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THE FREEDOM OF DYNAMITE

COTHE police rushed to the scone, but L could find no trace of the perpetratet " This report, made concerning the latest bomb outrage in Philadelphia, might just as accurately have been written with reference to another explosion a fortnight ago or the triple performance which dam aged the homes of three prominent Philadelphians just before New Year's

The two most recent offenses, body a Little Italy, have not been seriously destructive, and they are ascribed to the old familiar and freakish machinations of "the Black Hand" rather than to the alleged and mysteriously sensational Bolsheviki But whatever their origin and however is effective were these newest manifestations of lawlessness, the obligations of the De-

partment of Public Safety are unchanged. There is alarming evidence within the last month to prove the arm of the dynamiter is stronger than the arm of the law It is the criminal rather than the publi who seems to have entered upon the enjoyment of security

There should be no halt in war-relief.

work until the peace part is signed and all clous greed. the citizen soldiers of the world are back in peaceful occupations.

WATER SERVICE INEQUITIES

SOUND principle is behind the city's movement to purchase the Holmesburg, Disston and Potiadelphia Water Company. The incorporation of its plant in the municipal supply system will end an inequitable arrangement under while residents in the northern section of Philadelphia have long suffered.

All citizens, and emphatically the taxpayers, are logically entitled to enjoy identical water rights. In certain outlying dis- characteristic percersity, by tying his tricts the supply and mains have been controlled by private companies, with a marked tendency to charge higher rates than the municipal bureau. The city's remedy has been the authority, after an appraisement and a survey by the Public Service: Commission: to purchase the private concerns, establish uniform rates and link up the mains with the greater system. rather belated.

that acts and hopes will be in accord. But mulating a new challenge for political the possible interplay of circumstances releaders bukes prophecy. Each day of the sessions It may be taken for granted that the

must necessarily develop tendencies, moods new Governor will give the State a good urrents, uncharted veefs, unforesten harbusiness administration. That is a KOT'S. Versailles could not possibly cope with fundamental requirement. But if Mr.

istory so unreliearsed. For centuries its Sproul wishes to make the best of a swirl at Paris has been dizzying, but never so awesome as now

and something more. He will try to put GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT a conscience into State politics and into SPROUL IN THE GOVERNORSHIP the machinery of State government. He will concern himself with the moral

Trends in State Politics Which Should Enable the Man From Chester to Succeed Where Others Dismally Failed

SENATOR SPROUL, when he assumes the duties of the governorship tomorrow, is likely to feel much as the old explorers did when they spread their canvases for uncharted seas. Four years of incredibly difficult sailing are ahead of him: four years of perils and opportunities equally great.

and health, better economic conditions The new Governor will have to make on the farms and progress in public his own course among new issues and he works generally are matters of vital inmay have to adventure far into new terest to the ... and to the people. ways of thought. The charts left by his There is still a great need for progrespredecessors will serve him little or not sive thinking and humane interpretation at all. For, even though many political in relation to questic sch as these leaders have not yet realized it, we that might attract an original-minded Governor. actually are approaching a turning point in politics. Astonishing revisions in Mr. Sproul's long business experience, political philosophy and great changes in his independence and his record as pio-

the relation of economics and industry to neer advocate of good roads inspire congovernment are inevitable. Pennsylvafidence. He is an infinitely likable man, nia cannot remain an island isolated in fearless and honest. There is no reason a world of aspiration and change. We why the governorship should be the culare facing a creative era and minds that mination of his political career; no reaare not creative will soon be overson why it should not be a new beginwhelmed and discredited. ning. Everybody will wish him luck for

The times are fluid. People are resthis own sake and for the sake of the less, dissatisfied, cager for new leader-State. ship. Their minds are inquiring and receptive. They are in a mood to recognize their man whenever he happens self-starter. Woman is forever finding a new along. And in Pennsylvania their lives are closely bound up with immense opposing forces that will have to be controlled and reconciled and made cooperative in the approaching period of

R ator Borah and Senator Kenyon were scientify warning the United States of "the menace of Bolshevism," we reviewed the Governor Sproul, facing this situation. evidence, which shows plainly that the will be hedged about with the usual difficulties. To the east of him will be the

consecrated to the belief that whatever

Rarely will there be any one with a wise realization of the great good that may come with wisdom or the confusion that may follow upon mistakes or a lack

It is an axiom of Pennsylvania politics, for instance, that a Governor can never rise above the Legislature unless Europe. he happens to have qualities of mind that approximate genius. For the people who expect great things from the State's executive usually begin, with Holanecism. hands through the election of Representatives and Senators committed to the selfish creed of bossism. But in the present case the Governor will have unusual advantages. He is free from without a surrender to any of the factions. He is courageous. And if he will

but the application of the cure has been | follow a method recently tried out with brilliant success in the larger field of Now that action has begun it should not - national politics he will realize that when he mounts to his now office he ascends From this on he will always be able to get an audience. He will always he didn't ilstened to. The people will believe him. And he can go to them whenever he wishes to make way for what is eight with the assurance the people are always. upon the side of faintes, and decency when they are given the opportunity to judge squarely between right and wrong.

PRESTIGE AT PARIS

England Viewed as the Greatest **Country and President Wil**son as the Greatest Man

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delega-

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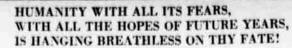
Paris, Jan. 5. WHEN an American comes to Europe. he discovers England. He does not have to go to England to discover England. He may go to Paris and discover England. Every one who came over to the Peace conference and went to the capital of France discovered England. The English are not here, but here is England. On the streets are few English soldiers. For some reason the American uniform predominates in the ratio of one hundred to one. But a big, solid fact in every one's consciousness is England.

THE greatest man in the Peace Confer-ence is Wilson. But the greatest country is England. People talk of what Wilson will do and they talk of what England will do. They do not talk of what the United States will do nor of what Lloyd George will do. The United States, whether it flatters our national pride or not, owes much of present prestige to Wilson; to the power of his ideas; to the fact that he is the only single international figure in the Peace Conference. We think of our feats of arms, our vast credit, our loans to the Aliles, our coming navy and merchant marine, our control of raw materials. our tremendous national prospects. But Europe thinks of the ideas the President stands for and of the courage and sincerity of the man who stands for them. They are things which in the opinion of Europe make the United States great to-

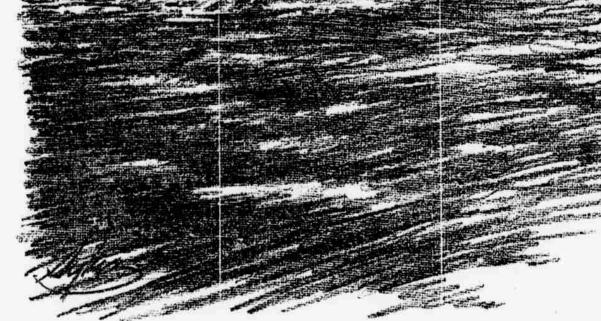
day, and which will probably result in its having its way in the Peace Conference. $B^{\rm UT}$ just as big as all this stands England, as matters are at the beginning of the conference, the controlling factor in

the conference. If you are an American, you do not realize how much is left of England; how big she bulks, until you come to, let us say. Paris. When you get here you see what is going on in a meeting of European Powers sitting in Europe to settle more specifically the fate of Europe. And the biggest thing in Europe today, bigger than ever since the fall of Napoleon, is England.

gunge and thinks the thought of these people. They are her cousing. They turn to her naturally. They group about her, A sort of chemical affinity insures a combination between her and them to control the conference, if she desires such a comdination. But equally England speaks the language of the new world. She is of the same blood as the United States. She has similar bleris. She has similar interests She was forced into the wir much as we were forced into the war, sooner because she was nearer to it than we were, but under the same compulsion. She wants to end war as we want to end war. A chemical affinity draws her to us. She may combine with Europe. She may combine with America. But she is the indispensable element in any peace that is formed. It may be a New World peace. It may be an Ad World pence, but it will be at least half way, probably more, England's peace.



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WORLD

PENCE

THE CHAFFING DISH

up among his Friends what is wanting in H. M. S. City of Oxford himself." Scaplane Carrier

Born 18-, Still Going Strong By WILLIAM MeFEE

(NOTE-Intring the near Mr. McFee, the Chaffing Dish's most distinguished correspondent, served for some time as an engineer sub-lieutenant on the City of Ortard, an ancient reasel which has been mentioned before to this department.)

THEY say that Davy Jones has kept a bedger down below.

And when a ship is launched above he

He never gets despondent, be her record

5-Arrive office and to work, 12 - To luncheon. Take number of taxl that nearly ran over me.

editorials attacking the Mayor.

Tenne.

shevism.

nations.

dislies.

ness of prohibition.

7 Arrive home.

5-Attend furnace.

from street traffle.

10:30-Eed.

for ten years.

triumph of prohibition.

have run something like this:

1 Back to office.

Ben Franklin's Day

famous Plan of Life, showing his activi-

ties for tach hour of the day, would have

been rather different. We think it would

If Ben Franklin had lived nowadays, his

one calls to discuss rapid transl

2-Some one calls to beg me not to write

5:30 Some one calls to discuss Bal-

1-Some one calls to discuss lengue of

5-Some one calls to discuss iniquitous

8 -Help Mistress Franklin wash the

AIGHT. -10-Examination of the day,

Heartfelt thanks on having escaped death

Securs Rather Drastic

street a sign reads something like this: "The Old Reliable Family Treatment for

Liver, Kidneys and Stomach." And the

if faing by the trouble it takes to ar-

range a popular election in Germany, we

don't blame Ebert for suggesting that the

President, when elected, shall hold offlee

Nursery Rhymes at Amerongen

Kaiter catches a chill while chopping cod --News item.

Sometime. It seems as though we were

getting a bit unbalanced. We have tried

ANN DANTE.

window is full of vneuum cleaners.

Wilhelm was a sprightly Hun.

Dece Socrates-In a shop on Chestnut

5145-stenographer asks for a rulse

write letter to coal dealers. 6-Cook breakfast and compose Help Wanted advertisement. 7-Take trolley car for the office.

doil 'neath her arm, Thought to cavesdrop no harm And laughed low as the mite Staged a copy alarm?

I HAD punished her: Three feathery blows

Third Generation

Fallen as in fur Fallen as in fur On a check glit-rose. Her smile froze— To my eyes gushed a blur That the mother knows.

By Grace of the

She studied me, then.

A moment crept Her young self again From this adamant stepped. And my sudden pain slept As 1 thanked God to ken MORNING .- 5-- Rise, attend furnace and That I plone went.

Tucked abed for the night I nut out the light On two babes cuddled warm:

books her to and fro.

ENGLAND occupies a singular position in the conference. She speaks the lan-

help eliminate war and misers- the two central causes of the recent turnalt in Atter on food and American plows with entually give the quietus to Russian

A five department under rout service rules might, figuratively speaking, turn the hose on the politicians.

and Sonk still insists that you may lead entangling alliances. He was selected a souse from the firewater, but you can't tabe him stop wanting a drink

> After all the very mention thing we cut thick of to say about the finne is that they knew when they were H hed

readjustment and settling down. ivied minds in politics and journalism

is is right. To the west will be unstable radicalism, energetic and uninformed, Upon the north will be a backwardminded Legislature and on the south will be the bosses moved, as usual, by fero-

of constructive vision.

wave of ultra-radicalism is already recedar even in Russia. Since then Lenine and Trotsky have sought conferences with Allied representatives. They express a willingness to cease their propaganda. Liebknecht has

been killed in Berlin. Germans in other cities are making war on the Bolshevists. Leaders of the troublesome cult are confessing despair Passion is transient. It is upon the

magnificent opportunity he will give the

State a good business administration

forces which must operate more defi-

nitely under an enlightened government

for the welfare of all the people and he

will find ways to keep in view the inter-

ests of the vast mass of inarticulate

citizens who aren't accustomed to ex-

pecting attention from their government.

and industrial workers, the schools and

school teachers, good roads, sanitation

Thus the welfare of our industries

Feminism is a self-settion as well as a

ob-and forever recurning to the old cne.

EBB TIDE OF BOLSHEVHSM

ECENTLY in these columns, when Ser

passion of crowds that the Bolsheviki leadvers depend, and sooner or later reason and a desire for peace must bring peace.

Those who talk of a spread of Bolshevism have been talking rather wildly. And it would be better if. instead of induiging hysteria, they turned in with a desire to

stop with the Holmesburg Overbrook and Oak Lane bing within the 1 to one of the great forums of the world. city limits should share in the progress of equity. It is indisputable that inhabitants of these suburbs have been overcharged in private concerns controlling water mains distinct from the city's. The connecting process is simple and the city's purchas ing privilege legally valid. Rectifying the Holmesburg situation should be the signal for a reform that should be operative units the city owns and the water bureau operates all the mains in Philadelphia County.

A condition permitting higher water rates to be charged in one part of the town than in another is both clumsy and onerolis.

That John Bill will follow fields we into the dry column is experted. But there will not be the name interchi mogulenessi in wine-growing constraint, and the distance faction of those pecinisti claffe and man of have its with in the Plane Conference.

PARIS, NOT VERSAULLES

THE impression, forg pretatent of I per-Asistent, that the Pence Conference would sit in Versailles, has been august; dissipated by the formal opening of the sessions in the Foreign Office on the banks of the Seine. The change has imaginative stimutos. Versuilles is traditionally a stage for "set pieces," It is the strike of scheduled listorial events of which maequivocal forecast could be marie.

The well-oned wheels of Looks XIV's autocratic machinery seconded there with authoritative precision. The carefully prepared debut of the German empire was made there with time clock rigidity in 187 Its bow was expected. It was sheethernian but not inherently surprising. With the implacability of a tax collector the silpreme War Council drafted the armistice. terms hard by the famous chateau. They were forecast as drastin. Advance notices proved fully justified.

So do they at Versailles almost invariably. When events of the French Resona tion outran the pace of prophetic assitt ance and no man could foresee the prankof destiny, the whole scene shifted to the French capital. The character of national or international dramas at Versailles is ever established at the outset.

Chance often pulls the strings at Paris The action may be comic, tragic, fronic, sentimental, salutary, malign, vivid or merely nebulous, but programming deflnitely ahead is traditionally of experimen tal value only.

The historic fitness of the transfer of the Peace Congress to Paris is hence obvious. The nature of the conference statters precedent. Mankind passionately, desires

The criticism that begins to beat upon a man in the Governor's chair almost immediately after he enters office is at times a little wearying. Almost all men go to the governorship with high intentions and an engerness to do great things. They fail and fall into obliviou not be cause they didn't mean well, but because they up not know how to realize their hopes or because they luck strength to fight the subster elements that always crowd allout the places of authority.

The factionalism of Philadelphin, which represents merely a fraternal asgamzation of jobholders and spollsmen, seldon has had any concern or any intelligent conception of the problems of State government. Yet it has been a constant source of confusion and a means of obstruction at Harrisburg. It has power to wield through the State Legislature which often has been sufficient to haffle a conscientious Governor. It was Mr. Sproul's good fortune to he elected without bargning for help from that quarter and to have been independs (scoreing American arrestic Acted Governent always of the men who have applied. Fifth Ward methods to the affairs of the State. Will be find means to control those who have been accustomed to use it? He will have to do this, by one method or another, if he down't wish to have his work hampered, confused and

misrepresented at the very outset. The Philadelphia organization, like many of the others in the State; is finahad way. It has floundered too far. It is too reckless, it has piled up too many errors. It is snameless. It is waiting only for a competent wrecker. Mr.

Sproul may find comfort in this knowledge whenever he is harassed by men who call themselves the Powers. Almost all of the Pennsylvania machines are the weaker nowadays because they are of the model of 1880. Nothing of the newer morality has penetrated into these organizations to give them force or an ability to meet the demands of people who, everywhere in the State, are for. I of seeing the end of the casualty list.

After this wan? said the Walker, "we stand no nonsense from you" And he We indult has a storn for him

wanted and song will soon mays to go one. Or to phrase it differently, a hand of usir and "rag" must warry along somehow enen the country gate those? down

thermany has not as yet shown any a enorset in the indemnity that will be do unded of her. True is probably because sn If has hopes of dodging payment

Watch your coath was the judge's aming to it withest in the Nobre relat. The summer not in mind the polyceman's press . the for allowing the

The multiple with the Germany of the ney don't reader that they are eriminate the consist in under when they should he throwing themselves on the merey of the

Splendad is intheir to only amother terr confidence. Following the Peace Confern.s. America will fails for place in the work in the signi amount to the question, "An forms hirether's berger

generation who does in France has mony a matter for a once as well as for The world is the rinner for ex-DRT-7-C percentees, how which on movedy flexas high T raction with theps, taboratheles and her story a basis of conclusion

he A kineself Batid formet educe of the multiplication of the second second states that the the many had identified to salving the shine sonly or solucions. There is concluded at once case of pred theorems in first reaching Davy iows's bidget and then citting

issues readinatily, that do name er og fter ogradi wate Bolenevieni in the and of alsili us. It is, of course-just in the same that mentios and thoug are the end of Hut life goes on while buildes die, and light the present opidemic is minimized we - every remean to believe that the period r music more will present its spreading

investion by the time the relative to reality and we have had a safe and same Fourin. of July, and the figuor men have received a much from the Supreme Court on the comparison interests them and the politiclans have decided whom they want to see un for President, and the Consumers' League is furbishing up the annual slogan, "Do your Christmas shopping early -- by that time, we say, we may be within measurable distance

When you know this you have discovered England, discovered England in Paris.

TT WILL probably be a New World peace because England is a most New World Power, Lord Northcliffe gave a little reception to the press, the American press. at the Rith. He is the only person who has done so, a fait not without significance. Some one cheered him as "the most American Englishman." Aren't the most American Americans all Emglishmen nowadays? This is a paradox one is disposed to mainrain as one sees how swiftly the English have run away with everything in Paris-

to the last few pays. An instance will explain. An un-to-date nation may be judged by its talent for publicity. Publicity was an American inven-When the Peace Conference drew near, some one in Washington happily | His friends, the Fritzles, shouting that monght that there must be providen for publicity. President Wilson's trip to Pacia was a great publicity feat. But for perreet publicity there must be reporters. Two or three days before the time to start a ship was provided to take the American press to Europe. The party landed in the mud at Brest. Mr. Creel had neglected to

notify the army that it was coming. It sought the committee on public information and found something that was neither a committee nor nublic nor information. certainty not information.

 $T_{\rm manual or MR}^{\rm HE President arrived. Vaguely be felt and done before$ alitact with the press. De even met and tuiled to the press once, an act of singular condescension. He established Unison More between himself and the press, persurve in uniform, who had once earned their its no as reporters. The press was "inugged. en-d-caralogued, indexed, permitted. The commission sees it once a day, carefully eschaling all Europeans from these meetings. in which nothing happens except that the

ommission, looling uneasy, says quite truthfully that it knows nothing. It is ali well meant enough. The administra tion, after treating the press in Washing ion for years as it has treated the Senate, seeks a rapprochement with the press.

Fame for Both

over there they're going to reward Mar shal form with an caridom, a qualit custor strangely contrary to ours of towarding or returned herces with congressional layestigs congressional investiga long. -- Kansas City Star.

Concealment

"You never could believe anything a Ger man diplomat said. "Believe him " exclaimed Miss Cayenne I couldn't even understand him -- Washington Evening Star.

good or nad. For soon or late he gets her-and Davy Jones is glad!

Now the Oxford had been on his books for thirty year or more.

And Dave was thinking it was time he leveled up the score: But the Oxford went on running, in and out and here and there:

And then the owners laid her up-and Dave was in despair!

Old Dave had not forgot her (for the deal had made him sore). When his hydrophone informed him that

all Europe was at war: he heard-between explosions-in

an cestasy of glee. the Oxford was at sca.

She floundered round the Belgian coast, got stuck on Goodwin Sand; She spent a merry season on Arabia's

coral strand; The submarine torpedo and the bomb

shell and the mine Were all turned loose upon her, but the Oxford's doing fine! +

Dave opened up his ledger, for revenge to him was sweet.

And he'd rather have the Oxford than the German high seas flert:

Page after page he'd enter, book after book he'd fill.

He caught a chill which spoiled his fun-But the Oxford beat him to it, for the But all Bill's troubles will end some day. Oxford's running still! Over the chills and far away.

Wise, as Usual

The late Mr. Benjamin Franklin expressed very well the qualifications desirable in the chauffeut of a Chaffing Dish. Feeling ourself very far from the standard he outlines, still we like to remind ourself of it now and then because it is very appli-

ing relaxation known to man. "The Author of a Gazette in the Opinio The theatrical industry worked man fully to help win the war. Actors num actresses went to France at their own expense to perform for the troops. The first inteiligibly, and in Few Words; he should thing the men at cantonments clamored for was dramatic entertainment. The be able to speak of War both by Land and movies displayed innumerable films for the Sea; be well acquainted with Geography. with the History of the Time, while the committee on public information. The several Interests of Princes, and States. government was quick enough to beg the the Secrets of Courts, and the Manners theatres to open their doors to the fourminute men. And now it wants to penaland Customs of All Nations. Men thus accomplished are very tare in this remote ize the theatre with a 20 per cent tax on Part of the World; and it would be well | admissions. Think it over. SOCRATES. if the Writer of these Papers could make

Three blows fallen shrift On wax check met my cars Though the doll as dolls wi Gave no sign of his fears -But a mother's heart sears Next morning when chill OH D STANLEY KIDDER WILSON.

Cost of Each Soldier

The cost of maintaining each individual this vast force at home and abroad is up given in a statement based by the 5:30- Some one calls to discuss glorious War Department: "Under the direction of Brigadier General

E. Wood, acting quartermaster general the army, statistics have been gathered 18.1 from the clothing and equipage, subsistence, onservation, reclamation and hardware and netals divisions of the quartermaster corps to indicate just what it costs a year to main-tain a soldier oversens and in the United States. These statistics show that the cost is \$423,47 a year to equip and maintain a soldier oversens and \$27.78 to equip and maintain one in the United States. to indicate just what it costs a year to mainnatistain one in the United States.

"Subsistence, figured at sixly-nine cents per day, amounts to \$231.85 per man over-scas; figured at fifty-two cents per day in the United States, I amounts to \$183.80 per

mm. "The cost of the initial equipment for the soldier the first year in the United States is \$115.30. The east of the initial equipment of the soldier oversens for the first year is \$42.41. This cost of \$42.41 is for articles which are issued for overseas use only and which are in addition to the regular equipment."- Current History

What Do You Know?

OUIZ

1. Where is the Hediaz, which is to be repre-sented by two delegates at the Peace Con-ference?

- Who was Abraham Lincoln's wife? With what subject did the first of Wilson's fourteen points deal?
- 4. Who first propounded the dectrine of the freedom of the seas in this form: "The oir, running water, the sea-are common to all"?
- Which is "The Crescent City"
- 6. What State in the Union grants
- What is the meaning of Gashen?
 Who said "The reciprocal civility of anthors is not of the most risible scenes in the farce of life"?
- 9. In what country besides treland is St. Pat-
- 10. What religion with 200,000,000 believers for-bids the use of alcoholic spirits?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

- The "dry" amendment makes the eighteenth to the United States Constitution.
- Uz, is an abbreviation of "Videlicet," used in the sense of "that is in say," "in other words," "moutes," "Videlicet" it-self is an abbreviation of the Latin "videre licet," meaning "one may see."
 Baltimore is called the "Monumental City."
- 4. The meetings preliminary to the Peace Con-ference have been held in the building of the Foreign Office, Paris.
- the Foreign Office, Paris.
 Atheurischine across the ship, at right unders to the keel.
 The colossus of Rhodes was a huge statue of the Rhodian stin-and Helios, erected in the Island of Rhodes in 203 B. C. It was 103 feet high and rated as one of the seven wonders of the world. Chares of Lindos was the sculator.
- 7. Charles Rende wrote the nuvel. "It's Never
- S. Imm

Immanuel is Hebrew for "God with us." David Lloyd George is 56 years old. A dossier is a set of documents, especially a record of a person's antecedents.

to cripple our periodicals by the mail zoning system. Because sots abused liquor we have taken away the right to drink innocent light wines. And now it is proposed to double the tax on theatre and movie tickets and strangle the most amus-

cable to present times;

of the Learned) ought to be qualified with an extensive Acquaintance with Languages, a great Ensiness and Command of Writing and Relating Things cleanly and-