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FINISH THE FRANKFORD LINE

18 announced that the Frankfor, elevated line could be put in condition for markets. use in a comparatively short time if the Government would consent to the delivery of the necessary material.

The money peeded is available and the men to do the work can be secured. So little material is required that its diversion to this necessary transportation line would not interfere with the war work. There is no apparent reason for refusing the muterial. Is it not about time the refusal was withdrawn?

The more we learn of France's attitude toward the German peace offer, the more we are convinced that Paris is in the Department of the Seine.

THE SENATE COMEDIANS

GOR Senators like J. Ham Lewis on the one side and Miles Poindexter on the other the gates of vaudeville vawn wide.

These are trying days, of course. The suntry should be cheered. If the Senate cultivates comedy at its sessions the people who read the newspapers are at least mitted to participate at the show. But dexter and Lewis, when they appear their accustomed turns, are still somehow disquieting. They aren't seemly. They belong elsewhere.

It was recently that Mr. Lewis bubbled od brought forth a resolution suggesting hat the making of peace and all the es essential thereto be left wholly to the President without any concurrence the Senate. This naive dismissal of ential principle of democratic govmt went unchallenged on the Demowife, side. Mr. Poindexter, at the oppoits pole from Mr. Lewis, would make it ble, under the resolutions which he ents whenever he has nothing else to for the President to do anything whater in the way of discussions with Germany. He even speaks of impeaching Mr.

Does Mr. Poindexter grad" Does be what is going on in Europe? Does Mr. Lewis believe in monarchies? One ald eliminate the Senate. Are we in a supposed to laugh at this of thing or are we supposed to cry?

Fortunately the majority of the Senate sears not to believe that this war is to settled for the benefit of the clouds of lders who are vital elements in the itical parties. The rest of the world is serned about it, too. Poindexter and show between them that neither party holds a monopoly of foolishness. bey aren't even amusing. They repret what you might call the supper turns to the vaudeville at Washington.

With the Allies thunderously nearing the reat goal of decision, Germany's attempted own for safety will count for little ! the big game's final score. There's a strong too, of her being penalized for hold-

WHERE THE HUN ENTREATS THE ELEMENTS

CENERAL LUDENDOR, FS frantis plea that the German people pray for aln in order to stem the advance of his be is algalificant indication that the Ger an defense on the Alsne front canno old back the Franco-American advance th longer. If the appearance of a deadck there were not specious it is exly doubtful whether the elements ould be so fervently invoked as an ally.

When the break does come on the Rethel. er-Grand Pre line and its extension o the Meuse the reasons for Germany's inxiety for an armistice will be ap-Control of the north is fast slipfrom her. The thrust to Oudenarde d the drive toward Ghent may render y line west of Antwerp and Brussel able. The loss of those cities, coupled the insufpent capture of Valenciennes southeast, will virtually is sure the ion of all French Flanders and n and save the Liege-Namur gatey, through which the Teutons began mpaign of 1914.

Hun hopes are therefore pinned on suffily powerful resistance in the departof the Meuse and the Aisne to prethe fatal operation of Foch's gigantic Should unfavorable offensive er, for which the preyers pray, interhe trap into which the Germans fall through the sudder loss of all stions and strategic railways in present deepest wedge in France something very close to a decision for the Ailies in the field. nder then that picked German holding this critical Alang bulrecovery of Belgium is thrill-It touches the heart

notions. But the real prob

THERE MUST BE ECONOMIC SELF-DETERMINATION

It Is as Important to the Big Nations Political Self-Determination Is to the Little Ones THE principle of political self-determi-

nation, which is at the basis of the President's peace conditions, must be extended to include economic selfdetermination 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. Control over imports is also an attribute of sovereignty on the right to exercise which all nations are likely to insist.

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. Republicaus and Democrats agree on it in practice, however much the Democrats may denounce it when they are not in a position to pass a tariff law. The nation is united in opposition to opening the American markets freely to the products of the poorly paid labor of Europe or of Asia. The standard of living here is higher than in other nations because the standard of wages is higher, and it has been possible to pay the wages because we have retained control of our domestic

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 and they must produce enough new wealth to meet the heavy taxes with which the nations will be saddled for the next fifty years. The energy let loose to fight for peace will have to be used in fighting for self-support in the generations to come. All the nations will seek new markets and there will be competition bitterer than any that has yet given vitality to international trade.

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. This does not mean that trade concessions are not to be made, but that they must be concessions granted willingly at the discretion of

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. We have lent seven billion dollars to the nations fighting with us. If this debt is to be paid, nay, if the interest on it is to be met, it will be necessary for us to adjust our tariff policy to the new conditions. We must accept payment in part, if not wholly, in goods in order that the international balances may be met without bankrupting any nation.

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. We must also would eliminate the President. The other | devote ourselves to assisting in the industrial development of the backward countries in order that the purchasing power of the world as a whole may be

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 and raise the standard of living so that every Chinese and every Russian will consume twice or three times what he consumes now and will exert himself to gratify his expanding tastes. Only in this way can the world recover the wealth that the last four years has destroyed and restore the old conditions of comfort and low taxes.

The most cursory examination of the situation makes it evident that the solution of the pressing economic problems will strain the capacities of the most skillful economic statesmen in all countries. Consequently it is the part of wisdom to leave each nation untrammeled by any hard and fast economic agreements in the peace treaties save so far as they may be necessary to preserve the economic freedom of each nation and to guarantee freedom of competition for all nations in the great undeveloped markets of the backward peo-

Civilization which regards them as L O. t'.-boats cannot do otherwise than ins'st that

CLEMENCEAU AND "KING SOLLERMAN" IS IT not at least joyously imaginable that Georges Clemenceau, -whose acquaintance with our literature is of long standing, was paraphrasing an American classic in his carelessly generous invitation to the Parisian populace to help theme'ves to huge stores of German guns and other captured trophles exhibited in the Place de la Concorde the other day? "Let everybody see them," profusely urged the Premier, "Let them touch them. Let them: carry them off. I have plenty more in

stock. Turning reverently to "Huckleberry Finn" we may find a similar instance of rapturous madference concerning what is ordinarily regarded as precious. Jim's" ready explanation of Solomon's startling decision to divide a baby into two equal parts in order to satisfy both of the alleged maternal claimants is based on his feelings as the father of a multitudinous family, and runs as follows: "What's a chile mo' er less to Solierman? Dey was plenty mo'!" Unquestionably the lavish-

nirs enough for all comers, springs from

the same sense of supreme surfeit. The hazarded guess that M. Clemenceau was subconsciously echoing a bit of Mark's characteristic philosophy would forge, if verified, another piquant link in the Franco-American entente.

"Food Prices Sour," bewails a headline; but those who have to pay are even more so

THE NEWER WAR

TO ASSUME that civilization will emerge from the midst of its pains and difficulties into a clear atmosphere of peace and quietude when the firing ceases in France s to fall into the most dangerous of errors. When the fighting stops and when the call is igsued for a peace conference. then-and not until then-will the world have reached the crucial hour and the major perils of its struggle for right and safety.

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 ageold rules and precedents. But such a peace as the world shall have to make in the near future must be evolved from complications far too intricate for a casual sum mary. At the instant when an armistice is arranged, whenever that may be, a war of opinion will rise everywhere in the world. General Foch, driving forward with the single purpose of destroying the German armies, is engaged in a task that is in many ways less difficult than the tasks soon to confront statesmen who are not similarly able to perceive all their goals or even to describe them.

In England and in France, for instance, n Italy and even in the United States tremendous moral and economic forces are being held silently in leash, as they have been held in leash for years, pending the results of the war on the battlefields. These forces are not reconciled and united for a common aim like the armies in France. They are opposed in many in They represent ideals and hope in conflict. In a general way, the silent agencies that will meet and clash at the peace conference will actually decide the future of civilization, since it will remainfor them to determine conditions that make for permanent peace or for another and a greater war.

The diplomatists who will be called upon o direct these new factors of the newer var do not as yet understand the forces which they will be called upon to con-For what theory of internationalism will England stand? To what nation shall be given the dominant voice at the peace conference? How shall the votes be allotted and allened in the final settlements and for what ends and for what theories of human relationships? To what extent will the new and powerful British Labor party in England and the similarly aspired political elements in France and Italy support their Governments in the settlement? What is to be done about Russia and what is to be done about the

Germany that will remain? No victories of arms can decide these things. It is easy to perceive that even after the war has been won by the Allies. after Germany is defeated and utterly humiliated, it will still be possible for the world of men to align themselves in one way or another-in understandings and agreements that may actually insure future peace or in antagonistic groups destined to settle down into the old hard lines behind barricades of pretudice, to wait the processes that will once again fling them at one another's throats.

In each of the Allied countries there is powerful group opinion ranged against powerful group opinion as the war draws o a close. Liberal opinion in England. in France and in Italy is demanding things that the more experienced conbecoming clearly divided. The President explicitly for the sort of international agreements that are sure to involve for the United States the loss of some of the advantages of our isolation and natural Mr. Lodge, Mr. Roosevelt and others believe with equal earnestness that we are better off in our isolation of interest and sims. These are not easy matters to decide. As the world struggles forward step by step it may see more of the true light. For the moment the actual results of the war seem as difficult to define as ever.

The galoutte have We Dan't been closed tight-Believe It or we were misin formed. And yet there have been more arrests for drunkenness in Philadelphia during the last ten days than ever before were reported for a similar period. One can only decide that the chaps you see leaning against convenient houses or riding in the burry-up wagon were intoxicated with joy when they read the news from the battlefront.

it is within the realism of possibility Not Identical that Germany's currest attitude of hu noticy may be based on a Junkeresque interpretation of the scriptural premise about the meek inheriting the earth. If so, it is well to remind her that with her Wotan and Freya lines her Christianity qualifications can hardly be rated bona fide.

Mexico subscribed Boods of Sympathy double her quota to the new Liberty Loan. Cuba went over the top, turned round and went "over the top" a second time. And yet there are those who refuse to believe that the peoples on this side of the world are growing to understand each

Germany is still The New Pattern awarding the war cross to her soldiers. But nowadays it is double.

Would You Sug- that there is a shortage of food in Gergest Cannibalism? many when the ountry seems filled with poor fish?

The Unconditional Sir

N RENDERING homage to Wilson's war wardship The Austrian Government called him Lordship:

Which title, however, won naught for the sender Of notes, who must simply learn how to

INDIRECT LIGHTING

EVERY ONE who loiters in Independence Square (and some of our very nicest people have done so, from the day when Ren Franklin first coined the phrase "Let George do it") is familiar with the black lady cut that basks there in the sun. She is black with that glossy, almost purple, blackness that brings good luck to the beholder, and when we accosted her yesterday she rubbed against our right leg. which we take to be a sign that Doctor Solf's note will not be acceptable to the President and that we will reach the bottom of this column safely. We are not superstitious about anything except black cats and having three meals a day.

But what we were about to say is that this same lady cut has recently had a litter of kittens, so the cop on point be hind the State House told us. We wish we could get one of those cuts, for cer tainly a black kitten born in Independence Source ought to bring good luck and make work unnecessary for the rest of one's life. But alas! we suppose the Colonial Dames have grabbed them off.

Summer in France

Somehow, it seems incredible While this dear country grieves; The indifference of the flowers And the laughter of the leaves CABOLINE GILTINAN. Office of the Chief Surgeon, A. E. F.

Synthetic Poem;

it's all right for a man To be absent-minded. But his mind shouldn't overstay his leave of absence.

To our dismay, no editorialist has yet isen to remark of Solf's pote, "The voice is Germany's voice, but the hands are the hands of Wilhelm." How can democracy be saved without

constant repetition of this ancient tag? Does tire editor of the Congressional

Record ever feel a pang because no one writes him little notes signed "Constant

Any nose-painting done in these days nust be done in water-colors.

Every German note has not only a text but a pretext.

What has happened to the poor old welkin" we used to read about? Doesn't anybody ever ring it any more? Or did Hertling melt it down to make muzzles for

This One Is Napoo Dear Socrates-Might one say that Ger-

many is training her voice by the teutonic olfa method?

ONE OF YOUR ENEMIES.

She Doubles in Brass

Germany, one might hazard, is getting lown to brass tactics.

Every time a German note comes across some amateur statesman is on hand to call it special pleading. But Foch believes that the treatment for

Germans is special bleeding.

the Hungarian goulash.

He Has No Taste for a Close-Up Hindenburg thought he had reduced Belgium to a still-life picture. It must be rather disconcerting to him to see the film

running again, and faster than ever Thoughts in a Hush House

Kaiser Karl seems to be strarting under

If only the German Government could see us resolutely shaking the last grains of sugar ou, of the restaurant's little envelope it would realize our grim determination to keep the watch on the saccharine.

Germany awaits President Wilson's next word in the same worried way that we watch the lunchroom walter as he sounches our check. We're always pipe-dreaming that maybe he'll punch a figure lower than we deserve. But he never does.

ing substitutes, but she will not be able to invent a substitute for military defeat. It coles to us as though the Kaiser will just have to chagrin and bear it.

Obits We Covet

Our Private List of Huns

The man whose hearse I'll view with gler Is the chap who borrows a match from me Then slips my box in his pocket quick And hands me back the burnt out stick. He says it is only absence of mind-

I call him a foe of human kind; And if the guy won't take this hint I'll have to use force without limit or stint These are the days for righting wrongs, Fil put his mind back where it belones

Lenine and Trotzky are so suspiciously silent that we can't help wondering whether they have eloped with the Bolshovik pay envelopes.

Echoes From Great Poets Of all the words of tongue or pen. These are most often said by men;

"Got a match?" And the saddest answer that can occur Is, "Only a Swedish tandsticker."

All this talk about unconditional surrender is bunk. There must be conditions to every surrender. Even the marriage service is full

of them. The only question is who is to impose said conditions.

You have to hand it to the Sweden for inventing indirect lighting. The most indirect kind of lighting imaginable. You scratch the whole boxful of their matches and then get your light from the little gas jet at the nearest cigar store, It must be sad for Dr. Wilhelm Solf to

reflect how he misread the bright lexicon

of his youth. We learn from Wer Ist's

(the Hun Who's Who) that the Doc spent quit the service. his youth in the study of lanskrit, Hindl, Urdu and Persian, at a seminary of Orien tal languages. He was all prepared to talk fluently with the Kaiser's Asiatic subjects: and now the Kaiser ain't a-going to have any Asiatic subjects. Life is often bitter,

WHAT A CONGRESSMAN SEES

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

By J. Hampton Moore

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23. Larmy service it was necessary for the CONGRESSMAN VARE to in love with When the great deficiency bill was under consideration last week the downtown leader sat up with the Gilletts and the Mondells at the committee table or conferred with Uncle Joe Cannon, who had charge of the measure for the Republicans. On the last day of the debate he joined the veteran from Illinois in paying reibute to the industry of Mr. Sherley, of Kentucky, the Democratic chairman of the | work in Washington for John C. Capers, of committee who by the way is meeting with flerce opposition in his candidacy for re-election. So anxious was the Philadelphia member to be on the job on the last day that he took the midnight train for the Quaker City on Thursday and returned on the first train out on Friday morning.

He had to step lively to do that.

I CHESTER W. HILL, former Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, doesn't look out he may run afoul of the nation's care taker in Washington, in the appeal to voters which he issues as secretary of the Pennsylvania Patriotic Union he sets up some pretty strong claims for Pennsylvania Republicanism in connection with war activities. To say that our great Republican State sends more soldiers overseas 'than all the southern States combined, in spite of the fact that the latter have three times our population." is calculated to sting. But to add that Pennsylvania last year paid more taxes "than any other State teliminating Wall street, which really belongs to the whole country) and more than twice as much as all the southern States combined," is going the limit. If Brer Tumulty or Mitchell Palmer, the allen property custodian, get hold of the Hill circular, it may go hard with the Penn sylvania Patriotic Union. Even members of Congress are not expected to take such liberties.

. . . . Somethings of a coincidence in the deaths a few days ago of Alexander Crow, Jr., and David R. Rirch. David was the son of Joseph C. Birch, one of the faithful court reporters of the Public Led ger in the days when Clayton'B. Fife, Thomas B. Price and Robert W. Lesley ran the court combination. Joe Birch died and his widow took up school teaching. "Sandy" Crow, then the leader of the Fifteenth Ward, was induced to interest himself in "Davy" Birch, the son, and one day, like a flash out of the pan, it was an nounced that Davy, who had come to be a cub reporter, was to become United States consul at Malaga, Spain. It was a big undertaking, but Davy went to Spain, then to Genoa, then to Alexandria, Egypt, and then to Bahla, Brazil Crow's influence at Washington waned with the changes that come and go in politics, but Dave Birch made good on his own account, until the regulations of the State Department made his last position an onerous one. He came to Washington and fought a singlehanded battle for what he deemed to be a square deal, but eventually concluded to

SENATOR PENROSE, now in daily con-ference with the Senate Pinasce Com-mittee, considering the \$5,000,000,000 revenue bill, has taken on a new secreta With the departure of Leighlon Taylor i

Senator to act, and act quickly. Corre spondence comes fast and furious in a senatorial office, especially when a revenue bill is under discussion, and the Senator saw his pile of letters mounting higher and higher. To take the place of Colonel Andrews, who was succeeded by John O'Brien, who was succeeded by Tayfor, the Senator appointed Charles P Swope, of Harrisburg, a clever young Pennsylvanian, who had done secretarial South Caroli of Internal Revenue under Roosevelt, and who thereafter was chief clerk of the bureau of engineering of the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania, Swope promptly connected with the Senator's office staff and together they attacked the mail accumulations and soon had things about normal. Swope is a Quaker-like chap, in appearance not unlike J. Henry Scattergood, of the Main Line, who has been doing his bit in reconstruction work in France; but they do say he is a close friend of Harry Baker, of the Republican State Committee, and has taken a leaf or two out of the book of Harry S. McDevitt. Therefore, it will not take him long to get in harness. With the advent of

the new secretary, and as if to celebrate

the occasion, came "Sammy" Dunbar, who

holds the outer door of the senatorial same-

tum in the Arcade Building. Sammy

looked up Joe Rodgers, who keeps tabe on

the Republican members of the House, and

before leaving Washington let it be known

that the Philadelphia situation was well in

hand.

STILL STRONG ENOUGH TO "THROW THE BULL"

THE liquor question has certainly had a fair share of attention is. Washington since the influenza epidemic struck the capital. There has been a demand for liquor, which only the drug stores and physicians could supply, and if rumor be true there has been some profiteering where "a little quinine" has been added. Even Baltimore has been closed to those of the national capital who had fallen into the habit of running over to the Maryland city to get their supplies. While the Prohibitionists stand firm, the politicians have proressed to see trouble ahead in the various "closing up" orders. We are told that "a side-door" business has started up in many cities that is proving exceedingly profitable. Philadelphia is mentioned in this connection. Pittsburgh is actually reported as angry because the workingmen have been denied their actustomed beverages. The hopes of the Bonniwell people have correspondingly increased. They think there is going to be a strong "wet" vote in consequence of the alleged inconvenience to which sick people have been put. Meanwhile Clarence Gibboney, of the Law and Order Society, is out in an appeal to Congress to go slow in taking the holdings of the liquor dealers without compensation, and Nell Bonner, of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, has been "doing Washington" in connection with recent "sone orders" about which Philadelphians have been advised. Tire advent of Lowry Humes, the Pittsburgh District Attorn how of the service, into the Pal hane brewery livestigation has an incident attracting political at

PEACE

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

Peace." And up I climb to twist new thatch Across my cottage roof, while geese Stand stiffly there below and vex The yard with hissing from long necks, In that immense release,

That shining day, shall we hear said:

New wars tomorrow, more men dead"! When peace time comes and horror's over, Despair and darkness like a dream, When fields are ripe with corn and clover, The cool white dairy full of cream, Shall we work happily in the sun. And think "It's over now and done." Or suddenly shall we seem To watch a second bristling shadow

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

maimed; Shall we be safe from terror's thrall, The eagle caged, the iton tamed; Or will the young of that vile brood The young ones also, suck up blood Unconquered, unashamed, Rising again with lust and thirse? Better we all had died at first, Better killed before our prime We rotted deep in earthly slime. Robert Graves, in the New Statesmen

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 mportant step toward dispatching it by express has been encouragingly taken.

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

Cleveland Plain Dealer. 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?

What two American officers now in service have just been nominated rank of lieutenant general?

Elysian Fields?

4. Who arete the utopian savel. "Looking Rackward":

5. What is the spinnaker of a beat?

6. What is the small instrument of ivery or said saed for plucking the strings of a beath, goltar or atther called?

7. Who hericard the finance of Liberty in Naw York liarber?

8. Who said "Public calamity is a mighty level"?

b. What premient figure in the French Revalu-lion and patter by Carble "The Sea-Green Incorposition" 10. Which is the Bayen State?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Albert was preceded up the throne of Rej-

Pinnen haddle. n Scotch dish. in smoke-cured

haddock.

6. "Lex tailouse"; the law of retailation, un ope for an eye.

9. Hunding, after whom one of the German defender lings is a manuel, is a character to the Wagnerian aperate teterology and branch husband of Sieglinde, heroins of "ble Walkore."