

VICTORY'S TRIDENT



GOVERNOR PENNYPACKER PAINED BY LETTER FROM FELLOW JURISTS

Executive Was Greatly Distressed Over Apparent Lack of Confidence in His Integrity Regarding Supreme Court Nomination

PHILADELPHIA, December 18, 1917. Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, Governor of Pennsylvania, was greatly distressed and pained by a letter from a fellow jurist...

reason. It was a justification of Warren in his dread of the North American. The singular weakness of the document, the fact that the question they raised had already been determined in a way contrary to their thought was of little moment.

Who was "A lawyer" who wrote the letter to The Record, before mentioned, I never learned. It is a law of nature that most of the mischief that besets our lives is done in secret. It is the habit of both the hyenas and the bedbugs to prowl in the night.

A Circular Letter Some days after my return from Washington there came to me the following paper which had been circulated for signatures among the members of the Philadelphia bar:

Philadelphia, December 18, 1917. Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, Governor. Sixty old friends, neighbors and professional associates, we feel in the present situation we should submit for your consideration our views in regard to your letter announcing your intention of accepting the nomination to the next Republican State Convention to the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania should it be tendered to you.

It is impossible in the nature of things that the mere knowledge that such a wish is cherished should not operate as an official pressure, and the influence of the profession and indirect, and all the power of those hoping to profit by the change, would combine for its accomplishment.

The Answer I must appreciate the kindly feeling which pervades your letter. I do not care to judge me by the acts of my judicial and gubernatorial life, and you feel that past conduct is not a safe guide by which to determine what may be in the future.

Just forty years ago a young fellow in New England answered an "Actor Wanted" ad. The ad was placed by the Philadelphia Museum, then at Ninth and Arch streets.

DAVIS'S RESCUE PARTY One Philadelphian Rushes to Relief of Another Lost in Uttermost Harlem! Included among the letters in the recent published volume of the correspondence of Richard Harding Davis is the following account of the relief expedition which he organized in New York to rescue John Drew, who he heard was playing in Harlem:

"I read in the paper the other morning that John Drew was in Harlem, so I sent him a telegram saying that I was organizing a relief expedition and would bring him out of the wilderness in safety. At twelve I sent another, reading 'Natives from interior of Harlem report having seen Davis Relief Expedition Force crossing Central Park, all well. Robert Howard Russell.' At two I got hold of Russell and we telegraphed 'Two relief expeditions: awaiting rear column, led by Drew; save your ammunition and provisions.'"

"Just before the curtain fell we went another reading. If you can hold the audience at bay another hour we guarantee to rescue yourself and company and bring you all back to the coast in safety. Do not become discouraged."

WAR AND NEURASTHENIA According to a hospital for women in London cases of neurasthenia have decreased by ten per cent since the war. Women are so busy with war work that they have no time to get nervous or to imagine they are ill.

JAPAN'S FLEET Japan organized its navy on a modern footing soon after the close of the Civil War in the United States, and slowly added to it until after the last of the 1890's.

EVERYBODY'S FRIEND Even if this little paper had League Island, as they call it, it has been good to you. Then Japan began to build the fine vessels that have made her navy powerful.

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LET'S PLAY THIS ACE

A recent conference held to consider methods of meeting the coal deficiency in Philadelphia the argument was made that the Government erred badly in calculating the proper quota for this territory in that it failed to give adequate consideration to the enormous influx of people which followed in the wake of local industrial expansion.

The Chester of yesterday is no more. The lamp of Aladdin has been rubbed in that section and the skies have rained prosperity. The same thing is true all the way down to Wilmington.

ARREST OF CAILLAUX

THE arrest of Caillaux, whether he is guilty or innocent, means that the present Government in France refuses to permit politics to interfere with the performance of its duty. It has joined issue squarely with the pacifists, particularly with that section of the pacifists which is suspected of treasonable designs.

SMOKE 'EM ALL OUT

ONE notorious German spy has been smoked out in the Hampton Roads naval zone. Now let the fuming torch of Federal investigation be applied in every other naval, military and war-work zone to force enemy aliens into the light of day.

AN EXPERIMENT IN LABOR

SIX months ago there were about 50,000 men employed in shipyards. Today there are about 140,000. Six months from now that number may be doubled or tripled.

It has chosen the latter, for the present. It has not been supposed that there is any permanent public policy established by Chairman Hurley's call for 350,000 riveters, bolters, machinists, blacksmiths, carpenters, etc., to hold themselves in readiness to leave their present employment for shipyards. It is an experiment.

"CHARIOT OF THE GODS"

WHEN shoes were introduced they were a luxury and there are persons who still talk of the automobile as a luxury, which only goes to show that it requires a generation or two for some folks to appreciate a fact.

Little Polly's Poem

Sometimes on quiet nights when all the house is still I often hear A mouse or two within the wall And yet I do not faint with fear.

A FRANK CRUSADER

Jerusalem's Capture by British Celebrated in Church He Founded IN NO other church in London was the service in celebration of the British entry into Jerusalem more fitting than that held in the Round Temple church, lying so near and yet, in another sense, so remote from the bustle of Fleet street.

What Do You Know?

- 1. Who was Major Augustus P. Gardner? 2. What is meant by "opporitis" as the term is now used in connection with war work? 3. Has conscription been established in England and Ireland? 4. What is meant by the proposed "reserve workmen's army" in Washington?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Feagarpar: a consultation preliminary to a trial. 2. James Lee Allen, American author, wrote 'A Kentucky Cardinal'. 3. The Liberator is a large swamp in southern Indiana, the scene of General Stratton-Perkins' battle. 4. Virginia is called the "Old Dominion". 5. Capt. John A. Mendenhall was the first American to fly over the North Pole.