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RUM OR ROADS?
It is, of course, always possible to write volumes about the issues involved in a political campaign—even a Pennsylvania political campaign. Yet, on the whole, the simple facts are invariably the most eloquent.
The conspicuous fact in Judge Bonnell's candidacy is the Judge's enthusiastic opposition to prohibition.
Senator Sprague's campaign is made notable by the Senator's plea in behalf of the constitutional amendment which would give the State the right to expend \$20,000,000 on a system of road roads.
Between rum on the one hand and good roads on the other there can be only one choice.
Besides the President's reply to the German Government, there have been 99,816 human replies who have gone across since July 1. Both kinds are unanswerable.

PUTTING THE CLUBS TO BED
WE SHALL be immensely pleased if the Fuel Administration and Mr. Lewis will condescend to tell us what they have against the clubs—social, near-social and unusual—upon which the "zealous provisions of a curfew law are now to be imposed. To hustle all the club gentlemen home or to bed at 11 o'clock p. m., the hour when members are just becoming talkative, by the harsh expedient of turning off the lights, certainly will not aid in fuel conservation. The generators in the central plants must be kept going all night. Steam must be kept up. As the midnight hour approaches lights are turned off almost everywhere. There is current, so to speak, to burn.
Does Mr. Lewis wish merely to impose the lid upon the amateur war critics who are at their best—or their worst—after 11 at night in the smokers' room? Does he wish merely to shunt the armchair strategists off to bed where they can trouble no one?
If that is his intention we applaud it here and now. If, on the other hand, he believes that he is saving fuel we can only shudder and wait the time when the lights will be turned off in every private dwelling at 10 p. m. and when it will be a crime punishable by fine and imprisonment to heat the baby's milk after 11 o'clock at night.

In their unprecedented big game the Allies seem to be measuring their gains in extremely substantial square miles.
WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT
AFTER the British party leaders had said that the enfranchisement of women did not mean that they could be candidates for Parliament, the House of Commons passed a resolution by a majority of 249 in favor of admitting the women if elected.
Thus do the old prejudices break down. But why there should be prejudices against women lawmakers in a country which was ruled for two generations in the name of a queen it is difficult to understand. We are inclined to think that the female members of the House of Commons will get along very well if their male colleagues will remember Disraeli's famous explanation of his way of dealing with Gladstone. Gladstone, he used to say, treated the queen as a national institution, as he treated her as a woman and had trouble in persuading her to his way of thinking.
The Serbs are on the eve of avenging the capital crime of Belgrade.

THE SUSPENSION OF "FRATS"
THE fun of keeping secrets, to the envy and exclusion of those unbonded in intimacy, prompted alike the creation of Tom Bailey's "Centipedes" and Tom Sawyer's "Gang of Robbers" in literature the long-flourishing "frats" of American colleges. Of late years fraternities have been sometimes charged with stimulating the unwise revelry, not to say dissipation, but those which were true to the spirit which originally fostered their existence. Youth, which delights in the sense of youth mystery, youth, which finds its place at being grown up, was a psychic substitute of their charters.
The War Department's ban on "frats" at the University of Pennsylvania and elsewhere is therefore to be regarded less as a ban on the general character of these institutions than as a restatement of the truth that even the most innocent of which interferes with the serious business of war is intolerable at this moment. We call our soldiers in "boys." Nevertheless, they are engaged in the most tremendous task ever given the sane elements of the human race. Men are now drilling at the University. Their uniforms are the peace is restored, may be, but the peace is undoubtedly have its characteristicly peaceful and romantic, are referable to, per-

Philadelphia Agrees With Him That It Should Have a Forty-foot Channel and the Greatest Naval Station
ALL that is needed to double and treble the business of this port and to make the League Island Navy Yard the greatest naval station on this hemisphere is the determined purpose of the citizens of Philadelphia.
The natural advantages that this port offers are appreciated by shipping men. Before the war began Hog Island had been selected by a great shipping corporation as the site for a big system of docks and railroad terminals, after looking over the whole Atlantic seaboard for the most favorable location. The necessities of the war have compelled the building of the Hog Island plant not only as a terminal, but as a shipyard. We have its facilities now to supplement those which the city itself is providing. The Government has set aside \$10,000,000 for building drydocks here to accommodate the ships that will enter the port.
Every naval strategist who has expressed himself on the subject has agreed that the League Island Navy Yard is most admirably located for the development into the big naval base of the nation on the Atlantic. It is far enough from the sea to be safe from attack and it is within the limits of a city from which all the labor necessary can be drawn.
Rear Admiral Hughes, the new commandant at the yard, calls the attention of the city to the great future which awaits it. His belief in the advantages of League Island is to be expected, because he is a naval expert. What is more interesting is his belief in the commercial future of the city. He insists that a thirty-five-foot channel is not deep enough, but that a forty-foot channel should be demanded by the business men because it is needed to accommodate the biggest ships. He is urging us to go to Washington and insist on the necessary appropriation to secure that depth of water from Frankfort to the sea.
Every outsider who has studied the subject agrees on what should be done and on what can be done if we will do our part. This newspaper is persuaded that the business men of the city are determined to remove the blight from which the port has been suffering for years. Arrangements have already been made for a campaign in favor of the forty-foot channel and a meeting of the joint committees for the development of the port is to be held next week to perfect the details.
There never was a more opportune moment for carrying such an enterprise to a successful conclusion than the present. The Government is in sympathy with the project, for it is committed to the Hog Island terminal, which cannot be used to its full capacity without improving the river channel.
Philadelphia has had an object lesson in the way to do big things in a big way. It has been exposed to the contagion of the large view and it is not immune. Indeed, it has already become infected. Unless all signs fail, when peace comes we shall be found with a well-organized program for growth, based on the conviction that the nation needs another great port on the Atlantic, not to rival the port of New York, but to accommodate the business which New York is not big enough to take care of. As the interior of the country develops, the facilities for handling its exports and imports must develop along with it, unless there is to be stagnation. Our determination to serve the country and thus to benefit ourselves is the force which will finally overcome all difficulties and bring about a utilization of our unrivaled fresh-water harbor by the shipping of the world.
We have confidence in the outcome because we have confidence in the energy and initiative of Philadelphia.
These are busy days for Mr. Frederick Oederlin, who is charged with important affairs indeed, and his only recompense is "the renewed assurance" of Mr. Lansing's high consideration.

WHAT A CONGRESSMAN IS FOR
CONGRESSMAN DELANEY, of New York, is grieved because Secretary Baker did not consent to his entrance into the army. Delaney sought a commission as a lieutenant in the quartermaster's department, and when it did not come he called on the Secretary.
Mr. Baker told him that no commissions would be issued to Congressmen. "If all the Congressmen got commissions," asked the Secretary, "who would be left to pass the appropriation bills?"
Now we know what the War Department thinks Congressmen are for.

THE PACIFIC IS ITSELF AGAIN
TRUTH supplants irony in the nomenclature of the globe's largest body of water. Secretary Daniels has announced the lifting of the censorship ban concerning the movements of all vessels, save warships and transports plowing the vast waters that lie between San Francisco and Sydney, Vladivostok and Valparaiso, Portland and Papeete.
In other words, the Pacific Ocean, so far as peril to freedom is concerned, is out of the war. The name which Balboa bestowed upon it once more has the ring of honesty. It was indeed an ungenerous role which, in many of its stretches, the serene sea was forced to play when the Karlsruhe outraged it with piracy, when von Spee's fleet, heading for its doom under the guns of Sturdee, attempted to shoot up the Society Islands prior to trapping the stricken Craddock off Chile.
The Pacific is no mollycoddler—far from it—but its annual, richly stored with both passion and romance, are referable to, per-

PHILADELPHIA'S SWEET CIDER
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Imagine my amazement, therefore, when Prince Max took me through the War Office and the apartments of the cabinet ministers, and I realized the immensity of my task. The desk of Hindenburg, for instance, was in a state to appal any professional desk excavator. Hindy was absent and Prince Max pointed to the pigeon-holes with a pathetic gesture. "There," he said, "you see the kind of job before you. In that desk Hindy has 300 drafts of the conditions of an armistice. Every one of them has been discarded, as I know that Poch won't listen to them; but old Hindy wistfully keeps them cluttering up his office. In this filing case he has seventy-five vouchers for the indemnity France is to pay us, made out in decreasing sums according as he withdraws his lines. I have been telling him that he'd better stop his calculations or he'll find that indemnity becoming a negative figure. But he's a persistent old dear. Here you observe" the rummaged in the mountain of documents on the table "is a chart showing the progress of swimming lessons among the Landsturm, in case it should be necessary to get them rapidly across the Rhine. Now Hindy will never clean up this stuff; while he's away I want you to see what you can do. I think, though, you'd better save these two." He pointed to an English Phrase Book and a brightly illustrated booklet, "Summer Lodgings on St. Helena," issued by the St. Helena Business Men's Association.

NEARING THE DAY OF BRUSSELS
AS THE shackles fall from traduced Belgium the belief exists there that King Albert will celebrate his birthday anniversary on November 13 in Brussels. Moreover his epic chronicle of the Law Countries with a masterpiece of verbal tapestry depicting the elaborately set and proclaimed of Philip II as ruler in the Flemish capital in 1555. But the splendor of that scene was largely a mockery. Lip service only was accorded to the tyrannous representative of the Hapsburg, near the great square where but a few years later the patriots Egmont and Horn were to be ruthlessly sacrificed.
The glory of King Albert's return will be quickened with the spirit of eternal freedom and eternal truth. The accompanying pageant, however the long-oppressed Brusselsians may capitalize their remaining resources for festival, will be totally unable to approximate the thrilling significance of the greatest day in the annals of a great city and an imperishable nation. Consideration of the rebirth of Belgium impoverishes mere words.
Already the land is restored in embryo. Its partial liberation is to be formally signaled tomorrow, and very shortly the official capital will be removed to Bruges from its exile in generous Havre. Belgium, though not yet regrown to its full estate, exists again. Venerable Bruges is honored in being the first of its larger cities to be emancipated. Its tenure of a noble office fires the imagination and prepares it for the still greater triumph of the right, shortly and inevitably to be inscribed on the roll of history.

The Oppressed Under a dramatic photograph of the Czechoslovak leaders assembled here for an epochal convention one newspaper had a descriptive line to tell its readers that they there beheld the chief representatives of sorely oppressed peoples. In the very foreground, more conspicuously present than any Czechoslovak, appeared Mayor Smith. And yet you will find people who say that newspapers do not always tell truth!

A Place for Them There will be a comfortable place on the edge of civilization for the Kaiser and the princes and the junkers when the Allies are through with them. There is said to be an amazing shortage of pretzel varnishers at Hoboken.

Think Again! Germany is mourning at the prospect of a "peace by violence." Let's see, let's see! What was the Power which held that violence was the surest method to peace and safety for itself?

Feminine Dictation In spite of the fact the men's hat styles are to be plainer and that their variety will be reduced, some pretty reasons on the boulevards still make it necessary that all brims should be tipped.

No Trace at Home! In Washington there are Senators and Congressmen who have adopted this war slogan: "No peace with the President!"
We never realized how much we enjoy the stage and the film until we had to go without them for a few weeks.
Hungarians are now said to be seeking a separate peace, but what they want is an independent piece—of Austria-Hungary.

Loath as she may be to confess it, Germany, by this time, must realize who will put the win in the winter now ruthlessly approaching.
We knew it all along, but the fact that gallant, democratic King Albert is one of the plane people was demonstrated more conclusively than ever on the day when he flew over Bruges.
It is as certain as taxes that the German people are going to get thoroughly soaked if the kind of reign now prevalent in their country keeps up.
The Interstate Commerce Commission insists that it has the right to revise Mr. McAdoo's freight rates. The Commissioners would better watch out or they will be accused of lese majeste.

The pen may not be mightier than the sword, but when the sword of Foch backs up what the pen of Wilson writes we have an invincible combination.
Acting Superintendent of Police Mills says that he will enforce all the health ordinances; but why was it necessary to wait for the epidemic of "flu" before deciding that they ought to be enforced?
The Bureau of Municipal Research has begun to attack the peripatetic salaried chair pads in the City Hall offices. It says that they are slackers who delay peace. They also absorb money that ought to be used to pay living salaries to the men who actually do the work.
The Democratic National Committee is campaigning, for it is asking for campaign contributions to help elect a Democratic Congress next Berlin should be encouraged. It is not troubled so much about what Berlin will think of a Republican victory as with what the ousted Democrats will think.

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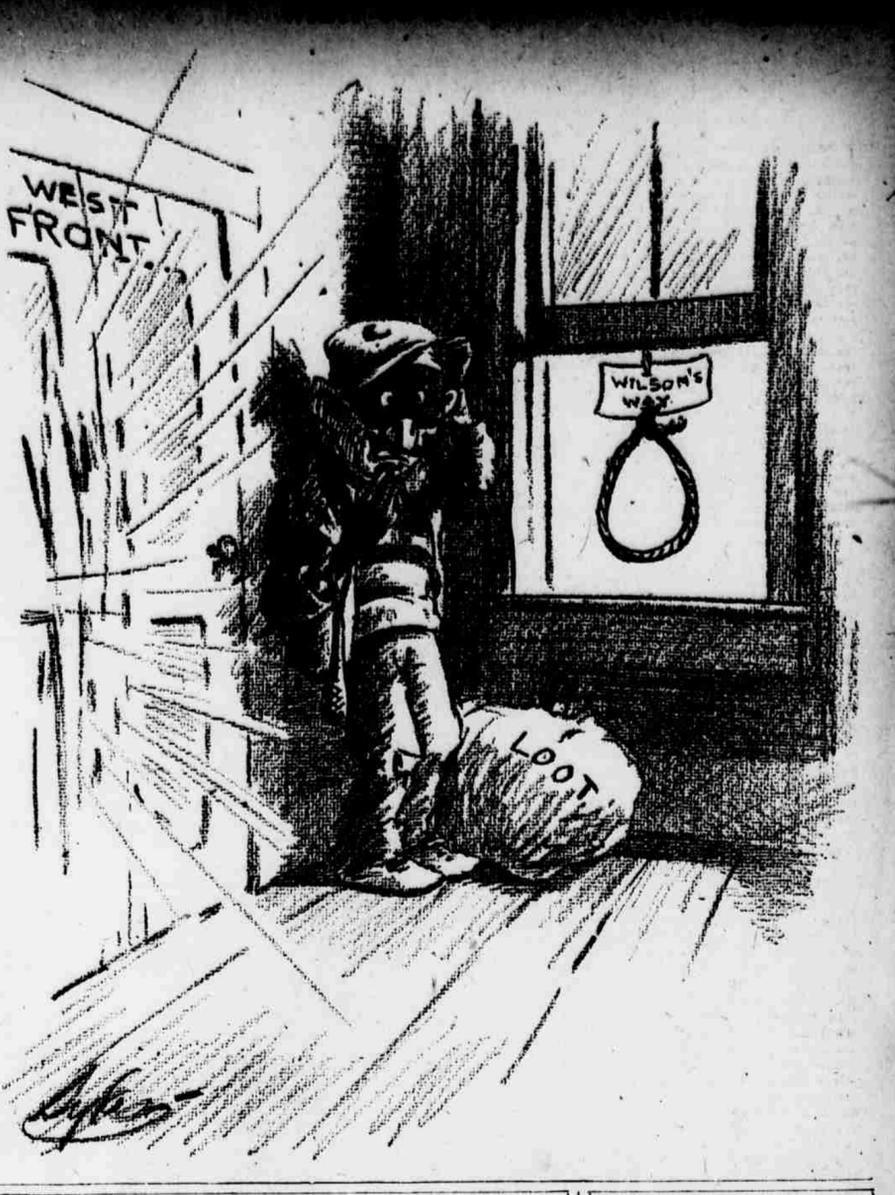
And poor Solf! said Max tenderly, as we approached the office of the Secretary for Foreign Affairs. "His over at Potsdam this evening, sitting up with the Kaiser, who has a bad headache. His desk was in a terrible condition when he took it over from Kuehlmann, but it is indescribable now."
It was indeed, I glanced over it with practiced eye and ran through some of the papers piled up. I saw an album of photographs called "Peaceful Scenes Along the Berlin-Bagdad Railway"; expense accounts of firing squads loaned to Lenin and Trotsky; vouchers for the burial fees of German governors in Ukraine and ambassadors in Moscow; a schedule of salaries to be allowed the Kings of Courland, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland; a photograph of Woodrow Wilson which was much thumbed it had evidently been scrutinized with great care; and several rough drafts of a letter beginning Dear President Wilson, the veritable representatives of the German people in overwhelming majority assembled. I noticed also a letter from Lenin complaining that several weeks' salary were overdue, and a drawerful of half-written notes addressed Mr. Frederick Oederlin, Washington, D. C.
"Anything you find in Doctor Solf's desk relating to the colonies may safely be destroyed," said Max. "I am given to understand by Herr Balfour that Solf will have no further need for them. That will simplify your task a little."

The severity of the disease has varied greatly; some epidemics are very mild, others have been severe. Influenza has embraced America in several pandemics. In his remarkable work on epidemic diseases, published in Hartford in 1799, Noah Webster locates the first American epidemic of which he could find an account in 1847. It passed through the whole country and extended to the West Indies. There were between 5000 and 6000 deaths in Barbados and St. Kitts. In 1855 a second severe epidemic occurred in America. Benjamin Rush described an epidemic in 1749 in Philadelphia, which was brought there by members of the First Congress, which had assembled in New York. Daniel Drake records a widespread epidemic in the West in 1807.

The history of epidemics of influenza does not differ so much from that of other diseases spread by human intercourse that are usually called contagious. A widespread epidemic follows the introduction of a specially virulent virus, and there follows a general immunity among those of the population who have been infected. As the epidemic dies out the infection decreases in virulence and only sporadic cases occur. From such cases and probably chronic carriers local outbreaks occur, but the general immunity prevents any general epidemic. After a period of years a new susceptible population has replaced the immune one, and with the introduction of a fresh virulent virus a general epidemic is again brought about. This would account for the great susceptibility of young persons, and as it is twenty-eight years since the last great epidemic we should not expect many individuals above thirty years of age to be now affected.

The causative agent of epidemic influenza has not been certainly recognized. The attachment of the name "influenza bacillus" to a small bacillus described by Pfeiffer in 1892 has been followed by its frequent reception as the actual specific agent. There is, however, much uncertainty as to its etiological role. It is to be hoped that the study of the present epidemic may lead to some certain knowledge regarding the essential cause of the disease. This should enable us to determine whether the endemic cases and those of limited mild epidemics are really identical with the ones observed in the great periodic outbreaks.

The cases in the present epidemic begin usually quite suddenly with pain in the head, back, eyes, limbs and joints, with the pulse there is great prostration, shill-



Oliver Cromwell Died of the Grip

The Disease Has Become Epidemic Periodically for Several Centuries—Members of the First Congress Brought It to Philadelphia in 1789

UNDER various names epidemic disease corresponding to epidemic influenza have occurred at irregular intervals since accurate descriptions have been made of disease. It is likely that at still earlier times this disease was combined and confused with other epidemic disorders and so did not stand out as an entity until a relatively modern period. In early English literature this disease is spoken of under a variety of terms. "Creighton (Creighton: History of Epidemics in Britain, 1894) recognizes it under the name "ague," used by the British seventeenth century authors. In 1838 Creighton the country was "one vast hospital." The Italian term "influenza" first came to England in association with the epidemic of 1745, and it has been employed in connection with the great epidemics of 1833, 1847 and 1889-90.
About 1712 the French term "la grippe" came into use and has been periodically revived ever since. The great pandemics usually originated in the Far East and gradually extended westward. The rate of human travel and the degree of intercourse between various parts of the world determined the rapidity of the extension. Besides the great pandemics scarcely a year has passed without local outbreaks, which have been classed under the term "influenza" whether these are identical with the more widespread epidemics it is impossible to say.

The incubation period in these influenzas is probably very short, but it is difficult to obtain accurate figures on this point. The disease is probably spread entirely by contact infection, the virus of the disease being dispersed by short distances through droplets driven into the air in coughing and sneezing. Circumstances which favor this means of spread, such as crowding in cars, favor the spread of the disease. The measures to be taken to prevent the spread of the disease comprise all those which interfere with the transfer of the infectious material from the sick to the uninfected. This includes isolation of the patient, and the intelligent use of proper gauze masks by the attendant. In the time of an epidemic, prompt and efficient isolation of the first cases in a company could accomplish much. If this has been neglected and the infection has spread among the population, measures which prevent the coming together of numbers of persons in close quarters are to be employed. The desirability of closing schools in a large city in the presence of an epidemic is a measure of doubtful value. In smaller places this is more reasonable, and the danger of infection when children are outdoors should be less than when they are brought together in a school-room. Journal of the American Medical Association.

POETS KILLED IN BATTLE

LIFE had not paled for them: this is the worst.
Still glad and eager, still unsatisfied,
Keening to hunger, swift to sudden thirst
For more and more and more of life—
they died.
Their minds were thrilling daily at new doors,
Their lips and fingers finding fresh delight;
They walked bewildered at earth's sweets and stores
Through sunny mornings . . . then the sudden night.
Surely within that clay some pulse must hide,
The stricken dream a little while beat on,
Some deep, impassioned hunger still abide
For friend and face and field, for dusk and dawn . . .
Ah, Earth and Sky, you that they loved
So praise,
Be tender with that dust for certain days.
—David Morton in the New York Sun.

Battle Mines

France should have a new industry after this war, especially if the expenditure of shells continues another year or two. Each side, it is said, has used, since March 21, more than 3,000,000 tons of steel in various sorts of shells. The aggregate of steel buried in the battle zone almost might make that strip a Mesaba mine. And the metal to be reclaimed would not be raw ore, or even pig iron, but finished steel.
The battle zone, if lost for decades to agriculture, ought to prove valuable as a mine and a storehouse. Literally the major portion of the steel produced by four industrial nations will have been sown in that zone for a term of years. The dead weight of the stuff is simply stupendous, enough, in fact, to mineralize every acre that has been fought over. Drenched in steel those square miles of battlefield have been, until the reclamation of the metal should amount to millions of dollars in worth. The Germans, who have exploited the captured mines of Brley, are transferring the product in a refined shape to the Picardese countryside. (Ihema, perhaps, can be rebuilt from the price of the metals shot into her.—Minneapolis Journal.)

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ**
1. What two houses compose the French Parliament?
 2. Who was Vice President during McKinley's first term?
 3. Of whom was it said "No man was more foolish when he had not a pen in his hand or more wise when he had?"
 4. What is another name for the Nebel River?
 5. What celebrated French painter of the eighteenth century was born in Valenciennes?
 6. Who wrote "The Virginians"?
 7. What is a carcase?
 8. What is the meaning of "excess" in the slang expression of a star?
 9. How many carats make the standard for pure gold?
 10. Who is the leader now in the United States of the Czechs-Slovaks?

- Answers to Yesterday's Quiz**
1. The House of Representatives and the Senate.
 2. John Adams.
 3. Benjamin Franklin.
 4. The Rhine.
 5. Jean-Baptiste-Simeon Chardin.
 6. William Faulkner.
 7. A carcass.
 8. A star.
 9. 24.
 10. Jan Masaryk.