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Philadelphia, Toesday, December 10, 1918

IN DEFENSE OF THE P. R. T.

DOWARD T. STOTESBURY, who con trols the management of the Philadel phia Rapid Transit Company, "knows the truth." At least he has a sovereign remedy to offer for all of those citizens who think they have legitimate reasons for complaining against the way the cars are run.

Speaking at the Five o'Clock Club dinner, he protested against any voicing of rotests against the P. R. T. on the grounds of "skip-stop" danger or anything else, because he said the Mitten management was doing wenders with the property as shown by the fact that when he took ! over it was ready for bankruptcy, while now it was paying 5 per cent in dividends and had accumulated a fund of more than four million dollars as undivided profits.

This is very true and must be gratifying to the P. R. T. stockholders. But unfortunately Mr. Stotesbury seems to view the ftuation wholly from this point of view stead of that of the daily rider. He made this clear when he told about a woman friend who complained that the cars passing her home near Rittenhouse Square made so much noise at night that she could not sleep. Then he revealed his sovereign remedy.

"I told her in reply," he said, ""Tell your usband to buy a thousand shares of stock the company and then you will never hear the cars!"

Mr. Stotesbury's philosophy is respect fully referred to all who do not own stock in the P. R. T., but help to pay its divids. Buy some shares and forget your

The British all seem to be more interested in the freedom of England than in the freedom of the seas.

MR. BURLESON'S LATEST ABSURDITIES THE folly, of Mr. Burleson's arrogant order against the use of the pneumatic istory tubes is strikingly emphasized in the present season of Christmas shopping. The company which formerly leased them to the postoffice department here now comes forward with the excellent suggestion that would belo solve an increasingly for midable delivery problem. Judging by the Postmaster General's former obstinacy, this offer will be refused, and packages will continue to be whirled through the conrested streets by recklessly driven motorers already overfreighted

In New York the situation has grown so had that Mr. Burleson, who shut up one system of tubes, now actually contemplates the expensive installation of another me. Here is indeed inconsistency and perversity run riot.

Tegitimate explanation of this strange imicial conduct is unavailable. It is hard not to interpret Mr. Burleson's contradictory rulings in dark terms of somebody's welfish interest whose gain to the public

Germany never made a more upprofitable investment than when she spent \$7,500,000 on plots in America.

DOWN WITH DECENCY:

OCCASIONALLY it is possible to esten Congressman Vare actually doing a good service to the city he adorns. In the address before the City Business Club yesterday, in which Mr. Vare tut-tutted and pooh-poohed all thought and hope of reform in the municipal administrative system and crowned the P. R. T. with a verbal wreath and chanted plous praise of froghollow politics, he showed again how much he doesn't know about the city he bosses.

It gladdened his soul to think that we have a "magnificently organized machine" to do our thinking; that there is no hope for reform. It is true, as Mr. Vare observed, that we get a long trolley ride for nickel even if we do have a long wait. It would be nicer, of course, if the trolleys didn't take us home to streets where there is too much of the dirt that contractors will not remove.

Was Mr. Vare kidding the City Business Club? Or was he kidding himself? Does he suppose that corrupt feudalism

s to be perpetuated in Philadelphia after it as been kicked out everywhere else in the

What is the matter with this port when ex ships can be loaded with 1,060,600 bushels of grain between 7 o'clock Saturday morning and & o'clock Sunday night?

THE SEED IS SPROUTING

WE ARE nearer to the organization of an international police force to deal with disorderly nations than we ever were fore. Mr. Taft, at the convention of the ment Bankers' Association at Atlancity, said that peace is to leave the id with fourteen Cubas, fourteen new intoxicated with the idea of libinstead of the one Cube with which had to deal at the end of the

in the opinion of Mr. Taft. They can best be policed through a League of Nations.

Secretary Daniels, in his annual report which was made public a few hours before Mr. Taft spoke, says that navies will be needed in the future as an international police force to compel obedience with the decrees of an international tribunal which will be set up to decide the differences among the nations, and that inasmuch as the United States is one of the richest of the great nations and has suffered less than any of the Allied Powers, it will devoive upon it to contribute a navy to preserve world peace commenturate with its wealth, its commerce and its leadership in the councils of free people.

These are words of soberness and truth. oth the words of Secretary Daniels and of former President Taft, and they express he opinion of a majority of the far-seeing Americans of all parties.

WORLD OPINION DEMANDS A LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The Unrest in Europe Represents a Spirit ual Revolt From Prospects of Future Wars

THERE is a type of mind which holds that war cannot be prevented. It is given to the conviction that wars will be inevitable in the future as they have been in the past because of the ineradicable factors of pride, perversity and selfishness in men and nations.

There is another type of mind which perceives in all warfare merely the result of hatreds and jealousies and suspicions artificially created between peoples by archaic diplomatic systems. It is asserted, on this side of the question, that the old diplomacy was maintained in the interest of sinister minorities which used established governments as the agencies of private empire and usurped the powers of government without accepting any of its responsibilities.

The sum of human experience, with all its accumulations of pain, is not sufficient to grant absolute validity to either theory. And it is certain now that these two opposed philosophies will meet in epochal conflict in the Peace Conference at Versailles. The impact will carry the Peace Commission and the mind of the attentive world to the very inner heart of the greatest question that ever troubled humanity.

There will be debates and discussions about a thousand extraneous and related issues. But all that is said and done at Versailles will revolve about the question of war's origins as a wheel revolves upon

If governments cannot prevent war and make militarism unnecessary the world will want to know the reason. So it will not do to consider Versailles in the light of any precedent. History records no state of human affairs like that which will confront the Peace Conference. Mr. Wilson and Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau and Signor Orlando have not only to make terms of a peace. There is an insistent desire that they find means for a permanent peace. They must quiet a deep unrest that is general over Europe, where the nations, even those that are victorious, look up from their appalling wounds and put the question that never has been answered

"Why must we march to slaughter every twenty years? Why must we

It is an ancient query. In the past rulers could afford to ignore it. Can they afford to ignore that bitter complaint now, when it comes in a yell out of Russia and is audible always, even beneath the cheers, echoing clearly wherever there is civilization and the habit of ordered thought?

It is because war is flagrantly unreasonable that a world being insistently trained to reason is determined to be rid Even the stately beauty of some of

war's processes, the glitter and the drama of its events, can serve no longer to drug the nations and make them forget their agony. War has become too hard. It has become intolerable to the minds and the bodies of men. Its cruelties are too terrible for human endurance. All of Europe knows this-and knows, too, that the machinery of war will continue to grow more monstrous, more furiously cruel, swifter in destruction and more awful to contemplate.

Still there are men who say placidly and cynically that war must go on-that armaments must be maintained. It is such men who, while they talk of putting down destructive radicalism, unconsciously do most to encourage it. Their reconciliation to the hideous principles of modern war, their unwillingness to admit that there is a force in human affairs better than brute strength is oil to the torches that madmen like Lenine are waving for the eyes of tormented peo-

Europe is frightened out of its old habits of thought. It is frightened out of its old acquiescence. That is the explanation of the "unrest" spoken of so frequently on the cables.

Censorship still prevails in a large part of Europe. We are not permitted to know all that is happening-just as we have yet to learn how agonizing the modern battlefields were for the millions who endured them. There is enough visible between the lines of news dispatches, however, to show that war is hated with a passionate and cumulative hatred in every country of Europe and that distrust and suspicion are directed at every man and every agency disposed to accept it as a natural phenomenon. Even victory is not worth the price that would be demanded in future international conflicts. There will be weapons available in twenty years from now powerful enough to obliterate civiliza-

admit the utter failure and impotency of human reasoning and to damn and discredit the ethical system under which we live and to invite the jungle which the Bolshevists wish to establish in place of ordered governments.

Mankind must be wrenched around to new convictions and to the acceptance of a new order. Some same middle course is essential if we are to avert obliterative wars on the one hand and a scarcely | F is Frau Krupp, who's presumably less destructive radicalism and unreason on the other. Partial disarmament and the substitution of reason for force are inherent principles in the scheme for a League of Nations. The great obstacle in the way of that plan is in the fact I, is for old Ludendorff throwing a fitthat each nation would be compelled to relinquish something of its visible power and something of its traditional pride. Will the conference at Verszilles be able to adjust national traits and ambitions to this end? Doubtless it will try hard enough. And on the success or failure | R is for Karl Rosner, who may need a of the effort will depend the destiny of the world and, perhaps, the fate of our civilization.

The first and most important aim of the Versailles conference will be to eliminate all possibility of future international conflicts. That is the important fact to remember within the next few months, when the cables will be crowded with much that is unrelated and extraneous and of a character likely to confuse American minds.

"Bill" Vare is one of the most contented citizens of Philadelphia, as every one who heard him talk at the City Business Club yesterday afternoon discovered.

CLEAR UP THE CYCLOPS RIDDLE

THE most singular of all sea mysteriesthe loss of the great collier Cyclops-is dismissed in a few uninforming lines in Secretary Daniels's extensive report of American paval activities in the war. The naval department professes total ignorance concerning the fate of this valuable vessel and its human freight.

Unless the Government is hiding something-a proceeding wholly indefensible now that hostilities have ceased-its attitude now puts the solution of the riddle squarely up to Germany. If she knows the answer she should immediately be made to disclose it just as she has revealed the location of mines and shown her hand regarding submarines.

Not only the relatives of those sailors who disappeared with the ship, but the public in general has a right to information on a subject unparalleled in modern sea annals. Henry Hudson, adrift in a small boat in a bay that now bears his name, was presumably shipwrecked. So was Laperouse, the dauntless Frenchman

adventurously exploring the Pacific. Back fifty years ago a vessel that failed o reach port could be authoritatively asserted to have fallen a prey to the perils of iceberg, fog, reef or storm. But waves do not destroy staunch up-to-date craft such as the Cyclops. Icebergs are nonexistent in the tropical Atlantic where she vanished. Echoes of a collision would everberate. There is the faint possibility that she

was captured, but in that case something would almost certainly have been heard from the prisoners by this time. The hope that there are survivors is scant indeed. But unwarrantably meager is the Navy

Department's handling of the case. If it has conjectures it should divulge them, and following those should come rigid inquisition of the German authorities until the

Mr. Taft warns us A Model, Not a that in this new era of Fear-Breeder rampant self-determination the world of order has "fourteen Cubas" on its hands. The metaphor, though well meant, was not wholly happy. If all the uneasy new republics were as well behaved and as passionately devoted to our ideals as the Pearl of the Antilles has been since we entered the war, the coming reconstruction tasks would be reduced to

the Tomb"

When "Max" declares or "Hark From that instead of trying to be an emperor. William Hohenzollern should have been a cabaret manager, he evidently forgets that the Kaiser really did fill

that office. And the main program feature was "The Dance of Death." country. It always ends in my being held Schwab has quit, but

Moreover, the Hun he is no quitter. He Quit First would have gone on building ships until all the machinery of Bethlehem Steel was archalo, had that sacrifice been necessary to

defeat the foe. The best of all Kriss Kringles to the boys Germany will be the letter man.

Now that the ex-Crown Prince hopes to allowed to visit an American dentist in Amsterdam he may be gassed yet. However, ex post facto heroes don't count.

Little Studies in Words

POILU

SINCE the latter part of 1914 the French common soldier has been called a poilu, as the American soldier has been called a doughboy. The word pollu means hairy. It comes from the French word poll, meaning originally the hair of an animal. It is also sometimes used to mean the beard of a man. When the soldiers were in the trenches they let their beards grow and they did not shave when they went home on leave. Their friends called them "poilu," or hairy, just as we in America are in the habit of calling a thin, slender boy "skinny" in a jocular way. When the slender boy appears his playmates say, "Here comes skinny," and when the friends of the soldiers saw them back home in their villages they said, "Here comes hairy."

Some of the French dictionaries give "brave" or "strong" as a derived meaning of pollu because the man of great physical strength is usually hairy. But the appli cation of the word to the French soldier in the great war arose from its apt descrip tion of his unshaven state. The French speak of their "brave pollus," which they

THE CHAFFING DISH

A Hun Alphabet

cross-

A 'S AMERONGEN, where Wilhelm now

B is for Bernstorff, who bought up the

C is for Crown Prince, quite out of the swim-

D is for the Devil, who's waiting for him-E is for Ebert, republican boss-

G is for Gott, who didn't deliver-H is for Hindy, who turned out a flivver-I is a pronoun by Wilhelm much used-J is for Junkers who need to be bruised-

K is for Karl, who was eager to quit-M is for Muchlon, who said he would win-

N is for Nobody Home in Berlin-O is for the Obermensch Bill thought he

P is for Potsdam, where he planned the whole jazz-Q is for Quiddle-professor, I think-

drink-S is for Solf's Soft Soap; just hear him entreat it-

T is for old Tirpitz, who shaved and then beat it. U is for U-boats, surrendered and gone-V is all Huns whose names start with a

W stands for the Watch on the Rhine-X is exterminate Bill and his line-Y is the yelp when we treated 'em rough-Z is for Zeppelin, and that's enough!

Many a heart with loved ones over onder is hoping Uncle Sam will do his Christmas shipping early.

But there are always compensations, and many a brave and strong American in France may feel relieved that he will not be called upon to face the perils of Christmas shopping at home.

The last full measure of devotion: the husband who offers to do his wife's Christmas shopping for her.

"None of the official party has been seasick," says a wireless dispatch. We are much relieved for we had fears about Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, who has been comparatively little at sea, for a rear ad-

Looking over an old edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, we notice that the editor, in his preface, says "no effort has been spared to prevent repetitions and inconcinnities." Alas, we don't know what incon cinnities are, but if you ever notice any of them getting into this department, we trust you will call our attention to same.

Theatrical press agents are always there, or even a little beyond, with the well chosen adjective, but the gentleman keeping Miss Annette Kellermann's silhouette before the public is surpassing himself. We quote from a theatrical ad:

This is Miss Kellermann Herself, Renember, in Her Own Live Pulchritudinous Person With Vim, Vigor, Vitality, Verve and Venus Curves.

But we think Miss Kellermann may be little annoved to observe that he has headed the advertisement with the cap-

FEATURES EXTRAORDINARY

Thoughts in a Hash Cathedral

We are delefully impressed by the fact that one slice of ple is never enough, and two slices is always too much. This is one of the problems that the League of Nations will be too timid to tackle.

A five-cent slice of pie is said to be oneseventh of the whole, but nowadays it seems what the musicians call a diminished

Old Favorites

Throw out the limelight Across the dark stage Help the soubrette take Ten years off her age

Gee, if you boys in The baldheaded row Keep calling her "Grannle" You'll ruin the show!

When the great anthology of German umor is collected, we hope that some of the iridescent pearls let fall by Chrysostom Bernstorff will be included. For instance this, from one of his reports to the Berlin Foreign Office, dated October 27, 1916: "Nothing can for long be kept secret in America. The fact of an American newspaper being subsidized can never be kept secret, because there is no reticence in this

responsible.-" Poor Bernstorff. Seems kinda rough, doesn't it-all those tender little secrets of his being exposed to the harsh Yan-

What Are You Asking Santa For? Perhaps the Kalser, instead of hanging his stocking this Christmas, may decide to hang himself.

SOCRATES.

The Department of Justice reveals that nore than \$7,000,000 was spent in German plots here. The Hun paid for some cemetery and he got it!

fewer, abler and better paid men to office under the State Government. This is one of the most sensible remedies ever proposed for what is the matter at Harrieburg. Frederick Wilhelm, living in privacy on

Mr. Sproul favors the appointment of

Dutch island, has asked for a pistol, Perhaps the Dutch Government will let him have it if he will use it as he should for the benefit of the world.

HOME AGAIN T'S home again, it's home again, will

march two million feet. home again, oh home again," trium-phant drums will beat. "The boys are coming home again," says the man on the street. They have done with the glory of the sword.

T'S home again, it's home again, the great gray ships will steam. Of home again, of home again, the khald watchers dream. to California it's home again they'll stream, Their bloody battles over to claim their just

AT HOME again, at home again, with all they love and know, Weary eyes will shine again and pallid checks

Their boys are coming home again is all the



PAINTING THE LILY

A World Highway to Honor Heroes

The Proposed Bridge From the Parkway to West Philadelphia Suggests a Nationalized Scheme of War Memorials on the Lincoln Highway

By JOSEPH PENNELL

WHEN Rome was mistress of the world she did virtually what the Germans tried to do when they sought to dominate civilization. She built roads endlesslybuilding always from one end of a conquered ountry to the other. These roads were so excellently engineered that the overlord and dominator of the world, Julius Caesar, was able to get from Rome to London in faster time than is usually made by the international express. Roman highways were magnificently decorated at every city and battlefields with triumphal arches, amphitheatres and other memorials erected to commemorate the conquerors progress. These monuments exist today to command the admiration of

the world. We in this country have a greater need for great roads than the Romans had. We have better uses for them. But we have achieved relatively little. We have the Lincoln highway from New York to San Francisco, but it is disjointed, disorganized, ungraded, unconcreted over most of the way. All that exists is a track, blazed by red. white and blue signs and telegraph poles.

Caesar's road ran from Rome to Calais, and because there were no American engineers then to build bridges and tunnels the Roman legions had to be moved across the channel on barges and by other means. But the road was built by curineers from the city of Rome to the city of Newcastle. It still exists. All of this is interesting in view of the present needs of America. A bridge from New York to Jersey City is designed and soon will be built. The bridge from Camden to Philadelphia will soon be a reality. And so the Evening Public LEDGER's suggestion of a bridge over the Schuylkill River from the Parkway to West Philadelphia fits splendidly into a scheme which would be adequate to commemorate our achievements in the war in an altogether noble and beautiful way. Such a bridge should be one of the connecting links in a national highway. This highway should be beautified under a co-ordinate plan, so that it would carry into every city and town through which it passed a suggestion of the most splendid adventure of the human race. The Lincoln Highway, instead of wandering up and down Walnut and Chestnut streets, could cross the Parkway bridge. From West Philadelphia to St. Louis there is no river of any importance that is not bridged, if my memory serves. At St. Louis there is the great Eades bridge. After that there are no obstacles until you get to Oakland or Sacramento.

THE Lincoln Highway has been designed And numbers of people have been over it with great difficulty. Travelers at New York coming east or from Europe will in the future leave New York over the monumental North River bridge. They will reach Philadelphia over the Camden bridge. And they should be able to continue on the journey toward the South over a Parkway bridge such as you have suggested in your edi-torial. Then they will be on the road that leads west and south. I do not know how this road gets to the Middle West. There are bridges, of course, over the smaller rivers and the infernal Chicago River. Then come the great plains and the prairies and the mountains and a clear way to Oakland and Sacramento, where the road divides for Seattle further borth and San Diego sauth-

Highway commences, to the termination at Portland, Ore., and in every city of impor-tance through which the road passes there should be erected great memorials designed by the greatest artists and sculptors of the United States and the Allied countries in honor of the men who gave, or were willing

ispiring record of what we have done and what was done by those who fought up our side. What we should have would, our side. What we should have it would deed, be a World Highway, since it would travel between the great ports. It would represent the most splendid sort of a memorial and it would be a work in which all States and ofties might be proud to have a part. This is merely suggestive of what the Romans did in the great road systems which radiface from Rome.

THE EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER'S SUggestion for a bridge crossing the Schuylkill from the Parkway represents the most intelligent conception of a war memorial that I have yet met with. Such a bridge could be de-signed in harmony with the other great bridges elsewhere on the Lincoln Highway. And here, as elsewhere, along a road that ultimately will be nothing less than a con-necting link between Europe and Japan could be placed, in every community, the groups and monumental structures designed and built in memory of our own soldiers and those of the Allied armies. In this city and elsewhere the museums and monuments of the sort suggested by Joseph E. Widener should be placed, so as to beautify dignify the approaches to each bridge in monumental series. Branches of the Central highway ultimately could be built from Philadelphia or Harrisburg to run to Mobile and New Orleans, and from New Orleans a road might be laid up to San Diego if we were not convinced that we are less able than the ancient Romans in the arts of com-

Similarly, a road might come down through the Canadian Rockies to Portland, where it would meet the central highway in the great system. There is nothing absurd in this general scheme, nothing visionary or imprac ticable, nothing that the ancients could no do. It would be only doing what Napoleon did when he built or remade roads from Paris to Rome and to Madrid and planned highways over the Swiss passes and to Her-lin and to Belgium. Can we do less in an age when open roads mean so much more to civilization?

THE National Commission of Fine Arts should be empowered at once by the President to open communication with every community which, like Philadelphia, is preparing to plan and finance a scheme of war memorials. Thus the general scheme of commemoration could be nationalized and given new dignity, significance and value, We should, as a result, have a general me-morial unsurpassed anywhere and one in morial unsurpassed anywhere and one in which the spirit of the country, its sentiment and its pride could proudly live.

This is the general plan which your admir editorial inspired in my mind e editorial inspired in my mind. I think b bridge as you have suggested it would far more than a logical solution to the problem of a war memorial in Philadelphia It might also well represent the beginning of a national movement which would give to the United States a co-ordinated memorial scheme as noble and as useful as anything ever known to the world.

The plan of Representative Gray for Federal incorporation of railroad companies deserves careful study by those interested in the future of the railroads under private

Christabel Pankhurst is a candidate for Parliament with the consent of Mr. Asquith

The Competent Farmer

THE competent farmer has finished his chores

And has finished his dinner as well. He is through for a time with the world out of doors,

And he loafs by the fire for a spell: The logs crickle-crackle; the sparks fly in

flocks: Aspiring smoke heavenward goes. The farmer for ease is displaying his socks

And a pair of inquisitive toes, The competent farmer has autos and sich But he'd rather have comfort than style. In dollars and happiness both he is rich As he looks at his wife with a smile.

Ay, peaceful the close of a hard working-But out in the gathering gloom An owl sings a mournful and sinister lay That breathes of despair and the tomb

The competent farmer is making his plans For the morrow as gravely he smokes. The children's bright faces he lovingly scans And smiles at their innocent jokes.

He knows what he owns, dollars, acres and flocks. And he loves every critter and fowl; And he don't care a darn for the holes

in his socks And he don't give a hoot for the owl. GRIF ALEXANDER.

The Reader's Viewpoint

Appreciation of Musical Criticism the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir-As a professional musician I desire to express my thanks to you for the excellent musical criticisms that have been appearing in your paper this year. It is something that Philadelphia has needed for a long time. Also for the well-informed and always Also for the well-informed and always read-able articles in your Saturday paper under the head of The Critic Talks to Music Lovers. the head of the third the head of the very good and interesting to me as I heard all three of the conductors and agree with what is said, although I have

not the power of analysis to put it so tersely For goodness sake keep up this column and give us more of it: Philadelphia, December 7.

What Do You Know?

A. B. C.

What is the German name of Cologne? What forest in France was officially renamed by the French Government in honor of the great victory of the American marines there? What United States caval mystery in the What was the real name of Voltaire?
Who said "Necresity has no low I know some attorneys of the name"?

What is the capital of Wreming?
Who wrote the highly realistic wir hook known in French as "Au Feu" and in English as "Under Fire"?

8. What is a factotum?
9. What kind of a bont is a chracle?
10. How did Brother donathan come to be a nickname for the American people? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Coblenz is the most important city occupied by the American forces in Germany. "The Dusk of the Gods,"
Mother Ann' was Ann Lee, fernder of the
sect of Shakers who secoded from the Saciety of Friends in the eighteenth century, She was born in England, but came
to America in 1774 and founded the first
Shaker community in this country at
Niskenna, near Troy, N. Y.

The finger next to the little finger is called the "ring finger." A roe is a female deer.

passion for his things.

mpere, a unit of measurement of electrical errent, is named ofter Andre Marie Ampere, a celebrated French electrician, His dates are 1775-1836, ene Viviani, former Premier of France, accompanied Marshal Joffre on his visit to the United States in 1917, which Whitlington was a popular and renewal Lard Mayor of Landon. He field in 1872, but the Large Companies of Landon. He field in 1872, but the control of the con