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ONLY THE COURTS CAN REMOVE THE STAIN

THE proceedings against the Mayor have advanced to the Grand Jury stage. If an indictment is found next month he must stand trial on the conspiracy charges growing out of the Fifth Ward thuggery and murder.

But it is being said in Organization circles that there are to be peace and harmony. It is being said that the death of McNichol will mean the advancement of City Solicitor Connelly to the vacancy in the Penrose-McNichol faction.

Incidentally, it is rumored that the proceedings against the Mayor are scheduled to be "dropped by mutual agreement."

It was said during the recent campaign and repeated a thousand times that conditions in Philadelphia could best be summed up as "government by murder."

Who is the "hypocrite" now? The Judge who holds a C. Mayor for the Grand Jury after the election—is he a hypocrite? Or the politicians who are hoping to avoid the due process of law—are they the hypocrites?

GRANTLAND RICE, POET

DAMON RUNYON, who is a critic as well as a sports writer, says this about the new book of poems by our own Grantland Rice, whose "colyum" of lyrics and "dope" is a feature of the Evening Ledger's sporting pages:

course; he is a real poet, where most of the others are just rhymesters. Praise from Sir Damon is praise indeed. And indeed it is deserved in this case.

THE ERA OF CANDOR

CANDOR is henceforth to be the rule in Allied councils. Northcliffe follows the example set by Lloyd George in Paris this week. This practice of plain speaking will clear the ground for the military unity of America and her Allies.

Northcliffe has returned to Europe with the message that America means business, business on an enormous scale, business that must not be mismanaged. What part he is or is not to play in British statesmanship it is up to the people of Great Britain to say and is no affair of ours.

We stand against imperialism, arbitrary demands for indemnity or territory and all other phases of autocracy. We will consider no peace terms with a Germany not free, but we will consider peace terms with a Germany that is free, with the freedom of the German people as assured beyond a doubt.

WAR REDUCING DRUNKENNESS

CONSERVATION of decency as well as conservation of commodities is a result of this nation's entry into the war. The Superintendent of Police reports that the high cost of red liquor, owing to grain saving at the distilleries and the imposition of the war tax, has reduced, by nearly one-half, the number of "drunks and disorderlies" rounded up in the station houses.

Whatever the cause, the net gain is desirable and gratifying. There is no doubt that many men are "tapertier down" or "cutting out booze" altogether in a conscious and laudable desire to aid in the great national task of food saving.

THE SURE-SHOT SAMMEES

SAMMEES shoot quick and shoot straight. French official military observers admiringly report. They inherit the knack of drawing a speedy and sure bead. Didn't the well-known 'coon in the w. k. story say to the celebrated sharpshooting Crockett: "Unshoulder your gun, Davy. Seein' it's you, I'll come down."

There is about as much reason for keeping some people in Washington as there would be for sending Villa to the Mexican Senate.

SLANG OF THE TRENCHES

Napoo is a bit of argot that the Flan-ders trenches have produced. "We thought we was napoo when we heard that little bundle of fun a-coming," explained the sergeant.

POET PROPHESIED DEWEY'S GLORY

Rolling Verses of Farewell Twenty Years Ago Tonight Forecast Commodore's Return as Admiral

By HERBERT JOHNSTON

THERE was a sound of revelry by night. And, paraphrasing Byron's poetical narrative of the eve of Waterloo in Belgium's capital:

The occasion of this memorable assemblage of sea warriors and seasoned men of affairs was a dinner tendered to George Dewey by his fellow members of the Metropolitan Club, of Washington, D. C. The date was November 17, 1897, twenty years ago today.

No Prevision of War

It may truly be said, however, on the strength of contemporary accounts of the event, that if Dewey had any regrets and assumed his new command unwillingly there was no appearance of such a frame of mind in the days following the dinner.

Here's the little Sunday school boy who, when asked what was his notion of "the future state," replied that it was a Territory.

And here's the temperance lecturer who told us if we didn't want whisky to get the best of us, we'd have to get the best of it.

And here's that other little boy who spoke a piece so animatedly, and when the teacher wanted to know where he got "all those gestures," replied, "them ain't gestures, them's nerves."

A Poetic Tribute

Was it a species of clairvoyance that prompted one of Dewey's Metropolitan clubmates, Archibald Hopkins, clerk of the court of claims and auditor known to his intimates as "Archie," to pen these good-by verses which he read at the dinner of twenty years ago?

How could Archie know, how could he suspect, as the American sailor took on duty the subject of the foregoing hymn of praise was going to perform the deed in Manila Bay that set the world agape with wonder? How could Hopkins, foretelling the incident, wherein the insolence of a German admiral, doubtless the protagonist of the Von Tirpitz of today, was met and defeated by the American naval hero in a manner that is recalled with especial relish at this time and which did assuredly "sustain our honor" and "maintain our rights?"

Now if Britain can reduce the weekly U-boat toll by just one ship the trick will be done and the ruthless submarine war become a sea-f. Last week's record of Von Tirpitz was a solitary vessel. The law of diminishing returns has been transferred from the Entente mercantile marine to the U-boats.

ANYTHING TO OBLIGE

"Oh, give me Hme, the culprit cried, "And I will mend my ways."

Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET Whenever it's a Saturday, it often seems to me, The week has been so big with news an' full as it could be, I'd better let it countermarch before me in review.

So here I sit in idleness an' watch with dreamy eye The week's array of happenings go countermarching by. I see the drive beginning for the great Y. M. C. A., I see the workers hustling round and gaining day by day, I note the march of progress, though I cannot see the end.

I see a politician an' a leader of the gang, For whom no hymns of fulsome praise the "righteous" ever sang; There is no use denying now that when the week began He wasn't what reformers call "an honorable man."

Old Stuff "A Jest's prosperity lies in the ear of him that hears it."

W. Shakespeare, who said that, may have been looking over some of his old stuff and wondering how it ever got into print, for he was "a fellow of infinite jest."

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Dear, dear! here's one about the Wagner Sleeping Car—snoring—Wagner music. Get it?

ONE of those old jokes of ours puzzled even ourself for a moment. Here it is: "The last time I saw Crookley," said the Philadelphia man who had been abroad for some years, "he was interested in some gambling scheme."

A SOUR SPINSTER Be not too hard on her! No man can tell What worthy metals were In this old belle.

WILLIAM J. LOCHART, of German-

town, was showing off his burg to Philip A. Hart, of Bryn Mawr. "If you had the five Thomes Sisters, They've led more women to become regular attendants at church than—"



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Doctor Burch Denies Sympathy With Pacifism—Spring Garden Institute's Good Work

TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I was somewhat shocked when my attention was called to the articles appearing in certain morning newspapers of November 12 to learn that I had been classified, either directly or inferentially, as an author of pacifist tendencies.

As one whose ancestors have served in both the military and diplomatic branches of the Government and as one who himself attempted to become a "Roosevelt volunteer" when that organization was hoped for by thousands of Americans, I desire to make clear, beyond the slightest shadow of a doubt, my abhorrence of the pacifist doctrine and the absolute falsity of attributing anything but intensely pro-American principles to the book entitled "Elements of Economics."

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Sir—Perhaps nowhere else in this eventful day is the great, restless and energetic progress reflected as it is in the vocational training schools of the country.

Such at least is the impression gained on a visit to the Spring Garden Institute, the oldest established training school in the city. Founded as it was long before the Civil War, the school immediately stepped into the breach caused by the collapse of the old apprentice system of training, and has amply fulfilled its purpose for more than sixty years.

What Do You Know? QUIZ

- 1. Who is Georges Clemenceau? 2. What new portfolio has been added to the British Cabinet? 3. What is the name of the new British battleship? 4. Where is the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, which was fired upon by the Russian fleet? 5. Who was "The Old Man Eloquent"? 6. Who wrote "Hail Columbia" and what was it? 7. What is a complete fertilizer? 8. What is "drinking"? 9. For what time is the next draft scheduled? 10. Locate Faneuil Hall.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Capital is the governmental seat of a nation or political center. Capital is the name applied to the chief administrative and legislative building in most of the world's nations. 2. The name of the new battleship is the USS Oregon. 3. The name of the fortress is St. Peter and St. Paul, which was fired upon by the Russian fleet. 4. The name of the old man is John Adams. 5. The author of "Hail Columbia" is Samuel P. Fowler. 6. A complete fertilizer is a fertilizer which contains all the essential elements for plant growth. 7. Drinking is the act of consuming alcohol. 8. The next draft is scheduled for December 1, 1917. 9. Faneuil Hall is located in Boston, Massachusetts.

MISCHA ELMAN PLAYS

Fluently Interprets Wieniawski Concerto in Philadelphia Orchestra's Program of Light Music

Characteristic elements of a "pop" concert program played yesterday afternoon's Philadelphia Orchestra's audience at the Academy of Music. At the conclusion of the "Rustic Wedding" symphony Mr. Stokowski was rapturously applauded. At his behest the entire orchestra rose in acknowledgment of the tribute. There was no mistaking its meaning. Melody is still the prime consideration with the majority of concert-goers.

SINN FEIN CONSTITUTION

The "constitution" of the Sinn Fein, as published in full, is a virtual declaration of independence. It repudiates all obligations under the British crown and other foreign governments by Parliament. It defines a double purpose thus: (a) To deny the right and oppose the will of the British Parliament and the British crown or any other foreign Government to legislate for Ireland. (b) To make use of any and every means available to render impotent the power of England to hold Ireland in subjection by military force or otherwise.