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### THREE LETTERS MR. WILSON SHOULD WRITE

THE President has written to Demo cratic Candidate Hennessy, of New Jersey, expressing the hope that he will suc in defeating Republican Senator Baird for re-election, as Mr. Baird voted against the suffrage amendment to the Constitution, although supporting the President on all real war measures

Benator Saulsbury, of Delaware; Senator Sankhead, of Alabama, and Senator Shields, of Tennessee, all Democrats, also voted against the suffrage amendment and are seeking re-election.

Has the President written letters to their Republican opponents expressing the hope that they may be elected because these Senators have had the temerity to vote contrary to his wish?

No teachers and no children with symptoms of the grip are to be admitted to schools, and if there are any cases of grip in their homes they are not to be admitted either. This is the right way to keep the

### CONTRASTS UNDER THE EPIDEMIC

STERN, dispassionate moralists may view the generally admirable behavior of manifold Philadelphia enterprises during the period of the closing ban occasioned by the influenza epidemic as a "mere performance" of plain duty. Fidelity to the sigdifference of that word, which no less an authority on it than Robert E. Lee called "the sublimest in our language," is still sufficiently rare to warrant something more than conventional recognition.

It is true, of course, that the embarge was dictated by the urgent principle of human safety first, and that protests sealnst it were in danger of classification as heartless commercialism. Nevertheless. the hardships under which virtually all legitimate business labored were very considerable, and the temptation to complain of the depression was tryingly existent. Resistance to it on the part of business men generally, managers of stores large and small, which suffered severely in decreasing patronage during the height of the plague, theatres entirely closed. shurches shut for the first time in several revealed a high sense of respect for order and security akin to the commendable temper of the whole country during the gasless Sunday era.

The sole blot on this fine record has been the attitude of those saloonkeepers whose tactics served as a striking example of gross selfishness.

Now that the ban is lifted and th scourge is pust, it is heartening to observe how cheerfully business and the other usual concerns of daily life have been resed with a vigor that shows the indomtably optimistic spirit of the people of this busy and productive section.

That fire smoldering in a 50,000-ton pile of coal at a P. R. T. powerhouse is a mere plow worm in comparison with the fires of gastion that are smoldering in the hear overy loyal Republican, ready to break

### WILSON REPUDIATES FREE TRADE

THAT the President meant when in his peace terms he said that all economic seriers should be removed and the estab-ment of an equality of trade conditions one nations should be secured is now ade clear after many months of effort to tain from him an elucidation of what

in his mind. r. Wilson says in letters to Senator k and Simmons that he does not Wee trade, but that there must be no trade discriminations by one nation t another, "such actions of discrim being left to the joint actions of ions for the purpose of disciplining who will not submit to the general m of justice and equity." is to be left to determine its own policy, whether based on protecfree trade, limited only by a restricby international agreement on its another nation, independent of the in the proposed League of Nations. ent is not quite fair, however be writes to Senator Hitchcock that he used in his January speech ectly clear to any honest mind. were not clear. Every international them as an indorsement of his pet and congratulated himself on the of having the influence of the of the United States used to trade upon the world by an in-l agreement. The President to blasse for the misunderstandtempt to induce him to me an elear that no one co

### THE WARS END

Swift Disintegration in Germany and Solf's

Latest Note Bring It Nearer IT SEEMS plain now that the end of the war is near. Austria's withdrawal vesterday with the long-expected plea for a separate peace has left the battered structure of the German military government wavering alone, desolate and forbidding, like the unprotected ruin of a house in a great storm.

Ludendorff, the central prop, has been swept away. With him must go whatever shreds of hope the uniformed lunatics higher up had retained thus far. Doctor Solf's note to President Wilson was a fitting accompaniment to the Ludendorff incident. It was an appropriate emanation from a capital that is full of the noise of falling things.

In one aspect the note seems like a gasp for time. In another it appears to suggest the final, utterly weary surrender of men dazed by the speed and terror of events about them. The searing arraignment of militaristic Germany in Mr. Wilson's last note is not answered. No reply is made to the specific requirements of the President's message. Very properly, however, the President might refer Doctor Solf's note to General Foch with the suggestion for a statement of terms necessary to an armistice.

There are indications that no conditions would be too hard for Germany's acceptance and that the men now in charge of affairs at Rerlin are marely trying to save what they can from the general wreck. That they are ready to throw the Emperor overboard if need be seems apparent. They probably will give all the Hohenzollerns to the deep waters if the occasion demands it. Solf's note may prove merely the formality necessary to a statement of armistice conditions, and it seems reasonable to suppose that such a statement would not be invited if the Berlin Government was not preparing to acquiesce in every suggested provision. For there is little more fight left in Germany.

The half-comic, half-terrible machinery of the German military autocracy, as it is revealed in the light of passing events, is unquestionably the most picturesque ruin of any age. Colossal forces are battering it from every side. Ominously in the news from Budapest yesterday there glinted a reference to "committees of soldiers and workmen." These five simple words must be adequate to chill the hearts of the men in authority at Berlin, since they show finally that Bolshevism, that last frenzied recourse of agonized humanity, is sweeping in from Russia to send up its yell at the doors of palaces heretofore secure. And that is not all. American diplomacy has created new forces that menace the German leaders at home. As France and Belgium are being liberated with the Allied advance, so public opinion in Germany is being liberated to make itself felt with the accumulated energy consequent upon long repression.

Solf and his associates are feeling the driving power of this novel factor in German affairs. Undoubtedly they are engaged in fumbling efforts to set up a sort of civil government that shall be something more than a sham and a pretense. Mr. Wilson and the other Allied statesmen have the better knowledge of the present situation in Germany that is with the secret servi lomatic correspondence. They alone can properly interpret Solf's latest note. If they have found that a flat demand by Foch for the Kaiser's abdication, or for even his surrender as a condition of armistice, is necessary to inspire the German nation to the complete elimination of the Hohenzollern influence, the appeal for an armistice may be referred without delay to the commander of the Allied forces as a matter of expediency. The enforcement of all of the sweeping conditions defined by Mr. Wilson, which have wrung no single word of objection from the Germany with which we now are dealing, might then be left for enforcement to the representatives of the Allied military forces. It is conceivable that this arrangement would be more comfortable for the unfortunate officials at Berlin who have now to deal with their own people. It is not likely that in any event the President will discontinue the processes which are tending to peace. The Germans may wish to await the statement of conditions by General Foch before they attempt to haggle and bargain. But haggling and bargaining precede every armistice in the field and

peace is never long delayed. In this connection it is well to rememer that, though we in this country have already given and suffered much, France, England and Italy have given and suffered more. Approximately 1,000,000 Englishmen have died in the battles of this war. More than 1,700,000 Frenchmen have been killed since the war began. Europe is black with mourning. And the desires of the nations that have been longest pitted against Germany must of necessity weigh heavily with those who have it in their power to decide when the Germans have been adequately punished. President Wilson has had this to consider from the first.

Spell it how you will, the once formidable "roar" of emperor now seems hardly nore than a pitiful squeak.

### WOMEN VOTERS IN NEW YORK

THE complete registration returns fo New York show that a total of 2,916,974 persons are qualified to vote next Tuesday. The total vote for Governor in 1916 was 1.715.768. The difference between the vote two years ago and the registration this is due to the enfranchisement of

#### to double that of previous years, because he names of all the women voters have

been put on the roll. In the cities, where personal registration is required, the proportion of women who have qualified for Dispetch From Our Special Correspondent voting is comparatively small. In New

York County, for example, there were 270. 000 votes cast in 1916. The registration this year is only 364,000, or an increase of 94,000. If all the women had registered Grand Crown Council held in Berlin the there would have been an increase of 270,-Suffrage thus works out in New York in way to make it possible to double the only defeated. Also the question of what Republican vote in the Republican strongto do with the Kaiser was on the table. holds while in the cities, where the Demo-Rosner and I met Wilhelm in the ante crats are in a majority, the vote will not be increased even fifty per cent. The rewhen I saw him last and was carrying a

absolutely certain. In the hungry capital of Austria it seem seems to agree with you." be a case of not so much Vienna bakery

suit case.

## MORE BONNIWELL BUNK

election of Governor Whitman seems to be

000 at least.

as Vienna beggary.

THE palm must be awarded to Judge Bonniwell as the supreme political bunk

artist in the Commonwealth. His statement of what he will "require the General Assembly to do next winter is a gem of purest bunk serene coming from the dark unfathomed caves of the judge's

As a matter of fact, he will be in no posttion to "require" the General Assembly to do anything, not even to remove the Mayor and permit him to appoint a man to fill his place. A Governor's powers are well defined by the Constitution, and unless perverted they do not permit of this kind of action.

After having been The Isles of but two years under the American flag the "I'll Help" Virgin Islands purchase \$56,000 worth of the fourth Liberty Loan. It would be interesting to know how much the German colony of East Africa subscribed for Hun bonds before General Smuts put a stop to any monetary campaigning for the Kalser in that once oppressed

The only disconcert-All's Vare in ing aspect of Doctor Krusen's urgent re-Peace and War quest that the citizens of Philadelphia themselves shall endeavor to keep the public thoroughfares tidy is that "the largest street-cleaning contractor in the world" may be able to blow of having the "globe's largest corps of voluntary assist-

In her present mood it would be hard to Plenty of convince Germany Light in Europe that an alleged short of power was an issue in Philadelphia. She has a highly vivid impression of the dynamic energy of Pennsylvania when transported to the battlefield.

"Utter Disillusionbe eaten," declares ment" of the Check Mr. Hoover, "with the war in mind," and all restaurant natrons promptly qualify as patriots. The prevailing food prices make forgetfulness of the conflict bitterly and conclusively impossible.

Whatever policies And the Tariff whether of free trade or its antithesis, the Will Be High Entente nations may eventually decide upon, it is undeniable that the German people at this moment look longingly toward them for protection.

The lifting of the bar on the movies tomorrow will give a new life to the industry which culminates in publishing the bans.

"Saloon Men Out for Bonniwell," says headline. They are likely to be out be

Germany's diplomatic correspondence, once so sulphurous, is now merely Solferous and most supplicatingly so.

The Berlin National Zeitung seems to ntimate that "Gott mit uns" means that He has given the Kaiser the mitten. The Kaiser was going to rule the world.

and now it is said he will be content if only they will let him retain the empty title of

spirits from the vasty deep will be at last availing. Instead of entering Paris in triumph it ooks as if the Kaiser would be escorted ou

Beginning tomorrow the persistent ef-

forts of dusty-throated Philadelphians to call

Berlin in diagrace, as the latest member the great Couldn't-Put-It-Over Club. Why does not Bonniwell, who is a magtic speaker, offer to stop political spellbinding and turn his power plant over to

the Philadelphia Electrical Company in the

present crisis? They are soon to have an election in England; but they have had a coalition Gov ernment there for a long time, so nobody can say that his party must be supported or pain of giving aid and comfort to the enemy,

That was a pertinent question which nator Knox put when he asked whether i is the will of the American people or the will of Woodrow Wilson that is to determine the policy of the United States.

On the theory that only the wicked love rieness rather than light, the theatres which open tomorrow after nearly four reeks of inactivity, can't be such bad places In breathlessly demanding a separate

ace Austria shows a nice appreciation of just the kind of peace she is going to get when she is separated from the long misruled Czecho-Blovaks and Jugo-Blavs. And the Ship Salls On The elephant trumpets, the donkey brays.

And these seem terribly parlous days

That thus is election ev'ry year.

Nothing Easier Mother—I hear that Harry Smith is the worst boy in school, so I want you to keep as far away from him as possible.

Temmy—I do, ma. He is always at the

## THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

KAISER PREPARES TO WEAR MUFT! SON BORROWS FROM HARDEN

A German Abdication Center, Oct. 28. THANKS to my friendship for Karl Ros ner, I was privileged to attend the other day. All the crowned skulls of the Empire were present, also a few of the brains. The business of the meeting was to discuss whether Germany was licked or hamber. He was looking stouter than

"You're looking well," I said. "Put on weight, haven't you? This sort of thing

He smiled faintly. "I've got my civiliar clothes on under my uniform," he said. "! thought it best to be prepared for any emergency. Abdication is rather simplified if it simply means taking off one's coat and trousers. It was dashed good luck I kept my civilian suit, wasn't it? It's virtually new, too. I don't think I've worn it more than once. That was in 1908. Dear me, how time flies!"

"Doesn't it!" I said. "Almost as fast as he Death's Head Hussars."

Wilhelm looked pained, "You mustn't nake fun of poor Willie," he said. "He's having a deuce of a time. You know he never had any civilian clothes at all, and now he's trying to get some made for him n a hurry. The tailor says he can only make them of paper. Imagine Willie's shanks in a pair of brown paper breeks!" "Never mind." I said. "St. Helena is a warm climate, I believe."

(TT'S all very embarrassing," he said. "I hardly know what the etiquette is for an occasion of this sort. It is something I was never prepared for. Do you suppose Liebknecht would lend me ar extra pair of trousers? I hardly like to go away with only one pair. And I suppose Liebknecht will have spilled soup all over them. Those Socialists are such careless

"My dear chap," I said, "perhaps every thing will work out all right. Very likely you won't have to go away at all. You know, it doesn't make much difference what sort of trousers a fellow is guillotined in. No one is disposed to be hypercritical at a time like that. The utmost leniency and good feeling always prevails on such occasions."

He looked a bit staggered, but Rosner whispered to him. I could not help overhearing, "American humor," said Rosner 'You must play up to it or you'll never get preferred position on the front page." "Oh, yes," said Wilhelm. "The guillotine

eh? Dear, dear, and I shaved this morning. What a waste of time" To tell the truth, I thought better of him

for this. After all, he has only made the worst of a bad job. "You Americans have such a robust

ense of humor," Wilhelm said. "It's a bit verpowering at times. Now that man Wilson, when he called me 'the Intolerable Thing of which the masters of Germany have shown us the ugly face.' Don't you think that's a bit stiff? But perhaps I am a little morbid today. You know I am going to lose Rosner, and I feel dreadfully about it. I don't know what I shall do without him."

"Is that so?" I said. "I hadn't heard. "What are you going to do, Karl?" "I've been offered a perfectly corking job as publicity man for a Swedish match

factory." he said. "Well," said the Kaiser, "I didn't feel I could stand in Karl's way since there is a chance for his advancement. But things von't be the same. However, he shall hav a brand of fountain pen named after him

in honor of his services." OF COURSE," said Wilhelm," "I'm al ways willing to admit it when I'm right, but in this case I seem to have had things doped out wrong. Naturally, I'm not a bit keen on abdicating. It seems

rather a plebelan thing to do, don't you think?" "It has been done in some of the very best families." I said.

"If I do abdicate I shall do so with my fingers crossed, so that if things should turn out our way I can repudiate it."

"I hope," I said, "that if you are guil lotined you will also keep your fingers crossed. Then if they should find a mistake had been made it would be all right." "The point is this," he said. "Why

should I abdicate? Why not simply change the name of my office? Why, as far as I can see, a President has infinitely more power than a Kaiser. Now, why shouldn't I be a President who wears unlforms? I wouldn't mind a bit being a kind of hereditary President of a German republic. The sort of king Albert of Belgium is you know."

"That's easy," I said. "Just give the Allies three months inside your frontiers, old chap, and you'll feel a good deal like Albert."

FROM the council chamber we heard the sounds of tables being pounded and violent arguments proceeding. "In grim times like these no scruple of taste-" Solf's voice was saying. Some one else shouted "Foch!" in a hoarse voice. A'third gutteral kept re-

peating, "Bean him!" "Perhaps we'd better go to the meeting," Rosner suggested.

"I think I prefer to stay out here," said Wilhelm. "Solf and Max and those chaps have been rather rude lately, and I don't want to run any risk of being insulted in public. Listen to them shouting should Foch. In the old days it used to be Hoch. not Foch! It's pretty rough. I'm not master any longer; and as for Ludy, he's not even quartermaster. He's quit. He says the game's up."

Just then the Crown Prince rushed in carrying a paper parcel. "It's all right, dad," he cried. "Go as far as you like. I've borrowed a suit of tweeds from Harden. Give them the once over."

Rosner and I went in to the council cham ber, leaving the elated royal pair sitting on footstools in the antercoom comparing notes. As the Crown Prince unwrapped his precious bundle I heard him say. "How the levil do you put 'em on?" SOCRATES.

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THE HOMECOMING

## TRAVELS IN PHILADELPHIA

By Christopher Morley

brushes. And the Navy Yard's bulletin board, near by, always has interesting require-ments: Wasted, for United States navel

training camp, seventy-five bubbling heads sanitary drinking fountains. (Imagine how amazed seamen of the tarry pigtail era would be at the idea of drinking from a sanitary

drinking fountain!) The Inspector of England O

one five-passenger Ford touring car and washing it at least once each week for the period ending June 30, 1919. It would be a bit in convenient, we think, to store the flivyer

convenient, we think, to store the flivver here in Philadelphia. The Navy Yard de-sires bids for supplying submarines with copper-jacketed gaskets, which has a business-like sound. The Public Works Department

the sound. The Public Works Department admits that one dozen mouse traps, revolving, are needed, to be delivered and inspected at Building No. 4. Navy Yard. Wanted for overseas vessels (here our heart leaps up at the prespect of something exciting) eleven revolving office chairs, oak finish, and eleven dozen pencils. The Navai Hospital at League Island asks bids on 100 poinsettias, 50 cyclamers, 100 printers, 100 printers.

hydrangeas, all in pots. And there are requisitions posted for wires and shackles, for anchors and propellers, for chemicals and taloum powder and vast radio towers to be erected at a naval base in France. War, you see, is not all a matter of powder and shot. If you are ever tempted to were

and shot. If you are ever tempted to won-der what the Government does with the Lib-

TINTH street, as I said, often seems to

North street in town.

Perhaps it is because of a certain bookshop;
perhaps it is because at a table d'hote restaurant above Market street I first learned

me pay tribute to those bilesful lunchrooms that siay open late at night to sustain and replenish the toiler whose business it is fo pass along the lonely pavements of midnight. Waiters and waitresses of the all-night shift, we who are about to est salutyou! Let it be a double portion of corned-beef hash and "coffee with plenty." And many a midnight luncher has blessed you for your unfailing good humor. Is it not true, admit it, that most of the happy recollections of mankind deal with food we have enjoyed?

it grows more luxurious will notice it grows more luxurious. Windows with gold watches, diamond stude, cut parafes. Haberdashers set out 25 clik shuriped with the rainbow, indicates

and look over a few of those invita bids posted on the bulletin boards.

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nces that he desires space for storing

Ninth Street at Night

OF ALL gifts to earth, the first and greatest was darkness. Darkness preceded light, you will remember, in Genesis. ceded light, you will remember, in classics.

Perhaps that is why darkness seems to man
natural and universal. It requires no explanation and no cause. We postulate it.

Whereas light, being to our minds merely
the cleansing vibration that dispels the the cleansing vibration that dispers the black, requires some origin, some lamp whence to shine. From the appalling torch of the sun down to the pale belly of the glowworm we deem light a derivative consequable. niracle. source. We can conceive darkness without thought of light; but we cannot conceive light without darkness. Day is but an in-terval between two nights. In other words, terval between two nights. In other darkness is a matter which includes just as the conception of a joke includes that of humor. One can think (alas!) of jokes without humor; but no one can conceiv humor without jokes.

THIS philosophy, probably scoffable The trained thinker, is a clumsy preface to the thought that city streets at night are the most fascinating work of man. Like all other handouts of nature, man has taken darkness and made it agreeable, trimmed and refined and made it acceptable for the very nicest people. And the suburbanite who finds himself living in town for a week or so is likely to spend his whole evenings in wandering espial, poring over the glow-ing caves of shop windows and rejoicing in the rich patterns of light wherewith mar has made night lovely. Night by herself, naked and primitive and embracing, is embarrassing; she crowds one so; there is so much of her. So we push her up the side streets and into the movie halls and out to the suburbs, and taking her a little at a time we really learn to enjoy her company.

THERE is a restaurant on Arch street near Ninth where one may dine on ex-cellent jam omelet and coffee, after which it is good to stroll along Ninth street (which taurant above Market street I first learned the pleasant combustion of cheap claret and cigarettes ignited by the tune of youthful converse. To these discoveries of a dozen years ago I am happy to add others; for example, that the best spaghetti I have ever easten is served on Ninth street; and that there is a second-hand bookstore which is open at night. Nor am I likely to forget a set-to with sausages and corncakes and sirup that I enjoyed on Ninth street the other evening with as certain soothsayer. We had been motoring in the suburbs, a crisp and bravely tinted October afternoon, and getting back to town after 8 o'clock as hungry as bolshevik commissioners, we entered into the joy of the fiesh in a Ninth street hash cathedral. Here and now let me pay tribute to those bilesful lunchrooms that stay open late at night to sustain and teem the best street in Philade admire the different tints of light that man has set out in order to get a look at the darkness. There is the wan white glow of kness. There is the wall hat are favored alabaster inverted bowls that are favored alabaster inverted bowls the lurent sold the alabaster inverted bowls that are favored in barbers' shops. There is the lucent gold of jewelers' windows, where naked electric bulbs of great candlepower are masked in silvered reflectors along the top and bottom of the pane. There is the bleak moonshine of tiled and enameled restaurants, where they lose much lightness by having everything too white. If «for instance) the waitresses would only wear scarlet or black dresses, how much more brilliant the scene would be.

THE long, musty corridor of the postoffice is an interesting place about 8 o'clock in the evening. Particularly in these last weeks, when movies, salcons and theatres have been closed on account of the influence spidemic, the postoffice has become a trysting place for men in uniform and young ladies. The gloomy halls at each end of the corridor are good ground for giggling colloquy; light love (curiously) approves the dusk. Through the little windows one catches glimpses of tiers of pigeonholes packed with fhrough the little windown specied strings of the sof pigeonholes packed sittings of tiers of pigeonholes packed sitters, and wonders what accrets of the settlers, and wonders what accrets of the variable human heart are there confided to the indulgent secrecy of Uncle Ham. If a novellst of imaginative sympathy might novellst no

MY MIND the universe enfolds-My wee pint pot! Ay, all that is my pint put holds, And all the rest is not. are posted statements of stores and materials needed by the Federal departments. One finds such notices as this: Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until 2 o'clock p. m., October 30, for supplying this building with three dozen scrubbing At least, I very plainly see That all the rest is not for me!

Still from the well of Truth I fill My wee pint pot. And, while I'm drawing, what I spill .Is doubtless quite a lot.

MY WEE PINT POT

To me, because of mental twist, The overflow does not exist. Vith confidence and p

My wee pint pot Drains Reason's brain and Nature's heart And solves Life's puzzling plot. That is, from things both great and small, I take my little pint—that's all.

GRIF ALEXANDER

### READER'S VIEWPOINT

The Claims of Ireland To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-I notice in today's Evening Public LEDGER a map of Europe marking the places that are to be free under President Wilson's fourteen points, but there is one little place fourteen points, but there is one little pisce not marked, vis: Ireland. The President in his great speech in New York specifically stated that all peoples must have the right to decide their own destiny without any outside interference, and that all, friend and foe alike, must come to the peace table ready to pay the price. Now if President

Wilson means what he says he means that Ireland as well as the other small nations must be freed at the peace table.

The Irish people in this country are doing their share in making the world safe for democracy and when the time comes will nee that a little of that commodity is applie to Ireland. FRANCIS J. SCULLY. Philadelphia, October 25.

A Better Sign Than Flower

# "I think the boss wants to retain me," declared the blonds stenographer. "Bought you some flowers?" "Bought me a dictionary."—Louisville Courier-Journal. What Do You Know?

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Answers to Yesterday's Quis THE RESERVE