

Evening Ledger PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY CTRUS H. K. CURTIS, President...

HIGH COST OF KAISERISM

OUR two reigning contractors visited "Little Rollo" last week and arranged with him for the election in November...

Many years ago the same gang that now controls the city decided to hand the municipal gas works over to a private company...

After December 31, under the terms of the lease, it will get but seventy-five cents. There is to be a five-cent reduction...

It is scarcely necessary to point out that greater consumption under a lower rate would doubtless compensate for the unit price reduction...

How much does bad government cost Philadelphia? The now dead Senator Aldrich declared that mere stupidity caused a waste in national revenue of \$300,000,000 a year...

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

SPEAKING of the bonding business and its relation to the Mayor's check book, the Record says:

Philadelphia Subway Company paid to the National Surety Company... The Thomas B. Smith Bonding Company receives as its commission for obtaining the business 20 per cent of this \$12,427...

CADORNA THE PERSISTENT

EVERY army of the Allies, save that of Italy, has undergone a change of high command since the war began...

A Record of German Reverses

The Crown Prince's record in this war is as director of serious reverses. He was beaten in Champagne in 1915; his defeat at Verdun...

"PRUNES AND PRISMS"

WE HAVE been warned so often against trying to win the war by talk that anything said in its defense comes as a surprise...

PEALE'S FAMOUS MUSEUM

It is likely that some visitors to Independence Hall are unconsciously shocked to learn from one of the mural inscriptions that Peale's Museum occupied the site of the present Independence Hall...

DRIVING BOCHE BACK BY INCHES

The Fighting about Craonne and the Chemin des Dames as Fiercely Successful as That About Verdun

By HENRI BAZIN

THE battles concentrated about Craonne and the Chemin des Dames section, extending in lesser intensity all the way to Moronvilliers...

PARIS, July 21.

I have talked with a score of officers and more poets who have taken part in it. Each and all say the same thing—"It's like Verdun in June and July, 1916, like the days of glory about Mort Homme, Fleury and Vaux..."

The Aisne conflict really began April 15 of this year, and lasted until the middle of May without interruption...

The necessity of conquering mountain peaks in addition to the foe made the progress of King Victor's troops, especially in winter, seem painfully slow. In proportion to the magnitude of the task, however, the preliminary advance accomplished miracles...

FRONT TRENCH CANDIDATES

There's a candidate for the first-line trench

You will find at the movie show,

Keeping time with his knees on the back of your bench,

When the music starts to go.

JON.

THE SMILE OF THE BRITON

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir—The writer who signed himself with the nom de plume of "Daniel McDermott" in the EVENING LEDGER of August 22, justly deserved the rebuke which the editor gave him by entitling his communication "Irony for Erin"...

NEGROES AS FIGHTERS

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TO A DAUGHTER OF FRANCE

Love clings to the lashes that shadow your eyes,

Now every golden, now wide with surprise,

Like flame-deeds fluttering up to the skies

Of France.

Love dreams in the rapture of night in your hair;

Love sings in the lips that enkindle and flare;

Love laughs for the glory of living so fair

A romance! J. A.

"News is scarce in New York," writes Will Lou, "but I forgot to tell you that William J. Bumpus, of West Forty-fifth street, is, as you might suppose, an expressionist."

Tom Daly's Column

THE LORD'S DAY

The Lord's own day was yesterday:

An' Lord of all it is.

He might have kept it gold and blue

For saints alone to see;

But opening the eastern gates

He let the boon go free,

To bid a bright good mornin' to

The likes o' you an' me.

The breath of God was on the world,

For Lord of all it is!

It touched the towers of the town,

The green o' bush an' tree,

The swarthy cheeks o' fighting men

Upon the land an' sea;

An' gave a sweet good mornin' to

The likes o' you an' me.

The smile of God shall make us whole,

For Lord of all it is!

And this one day was but a taste

Of those that are to be,

When every braggart with a sword

Has bent his stubborn knee,

An' Peace has said good mornin' to

The likes o' you an' me.

The vines have grown over the screen

In the eastward window of our bedroom,

So the gold that enters by that way,

The first thing in the morning, takes on shifting

shades of green under the influence

of such a lively breeze as that which accom-

panied yesterday's dawn. The autumn will

spread some gorgeous canvases there.

This is as near as we ever expect to get

to the ownership of a rage painting. The late

Bob Burdette had in his Pasadena home what he called a "million-dollar

masterpiece." It was a sheet of plate

glass, probably twelve feet long by six

deep, immovably set in the south wall of

his house and edged all around with heavy

molding to present the effect of a picture

frame. On a still day, one standing in the

reception hall and looking at this sheet of

glass saw what at first seemed a painting

of tiled roofs embosomed in palm trees,

with the Sierra Madre range lifting its

peaks in the background.



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

England Urged to Recognize Irish Virtues—Plenty of Work for War Wives

This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum and the Evening Ledger will accept responsibility for the views of its correspondents. Letters must be signed by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.

WOMEN SHOULD WORK

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir—Voicing the sentiment of Charles Zimmerman, I must agree that it seems to me an injustice to our own boys that an alien should be exempt on the ground of being an alien. If he enjoys the freedom of this country he has just as much right to defend it. If the enemy came up the street and took possession of his household he would feel that he had a perfect right to fight. And that brings up the question of a man hiding behind his wife's skirts. If he has no children she could earn her own living, as she may have done before her marriage; and if her husband is away she needs no house. She can put her furniture in storage and usually go home to her mother or board.

The women of this country must work and do all they can to clothe our army and navy. We must make the shirts, etc., that our boys wear; whether we need the money or not. There will not be enough men to do all the work. With their husbands at war, women will soon find a way to earn a living. I have two sons in this war and a husband who can support me. I work every day.

Philadelphia, August 24.

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To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir—In answer to F. W. M. Moore's and H. W. Jenkins's correspondence of the 21st instant, I wish to state that during the Revolution there appeared no large regiments of negroes, but there were a few servants to the various rich officers in the camps. We do hear of the Indians of the northern tribes fighting on the side of the Americans. Then, in the Civil War again appears the negro, but still not in great numbers, but as deserters from the South after the Emancipation Proclamation.

I want to say, moreover, that the negro troops did not take San Juan Hill in the Spanish War, but Kettle Hill. But the question is not what the negro has done before, but what he is doing now. He doesn't seem to be volunteering very fast. He waits until he is drafted and then tries to secure exemption if possible.

If the negro would only keep out of trouble, perhaps there would not be so much prejudice against him. Stand on a corner in South Philadelphia any day and you will see that 85 per cent of the patrol wagons that pass are full of negroes. The negro has himself to thank for prejudice, for what was the Ku-Klux Klan in the South for but to stop his outrages after he was given his freedom?

If the negro has such a high moral standard, why doesn't he, like a man, demand his rights to vote in the South on the ticket he chooses? If he is a moral coward, why then is he so slow to wish the election counts would eventually expose the political leaders.

F. W. M. Moore almost said that our President today owes his office to the negro's inability to vote the way he chooses. If Mr. Moore can find the gentleman who will execute the powers given our President today as well as Mr. Wilson, Mr. Moore was himself a wonder.

R. M. B., 4TH.

RECESSIONAL

O France and England, some day Peace

And, falling at our feet, will lift her arms

To us in prayer, soul-happy that the drum

Of War hath stilled its pibroch of alarms;

And we will raise the maiden to her feet,

While in her eyes soft smiles will tell the

sweet

Enduring trust for her security.

And they who died for her shall be the dust

Which all the unborn centuries shall

hallow in all the glory that is just,

And known to us as those whose hearts

once led

The steed of Truth triumphant through the

darkest hour

And stripped the hosts of Cain of all their

brutal power.

—Irvin Mitchell, in St. Louis Daily Globe-Democrat.

What Do You Know?

1. Where are the Julian Alps?

2. Who is the present Secretary of Commerce and Labor?

3. Who destroyed the Holy Roman Empire?

4. What is the nationality of Joseph Conrad?

5. In what war did Florence Nightingale perform her humanitarian services?

6. What office in the British Cabinet is held by Lord Curzon?

7. Where is ex-king Constantine of Greece now living?

8. What custom according to Hamlet was observed in the breach than in the observance?

9. What engagement of the American Revolution was ranked by Edward Cross as the greatest, as one of the fifteen decisive battles of the world?

10. What is an aneroid barometer?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

1. Franklin K. Lane is the present Secretary of the Interior.

2. Peter a Russian city, important from a military standpoint, because it may prove the strategic "key" to Petrograd. It is the "olive of the current German drive."

3. The miracle of feeding water into wine was performed by Christ during the marriage at Cana.

4. Houston, Tex., has been the scene of recent race riots.

5. Hubert Henry Davies, British dramatist, is reported to have been killed by falling from a cliff.

6. Donald B. MacMillan, head of the Arctic expedition on the steamer Peary, was reported to have been captured by the Eskimos.

7. Dr. Karl Liebknecht, noted German Socialist leader, is said in dispatches to be in the hands of the Russians.

8. The modern term, cereals, is derived from the Roman name of Ceres, the goddess of agriculture.

9. A waterbury is a rattle bird allied to the water thrush.

10. The area of the German empire is 398,160 square miles.