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one the value of which was unquestionable. This principle in its highest estate had been already manifested at Verdun, which Pétain saved for the republic.  
 With Foch in supreme command of all the Allied forces, Pétain's role was largely akin to that of Haig, heading the English troops, and of Pershing, leading the American. The execution of many of the generalissimo's most masterly conceptions in the immortal campaign of 1918 were entrusted to his ablest lieutenant, Grant and Sherman, in 1865, afford no more striking example of harmony of endeavors than do Foch and Pétain in the year of victory.

Each for different attributes, the three illustrious marshals, Foch, Foch and Pétain, are finely symbolical of the glory of France.

**TYPICAL TEUTONIC GALL STILL MANIFESTING ITSELF**

Doctor Solf Has Not Yet Discovered That Germany Is at the Mercy of Her Conquerors

IT IS becoming increasingly evident that Doctor Solf, German Foreign Secretary, does not yet realize that Germany is defeated and is at the mercy of her conquerors.

On the very day that the armistice was signed, he sent a message to Secretary Lansing protesting against its conditions and containing a thinly veiled threat that its enforcement would prevent a durable peace. Since then he has sent out several similar messages. His latest, made public yesterday, is in the form of a demand that Germany be allowed to administer all the territory within her old boundaries and to collect customs dues there as usual. The old boundaries of Germany included Alsace-Lorraine. This is a demand that Alsace-Lorraine remain German territory, that its revenues be collected by Germany and that its government be in German hands.

The preposterousness of such a demand surpasses belief. It is based on the assumption that Germany has rights in Alsace-Lorraine which the rest of the world must respect. It is an attempt to nullify all the provisions of the armistice intended to take from the Germans the power to repudiate the armistice, and to strike treacherous blows at the nations which have combined to establish a just peace. For unmitigated gall it has never been equaled in the history of civilized man.

Not only does Doctor Solf ask that Germany be permitted to administer Alsace-Lorraine; he also demands that Germans be permitted to administer all other Rhineland, on the west as well as on the east bank of the river, occupation of which by the United States and the Allies is provided for by the armistice. Germany needs these lands for her industrial rehabilitation, he says, and should have them.

The sniveling whimper which comes from Doctor Solf is like that from a yellow dog, waiting for a chance to bite the hand that leads it. If Germany is a yellow dog, the sooner the United States and the Allies find it out the better. Every day that has passed since the armistice was signed has proved that it was none too severe. The provision that all occupied territory, including Alsace-Lorraine, should be evacuated within fourteen days and that the German troops remaining after that date should be prisoners of war, was made with full knowledge of the kind of nation with which we were dealing. The allowance of thirty-one days for evacuating the Rhineland of Germany was an act of grace to give the German authorities time to turn over to the Allies that part of their country which is to be held as a pledge of good faith.

Doctor Solf wants to take everything back which would make that pledge worth anything. The armistice provides that the upkeep of the Allied and American troops in the Rhineland shall be charged to the German Government. The natural and obvious way to get the needed money is out of the revenues of the district. The occupying forces will also occupy the custom houses as a matter of course. If there are any surplus revenues they will be held for such disposition as the peace conference may think proper.

The campaign of propaganda on which Doctor Solf and his fellow junkers are engaged in an effort to arouse the sympathies of the jellyfish-minded in America and elsewhere will affect no others. We all know that none but the Germans are responsible for the deplorable condition in which they find themselves. We all know that they have forfeited the confidence of mankind and cannot be trusted out of sight. We all know that until the peace treaty is signed and ratified, restoring the little nations to their rights, and until guarantees have been secured that Germany will make reparation and restoration, she must be held at the mercy of the armed forces now moving into her territory. There is no other course open to intelligent men.

Sympathy for Germany now is like sympathy for a brutal murderer awaiting sentence for his crimes, indulged in only by maudlin sentimentalists. Doctor Solf is appealing to such in the desperate hope that he can influence events.

When it comes to note writing, Germany seems to be thoroughly equipped with a Solf-starter.

**FACTIONALISM HAS DELAYED REVISION FORM TOO LONG**

SENATOR PENROSE favors charter revision. Senator Vare opposes charter revision. Each wishes to clip the political wings of the other. The Vare faction is in control of the Republican party here and naturally assumes that a Penrose revision of the charter would contain provisions intended to weaken it. If the Penrose faction were in control here the Vare faction would be demanding charter revision in order to strengthen itself.

But this city is too big to be made the plaything of factional politics. What we need is a charter which will enable the people to govern themselves with virtually no interference from Harriaburg, whatever faction of the party may control the State Legislature. We have suffered too long from such meddling. No argument is needed to prove that the charter should be amended solely with a view to securing home rule. Then the majority would rule here, whether it was made up of followers of Penrose or Vare or of whomever else might rise to a position of leadership.

Senator Vare's suggestion that the charter revision should wait until the Constitution is revised does not deserve serious consideration. It is admitted that the Constitution ought to be revised and revised in such a way that home rule would be guaranteed to the cities by the fundamental law. Senator Penrose ought to favor such a revision. But the putting of a new Constitution into effect will take some years. The General Assembly, however, can amend the charter this winter and give us the benefit of the improvement without waiting for the submission of a new Constitution to the voters. And if the charter is properly revised the constitutional changes can do little more than make more sure its guarantee to the people here of the right to manage their own affairs.

Why should Mr. Hoover go to Berlin? Its inhabitants have abstained from wheat bread, three lumps of sugar in their near-coffee, candies, mincepies and English mutton chops this many a year.

**HEED THE RED CROSS CALL**

PEACE expands rather than contracts the field of the Red Cross since thousands of suffering humanity, barred from aid through war, are now within reach of ministrations. For this reason the plan to secure a 2,000,000 membership in the humane organization in the five counties in the neighborhood of Philadelphia warrants the most generous indorsement.

A preliminary meeting to outline the project is to be held in the Academy of Music tomorrow afternoon. The nationwide call for new members in the Red Cross will be sounded during the week of December 16. Money-raising is not the prime feature of the undertaking since the admission fee for the society is only \$1. The ideal is universality of participation in the vast relief work that must follow the blight of conflict.

In itself the signing of the armistice merely paved the way for the opportunity to alleviate inexpressible woe in Belgium, France, Serbia and many other lands. The Red Cross has yet one of the noblest of all its missions to perform. Individual part in it through membership should be taken by every American worthy to exalt the aims for which his country took up arms.

For days the newspapers in New York have been telling the world that agents of the Department of Justice are trading and watching Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes. Stokes might be called the youthful queen of the Paris Bolsheviks and the Free and Home of the Brave. It gives her pleasure to say wild things wildly. The news that clouds of Department of Justice agents are tiptoeing in her wake makes it apparent that peace has come at last and that there is a tragic lack of useful employment in the Department of Justice.

Or An Alarm Clock? We aren't concerned about the inner meaning of the loud cries and the wails and the pleadings and the veiled threats that emanate at this hour from Germany. We are too deeply impressed by the fact that the Watch on the Rhine should have proved to be an open-faced model.

And on Chestnut Street on Fine Afternoons will travel upon the deep waters in their old-fashioned black paint. Camouflage is to be no more. But that strange art in its subtler forms will be carried to a new perfection in the field of politics.

Consistency Vienna, cries the cable, is living on chestnuts. When you recall the pleas by which the Austrian armies used to be inspired it becomes necessary to admit that a good part of Vienna died on chestnuts, too.

A Four-Year-Old Error Prince Max of Baden calls the armistice a mistake. In a sense he is right, the original mistake in the colossal blunder having been taken when Germany challenged civilization on August 1, 1914.

Don't Ask Us The street-cleaning contract mess appears in a fair way to be settled. Now what we want to know is who will shoulder the more difficult contract to clean up the Department of Public Works?

The real iron divisions are those which now control the Brley fields, redeemed at last from the burglarious Hun grip.

"The past is dead; woe to those daring to revive it," declares the new Bavarian premier. And yet the Allies are certain to open memories of the accomplished Hun outrages of the war and equally certain to remain the winners.

Pershing's march comes paradoxically unflagging just when our national standard is displayed more prominently than ever in jubilant Lorraine.

**THE POISONED VINTAGE**

RHINE Whines! Rhine Whines! Rhines of impudence, gall and greed. Whines of an oily fallacious creed. Whines with an aim to render loose Bonds of a covenanted truce. Whines of "weaken before our dole. And let us retain the cars we stole." Whines of "Germany lays in chips So let us control our battleships." Whines accompanied by the groan Of "grant Solf our to our frail Cologne." Whines of "Scheidemann's at the clutch So couldn't the Kaiser quit the Dutch?" Hasten Pétain, Pershing rush. March brave Maugin, mighty Foch! Let not reason ever sup On these Rhine whines; cork them up!

**THE ELECTRIC CHAIR**

**The Truce**  
 WHY do men speak with bated breath Of this strange truce that they call Death?  
 Death is not Life's antithesis. It may be but an armistice. What is Death's analogue on earth? It is not Life, but rather Birth. Men fear not to be born; then why Should they be so alarmed to die?

**Our Own Private Huns**

No. 1  
 The man you are particularly anxious to hear from, who sends you a series of postcards, each bearing the message "Long letter coming."

No. 2  
 The man who goes to the movies at 6 o'clock and sits through until 11, seeing the same reels five times, delighted in the thought that he is keeping others standing in line outside.

No. 3  
 Plans for the 1920 census are now under way in Washington, and we would like to start an agitation in favor of omitting from the count all people who use the word camouflage more than three times a day.

No. 4  
 A theatrical press agent has urged us to say that Dove Dulcet is no relation to Pigeon Post, who is not a person at all but a play now running at one of our theatres.

**Dove Dulcet, a Millionaire Proposes to Endow This Column**

Dove Dulcet informs us that he has come into a vast sum of money, and that therefore he will no longer need to support himself by writing poems.

It sounds suspicious to us. Is it possible that some one has taken this step in order to throttle and estop Dove's muse?

Still, Mr. Dulcet in his new capacity as millionaire has thought of an entirely novel and delightful way to dispose of his wealth. He sent for us today, and with a very grave face told us that he had decided to make The Electric Chair his sole heir and legatee.

"I intend," he said, "to leave the sum of half a million dollars to endow and perpetuate The Electric Chair as a Dove Dulcet Memorial Column. It seems to me that in this way my memory will be kept green and comparatively fragrant. It will be a new kind of epitaph, fresh every day. I shall require you to print at the head of your department the words Dove Dulcet Memorial Column. Otherwise you may be unhampered in the conduct of the department, save that once a year, on my birthday, I wish you would write a little article commemorating my virtues."

There are certain difficulties in the life of a newspaper column-writer," he went on, "from which I wish to release you. There are times when even the most industrious of us do not feel a yearning for toil. There are days when even the most highly volted Electric Chair will be embarrassed by the static humor latent in the air and not be able to utter the right kind of sparks. On such days it is my wish that you should repair to Black's Hotel, where I have placed an endowed meal at your disposal. The interest on the fund that I have mentioned—"

"Half a million?" we asked politely, wishing to be sure we had not misunderstood.

"Half a million," he said firmly. "The interest on that sum will permit you to live in a modest way, without anxieties, and also to buy enough stuff from the leading humorists of the world to fill out the column on days when you feel a shortage of ooms, amperes, rheostats or whatever they are. I should like you to use some of Karl Rosner's stuff. He is a very competent humorist now out of a job. I make rather a point of that endowed luncheon at Black's, because I have always understood that journalists scant their lunch to keep the public supplied with news. This is a great mistake."

"I do not wish you to decline this plan too hastily," he said, apparently mistaking our agitation for signs of opposition. "There are a number of disagreeable details that I may as well be frank about. I should insist on your keeping up the dignity of the Dulcet Memorial by wearing an ornately frogged fur coat all winter and the most expensive Palm Beach fabrics in summer. No tins or silk socks could be tolerated. I should insist on your hiring two competent stenographers to take care of your correspondence. It would be desirable for you to show yourself in public a bit, a box at the opera, you know, and perhaps an imported motorcar, with a chauffeur in Electric Chair livery. It would all be good publicity for the Chair and therefore for my memory. I would rather like you to go in for fox hunting and take your blooded mare over the jumps at the horse show. A photo of that, with the proper caption, will serve excellently to keep my memory before the public."

"You would not insist on our dying young?" we asked. "We do not feel very keen about that horse-jumping. The blooded mare is o. k., but we are all against blooded Socrates."

"You need have no alarm," he said. "I intend to make this perpetual. Your death would make no difference. I shall put the fund in the hands of trustees, and if you are carried off by a broken pen the trustees can appoint some one else to carry on the great work. I desire this column to carry the name of Dove Dulcet down to the ultimate ages. Not marble nor the monuments of princes shall be more enduring."

"Some of your conditions are disconcerting," we stammered, "but we find nothing insuperable."  
 "One other thing," he said. "Hard as it may be, I would like you to wear a frock coat in the office, white piping on your vest and a silk hat on the street. A fancy waistcoat now and then, leopard skin or something of that sort, will also add to the general effect. You see it is essential that you be pointed out in public as the Dove Dulcet memorial. You will owe that to my memory. I should like you to do a good deal of entertaining and to keep a good cellar and plenty of memorial cigars."  
 "When do you think of dying?" we said.  
 "At that moment we heard a ring at the bell and Mrs. Dulcet entered the room. She was evidently much agitated and beckoned to some one behind her. "Here he is, doctor," she said. "Dove, my dear, the ambulance is here from the asylum."  
 SOCRATES.

**THE WHITE ELEPHANT**



**WHAT A CONGRESSMAN SEES**

Semi-weekly Letter Touching on the Washington Doings of Personalities Familiar to Philadelphians  
 By J. Hampton Moore

Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.  
 IT HAS been so long since Republican I have been in the majority in Washington that the result of the recent elections has aroused the keenest interest in the reorganization of the Senate and House. Old-time political activities have been revived and groups of party men are everywhere discussing the situation. Democrats accept the conditions philosophically, except as to the Senate, where the vote is close, and the Republicans are feeling each other out, conscious of the responsibility they must now assume and hopeful that ultimate unity of action will ensue from their counsels. The best contest, of course, will be over the speakership of the House. For this high and honorable position a half-dozen names have been presented, including Mann, of Illinois, who has been absent recently because of sickness; Gillett, of Massachusetts, who has acted as Republican leader in Mann's absence; Madden, of Illinois, who announces that he will be a candidate if Mann is not; Longworth and Fess, of Ohio; Fordney, of Michigan; Campbell, of Kansas, and Towney, of Iowa. Other States, including Pennsylvania, which has the largest Republican delegation, are also considering the presentation of the names of "favorite sons."

In addition to the speakership, discussion is proceeding with regard to floor leadership, and the possibility of a fight by the younger or newer element in Congress to change the existing order of priority on committees.  
 IN THE coming shake-up, the date of which depends largely upon whether President Wilson calls an extra session of Congress, Pennsylvania is bound to play an important part. In the Senate, if the Republican majority is sustained, Penrose will rank high. As chairman of the important Finance Committee, he will, unless the priority rule is beaten, be in command of all questions affecting the revenues, including the tariff, with the same influence that was once exercised by Nelson A. Aldrich. He is also the ranking Republican on the committees on Naval Affairs and Postoffices and Postroads. Senator Knox, whose service has not been so long as that of Senator Penrose, will also be advanced to important places commensurate with his fine abilities. The Junior Senator is already on the Committee on Foreign Relations, of which Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, is chairman, and to that committee the President will be obliged to look for sympathy and support in treaty negotiations and other vital problems of an international import. In the House, the ordinary priority rules prevailing, the Pennsylvania Republicans step forward to many legislative honors. They will have a hand in the distribution of several hundred places from which they were separated six years ago by a Democratic subcommittee on patronage, of which Mitchell Palmer was chairman; but their big game will be in committee appointments, if they do not secure the speakership itself.  
 PENNSYLVANIA Democrats hold no chairmanships in the House. The best they ever did under the present Administration was to capture the Committee on Millage, but that they lost when Warren

**Mystery of Wilhelm's Alleged Abdication**

So far the world has only the word of an alleged revolutionary Government of Germany and the physical presence in a foreign country of Wilhelm Hohenzollern to substantiate the declaration that the Kaiser has abdicated as King of Prussia and German Emperor. It has been asserted that he retains the title of count, and by some it is reported that he clings also to the title of Margrave of Brandenburg.

The singular fact remains, however, that no document bearing the sign manual of Wilhelm Hohenzollern renouncing his authority and power as German Emperor and King of Prussia has been given to the public in his behalf or in behalf of the people of Germany.

This curious omission is the more worthy of remark because the paper in which Charles of Austria renounced his authority has been published throughout the world. It cannot be argued that an embargo on official utterances from Germany has prevented the communication of the text of Wilhelm's abdication to the belligerent and neutral peoples. The various channels for the dissemination of news from Berlin are notoriously free. The propagandists, headed by Herr Solf, find them ample for the circulation of their documents. Yet not one word of the supremely important writing by which the head of the Hohenzollerns is declared to have quit his imperial and kingly offices has reached the deeply interested peoples of other nations.

Why is the Wolf Bureau, official vehicle for the transmission of Kultur to the far end of the earth, silent about this matter of gravest international import?—New York Sun.

It looks as though Prince Rupprecht would have to get a permit from General Pershing if he desire to keep on courting the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg's sister still burns in the breast of the defeated Hun widower.

In view of the impudent, lachrymose efforts to pervert the armistice terms, "Sacharineland" might fitly describe a certain uneasy German valley.  
 The Huns seem to have adopted the rail way to freight their sinister greivances.  
 The skip-stop stands a chance of being relegated to the list of public utilities.  
 General Jubilation holds the supreme high command in Metz.

**What Do You Know?**

- QUIZ
1. In what city was the International Congress held after the fall of Napoleon in 1815?
  2. What is the date fixed in the wartime "Army Bill" for the establishment of national prohibition?
  3. What is the second largest city in Brazil?
  4. What is the plural of the word dictum?
  5. What battle was won by the Federal forces when Sheridan arrived after his famous twenty-mile ride?
  6. What is the origin of the word quarantary?
  7. Who wrote the poem on the American flag beginning "When freedom from her mountain heights..."?
  8. Of what country is the celebrated pianist, Teresa Carreno, a native?
  9. What are switches called in English railway parlance?
  10. Who is the only ruler among the nations of the Central Forces who has not left his throne?
- Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. About 250,000 American troops participated in the campaign of the Argonne or Sedan, which began on September 26 and ended with the signing of the armistice.
  2. Canada was the only British nation which adopted the policy of conscription during the war.
  3. The title of the present ruler of Luxembourg is Grand Duchess.
  4. Mississippi is Indian for "Great Long River."
  5. "Vorse dicere" is Latin for "before of the day." The phrase was used by the poet Homer to indicate that life is short and that it is necessary to put to profit the present day.
  6. The Grand Dauphin was Louis, son of Louis XIV of France and Maria Theresa. He never reigned as king.
  7. Hitherland is the district behind a sea coast or river's banks.
  8. A letter is a poetical manual, allied to a masher, but with a polished surface. It is called a letter in Madraser 32 and ends with the words "When freedom from her mountain heights..."
  9. Stanton, Va., is Woodrow Wilson's birthplace.
  10. Charles Godfrey Leland wrote the "Hans Brulowian Ballads."