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WE POINT OUT FUTILITY OF TOMTOMS

THE oldest civilization is not here; it is in China. There are nations of wealth, growth of luxury and other influences induced a national policy of pacifism which was ancient when this country was still undiscovered and the name of Columbus appeared in no history book.

But the tomtom cannot be heard amid the peans of machine guns and the roar of busy Berthas. Not all the tomtom beaters in the world could carry a line of trenches; for, however painful the tomtom may be to the ears, it is not deadly, while the bullet from the machine gun carries an argument to which there is no answer.

Mr. Wilson answered that question in advance when he said: "The Russian people have refused to compound their ideals or desert others that they themselves may be safe."

Appealing to the historic fact and principles of the eighteenth century, the German statement speaks of the frontiers of the former Russian empire as "established by force and crime, especially against the Polish people." It was the Prussian Frederick the Great's crime against the Poles.

Let's quit the tomtomting. It does the Hun no harm. He likes it and makes a pretense of doing the same thing himself. We have a problem to solve, not a ghost to frighten. We want, do we not, to get coal out of the mines—millions and millions of tons of it—and we want to move that coal to the seaboard and the cities.

There are some thousands of men in the national service, many of them trained in mining and railroading and all consecrated to the defeat of the Hun. Would it outrage the military caste for some of these men to be permitted to come to the rescue of the country in this emergency and rip the heart out of the coal exigency by construction emergency service?

PENNYPACKER ON THE DEATH OF QUAY

Governor Pays Final Tribute to the Powerful Republican Leader
Penny packer's comments on the death of the powerful Republican leader.

BERLIN APPEALS TO JULY 4

INSTEAD of answering Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George directly and according to schedule, the German Chancellor has apparently decided to rest his case for the present on a lengthy official statement to the Bolshevik Government.

Germany is trying to prove that according to American law she should have an equal share with Russia in determining the ownership of the western provinces of Russia. The argument, boiled down, seems to follow this line of reasoning: The moment a community proclaims its independence it becomes free. Just as the independence of the United States dates from July 4, 1776, and not from 1782, when England recognized the young Republic, so the independence of Poland, Lithuania, Courland, etc., as well as of Russia that is, the territory now controlled by the Bolsheviks, dates from March, 1917.

The Good Roads Movement
During my whole term as Governor all attempts to make use of the office and its incumbent for advertising purposes were, as I have written, resisted and thwarted.

On the twenty-fourth of May I made an address in the morning at the dedication of the new courthouse in Norristown, and in the afternoon, introduced by Wayne MacVeagh, I took a walk and look ground for the erection of the new building of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at 1250 Locust street, Philadelphia.

Death of Senator Quay
On the twenty-eighth of May Senator Quay died. I have endeavored to make an analysis of his character and present his achievements in a paper, prepared at the request of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and it appears in my "Pennsylvania in American History."

Pleasant weather for the Kaiser; The super-Garfield has not arrived. It's always a Black Friday that leads to a Blue Monday.

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Special Correspondence Evening Public Ledger
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.
GOVERNOR PENNYPACKER'S remarks published in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER are attracting attention in Washington. The Governor did not have an extended acquaintance at the national capital, but he is well known here to those with whom he has had some acquaintance.

Story of the Quay Telegram
As a matter of fact the celebrated telegram from Quay to Penny packer notifying him of his nomination, which the Governor proudly refers to as having come to him while he was calmly presiding with his family at the residence of Judge of Common Pleas Court No. 2, was written in the presence of the writer by Horace Pettit, a Philadelphia lawyer, now deceased.

Roosevelt and Wilson Criticized
These native Pennsylvaniaers, of course, do not reflect upon the intellectual qualities of the Governor; they refer more to his personality. He was a good judge, but not a very good one.

When Churches Saved Coal
That the stove in the meeting house was a "stove of the devil," to make people too dumb, about his experience in life, and during the whole three hours not one word concerning the politics of the State.

MR. CHOATE'S INVESTMENTS
In the estate of the late Joseph H. Choate 196 stocks and bonds were found and only five of them were of any value.

A WELL-MIXED PROGRAM
The singing convention of District Three was held at the Hotel Bellevue last night.

A DEAD ONE
It was a common "stuffed negro" but one that looked like a grampus.

"HERE'S HOPING!"

When, ever, on a Saturday did anybody see So many puzzled, idle folk as there are like to be Foregathering from everywhere, when all their work is through, To walk today on Chestnut street to see what news is new?

The Village Poet
I've strolled abroad, in other years, upon this self-same street, Through winds of spring, an' summer's heat, an' wintry snows an' sleet.

THE TRAIL OF THE "JERSEY DEVIL"
Showing the Hoofprints of a Diabolical Proof Agent of Years Ago
The hoofs in these columns the other day about the old museum at Ninth and Arch streets gave but the barest mention to C. A. Breckenridge, the most considerable showman connected with the history of that house and the man in whose interest the greatest hoax ever conceived by a press agent was perpetrated.

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It was a few days after this that the editor of a small town paper in South Jersey found upon his office counter an anonymous communication, which ran something like this:

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1. What is arable land?
2. Who is Baron Bismarck?
3. Define ecology.

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