoner. We were planting The mildle, which the bees invists upon calling anisation in my mind is whether we isaliva. "Wo'll put the saliva here, said the never to obliterate the Journal he, for the descrit time. 'Wouldn't if be a good idea to put these petunia in the

If you should pass a resolution on this next bod?" I asked innocently, "Maybe," abject, would suggest whether 11 might | said he, but he didn't fail for the lest."

Years and, before misguided reformers attempted to wine out the slums, the podution, or for expanding it from the lournal. This course, I think, would relieve crool; that might happen to be "wanted" the party from all difficulty, in calle we



STATUS OF THE NEGRO a the Editor of the Existing Ledgers

Sh-1 am a duly reader of your, grea seper. I am writing to thank you for that inorty editorial in the lease of Friday, July 27, "Status of the Negro," I have Support it from the paper, and I am still reading it to the numbers of my race who were not blassed with the opportunity of realing it. Would to God that more of the dullies, not only in Philadelphia, throughout this great country of ours, we once in a while give us much an editorial as you did. I am sure that in a few years the opinion of the other races of our great country would change toward twelve no lions of her more citizens. I for the time when we shall be I am praving Sir-For three years the Alpen have been Sir-For three with frustan for the time when we shall be used to an one time in this country, and that we as men induction, and while Wilhelm the Mad has and the others that we are induced a part of

- QUIZ

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Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz Mere Zimmermann was formerly Foreign Secretary in the German Cabinet. The Secretary in the German Cabinet. The Secretary in the German Cabinet. The Secretary is the German are now under arms the Secretary is a covernment of southwester Basels, Uling east and northeast of Ba-main. The canital is Rishine. Southing was the country described by Srd-main. The canital is Rishined. Souther. Souther and the south of Colvin, outcakes and and-the arms the foreign of Ba-tand-the arms the foreign of Ba-and the south of Colvin, outcakes and and-the land of Colvin, outcakes and and-the land of Colvin, outcakes and and-the land of Colvin, outcakes and and-the south of Colvin, outcakes and and-the south of Colvin, outcakes and and the south of Colvin, outcakes and the Hart and the south of the Souther of the Suther Colliman was foreign being did and begin with the following sear, the and the south out the following searches and the south out the following searches and and the south out the following search

German citizen for years to come, if, in deed, time ever can efface the memory of these days from the mind of man and crouse in him a forgiveness that can overwhelm indignation.

We' battle, therefore, not only for democracy, but also for a true record of events, that it may not be taught in after years to generation after generation that the Ailies were a despicable peo ple, treacherous and dishonest, and that the United States entered the conflict for "swag." For German domination means the overturning of our moral code, a re**volt from** accepted standards, a return to the ethics of the cave man, the dominion of brute strength not only in world politics but also in the home. If there are no national rights which Germany is bound to respect, neither are there any rights which the German individual is bound to respect, and feminism will be plaughtered on the altars of militarism along with liberty, truth and justice,

These are real dangers. So long have we lived with our institutions that we forget the abuses that gave them being. Our ancestors knew the things that were worth fighting for. Their fathers had told them what oppression was. Not for generations have we ourselves felt the heel of aggression. We glimpse at it as an unreal, ancient passed by thing. So it was until the Kaiser loosed his legions. Now it rises again with all of its ancient fury, seeking to overthrow the progress of centuries and re-establish moral and social codes outlawed and repudiated ages ago. We do not think that the German code could live, even in the event of a complete German victory, but the streams of civilization were turned by Alexander, Scipio and Caesar, and the world has not

yet recovered from the thrust of Mohammed and his fanatics, bent, as the Kaiser is, on the propagation of a new system by the sword.

Kultur or the Sermon on the Mount? Caesar or God?

A GOOD SONG OUT OF BONDAGE

WTHAT'S a good tune," proclaims the L conventional footlight comedian. "It was till you killed it," retorts his heartloss "foil."

At that choice specimen of rubber np stage repartee many a Philadeltian has instinctively felt disinclined to Cross service?

FIRST! FIRST now as always in the national defense. Permerburnia leads of the

defense, Penneylvania leads all the States in army recruiting shoes war was declared. The total is more than 20,000 enlistments. This means men necepted. Commenting on this fact, the New York

Herald says: The Penneylyanians of German descent hore ancestors came to America before whose anisotropy of the list of the list of the list of the list of a second of a second of the list of the list of a second proceed logally have the right to specify for the real Americana of German descent.

and nights planning this nation's de-

When the pot bolls there is sound. It rises to the surface, but the vital claments of the fluid are in the body of it. Some of the best Americans are of Ger man descent. The worst Americans are aliens who have enjoyed our institutions waxed fat in our land, become legal citizens and then have dropped the veneer of our englisation and spend their days

struction. Men who have felt the thrill of Amerianism since childhood need no second call to arms when the nation is in peril. Some of the best blood of Germany fled the country years ago and is new part and parcel of our great democratic experiment. It is a pity that these thounds of loyal Americans should be humil-

inted by the infamous activities of German agents who pretend to be the mouthfully torn out. pieces of citizens who, in fact, abhor and despise them.

If the Canadiana continue polishing up that Lens of victory they'll soon be able to see right through to Lille.

Considering civilization's bloody and inevitable sacrifice abroad, it seems as though the presence of Gore in Congress might be very profitably spared.

Burning coal to make ice may be perfectly legitimate, but burning the consumer with feverishly high prices has all the elements of illicit incendiarism.

We shall miss certain luxuries, but ver Mr. Creel's decision to remove all verbal lingerie from his official bulletins not even the most confirmed Sybarite can shed a tear.

In the midst of the heat of German political shake-ups, Doctor Kuchlthann, the new Foreign Secretary, will have some job living up to the charm of his soothing name.

"He is the perfect pattern of a modern major general?" sang W. S. Gilbert. Could he have been a prophesying concerning the new military distinction of William H. Taft, of the American Red

adament.

"If you intend to pais a resolution, it had better be done soon. We are waiting for Pennigiyahia either to not or desine ting before we move in this business,

Expunging the Jackson Censure

At the time Buchwan wrote that letter e was one of Audrew Jackson's best fends in the Senate but Jackson had aller out with John C. Calhoun and was against a political combination which baded ("lay and Webster, then the great hig leaders. A skotch of the life of Mr.

activities when, in fater years, he was a solution when, in fater years, he was a solution for Provident, sets forth that out this time "the first question which must up was the resolution of Mr. Clay failed the proposition suthorizing the condent to make reprisals on the French warment for these sets of the proposition for the set lovernment for their contentations refusal o pay the just and acknowledged claims of our people. Mr. Buchman opposed Mr. Tay's proposition, insisting upon the right nd justice of the course recommended by action."

That was one of Jackson's troubles in high he was supported by Buchman. The lank of the United States signibile was to on and contributed to the resolution censure for removing Federal deposits. nel Bentin's expanding resolution had wated much feeling, and the subject of avery had aroused both Senate and House o a high plan of excitoment. It is, therenot improbable that comething was aid or done in the House, after Buchann's squeat of Penrose to have the Pennsyl-ania Senate uphold Jackson, which, being entered up in the Journal, was calculated to plague some of the big leaders of the day. No one seems to know as to this, but the fact remains that the book was taken und that the pages of mystery were care-

Council of Big Men

Leaving it to the historians to clear up Leaving it to the historians to clear up the story of the lost pages of the Journal, and to link up with it, if they can, the accidentally discovered Buchanan-Penrose letter, it is of interest to note that the Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Con gress included such men as John Quincy Adams and Caleb Cushing, of Massachu-ostts; Henry A. Wise, of Virginia; Thomas forwin, of Ohio, and James K. Polk, of Cennessee.

A casual examination of the old Journal shows that "Mr. Ingersell, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial for a custom house at Philadelphia." Just what success Mr. Increasely had with his measure is not stated. The "pork barrel" was not then in-vented to hamper appropriation bills. buildephia eventually obtained a custom house, but it did not get it until after Andrew Jackson succeeded in putting the Andrew Jacket States out of business. The magnificent building, on Chestnut street east of Fifth, which Nicholas Biddle had reared with so much pride for the purposes of the bank, and from which he retired after seven years of assault by Jackson, fell into Federal hands and became the Philadelphia Custom House in 1841. It has served that purpose now for more than has certain particles of a century, and will be re-lieved only upon the passage of the next public buildings bill, which contains a provision for a new site. Even this bill cannot

now be considered until the next scusion of Congress, and only then in spite of such apposition as was recently meted out to the rivers and harbors bill. But Philadelphia, at last, is in a fair way to get is in a fair way to get a new Cus J. HAMPTON MOORE. tom House.

I refer this matter to your own and Lisbon streets. They all gravitated

there, but never no me'. However, Detective O'Sullivan reports a shoe store in the neighborhood of Eighteenth street and Ridge avenue displaying this signi-

SNEAKS. BLACK AND WHITE. ALL SIZES

LOOK IT U.D. THEN

I do not wish the neighbors' boys Mumps, measles or paramonta, But, ah, to feed them for their noise A verm of inclophonial

Probably the bathing isn't very good t York Reach, Maine. At any rate, here omes a letter from there, in which the writer raves about that old floating "Bathy" under Callowhill street bridge;

Then was the hapty days—all day for n sickel—and we took our hines with us: Then, when in the course of time, they opened the nice, new "Free Eathy" at Twenty-seventh and Master streets, across the street from the old Athletics grounds remember the knotheles?). I was among the first to duck in on the very opening day and my log was tempered only by the barsh rule that everybody must get out in twenty minutes. When the whistle blow, we were all driven out and another install-ment of the long waiting-line admitted. The didjum with the club, however, was no ever deterily changed or a consist of the ex-detertive-inspector, nor ex-maxing-teller or the like of that, and we quickly learned that his only test for admitting us was whether our bair was wet or dry. Seven times I had to dress and undress that self-same day; but, oh, boy! the water was fine! HUGH MEDR.

TO OBLIGE A. A. D., and very likely tickle a lot of other old hoys, will somebody send in the words of the old song about "the fellow who's a swell O, Lahdedah"?

In his band be has a stick. In his mouth a sold teach-plek: Not a penny in his peckets-Labdadab

That's all we remember of it and that may not be exactly right.

Our South street correspondent slips ast the censor with this:

"Didt you hear it, my boy iss in der army?" "Vot, der reck'ler army?" "Sure, der reck'ler army. He's a

officer." "So? He gets it a commission, ch?"

"No, straight salary." Again reconnoitering on the same front,

nt in another sector he heard: "I t'ink I vill join me in der cavalry." "Better for you, Simon, der infantry," "But next by my mother dere's nothink

l love better as a horse," "But take my advice-der infantry. For vy?. Ven der Cheneral says 'Retreat'

you don't vant to hafter bother vit' no horse."

ELLIS, MCCLEARY COMPANY, Undertakers and Embalmers, of 1666 Washington street, Boston, advertise: "We are as near you as the telephone." Wouldn't that give you the creeps?

been checkmated, first at the Marne and ter near Verdun infortunately, not yet in sight.

THE ALLIES' BLUNDERS

To the Editor of the Frenna Ledger

of the Negro

There is one factor in the European war that is an engreen. Just new Runda to being violently convolued by German sples and distruction bireaustate plotting to resenantion exaction. Her military strength is being supped by eliendes within and

THOMES

Who can help the Burelan republic at this started hour? What will hold the Ten-pens at bay on the codern as well as on the western front? There is but one anwer Japan. It is a toy tery to me why lapan has not done ber full duty toward or martners by this time.

Jupan has at least a million splendid fighters under arms, with another million in reserve, available for instant action With America supplying money, food and arms, Japan should be urged to send at cast haif a million men across Siberia, to naffen up Bursin's lines. She ought to do so before another American soldier is panded on the shores of France. I would go even further, Japan has, thus far, been the chief beneficiary of the war in Europe,

where the white race had been destroying itself, through the mod ambition of the Hohenzollern militarists.

For that reason Japan ought to take the dace of America on European latticitedals, o long as we are footing the bill, furnishng food, arms and cash. Let us arm, to the and feed several millions, if need be, if Japanese and Chinese troops on the European fronts where the Tautonic pressure is strongest, and the europerated Gernans, outnumbered and defeated, will a he hauser and his coterio what the Russians have done to the Romanoffs,

Instead of insuiting the intelligence of the Instead of involting the intelligence of the Americans by articles on so-called socialists' discogaity and their supposed love for the Prussian manual (nothing is further from the truth). I wish our editorial scribes would deal more carneally with the urgent promities of how to make the most of the great American resources, when placed at the disposal of the countries whose direct interests are more intimately conserved in the outcome of the frightful concerned in the outcome of the frightful combat, and for which reason they ought to furnish the armiest.

The Alites have blundered in not send-ing a Baifour-Joffre commission to Japan, to secure the latter's closer, more active participation in the war.

America, on the other hand, has erred by permitting her chosen officials to assume an unjustifiable attitude of extrems hostility an unjustifiable attitude of extreme hostility and intolerance toward American socialists and radicals, in general, thereby encourag-ing petty understrappers throughout the country to interfere unjustfully with the people's constitutional rights of freedom of the people's constitutional rights of these speech and of the press and of pescenție amembly.

Thus, while a great military advantage has been missed by our allies in Europe, or the one hand, the lofty messages on demo-racy, liberty and justice enunciated by President Wilson have, it seems, failed suf-ficiently to impress our Russian friends-the Russian modalists because of the shortsighted, stupid, fourteenth-century intolerance exhibited by American officialdom to-ward their comrades right here at home.

Happily, these blunders are not irretriey. tactics and the sconer the Allies change their tactics and course of conduct toward the Orientals' participation in routing the junkers, and in the matter of fair treatment of the radical manner-who will, in the end, become the determining factor in the in-

this great country. May I note of you t the hear from you again, for after all think that the press of this country. play a great part in the adjustment

H W. JENKINS. Atlantle City, August 2.

MASQUERADERS IN UNIFORM

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-There are thousands of your readers who will agree with me when I state that the columns of the Eveninia LEDGER are

too valuable to be necessive with illustra-tions of women and children masquerading as Red Cross nurses. It brings that worthy association into ridleule. Judging from the facial expressions of some of them, they do of noinces the ability to wash out a hand

credief or a pair of stockings. These same remarks can be applied to children dressed in the uniform of soldiers and sailors. Such display makes a variat-ville of the most respected services of our untry. E. C. FRANCIS. Philadelphia, August 1.

"A CERTAIN TWO MEN"

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-Tae English language is a marvel-us instrument and server a marvelour ace. Let no one deny that-at least, in present temper. This great language our follows human thought in all its neve, however far or swift or intricate journeys, however far or swift or intriente or milliudinous. But no language is fooi-proof, and "a deriain two" is plainly a bungle. In speech, as in most of our con-cerns, if we cannot jump the eleptiant bundly, we must crawl onder or no round. The purpose here is to set this group clearly before the attention. That can be done by some such device as: "I have in mind two near." "Somewhere in Frances there are two men." or "On a certain occasion I saw two men." And there may well be a briefer or more adroit way to avoid violating the law of our speech, a very high and eached law, whether it rests on logic or on the

w, whether it rests on logic or on the metion of unnumbered tongues of our Bethlehem Preparatory School, Aug. 2.

NEW YORK SAYS SOMETHING

"New York, after four years of decent ncere, forward-looking government, car ok the nation in the face, unabashed. We re ninety miles south geographically and bundred years back politically in com-arison with our neighbor." "What Tamparison with our regiment. What Tam-many was, the political organization in Philadelphia is." Philadelphia's present Mayor is not half way through his term, but the EVENING LEDGER thinks that this is the time to begin preparing "for the se-lection of a fighting business candidate for Mayor in the next campaign." The issue Mayor in the hext campaign." The issue is no longer merely the overthrow of the "gang"; it has broadened into that of the commercial future of Philadelphia. The Evening Leponen advances a consideration that should have weight out.

EVENUNG LEDGER advances a consideration that should have weight with unsentimental bushness men of the Quaker City when it declares, "We cannot compete with New York if New York has good government and we have bad government." A prac-tical factor in the success of reform is the quality of the man selected to hand the tical factor in the success of reform is the quality of the man selected to head the ticket. The only Mayor whom the forces of decent government have elected in Phil-adelphia in years was one of the city's outstanding figures. Rudolch Blane, aburg, The charter of the city precluded his gra-ning for re-election, and the Organization came had: Every effort should be exerted came bach Every effort should be exerted to find such another candidate for the part campaign .- New York Evaning Post.

of the Philadelphia gas works,

of this then question.

HOW THE CITY FOUGHT FOR GAS

 $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{max}}^{\mathrm{OB}}$ forty years the use of inflammable max for illuminating purposes was with I has for furning purposed was a build from the people of Philadelphia for one reason or another. The first experi-ments in it were exhibited in 1726 by Michael Ambroise & Co., Italian freworks dealers, who had an amplitheatre for ex-hibitions on Arch street, between Eighth and Ninth. Private gas works were from time to time established for various buildtime to time established for various build-ings, but Councils always refused to per-mit the laying of pipes in the streets for general use until 1825. The use of gaslights at Massale Hall.

was brought to a sudden close by the burn-ing of the building on March 9, 1813. When the hall was rebuilt in 1822 the Grand Lodge erected a new gas works. As the Charge erected a new gas works. the Chestnut Street Theatre was also being built about the same time, it is probable that the petition presented by the Masons in lay pipe in the streets was governed by an expectation of furnishing light to the theatre. But Councils refused the privilege, the theatre was not supplied and (an example of how councilmanic obstruction an often corrupt progressive thinking) predictions were then freely made that and as an illuminator would soon go out of use." For many years Masonic Hall

and as an illuminator would soon go qui of use." For many years Masonie Hall what he only large building in Philadelpha which was lighted by gas. Indeed, the only other building in the city thus illumi-mated at one time was the old "Gas-light" Tavern," on Second street near Dock. After several more refusals on the part of the city fathers to act, a public meet-ing was called in 1830 to urge upon Cour-cils the necessity of the improvement. The meeting agreed that "this brilliant and coonnical method of illuminating the pub-lic streets and public and private building comminical method of illuminating the pub-lie streets and public and private building has long since been adopted in many of the principal cities of Europe with entire suc-cess, and several places on this side of the Atlantic have followed the example. It has often been a matter of astonishment that the beautiful city of Philadelphia should have been suffered to slumber so long in comparative darkness."

It was only by keeping everlastingly at it that the younger element in public life finally did have its way. It was not only the politicians who were the obstruction-ists. Men this lives of the politician in the ists. Men like Horace Binney distinguished themselves by opposing the project. In themselves by opposing the project. In 1834 a remarkable alternative to gas main was offered by D. B. Lee and W. Beach. They proposed to light the whole city by lamps placed on the top of a tower. The humination way to be year "obtained by lamps placed on the top of a tower. The illumination was to be by gas "obtained by burning tar, pitch and rosin over a hoj fire of anthracite coal, the light to be placed at the top of the tower in a glass lanter or case. On a large tower the lanters should be from ten to twenty feet in height, and flaming from a diameter of from three to five feet from the bottom, to twelve of fifts of feet at the upper end." They ex-presed the opinion that the whole city could be lighted from one tower seriously com-eldered, and next year Councils final passed an ordinance for the construction of the Philadelphia gas works