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BEFORE THE PEACE CONFERENCE

E^{VEN} at this distance and with nothing but the carefully restrained disputches for guidance, it is apparent that President Wilson is being made to feel a growing isolation in the midst of European officialdom as the time approaches for the formal conversations which are to precede the Peace Conference.

The postponements, which seem to have irritated the American representatives; may mean much or little. It remains, clearly evident that the statesmen of the Old World have not been overeager to march under Mr. Wilson's banners. The hopes that carried the world through four and a half torrible years are referred to less frequently now. The contrast between the popular support of the American policy. and the retigence and hesitation of governmental representatives abroad suggests how great are the lines that may yet be drawn at the final settlements. There are times when it appears that the great days and the great climaxes of the war are still ahead.

The names of the four British pleningtentiaries made public yesterday warrant no new prophecies. Lloyd George has pledged himself for the principle of a league of nations. The other three-Bonar Law, Balfour and George Nicoll Barnesmay be said to represent the conservative and fluancial mind of Britain rather than the mass or progressive opinion which holds world peace and a league of nations as the first considerations in this instance.

The rising of the Selne, just reported from Paris, suggests something for Russia's. Belshevists to envy.

A STREET NAME WITH A THRILL THE movement started by the business men of Logan to name the Northeast. Boulevard after Theodore Rooscvelt not only warrants indorsement, but it is may gestive of a polley both stimulating to the civic imagination and exhibitive of good taste.

Street naming in Philadelphia has long been altogether too haphazard. The numerical thoroughtares are a provale convenience and the destruction of that system is nathinkable. But cross-street ap-

of ex-Presidents or their widows would be in no sense a condescension, but their indisputable due. The sooner Congress applies this remedy the sooner will the nation be fortified in self-respect. The present indifference gives embarrassing color to the cynic's alignment of republics with ingratitude.

HOW SOME CONGRESSMEN ARE HELPING BOLSHEVISM

The President's Efforts to Neutralize European Radicalism Blocked by a Snub From the House Rules Committee

IN THE brusque refusal of the House Rules Committee to permit a quick hearing for the bill appropriating \$100,-000,000 requested by the President for additional relief in central Europe we have fresh proof of the sullen unwillingness of routineers in politics to understand the scope and nature of the crisis that confronts Mr. Wilson and other forward-looking statesmen abroad. The wisdom and justice of feeding

your enemy may be questioned. About the wisdom of getting food quickly to middle Europe there can be no doubt whatever in a rational mind.

Millions in Russia, Austria, Germany and southern Europe have been inflamed with monstrous falsehoods. Their challenge is not directed at governments. It is aimed at the whole modern system of civilization. No one will deny that the people in the territories now in chaos have been badly treated by those who were in authority over them. Theirs were the only governments they knew. Of Mr. Wilson it must be said that he has done more than any other statesman alive to reveal to these despairing millions a side of modern civilization heretofore strange to them. He has tried consistently to show that modern governments can be magnanimous, just. charitable and humane, and that modern society actually has an active conscience and a great purpose. These are qualities whose existence the apostles of fire and revolution deny. If all of the Senators and Congressmen at Washington could get into their minds the fact that Europe now is not dealing with Trotsky or Liebknecht so certainly as it is dealing with tormented, deluded and embittered masses of men and women whose faith and courage have been swept away in the last four years. | helped the vicious leaders of the Bolan understanding of Mr. Wilson's methods and purposes might be far more

general in Washington. But such understanding does not seem

to have penetrated to the Rules Committee, which tabled the request to give the appropriation bill the privileged status necessary to an immediate hearing. The chairman, Edward W. Pou, of North Carolina, announced that he and his colleagues virtually killed the measure for the present because they "wanted is dangerous? Can it be demonstrated to further information." As a consequence no one, certainly, would suspect them of knowing what is going on in Europe.

A vast part of the Old World isn't in a mood to think. It is in an emotional melee. The appeal from the President obviously had a purpose beyond the mere supplying of food. Virtually all the people in Europe believe, by their own experionce and by their own present condition, that present civilization has fostered great evils. Such measures of relief as were suggested by the Presiit also fostered greater good. The mil-

of Russia will be able to get a fair understanding of the motives of other nations tragically misrepresented in the philosophies of their present leaders. Bolshevism cannot be put down by guns unless the world is ready for more years of appalling slaughter. It can be neutralized and conquered. Food is the first and greatest need of the hour. And the knowledge of motives such as were expressed in Mr. Wilson's appeal to Con-

gress would have a better effect in Russia than all the infantry in the world. Doubtless the problem of feeding Europe will be met in other ways through the plans which Mr. Hoover is

working out, but the nature of the President's appeal proves that an additional appropriation was regarded as an essential detail of the general scheme of relief. The meaning of Mr. Wilson's message cannot be perceived fully until it is understood that it had a moral as well as a practical purpose. Perhaps it is unfortunate that he did not give more definite explanation, but it does not require much imagination to see that in the President's present position such an explanation in writing might be awkward and perhaps defeat its object.

If Europe is to be further impoverinsanity, born of hunger and unbearable the world shall be restored. The material interests of the United States are now involved deeply in Europe. Whatever happens in the Old World must hereafter be of the utmost importance from the viewpoint of America. It is to our crisis and every need for sacrifice with a willingness for humane service. For the sake of mankind the order of government, the processes of law and universal justice must be maintained in the Old World if only that civilization may be enabled to continue its quest for the perfect state by the only methods that Laboring our for the Philadelphia law long and bitter experience justifies.

The Rules Committee of Congress, when it did its best to tie Mr. Wilson's hands in this instance, may have had some satisfaction in an opportunity to snub the President. One of these days the members may realize that they also sheviki.

Vision must naturally precede revision Philadelphin's government:

CLARIFYING THE SKIP-STOP ISSUE THE skipstop issue has been needlessly befogged. Stripped of superfluities, the case is easily reducible to two pertinent. questions: Is there specific evidence to prove that the trolley company's system

be a public inconvenience? The P. R. T. has not elucidated the first ubject, since no evidence of death or asualties was submitted to the committee of thirteen. The second is a matter for onsideration by City Councils and the Public Service Commission. If the "public generally" is inconvenienced by skip-stop-

ping, there is court precedent for considering the transit company's desires as econdary to the public's rights. These two points have been lucidly ad vanced in the United Business Men's Assuclation's comment on the transit company's reply to the association's petition to the Public Service Commission. The dent are palpably intended to show that fairness of this statement is unimpeachable. It calls attention to the fact that no real examination of the question of casual muth is known: Reasonableness is the other guide. The law, often greatly to the surprise of public service corporations, takes considerable childhood with the deliberately implanted | engineeries of this subject. Reasonableness applied to this inquir may reveal sufficient inconvenience resulting from skip-stops to prove their enforcement subversive of the public's rights to service Procedure along these two lines involves o inbyrinthine complexities and points a much-needed why to justice.

Congressman Moore's Letter

Some Reflections About the Manchester Ship Canal-John S. Norris Protests Against Too Much Agricultural Department Supervision

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11. DON'T want to "cast up," or anything,

but that dispatch of Raymond G. Carroll describing President Wilson's visit to the cotton mills of Manchester, "where 55,000,000 spindles turn to the benefit of our American cotton growers," helps to explain the political differences that sometimes exist between the cotton manufacturers of New England, who compete with the environment of "Free Trade Hall," where the President spoke, and the cotton planters of the United States, who sell their raw material to the weavers and spinners of Lancashire. Mr. Carroll refers to the "trip along the ship canal that connects Manchester with the estuary of the Mersey, some thirty-six miles in length," and pictures the President "attired in a fur coat and soft traveling cap standing upon the bridge with officials of the ship canal." And then, the better to illustrate, he informs us that "the canal resembles

the waterway cut in from Newark Bay." Wonder what Jim Reilly, of the Newark ished by war or if, on the other hand, Board of Trade, or Congressman Tom Scully or Governor Walter Edge would say hardship, is to be permitted to gain a to that! A canal through New Jersey, further hold upon Europe, it may be to or from Newark Bay, with ocean-going fifty years before the economic order of ships on it like those that carry cotton from the southern ports by Liverpool inland thirty-six miles to the factories at Manchester! Wonder what Director Webster and Ernest Trigg and Alba Johnson would say if it might turn out in their time that Lloyd George or President Poincare or some other foreign dignitary visiteverlasting credit that we have met each | ing the United States and, standing on the bridge "attired in a fur coat and soft traveling cap," should be received at Philadelphia by Governor Sproul afteing thirtythree-mile canal sight-seeing trip across the State of New Jersey? Wouldn't it jar them?

TRA JEWELL WILLIAMS, who pulls a

firm which contributed Francis Shunk Brown to the Attorney General's office and gave Alexander Simpson, Jr., to the Supreme Court, has been consulting the Washington authorities about the Mexican il situation. As Ira Jewell views it, the Carranza Government, under a so-called "new" constitution and certain countries are sometimes suspected of shaping constitutions to override existing legal couditions-has entered upon a policy of con-Ascation. It is contended that the commercial oil development in Mexica began only in 1900 and that the original prospectors purchased from private owners who had held title to their lands for from two to three hundred years, and that the Mexican Government showed no interest in the transaction until the developers had spent fortunes in making good. Having "struck off" finally and struck it rich, the Covernment evinced an interest in their success - and hence the "new constitution" asserting the State's rights over the oil lands. Mr. Williams is concerned over the attitude of the Mexican Government; but he is not alone-England, France and the United States are having "conversations" with President Carranza about it. . . .

 $N^{\rm O\ ONE}$ reads the Congressional Record ord! Well, those who have the habit of saying so may guess again. The passing away in Honolulu of Robert W. Breckons, a Pennsylvania public school boy who was United States District Attorney for Hawall under Roosevelt and Taft. utterly disproves the soft insinuation. Bob waited for the arrival of the Record after its long journey across the continent and its 2000-mile ride on the Pacific like the soldier boy in France waits for the coveted letter from home. He referred to it as "his Bible"; found interest in the debates and kept track of public corner. men and events by carefully perusing its pages. It served him so well in public and private life that, to use his own illustration, he "lived in Congress" and shared in its happenings as though he were sitting in the gallery. Bob and his brother, Joe Breckons, a popular Washington news paper man who died a year or so ago, and another brother, William, who is in the Sederal service in Hawaii, kept close tabs



THE CHAFFING DISH

Fruit Stands

 $H^{\rm AVE}$ any poets of the city ever done justice to the little fruit stands? What a glowing spot of color they show in the gray perspective of the street! By one of the happy compensations of humanity, the meaner and more dingy the street, the more fruit stands and barrows you will find, generally presided over by Italians, who are, after all, the greatest lovers of color and beauty. How carefully they polish nature's gleaming jewels, how cunning-

ly they arrange them in pyramids and rows. And on a nipping cold day the apples and oranges seem to shine with a more brilliant luster. The snow may swirl round the windy corner where the humble merchant chafes his purple fingers, but the bright scarlet and yellow globes on his stand are a perpetual pledge of sunnier days to come. In summertime the law

discuss matters of interest with my friends. But here, there was nothing for a stranger to do but walk and walk until my feet were afraid of the ground. I tell you what it is, my friend-you people are afraid to live."

He told us that the factory of his firm was in Verviers, near Llege, and he believes that every piece of machinery in the plant was wrecked or stolen by the enemy. He is on his way back there now, and promised to write to us of the condition in which he finds his factory. And, speaking of Sundays, we wonder

were like? Easily Cured

There is one

go to work."

self again!

it out.

Habit of a lifetime

The Two World-Wars

Vote-II is not generally known that the second Revalution was a world war second in had buttles were fought is build and world or its sea splits is European and Social by the Indian and the Durch come to our second the Durch come to our second with the Denysylvania Magazine

WORLD-WAR raged: 'twas fought a home: upon the occan foam Twas fought From Bunker Hill to Dogger Bank. Where'er a forman fell or sank-'Neath New York pines, by Hindu suids And on the sens of tropic lands.

The bright Antilles heard the shout A stream of thine, O Quaker State: The Brandywine, proclaimed they great. From Essequibe unto Thames, From Ganges bearing Orient gens, To where the dikemen dyed, the Rhit how we will ever be able to describe to our grandchildren what those gasless Sundays With blood for thee, with blood for thine My glorious land, the fire went forth From west to cast, from south to north, Ne'er revolution heretofore Had set the very world at war. And when the long eight years had run their cursed course, a newer sun

pellations deserve an attention which they have only occasionally received. Names like Thompson and Master mean extremely little in a city particulated rich in historical associations.

The county system proton in the northorn section and the gubernatorial one of South Philadelphia are improvements, but that scheme in hampered by rigidity Great names in Philadelphia great names of national significance, yould be fitly memorialized in our thorau bfares.

The streets of Paris and other Europear citles are pregnant with associations and apt meanings in the names they bear The Rue de Rivoli proclaims a great Napoleonic victory. The Rus Quatre Settembre announces the huroic bitthday of the Third Republic.

The Roosevelt Boulevard simples of inspiring Americanism. Northeast was an mimaginative makeshift. The proposed change should involve no regroup

"On to Berlin" acquires a term maching in the disgust with which orders 31milis regards the chaotic Prussian capital:

HONORARIUM FOR EX-PRESIDENTS THE fact that Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt will not really need the niggardly fivethousand-dollar-a-year pension proposed in Congress in no sense excuses the world's richest nation for its long-continued policy of penurlousness toward its ex-Presidents Indeed, the very novely: of this present situation serves to call attention to a precedent wholly discreditable to the republic.

Mr. Roosevelt, though not rich according to Fifth avenue standards, happened to be sufficiently well off to provide comfort ably for his widow. His financial resources. once he left office, were not the country's concern. But they should have been. So should be also the condition of every statesman elevated to the post of chief executive.

Grant's heroistn in compliing his memoirs in agony and in the shadow of death has been greatly lauded, but what of the neglect of a nation which imposed so cruel a necessity on one of its alleged idols? The majority of ex-Presidents have been compelled to work for a living. Some have returned to the bar. Others, as in the case of John Quincy Adams in the House of Representatives, have resumed their political careers on another scale, Some have accepted professorial chairs or have employed their pens. These instances speak well for the probity of our chief xecutives in office, but most unflatteringly of the substantiality of our regard these leaders.

quate honorarium for the support

lions of dispirited and unhappy people who are following after demented lead- ties has been made. The arguments of ers in Russia know nothing of the rest both opponents and supporters of sidpof Europe or of the United States but stores are equally weak will the definite what they are being told by the men-

whose purpose it is to mislead them. Many Germans have grown from impression that the outside world was composed of mercenary bandits who sought to plunge them into hunger and slavery. The great tragedy of the present situation in Europe is revealed when you realize that all lugatics who would like to smash the existing social order and drag civilization down into the dust and begin again at a stage of reasoning but little advanced beyond that of cave-

men are permitted to appeal to minds made sensitive and unbalanced by suffering and disillusionment. And, until the President was heard in

Europe, such men as these had their audiences to themselves. Every statesman who talked of "bleed-

ing Gormany white" with indemnities and every proposal to send armies into | do not write or speak of politics Russia supplied the fanatical leaders of the Bolshevists with propaganda material of the most potent sort. Most Russians cannot read. Half of eastern and southern Europe is illiterate. The people are striking out blindly at an order which, as they see it, brought them only loss, hunger and misery.

The very first element necessary in any policy adequate to deal with the confusion in Russia and in southern Europe is a realization of the plain fact that we are not dealing now with small groups of men or with forms of government definable under ordinary rules of international relationship. We-and the rest of civilization-are dealing with elemental human passions and hopes and fears expressed in aimless revolution against society itself.

To refuse food in this instance, as the Rules Committee of the House proposed to do; to surlily ask for "further information" is to confess yourself almost blind and totally without imagination and wholly unfit to understand the nature of the forces that are disturbing the social and economic order of half of Europe.

It is still fashionable in Washington to rail at the Bolsheviki and to call them names. It would be far better to admit that civilization has yet to justify itself before a large part of mankind and that it is by acts, not words, that the masses | presence.

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With Joseph Pennell. subsetty in a rage. II In it about what he calls Great Pity The American of to buy and Harrison S. Morris verbally

bombing the Academy of the Fine Arts and as his secretary. its management. We not nearly assured that to art mense of Fjulladelphia is being safely and properly looked after. What one cannot help but regret, how over, is that art critics

Hope Out he listeding of home-

coming troops in Phinselphia hims begin late this month, and desso who will not tote for a good city contristration have an opportunity at least is wartime patriothem left to order decency | tions to keep up with the war demands. in the pellice department.

Adami, said M. Luck-Another Illusion Gone

tion contendant, was the first to use campaflage. And we always supposed it was Evel

say it, Answay we wonder whether a world enthusiastic

about aviation has ever been told that aces were trumps during every phase of the recent

Some of the Germana don't even seem o have been able to take Bertin

Heat the contracts for showhall fight minitions seem to have been unnoted.

The report that the "packers see dearar meat" ominously suggests that ordinary folk

won't even get a look-in,

In forbidding General Ludendorff to enter Berlin, that city at last subscribes to the sentiments of Paris concerning his

on Pennsylvania politics, especially the politics of the Schuylkill Valley. Bob and Joe went West many years ago and figured in the politics of Wyoming. After serving in the Wyoming Legislature Bob chinese art objects which the dity proposes moved on to Hawaii. Joe tied up with Senator Warren and came to Washington

> THEROUGHOUT the war period Philadel-L phia coal operators were in pretty close touch with what was going on in Washington. One of their representatives It appears now that in the Council of National Defense and in

other bodies having to do with the adjustment of mining and labor problems was Edward B. Chase, for a long time assoclated with the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company. Mr. Chase virtually abanto pray that the Mayer may have enough of | doned his Philadelphia business connec-

It is not certain whether he and James B. Bonner, the "silent" but effective actuary of the steel interests, saw much of each

other in Washington, but it is certain that while a successive of the National Research each of them was on the job morning, noon and night. Speaking of Jim Bonner, it is council, in an address

fair that his friends of the Maritime Exchauge and the Union League should know that probably no man was more welcome Off in the stilly night at critical times in the offices of the War and Navy Departments than was he.

. . .

JOHN S. NORRIS, president of the Philadelphia Produce Exchange, has let it be known in Washington that too much supervision by the Department of Agriculture is becoming irksome. Like every other department in Washington, the Department of Agriculture has been a fruit-

ful field for growing bureaus. Its soil is well fertilized by appropriations. It has a tremendous crop of educators who write essays and tell the farmers how to run their business. But the particular educational bureau to which the Philadelphiana

call attention is the new hureau of markets. It has started on a butter and egg inspection tour which the produce men say is of doubtful utflity.

makes him cover them over with netting against the flies; but now his sweet merchandise shines in naked color. Blue and red and orange and green-all a feast to the eye. One need never despair of a world where beauty lurks on every street

Cranking Up

We wonder whether Henry Ford has really started that newspaper of his yet? We have been asking for it at all the newsstands, but it doesn't seem to have reached Philadelphia. Perhaps it is shipped to subscribers in parts and they do the assembling for themselves.

The Kansas City Star suggests that Henry has secured those well-known contributors, Constant Reader, Veritas and fox Populi, to write editorials for every issue. If that is so, Henry's weekly will certainly be well cranked up. 10000000

around, never stop to think that if the The milkmen seem to have taken the roof comes down they as well as every one cow by the horns. else will be crushed by the wreckage.

Hot Towels

It is futile to talk about equality of the sexes. There are some privileges that the ladies can never, never enjoy. For instance, the bliss of the hot towel that the barber applies to a freshly shaven face. What sensation is more agreeable? Alas! our fair friends can never know it.

We sometimes think that if the institution of the hot towel had been more freely employed in Russia there would have been no Bolsheviki.

We learn with singular pleasure that the green baize table at the Quai d'Orsay. where the preliminary peace conferences

"Hoch!" and the other half is shouting "Nieder!" And the rest are out trying to

It was unnecessary for Herr Ebert to tell the citizens of Berlin to keep their windows closed. No good German ever opens a window if he can help it.

But what 'a humiliation it all is for Germany, that used to pride itself on being the most orderly, efficient and docile nation on earth!

We met a Belgian wool merchant the other day who had been spending several days in Philadelphia, and he remarked that the placid tranquillity of our Sabbaths made him yearn to commit crime. "At home." he said, plaintively, "I used to sit in a pavement cafe on Sunday afternoons. listen to the band, drink a little beer and

That the Kaiser will soon Have to be broken of. And that is The habit of living.

It is a sad thought that every time the

clock ticks some one, somewhere, is say

ing to himself, "Well, I must get up and

England takes particular pleasure in the

of London wore silk bats. Britain is her-

Civilization rests upon delicately bai-

streets and stopping the supply of milk

and tying up shipping and leaving bombs

The Bitter Half

When a woman says she will divide with

ou fifty-fifty, she means that she is to

Lots of our French visitors must have

noticed how we can improve on their in-

genious language. For instance, the other

day we saw in a shop window a chaise

longue advertised as a chaise lounge

Probably that is just what the French

meant if they had taken time to think

The Bolsheviki are said to have smashed

twelve million bottles of wine in the Czar's

cellars in Petrograd and pumped the liquid

into the Neva by means of fire engines.

Thereby obtaining, we suppose, the polit

The world is pretty unsettled these days

Perhaps some of the delay of the Peace

A too considerable part of the milking

in the recent strike was undergone by the

"I only know what I read in the news

papers." says Mayor Smith. In that case.

his inaction in the vice situation is alto-

Conference is caused by belated tussles of

the delegates with the irregular verbs and

diomatic snarls in the diversity of tongues

SOCRATES.

but you can still depend on thrift stamps

ical support of all the fish.

Ask the man who owns one.

native to the members.

gether inexcusable.

public.

TERRIBLE TERRENCE.

get half and her mother the other half.

Hose on the human reign begun. While towered above his democratic mates. The President of the United States.

A world-war then, the world-war new Again heats on Columbia's brow, And farther still and still more far Blazes our standard's every star. The Antichrist, the anti-mat. Had fixed on life his deathful han : A hundred peoples felt the chain. 100 A hundred peoples fought amain To break the hideous Prussian spe And fling the fiend-man back to be

knowledge that two of the four men who returned the Crown Jewels to the Tower Four years did rage that hurricane. . Four years did arnies die in vain. Till, scremning through the battle-smoke. Our cagle all the terror broke : And when the proudest power on carth. Swelling throughout its belted girth. Brought forth with pangs its freedom-birth, anced foundations. It is a curious thing buenlad before the first of potentator. that those who enjoy monkeying with the The President of the United States pillars, firing off machine guns in the

Ireland, say the Sinn Feiners, is Unite pendent. Was Ireland over otherwise?

General strike appears to be the most absolute dictator Argentinn ever had.

In more than one sense it will be a Laplanding when the big Red Star liner brings back its cargo of home boys to Phila-

Those Congressmen, if any, who may succeed in untangling the complexities of our railroad problem will have almost a right to feel sore that they were not sent to Paris.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

In what year did the Easter revolution in Ireland break out?
Name three Frankforts in Germany.
Of what country was John Paul Jones a na-

4. What is the meaning of the American Indian

5. What are sabots?

6. Who painted the famous picture. "The Last Andgment." now in the Sistine Chapel. Rome?

7. When was the importation of slaves into the United States abolished?

8. What is the meaning of Montreal? 9. Who laid the cornerstone of the ariginal building of the Capitol at Washington?

10. Name three types of thermometers?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

The Karageorgevitch dynasty, represented by King Peice J, has been accepted as head of the new constitutional monarchy com-mused of Serbia, Montenerre and the Jugo-Slay provinces of Austria-Hungary.

he Spartacus marty derives its name from a series of radical articles, signed Spar-tacus, which were published in Germany. 2. The

An oryx is a large, straight-horned African

4. Otiose means at leisure, lazy, unoccupied functionless, serving no practical purpose 5. The 104th anniversary of the Dattient purpose, orleans, in which the Americans under Am-drew Jackson defeated the British under Sir Edward Pakenham, occurred this weak on January 8.

The Mensheviki are the more moderate liberal faction in Russia.

7. Isaue Watts wrote "How doth the little busy

8. The Erinyes of Greek mythology were the Furies. Their names are Alecto, Megaera and Tisiphone.

p. The Mackenzie is the largest river flowing entirely within the Dominion of Canada. 10. The Hagne, called in Dutch "S Gravenhage"

borrow a machine gun.

are to be held, is shaped like a horseshoe. Surely an omen of good luck! Half the population of Berlin is shouting