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THIS WINTER AT HARRISBURG

WE HAVE a business Governor who will take office on January 21. Mr. Sproul has indicated in all that he has said since his election that he intends to conduct the business of the State with as great efficlency as private business is conducted. He has called to his assistance men whose primary qualification is fitness for their jobs rather than demonstrated ability to carry primaries and line up voters. This promises much. And the record of Mr. Sproul justifies the hope that the promises will be fulfilled.

They cannot be fulfilled as they should be if the General Assembly fails to cooperate. That body meets next Tuesday for the purpose of organizing. Then it will adjourn to give its leaders an opportunity to make the assignment of the menibers to committees. When the committee assignments are announced we shall know whether it is intended to have a business session of the Legislature; that is, a sesalon devoted to doing the work marked out for it and then adjourning, or a session of dawdling and delay such as has needlessly consumed the time of the legislators in recent years.

There are several bills which should be passed without delay. One is a bill which shall provide for a constitutional convention in the near future. Another is a revision of the charter of this city. A third is the authorization of a bond issue for good roads. These are of first importance. It is announced that an attempt will be made to pass a workman's sickness insurance law and there have been rumors that the child labor law is to be amended. These are matters on which there is wide difference of opinion. They should not be permitted to obstruct the more important work of the session.

Are you a patriot, or did you morely become an acting patriot "for the duration of the war"?

EASY AMERICANS

CYNICS who have always maintained that the species high in America has its brooding places in the big cities rather

of a better understanding between the Italy, of a heedless zeal to overcapitalize peoples of this continent? If it will, there may be atonement for many serious errors of the past.

Smart and swift were the ways of most of the ambassadors of this country's commerce in South America before the war. Dislike and mistrust of the United States among Latin-American peoples was the logical consequence of the attitude of those commercial representatives of ours who had the habit of condescending tolerance for all the things which they were unable

to understand. Germany did far better by sending as her commercial and banking representatives men of education, versatile enough to appreciate Latin-American ways and culture. After all, the commercial man is a most important representative of his country. He talks to a thousand men while the accredited diplomatic representative talks to one. It was a recognition of this fact that enabled Kaiserism to 'inflitrate" South America so thoroughly in the days of peace and build up not only trade but widespread sympathy for Ger

many and Germans.

WILSON, IN THE FORUM, THES THE STRANDS OF HISTORY

Fundamentals of Law and Liberty, Which Republican Rome Espoused, Are Still the Hope of Mankind

WERE it not for Rome the continuity of history might be questioned. Were it not for Mr. Wilson's presence there the sequence of tremendous new chapters would be severed. Apart from his personal qualifications for the role he now plays, there is supremely impressive fitness in the visit of the representative of the greatest modern experiment in republicanism to the scenes where the mightiest ancient venture rose and fell

There is a shudder in the thought akin to that which troubled the mind of Edward Gibbon as, sitting on the steps of the Church of Ara Coeli, he beheld the material ruins of that superb effort and wondered why. There is no answer in the thousands of resounding sentences of the master work which followed that meditative query, for Gibbon was an eighteenth century materialist, with ocular rather than spiritual vision. Fortified with the latter he would have amended the title of his erudite annals. There was triumph in Rome still at the very moment when the first pages of the monumental history were penned. The year was 1776. The very modes of thought in which the founders of the United States of America gave expression to their purposes were grounded in

Roman republicanism as it endured for seven centuries. One year after the last volume of the misnamed "Decline" appeared the Bastille was won. A cynical historian steeped to the full in Roman outward facts was dazed. But Europe was suddenly illumined; though startled, made radiant. Roman ideals of liberty, though in certain temporary manifestations savagely corrupted, were reconquering the mind of man. The spirit is inextinguish-

able. Faith therein is what stirs the best elements in humanity in this kalcidoscopic age. Disquieting qualms in the Forum and by the truncated columns of the Basilica Julia are not easily resisted, for shattered. The new republic which today direction. Weishmen, because of their than in the vertial peace of the outlands greets the successor of the old builds its proximity to the cauldron of European

victory at the expense of principles for which civilization expended rivers of blood, but there is Roman virtue in Signor Bissolati, whose resignation from the cabinet rebukes the expansionist clique. Unquestionably he is but one representative of a vital constituency. Its members may derive spiritual refreshment from the very stones of Rome and not

merely those of two millenniums past. A royal house of sub-Alpine origin may rule in Italy, but in the capital,

once mistress of the world, four magic initials grace every new building, bridge or public work fashioned there, "S. P. R." still runs the legend-"Senatus Q. Populusque Romanus" (the Senate and the Roman People). Surely the democratic liberty-fostering inspiration of this illustrious formula is not to be discounted. Mr. Wilson has a strong ally in

these suggestive inscriptions, which reaffirm the sometimes questioned truth that history is not wholly a spasmodic and inconsistent tale. In facing one of the most tangled of peace snarls, complicated by elements of justice in conflicting claims, the President of the superbly vigorous new republic in the seat of the old may derive valid moral sus-Italian idealism.

Perhaps no visit which Mr. Wilson has made is of such profound significance as this to Rome. The best that he and all of us can ask of the Italian heirs of greatness is that they be true to what they have taught us.

The Bolsheviki have looted \$50,000,000 from the Swiss Legation. They probably will use it to issue pamphlets preaching rightcousness.

GOVERNMENT RAILROADING

 $R_{\rm been \ the \ worst \ that \ America \ has}$ known since 1860. The Government lost \$150,000,000 in one year of rail operation. This would seem to be a culminating argument against Federal ownership of the raft lines.

Yet even a more emphatic case against the theorists who still are opposed to priate railroad administration is made by Robert S. Lovett, who through the experience gained as Mr. McAdoo's righthand man in the railroad administration has had his faith restored in the old system

of regulated competition. In the statement issued as he left office Mr. Lovett says explicitly that Government ownership must inevitably fail in this country. He suggested the need of such

stimulation as private initiative alone can provide and a system of Federal regulation which shall encourage expansion and prevent the economic loss of rate wars. Mr. Lovett would have done an added service for the country if he had issued

a word of warning against the old system. in which Congressmen from the tail grass country attempted to tell the experts of the steam lines how to run their business.

A Hun soldier wore the Kalser's clothes Berlin after the castle was suched by moles. And yet they say Germans are not

contageous? FILL UP THE ABYSS OF IGNORANCE THAT Welshman who wants to establish the environment is overwhelmingly sity of Wales in honor of President Wilson Some people have an explanation for theatrical. But the spiritual pillars are un- is turning his attention in the wrong

must have read the New York newspapers highest hopes upon their fundamental affairs, are pretty well informed on the tivity," says a philosopher, "it is necessary by many years," When I entered his apariments last

THE CHAFFING DISH

WE NOTICE in the news that a tobacco dealer who was married recently gave his bride a check for \$4,000,000 as a wedding present. The young lady will be in clined, we fancy, to agree with Stevenson's advice to women, never to marry a man who doesn't smoke.

Dear Socrates: May I venture seriously to inquire whether any significance attaches to the fact that T. R. often starts TRouble? Also TRials and TRibulations.

In the street car the other day I noticed on the card advertising a certain wellknown biscuit, "Serve with Chafing Dish specialties." A professional proofreader, I was startled by what I momentarily felt was a typographical error, so familiar am I with the Chaffing Dish. ALCIBIADES.

A Fable for Critics

A friend of ours, who was quite young forty years ago, wrote a great many poems in the first flush of his youth. He published some of them in a little book, of which the critics all said that they expressed the immature emotionalism of extreme youth.

He was annoyed, and kept the rest of his verses in a scrapbook until he was approaching threescore and ten. Then, looking over them one day, he thought tenance from this pregnant index of they were worth printing, and had the rest of them published. A new generation of critics had come along by this time. Of the second book they said, having learned the author's present age, that these poems were the product of cynical, disillusioned and morose old age.

We are uncertain of the moral; but at any rate the story proves the futility of literary critics.

We sometimes wonder whether Mr. Hoover isn't the most useful man on earth today? While most of us are only talking about humanity's troubles, he is busy trying to fill the world's dinner pail. And it begins to look as though Bolshevism were only another word for hunger.

At any rate the war has not taken the ire out of Ireland.

Connections Not Guaranteed

Ambrose writes that he sometimes finds our train of thought a little hard to catch. But, ah! how much harder it is to get it started!

And sometimes it stops at a way station nd it is almost impossible to move it along to the terminus,

Unfortunately, there seems to be no Pollman attached to it.

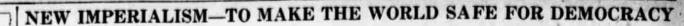
We have to keep our rolling stock shunting so rapidly that it has no time to gather any moss.

As he sweeps up the fallen needles and untrims the Christmas tree, Count Bentinck may be pardoned for wishing that he could untrim his guest is well. Think of the delight of the Amerongen ashmat if he were to come along some morning and find the Kaiser in the rabbish barrel. But Wilhelm prefers to draw his own

A jewelry expert says that half the diamonds in the world are in the United States, but this is small consolation to a the autior has the key to the mystery and householder surveying a depleted coal bin.

We are always filled with amazement when we see in a shop window a little bot tle containing a model of a full rigged ship, or some other little toy, that completely fills the interior of the bottle. We have no patience with the people who in-L a chair of world politics in the Univer- sist on explaining to us how it is done. everything.

"In'regard to every form of human ac-





WANTED : A'PHILANTHROPIST

THE last time I called on Pericarp he | ings, and nearly knocking a pile of books A was engaged in the study of detective to the floor as he did so.

stories, an interesting but somewhat monotonous occupation. Detective stories are all allke; that is, almost all. They present a mystery and then unravel it. You know from the moment you begin to read that intends to tautalize you for from three to five hundred pages before he discloses it. But just as there are many persons who are delighted with conundrums, there are also thousands who are fascinated with the more complex conundrum of the mystery tale. Pericarp, however, was no reading detective stories because he liked them. He was merely trying to find where the modern tale of this kind originated. and he had discovered that Beaumarchais

"There is no hope for such as 1," he went on, "unless some philanthropist comes to our rescue. I have looked at scores of farms. They are either too far from the station or the house is unlivable or they cost too much. I have spent time enough dreaming about my project to have built a house with my own hands and I have spent money enough on car fares to have paid for a jitney bus, but I am no nearer to my farm than when I began."

"Why don't you advertise?" I asked, "That is what I am doing now," he replied, a little impatiently. "I am advertising my needs to you. Some one said that if a man made a better mousetrap than his neighbors the world would wear a path to his doorstep. Now, it must also be true that if a man has a greater

Stained with clotted blog Where the big trucks bog and mire In the winter mud: Full of filth and fleas and fuzz. Cannoneer and drover, Tell me who the fat-head wuz Said the war "was over."

The Doughboy Speaks By Lieut, Grantland Rice

Hiking in a frozen trance Down some German plain; "Fall in!"-hear the sergeant yell. Far from home and clover; Tell me, who the bally hell Said the war "was over."

Chow for breakfast-slum for mon-Who says men are free While the bugier's foolish tune

Pipes the reveille? "Right dress!"-hear the sergeant buzz From Mainz across to Dover: Tell me who the hell it wuz

Said the war "was over." Cleaning up a mass of wire.

Third Army, A. E. F. SLOGGING through the mud of France, Camping in the rain;

assurance. An irrepressible air of amazed delight pervaded the headlines of the Balyion dailies as they told that laws made uc tive on January 1 to prevent more than a nfty-cent gouge on every theatre theiret were "working admirably" at the time when the papers trembled to press with the glad tidings.

One cannot imagine a farmer in any lonesome region of the Middle West being dazed and dazzled by the ducal head waiters, who by delivate use of the demi-snub pocket so much of the uncarned increment of the Manhattanese. Not can one fate; even a farm hand in fillinois paying sixtematically for the chill how of a menial is a dress suit. It is easy to imagine what any rural citizen would do if a sharpfeatured individual happened along to tell him that he must contribute 19 per cent of the price of a needed commodity to a speculator who had a way of beating him to the store. There would be a fight of cours-.

It is not the habit of mon in their series to submit to that sort of thing. Usually their pride is hurt even if they aren't concerned about the money. Yet this practice is habitual and conventional in almost every community where there are many | found in Italy herself. For there are theatres and cafes.

Yes, the American high has his dwelling place in citles. It is the farmers who are sophisticated nowadays. Easy money, if appears, makes easy Americany,

Bang goes shuther precedent Mr. Wilson, in Home, seems determined not to do as the Romans do.

ANOTHER NEW LEAF

BETTER than any information of a strictly diplomatic character from Latin America is the news that the Associated Press will hereafter serve lead- of freedom. ing daily journals in the principal South American cities,

Heretofore the people of the Lath-American republics have known Europe better than they know America. The lifeof a country is best reflected in its news. But Latin America has depended too largely on what interested or prejudiced correspondents preferred to send it from the United States. The service of the largest and most efficient news association will be like a mirror in which the rest of America. can see the better aims and purposes of the United States clearly mirrored. The educational value of the "A. P. ' service in the great newspapers of the other American republics cannot be too greatly estimated

Will American business, in its future programs in South America, follow the here suggested and realize the need

Rome of Trajan rather than that of

Cato. The "provocation" for the Tripoli-

tan expansion is hardly susceptible of re-

assuring analysis. Greek islands seized

in that campaign are still beneath the

sway of the red, white and green stand-

ard. Claims of the present Government

for territory behind the Adriatic littoral

offer one of the most formidable of all

the problems ripening for the Peace Con-

ference. Has Rome, historically the sen-

tinel of civilization, taught every one but

herself? Is she registering her sub

scription to the materialism of the

Coliseum, raised in the era of Flavian

autocracy, rather than to the eternal

principles embodying the same balance of

liberty and law in terms of which refash-

ioners of a maimed planet are now think

Soul-stimulating rebuttal may be

two Italys-the young and thoughtless

heir to an ancient empire, the oppor-

tunist nation lured by the false gods of

expansion and territorial aggrandizement,

and that glorious land of idealists which

made the nineteenth century the true

touchstone of the twentieth. Not only

for what they produced as a pro-

gressive national entity from a con-

geries of musty principalities, but for the

unimpeachable splendor of their aims do

the names of Mazzini, Garibaldi and

Cavour ring with eloquence in the voice

The "Risorgimento," which remade

Italy, furnishes a companion picture to

that of a heroic, unconquerable country

which redeemed the horror of Caporetto.

sustained enormous sacrificial burdens

and was again and again of invaluable

aid to her allies. The Marne might not

have been won had not Italy's repudia-

tion of the iniquitous Triple Alliance re-

lieved the French from the necessity of

defending the Savoyard frontier. It is

unjust to ascribe the attitude of Rome in

this crisis to sheer self-interest. Indica-

tions of a German victory were very

potent. It was largely the instinct for

right respect for the very law born of

the Seven Hills which stayed her inter-

One hears now of rash Junkers in

ference at that eventful period.

ing?

What is needed just now is a department As a kingdom modern Italy has at. of world politics in every American unitimes caused architects of freedom to versity, with a night school holding seaquestion certain of her courses. The old sions in Washington during the life of Triple Alliance was a cold-blooded affair. each Congress. The Abyssinian ambitions recalled the

There is a larger assortment of ignorance on the subject in America than in any other considerable civilized nation. The vell was lifted on the abyas when Henry Ford went to Europe to get the boys out of the trenches before Christmas. This | should hear no more about Bolshevism. successful builder of automobiles knew less about the political history of Europe than the Ahkoond of Swat knows about his motorcars. He had not even heard of the Schleswig-Holstein question, and it is doubtful if he knew anything about the Alsane-Lorraine question save what he Abatian Mountains" in his youth . . Knowledge of world politics is to be essential to Americana hereafter if they are to avoid stupendous blunders. The war income tax of Mr. Rockefeller for a single ear would provide an ample endowment for a chair of world politics in three or four hundres American colleges, and if the professors did their duty the necessity of war income taxes would dilappear.

tioverno: amili, of Great Quality New Yerk, In Lis

maugural address. econmended that the State police he disinsided. In Pennsylvania the State police, ganized upon the principle of fair play for verybody, composed of selected men of disoplined character and held aloof always from politics, made a record for quiet effo'erry that has given the service permanent. value. The personality of Major Groome was reflected in the Pennesivania service. The failure in New York shows again how valuable a quality personality can be

There will be another estburst of admiring it Begins at Home nonder at the news that Henry Ford is to na those janitors of his \$6 a day. Yet that

performance seems a little less wonderful when reasing farther down the column, we are informed that Henry can pay his thentyfour-jear-old son \$150,000 a year.

Superintendent Robinson, returning to his job in the police department, has now an excellent opportunity to display the efficiency

When a headling said yesterday that

costly dolls had a narrow escape in a fire, one could not avoid a wild impression of a

time, What is its purpose and night I found him bending over the Phoe ideal? In what way does it contribute to inixville and Norristown sections of the the beauty of human existence?" Like most questions asked by philoso-

phers, this is extremely embarrassing The most whole-souled benefactor of humanity that we know is a fellow who fries ham and eggs at a certain lunchroom. If a few hundred thousand of his kind, with sufficient ham and eggs, could

If we can't manage to settle down pretty soon, the League of Planets may decide to stand the earth up in front of some osmic firing sound.

Ever since Rouget de Lisie sat up all tearned from the singing of "The Blue | Army of the Bhine" since called the Marselliaises a great many minor poets have imagined that the only thing needed to un out a great poem was to sit up all light writing it.

In spite of our best efforts to dissuade them, the American Press Humorists are determined to hold their convention here next spring. Suggestions are in order as to what is the furniest thing in Philadelphia, so that we can take all possible precatilions to prevent those fellows from sweing H.

One of the most modest and humble adverilsements we have ever seen comes from Hanover, New Hampshire, where the Hanover Inn announces itself as "A comfortable, modern inn for nice people who can enfoy a New England environment." Who has been browheating New England and making her so meek? SOCRATES.

One of the big resign The Neamy Side rant syndicates is advertising a triumph

peculiarly American. It boasts that, though it feeds more than fifty million people a year, the average pairon in its establishments spends only twenty minutes in disposing of his luncheon or dinner. There is no suggestion in the blurb of the time which the same patrons waste while they are down and out with dyspepsia or of the fortunes in doctors' blis that are spent in the United States by men and women who are forever engaged in dragging themselves back from the brink of nervous prostration.

> The Socialists in France are irritated profoundly because M.

Clemenocau seems to disagree with Prestdent Wilson. There are politicians in Washington who are irritated because the American people agree with the President in his foreign policies. A world crisis makes destructive blaze in a fashionable restaurant. strange bedfellows,

excellent mans made by the Government Survey, tracing roads with his finger and now and then making a cross with a penci beside the little black dots willch represent houses. There was a nile of Agricultura Department reports on the table and a to of architectural books.

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be scattered round central Europe, we should hear no more about Bolahevism. $"D_{of}^{o}$ YOU know any philantheopist out should hear no more about Bolahevism."

He is a most unmanterly chap and never welcomes me when I enter or bids me good-by when I leave, but accepts my calls as a visitation of Providence, as he accepts the weather or the maid who periodically night to write "The War Song of the cleans out the litter he allows to accumulate about him.

> "There is the Kniser" - 1 began "I have been looking for one for severa years," he went on, without noticing my flippant answer. "Mon with money arusing it for all sorts of foolish philan throples, ignoring one of the most fertile fields for doing good. The only man I ever heard of who sensed the need was D. O. Mills, who built hotels in New York for men who did not like to sleep in the cheap and filthy lodging houses. He was a teal benefactor.

"But there is a large class of men of every city too honest to steal and too proud to beg who are starving for the opportunity to live on a litle farm in the ountry. I belong to that neglected class, would not like to confess how many years I have been looking for a little place that will suit me. I want ten or fifteen acres of land. Five would do if I could not get more. And I want it within convenien distance of a railroad station, with good train service to town, and I should like it to be in the edge of a little village with a postoffice, a grocery store and a meat market.

"I found such a place once, but it was not for sale. I asked a real estate age: to let me know when the owner was will ing to sel, but the man who owned the place next door bought it without letting any outsiders know what he was doing it was an ideal place of (wenty acres, with a beautiful old Colonial house on it, a stable and an orchard, and it was right in the heart of a farming hamiet of three or four hundred people."

He paused and looked off into space. His face was sad and I did not have the heart to break into his regretful reflections over his unrealized dream.

"WHAT'S the use of regretting?" he said at last, shaking himself and making a sweeping gesture with his right arm as if to wipe away all his vain long. I the room.

leed than his fellows some one will find out. I have been waiting vainly and I have decided that I shall take every one know into my confidence, in the hope that the word will reach the right man at lost."

"You don't expect some one to buy p farm and give it to you?"

"Of course not!" he exclaimed indignantly. "This is my idea. I localized in the other day when my friend Doctor Ely took me out to his little farm at Frazer. He has sixteen acres and a house out there within twenty-five miles of town, and gets lots of fun out of it. But it is not just what I want for an all-the-year place. I want a philauthropist to buy a farm of a hundred or a hundred and fifty acres within a mile of a railroad station on the main line not more than thirty miles from town, divide it up into ien and fifteen acre plots, build a modest house and stable on each plot, with modern improvements

such as water and electricity, and then offer one of them to me on easy terms of sale. I don't want a real estate speculator to have anything to do with it, for he would expect me to pay him twice what the land is worth and make a handsome profit on the buildings. It needs a philanthropist who will be satisfied with a fair return on his investment and take his

profit in the content and happiness which he will confer on a lot of familles, "Do you think there is any such man?

ie asked wistfully. "I am afraid not," said 1. "Every man I know would say that the risk would be too great. He would be afraid that he could not sell all the houses or that those who bought them would get thed of living in the country and throw the property back on his hands, or that the building of roads and laying of water pipes would cost so much that the little farms would be too expensive for the kind of people you have in mind."

"Perhaps so" he admitted, "but I an not going to give up hope until I have tried every expedient. I may even print an advertisement in the newspapers. They tell me that the people with money who are anxious to do good with it do not know how they can do the most good. All I want is that some one should invest fifty or a hundred thousand dollars in assisting to the land those who would like to get there. It would be a safer investment than putting it in some kind of shares dealt in on the stock exchanges."

"You have a lot of fallh in the goodness of your fellow men." said I. "Why shouldn't 1?" he asked. But he

didn't wait for an answer. His eyes returned to his map, and lest I should wake him from his dream I tiptoed silently from G. W. D.

Whether Paderewski A New Tune for is to be the first presi-

Paderewski dent of a new Polish republic we do not know. Some of his admirers are nominating him for that important post. Some of his enemies are saying that he is not fitted for it. He has been charged with being a pro-German propagandist and he has been praised as a Polish patriot. Time alone will decide which he is. But amidst all the doubt about him it must be admitted that he is the preatest living statesman among planists and the greatest plantst among statesmen.

> The President, wire-He Has lesses a correspondent His Nerve from the ship that

'onk Mr. Wilson from England to France, has no fear of rough weather. This is reassuring to those of us who watch the ominous lightning that is becoming visible in the political slikes of Europe.

The Bolshevists, according to disputches, eem intent upon precipitating a civil war in Germany. Would it not be more appropriate to speak of that sort of thing as uncivil war?

What Do You Know?

OUIZ

1. What is the Italian name for tienon? 2. What is a quidnune?

How often is the United States census taken and when will the next one he compiled?
In what part of the Netherlands is Ameron-ne?

3. How much per day is the pay of a private in the French army?

6. Who was Vice President of the Confederate States during the Civil War? How old is the Coliseum at Rome?

8. What is another name for the Book of Reve

9. What is "a priori" reasoning? 10. Why is an actar sometimes metaphorically described as a Roscius?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

Austria, Prussia and Russia divided the spoils in the partition of Poland in the

1. Abraham Lincoln was been in Kentucky and elected to the presidency from Illinois,

3. Sevents-three Sinn Feiners wan seats in the British Parliament in the recent election, 4. A "Cantab" is a student or graduate of the University of Cambridge, England.

A knot or nautical mile is 6080 feet.
The colors in the flag of Rumania are blue sellow and red.

7. The real name of Jenny Lind was Johanna Maria Lind. The singer married Otto

A laburnum is it small tree with racemes of 9. Maxes viewed the Promised Land from Mount

South America. South Washington of Section.

Company

The recent bomb outrages suggest that which he does not seem to possess.

