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Bill and billions will be synonymous terms in Germany when the Paris commissioning finish with her.

SELF-HELP ON THE RIVER FRONT THE versatile Mr. Schwab, who has lately been quoted as saying that the trolley riders might profitably have expressed his views on the Philadelphia port situation with a Shakespearean exhortation...

The distinguished industrial entrepreneur gives pertinence to that thought when he offers to sacrifice his entire \$1,000,000 loading system in New York and turn over to this port all his overseas business provided our railroads will make their loading charges reasonable...

Here is an opportunity which should prompt the city to back up its desires with self-help. New drydocks, an additional grain elevator and the execution of the Reading's plans for great new terminal facilities at the Port Richmond canal piers are also urged...

With our own energies properly organized, the attitude of "our stars" will be insufficient cause for resentment.

The quickest way to get rid of war was to fight to the death, as some disillusioned Russian quitters are now possibly aware.

WILHELM'S FRIENDS IN AMERICA HERR HOHENZOLLERN has just announced through his secretary a firm belief that "he still has many friends in America."

There are two ways in which to explain this high optimism of the first of international yegmen.

The Secret Service is lamentably inefficient.

Or else Wilhelm has been reading some old copies of the Congressional Record.

Chastened Behrmann-Hollweg now sorrowfully admits that errors were committed by his gang of diplomatic junkies. All he has done is the old familiar course.

STRAIGHT TIPS FROM BOREAS THE well-meaning erudition of the weather bureau has not always inspired confidence. Empirical meteorological sagas have for years challenged its verdicts with a wide variety of prophetic machinery...

Ground hogs have been pressed into service. Rheumatic twinges have been extolled as accurate, though painful, weather prophets. When the late Max Adler, of this city, dared to be merry, ere his fun sense withered under the weight of political economy, he suggested corns as an unerring index of imminent humidity.

been disclosed. Winds are "moderate in the Alleghenies up to 4500 feet." At 1500 feet they're "shifting." It's snowing on Lake Erie, and the forecast is a white mantle here at home. In the face of such an array of significant facts the ground hog and human lay prophets become as discredited as German kings.

Extension of this intimate acquaintance with Boreas through all his realm from New York to Chicago is to be accomplished by December 15. Among all the many miracles of the day, first-hand weather reports acquire a fascinating distinction.

NO PATENT REMEDIES ARE NEEDED TO ADJUST LABOR

Enterprises Held Up by the War Are Awaiting the Chance to Go Ahead—Adjustment of Wages to Prices the Main Difficulty

IS THE soldier or sailor who threw up his job when he was drafted going to get it back again when he is honorably discharged from the service? What is to become of the men and women, the boys and girls, who took the jobs of the men drafted into the army?

These are questions in the answer to which several million people are vitally interested. There is fear in certain quarters that unless the Government does something there will be a grave labor crisis, with a period of unemployment and suffering.

The Secretary of the Interior has developed plans for putting the returning soldiers of reclaimed land. He apparently thinks that the men cannot be reabsorbed in the industries in which they were originally employed or else that the men who have torn themselves loose from their old surroundings will look about for new enterprises and will seek the land in large numbers.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, has asked the National Civic Federation to demand that the Government pay the fares of men released from the war industries from the place of their present employment to other places where they can get profitable work and that they be supported by the Government until they have readjusted themselves.

President Wilson, on the other hand, seems to see a little more clearly than some other observers, for he told Congress on Monday that the working of natural forces was likely in many cases to bring about readjustment of the country to normal conditions faster than any plans for it could be made in Washington.

In the first place, there has been a shortage of labor for more than three years. It was noted long before we entered the war. The virtual stoppage of immigration at the end of the fiscal year of 1914, which was about a month before the war began, stopped the annual increase of crude labor necessary on the railroads and the farms.

Then, still further to increase the acuteness of the labor shortage, we entered the war and have drawn about four million young men from the arts of peace to the arts of war. This has forced the stoppage of all public works save those which could not be delayed. Right here in Philadelphia it has stopped work on the extension of the subway system, on the Free Library building, on the sewers, on bridges and on a score of other public enterprises.

READER'S VIEWPOINT

Triumph of Right To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Your beautiful Thanksgiving sermon, in the way of an editorial, reminds me of Colgate, a college town, snowed in winter, nestling in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, and of a venerable old Scotchman, forelock nodding with the emphasis of each spiritual sentence, whose favorite gesture was an index finger pointed at your soul, pounding into us that heart and soul were above everything on earth; that material things of all kinds and descriptions were as drops in comparison to the wonderful spiritual faculty.

With full understanding all America understands you when you write that heart and soul and a just cause are what handled, with death-defying accuracy, the hand grenade; handled so skillfully bayonet, rifle, machine gun and cannon; suffered any and all bodily torments for righteousness sake, for rights for themselves and rights for others.

One cannot imagine any Hun writing such an editorial as that right goes before right and right always wins; and, in comparison, the pure logic of the mind and material things are a delusion, a snare and wiles of the devil.

THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE IT IS altogether regrettable that Mr. Wilson, on his departure for Europe today, cannot feel heartened and supported by a more general sympathy among his associates in the Government. It is not seemly that the President, approaching a task of the utmost difficulty, with aims admittedly high and beneficent, should have to start upon his mission under circumstances that make him appear as an antagonist of a majority in Congress.

Justice to the Jew To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—The "pogroms" or massacres that have been and still are raging against the Jews in Galicia have left a bloody stain on the hands of the Poles which will not wash off so easily.

WASHINGTON hears a good deal about the Stotesburys, since Mrs. Stotesbury was formerly a resident of this place, but the one thing Washington does not understand as well as we do in Philadelphia is the rising reputation of the big Philadelphia banker as an all-around orator. People who have not come in personal contact with the head of the Morgan concern in Philadelphia may be surprised to know that after the day's work is done and the interest is all accurately calculated no one more thoroughly enjoys an evening's symposium than E. T. Stotesbury.

What the Methodist Ministers Didn't Do To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—On the second page of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER today you quote the weekly meeting of Methodist Episcopal ministers of Philadelphia as being unable to get a motion through sending a telegram of goodspeed to President Wilson on his departure for Europe.

THEODORE CUYLER PATTERSON, of De Lancey street, had an interesting war experience, which has been brought to the attention of the State Department. Mr. Patterson was aboard before the big affair opened and happened to be on the high seas in a German ship, the Prinz Adalbert, when Great Britain made her formal declaration.

Even if choral festivity within certain walls along the Hudson be unavoidably described as a Ring Sing, the emphasis on those in this instance does not necessarily mean it.

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