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FINISH THE FRANKFORD LINE IT IS announced that the Frankford, elevated line could be put in condition for use in a comparatively short time...

THE SENATE COMEDIANS FOR Senators like J. Ham Lewis on the one side and Miles Poindexter on the other the gates of vaudeville yawn wide.

Does Mr. Poindexter read? Does he know what is going on in Europe? Does Mr. Lewis believe in monarchies?

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WHERE THE RUN EATS THE ELEMENTS GENERAL LUDENDORF'S frantic plea that the German people pray for rain in order to stem the advance of his foe is significant indication that the German defense on the Aisne front cannot hold back the Franco-American advance much longer.

When the break does come on the Bethel-Youner-Grand Pre line and its extension to the Meuse the reasons for Germany's anxiety for an armistice will be apparent.

Min hopes are therefore pinned on sufficiently powerful resistance in the departments of the Meuse and the Aisne to prevent the fatal operation of Foch's gigantic pincer.

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The recovery of Belgium is thrillingly near at hand. It touches the heart of the situation. But the real problem is not Belgium, it is the Aisne.

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THERE MUST BE ECONOMIC SELF-DETERMINATION

It is as important to the Big Nations as Political Self-Determination is to the Little Ones

THE principle of political self-determination, which is at the basis of the President's peace conditions, must be extended to include economic self-determination if there is to be any League of Nations to guarantee the future peace of the world.

Control of revenue legislation is an attribute of sovereignty. No state is likely to consent to surrender the right to exercise that attribute when and how it chooses.

The United States is committed to the protection of its home industries. The policy of protection has been at the bottom of every tariff law that has been passed in the last sixty years.

When peace comes it will be necessary for the nations which have suffered more than we to concentrate their attention on the rehabilitation of their industry. They must reproduce the wealth which has been destroyed by war.

Consequently it is imperative that the right of each nation to protect its own industries shall remain unimpaired by any agreements entered into at the peace table.

No one knows at this time how it is best to apply the protective policy to American industry when peace comes. We shall then be confronted by conditions the like of which the nation has never before faced.

In other words, intelligent self-interest will compel us to be a little less narrowly selfish in our foreign trade policies than we have been in the past.

There are immense possibilities in Russia and in China. The resources of those countries are almost inexhaustible. Energy and foresight, backed with capital, can create untold wealth in these countries.

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INDIRECT LIGHTING

EVERY ONE who lingers in Independence Square (and some of our very nice people have done so, from the day when Ben Franklin first coined the phrase "Let George do it") is familiar with the black lady cat that basks there in the sun.

But what we were about to say is that this same lady cat has recently had a litter of kittens, so the cop on point behind the State House told us.

War is in itself a comparatively simple and direct business. Its general rules are understood. The aims are clear. Ends and purposes can be defined according to age-old rules and precedents.

In England and in France, for instance, in Italy and even in the United States (tremendous moral and economic forces are being held in leash for years, pending the results of the war on the battlefields).

Every German note has not only a text but a pretext. What has happened to the poor old "weikin" we used to read about? Doesn't anybody ever ring it any more?

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STILL STRONG ENOUGH TO "THROW THE BULL"

WHEN that glad, day shall break to match "Before the War" with "Since the Peace."

And up I climb to twist new thence Across my cottage roof, while geese stand stilly there below and vex.

When peace time comes and horror's over, Despair and darkness like a dream.

Will it be over once for all, With no more killed and no more maimed?

With General D'Esperey at the Danube, the Austrian fluvial fleet has necessarily nothing whatever to bank on.

Now that the grip is checked, the first important step toward dispatching it by express has been encouragingly taken.

Conservation Hint One way for the Government to remedy the shortage of paper would be to prohibit its substitution for leather in shoe soles.

Higher Than the Highest When the Kaiser dubbed himself the All Highest he little recked where the price of sirloin steak would eventually go to Kansas City Star.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What two American officers now in active service have just been nominated to the rank of lieutenant general?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Albert was crowned on the throne of Belgium by Leopold II, his uncle.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 2. Cartridges are fired from used as pillars.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 3. Vinch, a Scotch dish, is smoke-cured haddock.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 4. "Eyes follow" is the law of retention, an eye for an eye.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 5. Hunsdon, after whom one of the German departments is named, is a character in the Washington dramatic trilogy and namesake of the "Hunsdon" brand of "The Walkers".

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 6. American geographers more often than any other name in the United States.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 7. The singular of the word is "cartridge".

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Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 10. Which is the larger state?



WHAT A CONGRESSMAN SEES

Semiceckly Letter Touching on the Washington Doings of Personalities Familiar to Philadelphians

By J. Hampton Moore

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23. CONGRESSMAN VAIRE is in love with his job on the Appropriations Committee. When the great deficiency bill was under consideration last week the down-town leader sat up with the Gillette and the Mondells at the committee table or conferred with Uncle Joe Cannon, who had charge of the measure for the Republicans.

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