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twenty candidates and are likely to elect one or two. The situation is so complicated that the Manchester Guardian has been saying...

HISTORY STAGES A NEW DRAMA TODAY IN FRANCE

No Legate or Ruler on Foreign Soil Ever Assumed a Role Analogous to Mr. Wilson's

TRAVELING on the George Washington, Mr. Wilson is "constructively" on American soil. His high adventure begins today when he sets foot on French earth.

Whether his presence there will cause to be garnered the full fruits of a vividly expressed idealism, whether they be blighted or realized only in part are prospects too close to mankind's imperfect vision to permit of safe augury.

There are skeptics also who know how swiftly mankind forgets, how the shambles which the Napoleonic ambition made of many a fair town and countryside in Europe taught the selfish intrigants of the Congress of Vienna in 1814 absolutely nothing, how they betrayed civilization at a crisis in many ways analogous to the present one.

And there are mellorists—same folk on the whole—who hope for betterment because of the truth through history and for all its tragic perversity affords evidences of a groping forward toward the light.

Though analogies to the situation may be drawn they are imperfect. Yet perhaps for that very reason they intensify the importance of a memorable day. Franklin is in one picture. Up to now few legates in history have ever so profoundly affected its course with a venture abroad as did the indefatigable nurse of an infant democracy.

It was a marvelous achievement, but the parallel with Mr. Wilson's situation cannot be accurately traced. Franklin held exalted office during that richly remunerative visit to Paris in 1776.

Deeply desired by all patriots and the inspiration of the most splendid and impressive preparations was Lafayette when America, a generation after the Revolution, had attained already a national maturity.

Distinguished national figures on foreign soils season world annals with picturesque interest. It is a fact, however, that where the visitor was signally honored new achievement of a high order either did not result or if sought was nullified.

Crowned heads in foreign lands have been pretentious mummies. There was mockery in the gorgeous scene enacted by Francis I and Henry VIII on the "Field of the Cloth of Gold" in 1520, and such shams as that persisted into our own times.

Unique indeed is Mr. Wilson's role. That his part may be as enlightening and constructive as it is singular, that his unexampled opportunity to translate the spirit of America to free Europe without vanity or misconception of purpose, now for the first time fused, is the devout wish of his compatriots.

THE CHAFFING DISH Ballade of Busy Bertha The directors of the Krupp munition works have announced their intention to transform the plant into a factory devoted to the arts of peace.

THE RAILROAD MUDDLE

SECRETARY McADOO'S recommendation that Federal control of the railroads continue for five years from next January professes to be made in order that the nation may have time to develop a railroad policy.

Railroad managers are not agreed on what should be done. Some of them would like the Government to take its hands off at once, and others would prefer that the withdrawal should be made gradually.

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No, William Randolph, it isn't up to the standard of Billy Sunday's remark, which a friend of ours is so fond of quoting, about the sinner who had fallen so low that he would have to climb a tree in order to look a snake in the eye.

Of course Mr. Wilson will be eager to show off his French and McClintock will be bursting with all the English he has picked up in the last four years, and we wonder who will be polite enough to give in.

What FREEDOM OF THE SEAS IS NOT WORD comes from London that the British are reassured by the discovery that President Wilson's theory of the freedom of the seas does not involve a demand for the abandonment of the contraband law.

The three quietest men in the world just now are Lenin and Trotsky and George Sylvester Viereck.

As Fridays the 13ths go, this seems to have done pretty well. In spite of all the apprehension in suburban smoking cars, the captain of the George Washington doesn't seem to have mistaken Brest-Litovsk for Brest.

THE READER'S VIEWPOINT

To the Critics of Woodrow Wilson To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—

Each bluish bird 'neath the glory shed; Nor let the searchlight of your vision be cast full upon each petty scar it finds.

You Win If you should ask our opinion of him and intend to make "the whole world bone-dry" we should not hesitate an instant before making a positive answer.

The colored folks who wish to obtain the German colonies in Africa seem by the present look of things, to be at a great disadvantage. They have no navy.

IF BUSY BERTHA turns her beam Toward the arts that civilize, I wonder greatly what ingenious output she will now devise?

Now she might print a magazine, Or make a trap for catching flies, Invent a razor always keen,

Envoy FRAU KRUPP, we wait in hot surmise The details of your peaceful guise: If but a home for friendless pups,

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By JOSEPH PENNELL

THE Lincoln Highway is the great national artery for free traffic. Soon it will be interlarded. All that has been suggested is to beautify it and to make it more useful and more significant.

The traveler on this road would pass across the country through the most interesting cities and the most beautiful villages. He would come upon vistas of country as beautiful as any in the world.

Every one who has ridden or driven out of Rome knows this. We can make better roads now. Every one who travels from Paris to Milan remembers the magnificent approach to that marvelous city.

THE Lincoln Highway leaves New York by way of Staten Island and proceeds in an undisturbed way to Trenton, Camden, Philadelphia, Gettysburg, Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, Chicago, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, North Platte, Cheyenne, Salt Lake, Sacramento and San Francisco.

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ness of the free American spirit. If it were not a bridge or a group, it would be a milestone or a cross lifted to some man who was brave by those who knew him best. So you would go to the plains over a shaded endless road which, but a ribbon before, would blossom here and there with domes and spires—just as St. Peter's grows from the Campagna, as Chartres Cathedral springs from the plains of St. Beauce, as Rheims grey over Burgundy.

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What Do You Know?

- QUIZ 1. Who succeeds Charles M. Schwab as director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation? 2. What is the name of the famous outbreak of the Yuliers in Paris destroyed? 3. When and by whom was the famous outbreak of the Yuliers in Paris destroyed? 4. What is the name of the famous outbreak of the Yuliers in Paris destroyed? 5. Where are the Straits of San Juan de Fuca? 6. What celebrated French novelist and dramatist had his nose broken in his veins? 7. What is the capital of Oregon? 8. What famous opera tenor, widely popular in Europe, died in 1918? 9. How long after the outbreak of the First World War was the Emergency Fleet Corporation organized? 10. About what per cent of the American troops which entered the zone during the war were trained in American camps? 11. The French name for Mainz is Mayence. 12. The French have recently used the war tanks known as the Char de Combat. 13. The Prisoner of Chillon was Francois de Bonivard. 14. Giuseppe Verdi's last opera was Otello. 15. Renaissance architecture is the style which prevailed in Italy and other parts of western Europe between the Roman and Gothic periods. 16. The desire of an individual to be the best is often referred to as the desire for excellence. 17. The Roman name for Mainz is Mayence. 18. The French have recently used the war tanks known as the Char de Combat. 19. The Prisoner of Chillon was Francois de Bonivard. 20. Giuseppe Verdi's last opera was Otello. 21. Renaissance architecture is the style which prevailed in Italy and other parts of western Europe between the Roman and Gothic periods. 22. The desire of an individual to be the best is often referred to as the desire for excellence.