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THE TRIANGLE OF DEATH THAT great red triangle forty miles long which Hindenburg has thrust into the breast of civilization points at the heart and soul of all we hold dear. For thirteen days that bleeding fang has crept closer and closer. Spiritually speaking, it is as close to Philadelphia as it is to Paris or Amiens. What threatens them threatens us. And it is well for every man to realize the truth that confronts us.

from the conception that public schools should be maintained for the poor alone into the belief that if democracy is to be maintained the State must offer to all alike the same kind of education under the same conditions. The change has come about so gradually that we are in danger of missing its significance.

WEEMS'S WASHINGTON IN PHILADELPHIA The publication of a new edition of Weems's Life of Washington, by the J. B. Lippincott Company, whose office is around the corner from Independence Hall, recalls the fact that this most popular biography ever issued on this continent has been connected with this city almost from the beginning.



JAPAN KEEPING FAITH DELAYED accounts of the address of Foreign Minister Motono to the Japanese Parliament on the eve of its adjournment last Tuesday, which have just reached this country, justify the conclusion reached last week that the Siberian complications were unraveling themselves. The Foreign Minister said:

It is a tragic circumstance that not until the ninth day of the world's greatest battle were the Allies able to agree upon the appointment of a supreme commander for all the armies of resistance. Although it seems as though that should have been done long ago, this is not the time to mourn past errors, but to profit by them. The thing to emphasize now is that the generalissimo has indeed been named. Our prayer is that he may be able, disposing his armies from one all-seeing nerve center, to slash through the deadly salient.

A FUTURE ROLE FOR MR. TAFT THE quality of mind that Mr. Taft supplied to the Federal labor planning board to inspire what is believed to be the most adequate working arrangement yet devised for employers and their employees were neither new, nor strange, nor mystical. Mr. Taft's common sense, his perceptions of justice and the humane philosophy that characterizes his more familiar reactions are reflected in the terms of the agreement devised to prevent strikes and lockouts during the war.

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON Dedicated to MRS. WASHINGTON And containing a great many curious and valuable anecdotes, tenders to throw much light on the private as well as the public life and character of THAT VERY EXTRAORDINARY MAN.

GERMANS TALKING DUTCH BEFORE deciding what to think of the Dutch protest against the seizure of the Dutch ships by the United States one should look at the war map of Europe. One will find Holland is a little spot on the map, bordered by the North Sea on one side and surrounded on all other sides by territory in the control of the German armies. Holland has about as much liberty of action as a mouse between the front paws of a hungry cat.

Germany has not broken through, and for her the great and bloody advance is indecisive enough; but it is no less a serious check to the Allies. Now is the time for every American to nerve himself for greater and greater efforts. God knows that England and France have done their share. From now on we shall be baptized blood brothers with them in the most gallant cause ever allotted to men.

BEEF, IRON AND WINE Dying Confession of an Advertising Man IN MY day I was a genuine valve-in-head, a shock-absorbing human dynamo. I was the subject of that famous article in one of the efficiency magazines, "Forging Behind in Business, or How One Man Fought a Long Fight and Lost." I invented punch and paprika. My copy was always a big thing to look for, a small thing to find. I wore Rippelheimer clothes, smoked sensible cigarettes, brushed my teeth up and down, obeyed that impulse, had the skin you love to touch and always asked the man who owned one. I never omitted to include the words supreme, obligate and ultimate in every piece of copy. I could split an infinitive at fifty yards, and always used to say how much more forcefully the Old Testament could have been written by Orison Sweet Marden. I invented the double page spread. I never neglected to say whom for who.

INTERVIEWS WITH WIVES MRS. MCKITT I HAD always wanted to have a private talk with the wife of a professional humorist and greatly welcomed the assignment that sent me out to Loricore Hill, the suburb made famous by Meredith McKitt, the noted whistler. The drolicities of this talented wit have convulsed three hemispheres and innumerable continents and archipelagos and peninsulas. His book, "The Sardonic States," is even mentioned in Baedeker's United States as one of the things that must be read by every traveler who wishes to understand the satiric and fantastic gaiety of America.

THERE ISN'T ANY SECRET IT IS being said of Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Jr. is Commissioner of Health in Pennsylvania, that the secret of combating infantile paralysis, a scourge to which he devoted much study, died with him. No imaginable statement could be more misleading. Doctor Dixon had unusual opportunities to study infantile paralysis during the epidemics in this city and he made no secret of the means for its elimination. He urged consistent and almost religious attention to cleanliness in streets and alleys. Such simple precautions, applied throughout the State wherever the authority of the Department of Health was adequate, did much to cut the death rate in Pennsylvania in the course of Doctor Dixon's able administration of his office.

WAR GARDEN ADVENTURERS WAR gardening, if one is to accept the solemn word of many who indulge in that fashionable sport, is a far more thrilling gamble than poker or horse racing. The suspense is more pronounced. You never know what is to happen next—or whether anything will happen. A pessimist at Ambler, thrilled by the appeals of the food experts, went fervently to work last summer and wrung a crop of potatoes from the bushful soil of his domain. The potatoes cost him \$12 a bushel and he writes plaintively to say that there was not one potato in all his harvest that couldn't have been swallowed whole without the least discomfort.

My Soul Is Across the Sea O my beloved, I cannot sleep; The roses whisper and I awake. The still small voices that pulse and roll Make awful thunder within my soul. While the roses bow and the lilies nod, I see great billows that pound and shake The very walls of the world and break In crimson foam at the feet of God. O my beloved, I cannot sleep.

LOOKING BACKWARD AT IT THE most of mankind—that larger and nobler part of the population that is not fettered in automobiles and is too busy to get the week-end-away habit—Monday Sunday has its more jubilant celebration on Monday, when it is possible to read about it in the newspapers and perceive the manner in which reverent multitudes reacted to the occasion. This observance always tends to restore a waning faith in the collective spirit of the community.

WHAT A CENTURY HAS WROUGHT THE announcement that the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the present public-school system in this city is to be celebrated this week is misleading. The school system that was established by the act of 1818 bore so little resemblance to the present system that its descent from the earlier system is difficult to trace. The principles on which public education is based have radically changed in a century. The act of 1818 merely established schools for the free education of the poor. It was based on the theory of the Constitution, which prior to 1790 directed that schools should be maintained in which the teachers should be paid such salaries as should "enable them to teach at low prices." This act was amended in that year so that the Legislature was directed to provide schools "in such a manner that the poor may be taught gratis." This remained the only provision for free public education in the Commonwealth until the Constitution was revised in 1873.

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AS READERS VIEW IT To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—The proposal that war saving stamps should be used as tips suggests to me a plan that would help our Government to sell more thrift stamps. Not every one can afford to pay out twenty-five-cent tips, and I would like to make a suggestion to the right parties the following: To make up books containing twenty five-cent stamps. To make up books containing twenty five-cent stamps. These to be used as tip money and these stamps to be exchanged for \$5 stamps when enough of the five and ten cent stamps are saved up. Instead of giving tips in coin, I would suggest that we give tips in stamps. In this way I believe that we can secure more money for our Government. LOUIS B. HOWITZ Philadelphia, March 30.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Penmanship is called the "Keweenaw" state account of its central or "Keweenaw" position in the Western original States. 2. King Henry VIII of England was called "The King in a Hum" on account of his rough-and-ready manner. 3. The Doherty is an important province of Romania. It was overrun by the Germano-Bulgarian army, and its inhabitants are now in a state of distress. 4. "Israel" is the name of the first collection published by Edgar Allan Poe. 5. Swiss chard is a leaf, but the root is not eaten. The leaves are used like spinach and the root is used like radishes. 6. New York city is colloquially called "Gotham." 7. Little salt, graceful and witty touches in writing or speaking. Referring to Abraham Lincoln's "Gleanings in Europe." 8. A small staff or "baton" is the emblem of a marshal. 9. Napoleon is called "the Old Guard" which has been a center in the history of the world. 10. General Frederick Paul von Franke is the commander of the Allied forces in Russia.

ALONZO BROWN I watch the war eagles wheel and soar Over the rivers of Pictory; Where tyrants have sown, I stand and weep In that red whirlwind the nations reap. The wide world shrinks to a lurid line; In the dread shadow, the souls he see, And the vanished ages are set to see Whether the monster beyond the Rhine, Or freedom, shall perish forevermore.

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