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IN POLITE LANGUAGE

MTHE change in your policy," observes Secretary Daniels in his latest warning to Mayor Smith, "was made in viola tion of your promise to Colonel Hatch. the representative of the Navy Department."

The reference is, of course, to the reinstatement of Superintendent Robinson at the head, of the police department. Friends of the Mayor and the Mayor himself say triumphantly that Secretary Daniels's letter, with his threat of further Federal interference in the administrative affairs of the city, is "mild."

A sensitive man might not like to be so flatly charged with breach of faith.

Meanwhile the Mayor must feel heart ened by the unexpected support of those pseudo-defenders of the city who, with the usual "Hush-hush!" and a difficult smirk, have lined up behind the police administration as the friends and protectors of vicious criminals whose business it is to prey on youthful service men away from home and home influences.

It is increasingly hard to believe that Germany is in the Temperate Zone.

CLEMENCEAU'S OWN COLD DOUCHE FRENCH cynicism is sometimes so keen as to be almost endearing. False sentimentality is stifled in its air, and that is a gain for any nation or its neighbors. Georges Clemenceau sponsoring an archaic and iniquitous "balance-of-power" doctrine is not an ingratiating figure to many liberals. But the "Tiger," declaring on November 11, "If I should die today France would give me a grand funeral," and adding. "If I wait six months nobody can tell what sort of a funeral I'll have," must unquestionably appeal to all lovers of courageous logic.

The bitterness of this philosophy in no wise compromises its truth. It reveals the Premier as a distillusioned but still hardy veteran. It reveals, too, a keenness of vision that is decidedly heartening. If the statesman can think thus clearly and with so much detachment concerning his role, there is promise that he will not pursue discredited phantoms when he comes to act. His sense of essential facts

have been made in handling this huge problem, but the difficulty of determining on a course helpful both to Russia and to the principles of orderly government which must be preserved in the world has been tragically embarrassing. Patience has not yet proved a solvent,

but happily the time limit has not yet expired. Watchful waiting until Huerta was overthrown was exasperating, but justification ca. now be found for that policy. The new absolutism of Trotsky, imperiled by many hopeful movements in Russia, may result in speeding the kind of beneficial action by America and the Allies for which all lovers of true freedom long.

# BERGER AS A SYMBOL OF SOCIALISTS' FAILURE

Milwaukee's Jailward Congressman and His **Crowd Were the Real Enemies of Liberal Causes in America** 

"T'M SHOCKED!" said Victor Berger,

I Milwaukee's Socialist Congressmanelect, when a Federal jury in Chicago found him guilty of violating the espionage act. Thus the Berger spirit maintained its characteristic isolation to the last.

No one else was shocked. The anti-Government propaganda directed by this ex-German was ugly. It was graceless. It had some small elements of danger. And yet it did not represent the gravest offense chargeable against the Wisconsin type of radicalism. Berger consciously or unconsciously betrayed the humane causes which he presumed to represent when he did more than any one else to force the shameless platform of noninterference through the Socialist convention at St. Louis at a time when all civilization was being threatened by the armies of a demented king.

In that moment the Socialist cause in America received the most disastrous blow that has been struck at it in fifty years. If stupidity were a crime punishable by law Berger would not be facing a nominal term in jail. He would get a hundred years or so and the Socialists themselves would be his prosecutors.

It was at St. Louis that the last pretensions of intellectualism were stripped from Socialist leadership in America. There the party declared its own class interests to be greater than the causes of humanity. A cult shouted that it was greater than the world. Collective opinion in America decided very properly that there is something seriously wrong with minds that could not perceive the splendor of the American purpose or realize the nobility of a service in which uncounted millions were willing to spend their lives and their money to retrieve

the great hopes of other peoples less fortunate than they. Since then the tolerance of mass opinion toward newer political doctrines has turned to dislike and hardened in antagonism. Radical Socialism of the American sort has been derided most bitterly by the few intellectual men who formerly were associated with it. Most of the more intelligent men and women who voted for the Berger anti-war platform repudiated it later and made at least a pretense of helping the country in the war. They were the last to admit the justice of a cause which was manifestly most just. Had the rest of the people accepted a doctrine that was advanced as an embodiment of all modern economic wisdom, Germany would now be trium-

would have been no freedom anywhere if Germany had won. There would have been no hope for the sort of aspirations which the Socialists presume to voice. The United States has come through the war clean. It was engaged upon a service glorified with unselfishness and idealism in the days when alien-minded groups like Berger's, sunk in a delirium of class prejudice and cowardice, were doing their utmost to retard and confuse the work of brave and devoted men. Our civilization isn't perfect and the economic order under which we live isn't perfect. But a study of the Socialist soul of the war period makes it clear that beneath the rather shiftless and easy-going methods and the imperfect system by which we live there is engendered a faith and a spirit and a purpose incomparably cleaner and nobler and more enlightened than any that so

far has touched the professing radical. One of these days we shall apply a reawakened idealism to our own affairs as we are trying to apply it in Europe. But it is plain in the light of the nation's war experience with the Socialist mind and spirit that we shall have to get along without the help of cults that can

produce Bergers. The Milwaukee group of convicts may

get a new trial, but it cannot and ought not be possible for Victor Berger ever to get to Congress. He is not American. After the happy ending in Europe there will be a tendency to forget and forgive the near-traitors and let them out of jail. That sort of tendency is charitable, but it is not always just. In the case of the convicted Milwaukee Socialists it might be well to keep the jail doors tight. For it is easy to feel convinced that Berger was not only disloyal in spirit, but an added danger in a dangerous period. It is not illogical to believe that he masked an enmity for the land that sheltered him under the pretense of championship for individual rights and a sham devotion to the poor.

The league of small rations is evidently much too large to permit of orderly government in at least two European countries.

### GOOD ENGLISH

WHOEVER goes out, like Dr. John B. Garber, Superintendent of Schools in Philadelphia, to battle for better English, will be able to find adversaries in plenty. Doctor Garber is most seriously concerned about slang and what are called nicknames

The English language began to suffer centuries ago, when the first "committees for revision" got to work on the Bible and began the slow, tireless process by which much of the splendor and beauty and force of the original English texts has been lesened in an effort to make each passage conform to the frantic modesty of these newer times. The tired business man would acturally entice a missionary in Doctor Garber's cause. Business English s clipped and stuttering. "Yours of even date received and beg to say" is anything but good-even as the language goes.

What of the writers of magazine serials Will they be sent to school again? And what would Doctor Garber, himself a strict apostle of formalized grammar, say in answer to the British scholars who insist that too many rules and regulations are restricting and despolling our mother tongue and that the only good English now spoken in the world is used by the unlettered peasants of Ireland, who have golden language of natural cadence suited phant in Europe, bleeding the little na- to imaginative minds which hold that

## ELBOW ROOM

**Railroad Stations** WHENEVER we pass through Broad Street Station or the Reading Terminal we are thankful that Philadelphia still has terminals where one can actually see trains, and particularly locomotives. New York boasts of her Pennsylvania Station and her Grand Central, but these are not railroad stations that have the savor and tang of old romance. They are mystic temples, austere and amazing shrines of the god of Transportation; but the life and glamour seem to have evaporated somewhere in those great vaulted halls of marble and indirect lighting.

What is a railroad station without loconotives? The big express engines, so extraordinary in the beauty of applied power the beauty that always emerges when man studies nature's laws—are a sight that we can never forgo. How ruddily the fireboxes shine, gushing a golden glow from the floor of the furnace, how stately those tail driving wheels that have just come roaring in from New York or Har-

risburg or Washington. And, about sunset time, when the great western arch of the Broad street train shed is all a scoop of rosy light, some big locomotive clanks out in majesty and her plume of bursting steam catches the sunset on its snowy pillar-then we think that civilization has gained strange beauties more wonderful

than any it has lost!

A justice of the Supreme Court remarked, in the course of a recent case, that "In speed the telegraph and telephone easily outstrip the rotation of the earth." We hope that no one Very High Up will feel disgruntled at this and accelerate our rotation, for the days are too short already.

## The Hunter Home From the Hill

A<sup>S</sup>,ONE read the other day of the fine simplicity, dignity and affection of Oyster Bay's farewell to Colonel Roosevelt, the thought must have occurred to many that perhaps it is seenily that we have no national pantheon of death such as Westminster Abbey. It is right and fitting that those who have served the public should be laid to rest in their home ground, among the scenes they have loved and near the roofs that have sheltered their happiest and most secret hours. Home roofs are best, home hearths are brightest. Little by little we shall have to accustom ourselves to the absence of that impetuous, unquenchable spirit. But tor himself, the pang is slight. He has

gone, even sooner than he expected, to join the gallant youngster he gave to his country. And never were Stevenson's great words more true:

Home is the sailor, home from sea, And the hunter home from the hill.

To a War Bride on Park Avenue THE August sun bade me walk slowly here

In the scant shade of sunburnt maple trees; The red brick houses closed their green-

Against the peopled sunlight and the breeze.

Midway along the block I heard a drone Of brookside stones and rush of tumbiing creen.

And looking upward saw a great armed man

Sit sewing in the sun, at his machine.

Sit sewing in the sun; his hairy breast Was bare beneath a heavy bearded chin; The little pile of shirtwaists at his side Revealed the trade that he was toiling in.

Ten paces down the street an open door



# AN "INVENTION" ANNIVERSARY

Seventy-nine Years Ago Today Britain Adopted the Mail System Giving Rise to That Universal and Indispensable Scrap of Paper, the Postage Stamp

PHILATELISTS should be in high fettle sented interference. But Hill's admirably reasoned pamphlet "Post Office Reform" was today and very probably they are, for too obviously pertinent to be ignored. those amiable hobbyists are too keenly conscious of chronological values to be oblivious The author had successfully demonstrated of a date of prime significance in the fascithat the difference in the carrying cost of a nating lore of stamp collecting. Moreover letter sent from Threadneedle street, London, those of us whose tastes are less highly to St. Martin's Lane, and one dispatched specialized have also in this instance full from the capital to Edinburgh was infinitesimal. It was, to be specific, precisely warranty to recognize the anniversary, for January 10 marks the opening move from the ninth of a farthing! The high cost of mail service was largely due to superfluous which the entire modern system of communication by letter (enemy countries temtangles in administration, such as the time porarily excepted) is derived. wasted in working out charges on the number of sheets of paper contained in an en-

INVENTIONS so simple as to appear by velope, on fixing prices by a distance The Juggler

REPUTATION for profundity, for A

A pundit stuff-Discrimination and suchlike acumen-Can be achieved without real gifts and plausibly enough Merely by making new lamps of old

To clarify my meaning: One has need to be au fait Of manifold details to pose as critic In any genre-but who's to quiz one whe shall transmute (say) ' A noun by substituting its enclitic?

In other words, why burn the midnight oil

to coruscate? Exactitudes betray the crawling stu-

The genius hitches one art with the argot of its mate. And lo! Esthetics registers a new dent.

Thus he is called upon, let us imagine, te appraise Some ancient desk or enigmatic bureau;

Instead of taking chances with a shot at

browed eyes

of human rature has not deceived him in his hour of sentimental glory on Armistice Day. Conceivably it may induce him to see the light at the peace table. Faith in his seasoned wisdom has been appreciably stimulated by his sophisticated and self-sobering words just reported.

Mad Russia doesn't seem to have ever enough food for thought.

THE NEW OBJECTORS THE world was pretty hard on conscien-

tious objectors to war. Why is it now that there are no outcries against the numerous men in Europe and the few in America who seem at times to be conscientious objectors to peace?

And why, coming a little nearer home doesn't some one make a noise about those who conscientiously object to cleaning the snow off their sidewalks?

Will Holland have to find a nice quie castle for Ebert also?

### WHEN BOLSHEVISTS FALL OUT

TT IS the fate of arbitrary triumvirates of M and duumvirates to split up in favor of coats, an a single personal embodiment of authority which in turn pays the penalty of abso The lutist methods. Caesar triumphed over iancy any the Caesar-Pompey-Crassus league, and rat, nutr then he, too, fell. Marat and Danton beaver r eliminated Robespierre's absolutism, had lowst a brief sway and then collapsed. Rid of his associating consuls, Napoleon, with

### for a number of years; but it was in-Cı evitable.

While such analogies may unwarrantably flatter the tatterdomalion Troteky, the general warning of history is at least pertinent. If the latest reports from Russia be authentic, the wildest duumvirate in human annals is smathed. Nicolai Lenine, charged with leanings toward the Mensheviki, "tainted" with moderate views in the land of chaos, is reported under arrest. The news squares with the accounts of the ex-Premier's statecraft, in which certain rational elements have been dimly discerned.

the splendor of genius, staved off his doorn

The present headlong Bolshevist clique, dominated by the infatuated Trotsky, has no patience with reason. That even the radicalism of Lenine has been found of fensive testifies to the pace at which hairbrained madness travels. That it will ride still more swiftly to its fall is the gleam of hope which the tale of this disruption of the coalition provides, for the shaping of events into some semblance of coher is indispensable to Allied action on ian situation. Doubtless mistakes

tions dry, overwhelming civilization. In this country we should be arroing to the matical rules? teeth and waiting for our turn with the beast. And if the pacificism of the Socialists prevailed as a genera' conviction, the Bergers and the Tuckers and their like would not have the freedom of their soap boxes for long. They would be booted about in chain ganga by some thug or other in a Hun army

uniform. The Socialists, in other words, who had boasted a better intelligence for years, proved slacker-minded and less humane and less imaginative in a crisis than the ordinary man in the street who has loafed along from the beginning in old political parties, many of whose lesser leaders he knows to be corrupt

or inefficient. That is what is the matter with Socialism and that is why a political doctrine which, intelligently directed, is having a tonic effect upon the older European parties, has been set back half a century in America.

Wisconsin or Milwaukee, that part which decided to send Berger to Congress, is likely to find its motives under closer scrutiny when the war is over and peace is signed and the people have leisure to make an inventory of causes and issues revealed during the last few years. Frank disloyalty or treason are obvious offenses easily dealt with. It is with a subtler menace that this country has had recently to deal. There is a possibility that Berger actually thought

he was serving the Socialists at St Louis. But it might not be improper to wonder whether he, like a great many others elsewhere throughout the country, were not reacting to a subconscious hatred of anything that might interfere with the progress of Germany to world **s**chedule domination.

Berger's propaganda, like the propaganda issued from other sources, was extraordinarily bitter. It was out of all proportion to the measure of justice in the propagandist's case.

America, by the procedure so violently opposed by the elements calling themselves radical, has been able to do a service to humanity greater than any political system or any nation ever could do. The events of the war and the influence of American policies throughout Europe show clearly that Berger and his sort were either ignorant or traitor-

sch should be a mirror of life and not a thing to be laid out stark along gramsparks-

General Pilsudski has Henry, Henry! ousted Paderewski

from a high place in the new Polish Government and, in a general way, it may be said that the devilovitch is to paysk in Posen. Trotsky wants to conpier the world and Greece has a hope of

starting a new war. At the hour of going to press it was almost impossible to avoid the temptation to send a wire to Henry Ford with the suggestion that he abandon his new ournalistic enterprise temporarily. Henry nay yet have to go abroad in a warship to get the Peace Conference out of the trenches by Christmas.

"Get ready," said A. They're Used to It Mitchell Palmer to the representatives 0.1 Pennsylvania's Democracy, "to receive those Republicans who won't follow the reaction artes of their party." If the Pennsylvania

Democracy absorbs Republicans in an organization that later is sure to be absorbed by the Republican party the effort suggested by Mr. Palmer will represent merely a waste of energy.

There are good jobs Where He is Needed Nawning for that Non York taxicabby who found \$280 in his cluariot and returned it to the owner. If fifty men so honest as he ould be mobilized and given the most im portant diplomatic posts in Europe the world might yet find a way to ponce.

The reported agree-According to Law ment in the plan to consider the forma ion of the League of Nations first and punishment of Germany afterward is in conformity with the procedure of concluding judicial proceedings with the sentency. Court precedent is entirely on the side of this time

It is interesting to The Poet's Year hear that Herman Scheffaur, Hun-American poet, has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for treason. Poets, as a rule,

are too busy trying to make a living to get into serious trouble.

The railroad men might be really grateful to Columbus if his egg trick had given them a few useful unscrambling pointers.

It can hardly be without special significance that one faction in Berlin has driven ous in their insistent propaganda. There I some of the Spartacans into the zoo.

Clanking with rods and red with breaking A little space the summer calms forgot.

For it was dizzy with a heavy wheel

That sped and spun in dazzling gleam and whirl, Beside whose fury, swaving at her toll There stood a tall, slim, great-eyed, wistful

girl. Her long blue overalls and grease-smudged cheek Half hid her from me till her head was

turned. Then, in her eyes, ten thousand hidden years Rose like a biting flame that blazed and

burned. There all day long, the great wheel by her

side Whirls on, and all day long grim drays halt tl.cre. While Time demands strange birthfruit of

> his bride. Who as all brides should be, was flushed and fulr.

But as I see her slim and fine and free True woman on the heights of power and

grace. That man up at his toil I also see, And his great idle arms and bearded face

> What Is Truth? The Playgoer saw Lady Constance, Lady Constance Stewart - Richard-Lady lightly clad in classical dancing son was much plauded for he dancing costume with bar racefu yesterday at the Palace Theatre. and fully deserved the cordial recep-New York

limbs, do the three short dances that now constitute her And when he had seen her turings, her triparound the stage and her casional kicks, he did not arise and shout, "Brava! bis! core" And there were no shouts of approval from any York Evening Sun.

A Columbia University professor says that H. F. Albert and William Bayard Hale explained to him in 1914 "why Germany entered the war."

Germany was already in it long before it SOCRATES. began.

resentatives" to study conditions in Russia. To the L W. W. and the Bolsheviki, in this instance, it might be said that all are in danger of bad company.

the illuminating rays of hindsight in evitable have long been imperfectly honored in a world whose admiration for the mysteri-

ous is ever profound and prompt. Thus the WiTH convincing lucidity the reformer brushed all these snarls aside in urging linotype, the airplane and the wireless provoke, as of course they should, respect and a flat rate of one penny for all letters under awe. No one marvels at the corkscrew and a certain weight carried to any destination yet its originator must have been an inwhatsoever in Great Britain and in advogenious and perspicacious chap. That he cating a prepayment system. Any difficulties was a universal benefactor is admitted on in that plan "might be obviated," declared reflection, though one seldom pauses to the pamphlet, "by using a bit of paper jus ponder upon the scope and efficacy of his large enough to bear the stamp and covered achievement at the back with a glutinous wash, which

How seldom was disclosed a few years by applying a bit of moisture might be atago in Paris-that Mecca of monuments on tached to the back of the letter." The inan astonishing variety of subjects-when the vention of that indispensable scrap of paper. suggestion was made that the inventor of bottle the modern postage statap, dates from this openers be memorialized in bronze. Probably modestly advanced suggestion. ival names were submitted for his laurels, Even the circumlocution office was stirred for accounts of the grateful construction of by this proposed new instrument of civilizathat statue have not yet crossed the seas, tion. January 10, 1840, saw the penny postbut no such confusion exists as regards the age scheme operative in Great Brital father of the modern postal service and the Six months later an adhesive prepaid stamp, adhesive prepaid postage stamp. He was remarkable creation, ten times the size of Sir Rowland Hill and seventy-nine years ago its descendants appeared. Collectors cry for today his transparently simple, but none the It. King George, an indefatigable philatelist, less original, scheme went into operation inprobably owns one. Its principal feature is the island of Great Britain. an idealized portrait of his grandmother,

Queen Victoria. FAMILIAR to philatelists, but often truly surprising to folk without the brother-BEFORE the fortles were finished stamps had come down in size, and the first hood is the fact that postage stamps date only from 1840. From the days of the American Government issues, in 1847, bear, epistolary bricks of Babylonians to the third save in the absence of perforation, a normal aspect. By the fiftles the leading countries year of the reign of Queen Victoria the delivery of correspondence had been crippled of the world had reformed their postal systems and were using the adhesive paper. by complex and unwieldy machinery. Until Its existence and that of the whole postal the sixteenth century a trusty friend, a ship administration, later admirably organized for captain or a governmental legate irregularly performed mail carrying functions. The international purposes in the Universal Postal Union, with headquarters at Berne, development of modern Continental Europe brought forward a much needed semblance were soon serenely accepted as matters of of standardization and also a most jucrative course. It is not easy to regard them as inventions." Yet such is their incontestable monopoly. due today.

dens.

vice-Mayoralty.

As the world's biggest show prepares to

Mr. Duniels has naturally a right to ex-

Has it ever occurred to you to wonder

why, though there is famine and woe in Ger-

many and Russia and a shortage of all the

necessities of life, there seems to be an enq-

The Democratic party in Pennsylvania

has made a new year resolution to clean

house. So far the Republicans aren't in a

mood to even sweep the snow off their side walks.

ess supply of powder and shot?

pect that a great city like Philadelphia be ac-

ninistered under something higher than a

aise its curtain the crop of outside specula-

tors becomes proportionately large,

The German Counts of Thurn and Taxis were officially declared hereditary postmasters of the Holy Roman Empire and of Spain. It was a goodly office profitable to its incumbent, but decidedly less so to patrons of the service. Mail delivery was both haphazard and hazardous and always expensive. Postal arrangements were considerably reorganized in Britain under James I, but their inconveniences were numerous. The cost of dispatching letters was proportioned to the length of their journey. The recipient paid the charge. With certain improvements and modifications, fostered by the establishment of regular mall-coach routes, this system obtained in England-with imitations in America-until railroads started to revolutionize civilization. It was soon evident then that the awkardness of postal services was both unnecessary and pitifully archaic.

BRITISH educator with a bent for A statistics and reform was aroused to the situation. Sir Rowland Hill held no office in the Government and the Postoffice Department, tainted with circumlocution, re-

schedule and in collecting payment from th He nicks the bull's eye with "Lacks receiver of the missive.

chiaroscuro !' Let him be cornered, in his secret soul,

Let nim be cornered, in his secret sou, by highbrows rapt Before a picture, his pronunciamento Will leave their musty mouthings pro-trate at the post if capped By, "Ah, that motif's so divinely lento!"

Again, conceive him floundering in .... wake of symphony Or wedged between the bars of a con-

certo. With some such phrase as this he claps

chapeau on apogee: "Euterpe's out of step with her own bare toe!"

If poetry he's asked to glue a commentary

No gene beclouds his forehead alabaster at straight he offers speech that would destomach any don:
"The thrust is overfine; too much plaster!"

Suppose him face to face with the vast canvas of the west At sunset; does he stand mute in

mystle

Abandon of the senses? Hardiy! Let it be confessed He'll much more likely spout, "Gad,

how stylistic! Genius, indeed ! He plays both for high stakes and plays it safe :

What contretemps shall ever turn him ilzzv'

Nay, if Elijairs charlot called round for him he'd chafe Under the spur to dub it a sky Lizzie! STANLEY K. WILSON.

What Do You Know?

### OUIZ

What dynasty has been accepted as head of the new constitutional monarchy composed of Serbia. Montenerro and the Juro-Slav provinces of Austria-Hungary? How did the rodical Spartacan party of Germany set its name?

3. What is the meaning of otlone

The death of Memo, the baby elephant, What is the meaning of olion?
What is indiversary of a remarkable American victory ever a Hritish expeditionary force occurred this weak?
Who are the Menaheviki in Russia?
Who wrate "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour"?
Who is the the rintees in Greek mythology?
Who is the fue rintees in Greek mythology?
Who is the meaning of The Haste and what is the Dutch name for that city? quite a heavy loss to the Zoological Gar-

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Limburg is the province of Holland which certain parties in Belgium desire to be unnexed to King Albert's realm. resident Wilson is sixty-two years old.

A crevanse is a deep fissure

A crevence is a neep insure in the loc of a stacter. The Seven Wonders of the world were the Explain Porumids. The Managine Gardane of Rubylon, the Pharos distribution of the term andria, the Coloasan of Bhodes, the term of Zena hy Phidias in the great temple of Artenia at Knheana and the status of Zena hy Phidias in the great temple at Olympia. The Straits Settlements comprise a British passesion in the Malay peninsula. The inrest city is Sincapore. 4. The

Henry VIII of England was married ats times.
"De wortnis nil nisi bonum" means "Cem-ceening the drud, nothing unless good."
A matern is a back door, sideway or ep-

9. Juniter in the largest planet of the solar

10. Twenty-four sheets of writing paper make

The L W. W. is talking of "sending rep-

ROY HELTON.

"Entered" is certainly the wrong word.

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