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GUN AND ROPE!

THE Senate and the Attorney General's office, ever-fervent ally and in unison about the very real menace of active pro-Germanism in the United States and covering the real issue with a barrage of sounding words, are in a way to give the country an acute pain.

The espionage act, passed since the nation went into the war, includes long and elastic definitions to make the full extent of punishment of serious war crimes a relatively easy matter. And yet Senator Poindexter rises with a long amendment to punish with fines the use of "profane, abusive, threatening, violent, etc." language of a sort likely to indicate disloyalty and to suggest a series of other provisions of the exact sort that never are and never can be enforced.

The Department of Justice, as a matter of fact, has failed scandalously to apply properly such restrictive measures as are already in force. If the charges repeatedly made against active propagandists and spies in the United States were proved the present statutes are adequate to make the death penalty inevitable.

Senator Poindexter added nothing to current estimates of his intelligence when he gravely suggested a series of repressions which would be impossible under any circumstances. What he suggested would provide a superhuman task for those departments of the Government which by their own confession, have been unable to grapple with problems of the utmost simplicity and definiteness.

Patriotism triumphed in the Republican primaries when Lenroot was nominated over Thompson, the La Follette pro-German candidate. The division was unfortunate, but the outcome proved that the heart of the party was sound. Patriotism has triumphed again in the election by the defeat of Davies, the Democratic candidate, whose supporters tried to create the impression that none but traitors and pacifists and Kaiser sympathizers would vote for Lenroot.

Mr. Baker must be learning a good deal in his swing around Yurup. A regular Baedeker. An enlisted man in the navy stood by his gun in a recent action after all the rest of his particular crew had been put out of action and worked methodically until he was killed.

THE CHILDREN'S YEAR... It is estimated that 109,000 children under the age of five die in the United States of preventable diseases each year. The American army is sadder than France and sadder than Belgium because it hasn't the consolation of a fight for life.

THE NOBLEST CALLING... THE hundredth anniversary of the founding of Philadelphia's public schools makes it appropriate to say a word of tribute that has long lain unexpressed in our hearts.

FREE SCHOOLS FOR A FREE PEOPLE

The Ideal Slowly Realized in Local Education... By WILLIAM DICK, Secretary of the Board of Public Education.

AN ACT to provide for the education of children at public expense within the city and county of Philadelphia was the title of an act passed March 4, 1818.

It is the common experience of men on important business at the capital to find it impossible to reach the executives and the equally common experience of executives to find themselves unable to meet men upon missions highly important to their departments.

THE ELECTRIC CHAIR... JERRY THIMBLETROT seems to have been somewhat upset by our "Obit Vase" column. He writes to tell us that Hindenburg is not dead and he can't see the joke of writing obits for people who are not dead.

THE OTHER SIDE OF MR. FOSDICK... RAYMOND B. FOSDICK, whose report on the conditions here has set the town by the ears, is able to see the other side of life when he looks for it.

NEWEST INSULT TO THE FLAG

It Is the Enemy Salute—More About Hog Island—The Readers' Views in Prose and Verse

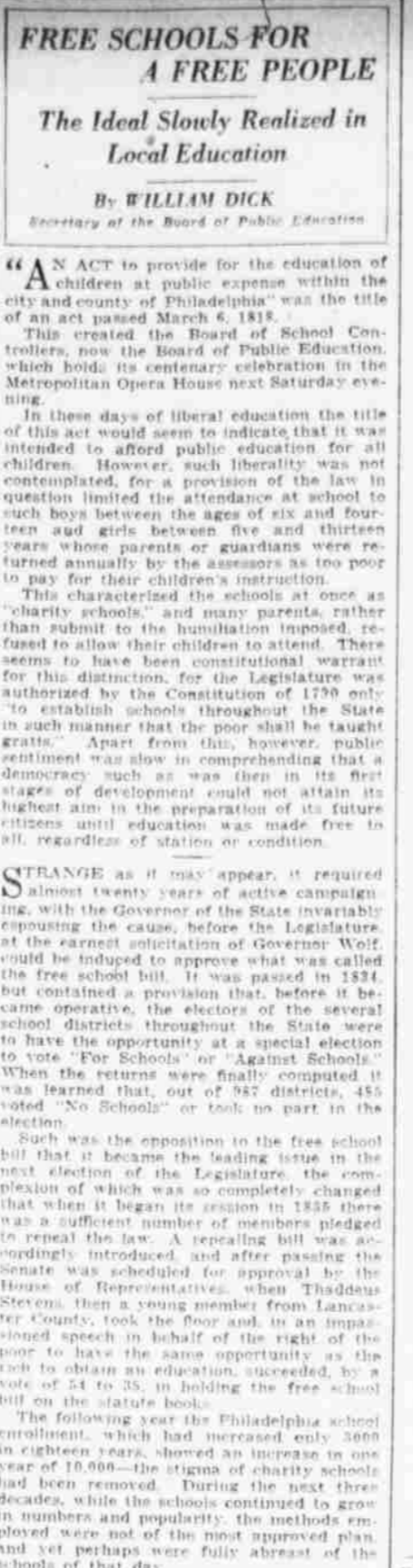
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Once again I read of a number of pro-Germans being forced to kiss the Stars and Stripes and to "hell with the Kaiser."

SMILE, MILES, SMILE... To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Just a word on the "Dance, Dance, Dance" in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER of April 2.

Real Light Saving... To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I am unable to see the saving to light by the advance-hour plan, at least if April and October are included.

Christian Science Practitioners... To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Please tell me if there is a practitioner in the vicinity of Philadelphia in this city and please give his name and address.

Money's Worth for U. S. Money... To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Noting the way in which things have been done at Hog Island up to the time that the money started to go around and loosen up pennies and nickels when they stuck in slot machines, paying him \$20 per week.



THE SPIRIT OF JAPAN

HOW profoundly the Japanese have been moved by the brutality of the Germans, and how deeply their religious feelings are stirred by the war are indicated by the following letter, dated February 23, which Prof. Barrett Wendell, of Harvard, has received from his daughter in Kyoto:

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz... 1. What is a deciduous tree? 2. Who is the president of Princeton University? 3. Who painted "Breaking Home Ties"?

What Do You Know?

1. What is a deciduous tree? 2. Who is the president of Princeton University? 3. Who painted "Breaking Home Ties"? 4. Identify "The Scissors of God." 5. What is a mitrailleuse? 6. Who wrote "The Rise of Silas Lapham"? 7. What is a sector? 8. What is a characteristic of Tudor architecture? 9. Where is Montidore? 10. Who was the first President of the United States born in New England?