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straightened his shoulders, leered contemptuously and lit a cigarette to show that he didn't care. So at least the observers said. When the Crown Prince boarded a tug to go to his exile in the Zuider Zee the fishermen cursed him loudly from the shore.

months in 1871. Despite all the Parisian anarchy a responsible government and a constituent assembly were eventually formed. That the German Council of Soldiers and Workmen now proclaims its desire for a liberal constitution places its supporters out of rating with the Communards, who wanted mainly lice.

THE CHAFFING DISH

Plot to restore Crown Prince.—News item. As far as the Crown Prince is concerned, we fancy that Germany is permanently laid. In other words—no use to experiment with her restorers.

Dear Socrates: I understand you are compiling a list of people Who Don't Give a Damn. Will you please include the following in your list: Lady ticket sellers at the movies. Head waiters.

GERMANY'S STAGY REVOLT TURNING INTO REALITY

Despite Bolshevik Trappings, a Sweeping Radical Victory Hopefully Betokens Bona-fide Democratic Changes. THE stage music which accompanied the shadowy "regency" of Prince Max of Baden, the flight of William Hohenzollern to hospitable luxury and the tearful babbling of Doctor Solf is no longer audible.

MR. TAFT AND THE GAME

MR. TAFT should decide to accept the regency of baseball in response to the prayers of the All-Hopeful Soviets of Owners and Managers we shall see in this country the sort of bloodless revolution from autocracy which Europe has reasons to regard as an unattainable ideal.

Ban Johnson federated baseball. The national game is his empire. He is accused of a disposition to regard himself as divinely appointed. He never appeared in silver armor and he never babbled of secret understandings with Gott, but he has, nevertheless, manifested a liking for the role of All Highest.

Baseball is full of tangles. It needs with painful problems that have a legal, an ethical, a technical or a temperamental basis. It actually needs an authoritative head, qualified and empowered to issue ex cathedra judgments and decisions.

On the other hand, the suggestion involved in the appeal of the ball players is altogether without precedent. The thought of an ex-President of the United States functioning as the head of a great national diversion may be a bit disconcerting at first.

Mr. Taft is a relatively poor man. He likes the open air and the men who like the open air. He has always had a sympathetic faith in the phases of our national temperament that are manifest in the bleachers because he is one of us by temperament and disposition.

Germany is said to be in some doubt as to the color and design of her new flag. But as the only banner that has brought her any credit is the white one, why not stick to it?

When in doubt a pretty good motto is this quotation from J. M. Barrie: "Shall we make a new rule of life from tonight—always to be a little kinder than necessary?"

Germanism, Not Germany, to Be Destroyed. To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—At the Friday afternoon concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra many of the music-lovers that filled the amphitheatre were disturbed by unnecessary noise in the corridors.

It is most unkind of Walter Gaitler, whom Governor Brumbaugh ousted from a \$10,000 job, to object when the Governor wants to continue on the State payroll at a handsome salary.

WHY THE WAR LABOR BOARD SHOULD CONTINUE ITS WORK

Many Important Questions After the War Will Require Judicious Handling. (From Today's Public Ledger) By WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT. Copyright, 1918, by Public Ledger Co.

THE National War Labor Board submitted to the Secretary of Labor and the President the question whether, in view of the cessation of hostilities by the armistice, the labor board should be considered at an end.

As long as the system that he insists upon continued, individual laborers were at the mercy of their employers. Whatever they got was a concession. They could not maintain themselves in a contest with their employer, dependent as they were on their daily wage and independent as he was with accumulated capital.

While it is an anomaly to have a tribunal of quasi-judicial duties composed of partisans, the great advantage of such a board is the confidence on the part of each side that with the help of intelligent and reasonable arbitrators, the board will be able to justify itself.

Organization of labor has become a recognized institution in all the civilized countries of the world. It has come to stay, it is full of usefulness and is necessary to the well-being of the community.

Ohio Republicans apparently think that the best thing to do is to elect a man for Ohioans to be the first in the field to be taken to the Presidency. Steps have been taken to incorporate the Pershing Republican League in Columbus.

What is a madman? What English royal soldier of the Middle Ages was called the Black Prince? Who is called the Laird of Skibo? What celebrated American statesman was for a time a West Point cadet?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz. 1. Eleanor Wilson, daughter of the President, is Mrs. William G. McAdoo. 2. Senator Irvinson is President of Argentina.



COULDN'T STAND THE LIGHT

DOES any one think that Director Datesman, of the Public Works Department, would have rejected the street-cleaning bids on the ground that they were too high if the Chamber of Commerce had not demanded of him an explanation for the change in the specifications and had not forced him to come into the open and say that the changes were made in the interest of economy?

Most of the bids submitted under these "economical" specifications were higher than the city is paying this year. This was disclosed after the economy explanation had been made. Mr. Datesman could not very well under the circumstances accept any of the higher bids.

The Chamber of Commerce has done a public service and its committee on municipal affairs has justified its existence. We have discovered what a little determined effort of the people can do. Let us have more of the same kind.

THE JOHNSON PICTURES

THE splendid collection of pictures left to the city by the late John G. Johnson has an added value because they represent in a peculiarly illuminating way the successive achievements of the various classical schools of painting.

A survey of the collection would be to any student as enlightening as a course of lectures. As an exposition of the best that was achieved by the masters, the Johnson collection has a permanent value aside from the intrinsic worth and the beauty of the canvases themselves.

The appeal to the Orphans' Court by the municipal authorities for a right to place the collection in the new museum would be altogether proper. Mr. Johnson's stipulation that a special building should be erected for his paintings was made, apparently, when there was no certainty that the collection would be properly cared for and displayed.

PEAKING OF WONDERS

NOWADAYS, since so much has occurred to astonish mankind in recent years, the Seven Wonders of the World have ceased to be wonderful. It has become the habit of some American cities to catalogue their own monumental achievements in lists of seven, with the boast that almost any great American community has as much to startle a beholder as the whole round earth could have revealed fifty years ago.

While official minds are straining at the task of listing the Seven Wonders of Philadelphia the attendant summary of our occasional triumphs might serve to guide the wavering admiration of the curious: The smiling audacity of Brother Bill Vore.

THE BADGE OF EVIL

IN THE old melodrama of our vanished youth the fiend in human form, whose joy it was to torment the unprotected and oppress the fair, had definite means to indicate the hardness of his heart and the blackness of his soul. It was when the lovely maiden groveled at his feet that he tilted his stik hat over his right eye to show that he felt no threat.

THE FLUTE

"Stop! What are you doing?" "Playing on an old flute." "That's Heine's flute. You mustn't touch it."

"Why not, if I can make it sound?" "I don't know why not, but you mustn't." "I don't believe I can—much. It's full of dust. Still, listen: The rose moon whitens the lifting leaves, Heigh-ho! the nightingale sings! Through boughs and branches the moon-thread weaves. Ancient as time are these midnight things.

The nightingale's notes overbubble the night. Heigh-ho; yet the night is so big! He stands on his nest in a water of light. And the nest was once a philosopher's wig.

Moon-sharp needles and dew on the grass. Heigh-ho! it flickers, the breeze! Kings, philosophers, periwigs pass. Nightingales hatch their eggs in the trees. Wig and pigs and kings and courts, Heigh-ho! rain on the flower! The old moon thinks her white, bright thoughts, And trundles away before the shower.

"Well, you got it to play." "Yes, a little. And it has lovely silver moonings." —Amy Lowell, in the Century Magazine.

Is it to be a personally conducted peace tour? Perhaps the reason Mr. Taft is sought as an arbitrator by the baseball league is because he is committed to arbitration in a league of nations.

John Foy Fook, who lodged twenty-two Chinamen in a single room at \$1 a week, is grieved because the Housing Commission objects. But John Foy need not worry. A man with such a financial genius will land on his feet in some other profitable undertaking.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. What was the name of the "granite" quarries which made a name for themselves in the United States in 1847? 2. What city in the United States has had the least increase in food prices since September, 1917? 3. What is the meaning of "rust beef an' taut"? 4. How does a mason's roof get its name? 5. How long is a paragon? 6. What is a madman? 7. What English royal soldier of the Middle Ages was called the Black Prince? 8. Who is called the Laird of Skibo? 9. What celebrated American statesman was for a time a West Point cadet? 10. What is a madman?