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THE FREEDOM OF DYNAMITE: THE police rushed to the scene, but could find no trace of the perpetrator. This report, made concerning the latest bomb outrage in Philadelphia, might just as accurately have been written with reference to another explosion.

WATER SERVICE INEQUITIES: A SOUND principle is behind the city's movement to purchase the Holmesburg, Diston and Philadelphia Water Company. The incorporation of its plant in the municipal supply system will end an inequitable arrangement under which residents in the northern section of Philadelphia have long suffered.

PARIS, NOT VERSAILLES: THE impression, long prevalent and persistent, that the Peace Conference would sit in Versailles, has been emphatically dispelled by the formal opening of the sessions in the Foreign Office on the banks of the Seine.

THE CHAFFING DISH: 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 bombshell and the mine.

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that acts and hopes will be in accord. But the possible interplay of circumstances rebuts prospect. Each day of the sessions must necessarily develop tendencies, moods, currents, uncharted reefs, unforeseen harbors.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT SPROUL IN THE GOVERNORSHIP

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.

The new Governor will have to make his own course among new issues and he may have to adventure far into new ways of thought. The charts left by his predecessors will serve him little or not at all. For, even though many political leaders have not yet realized it, we actually are approaching a turning point in politics.

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mutating a new challenge for political leaders. It may be taken for granted that the new Governor will give the State a good business administration. That is a fundamental requirement. But if Mr. Sproul wishes to make the best of a magnificent opportunity he will give the State a good business administration and something more. He will try to put a conscience into State politics and into the machinery of State government. He will concern himself with the moral forces which must operate more definitely under an enlightened government for the welfare of all the people and he will find ways to keep in view the interests of the vast mass of inarticulate citizens who aren't accustomed to expecting attention from their government.

Thus the welfare of our industries and industrial workers, the schools and school teachers, good roads, sanitation and health, better economic conditions on the farms and progress in public works generally are matters of vital interest to the State and to the people. There is still a great need for progressive thinking and humane interpretation in relation to questions such as these that might attract an original-minded Governor.

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PRESTIGE AT PARIS England Viewed as the Greatest Country and President Wilson as the Greatest Man

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in France

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Paris, Jan. 15. 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 Conference 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 Allies, 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 today, and which will probably result in its having its way in the Peace Conference.

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 get here 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.

ENGLAND occupies a singular position in the conference. She speaks the language and thinks the thought of these people. They are her cousins. 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 combination. But equally England speaks the language of the new world. She is of the same blood as the United States. She has similar ideals. She has similar interests. She was forced into the war much as we were forced into the war, sooner because she was nearer to it than we were, but under the same compulsion. She was 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 Old World peace, but it will be at least half way, probably more, England's peace. When you know this you have discovered England, discovered England in Paris.

IT 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 Ritz. He is the only person who has done so, a fact not without significance. Some one observed him as "the most American American of all Englishmen nowadays." This is a paradox one is disposed to maintain as one sees now swiftly the English have run away with everything in Paris to the last few days.

An instance will explain. An up-to-date nation may be judged by its talent for publicity. Publicity was an American invention. When the Peace Conference drew near, some one in Washington happily thought that there must be provision for publicity. President Wilson's trip to Paris was a great publicity feat. But for perfect 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 at the end 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 public nor information, certainly not information.

THE President arrived. Vaguely he felt named as Mr. Creel had done before contact with the press. He even met and talked to the press once, an act of singular consideration. He established liaison officers between himself and the press, persons in uniform who had once earned their military sashes. The press was "muzzled," and, consequently, indexed, permitted. The commission sees it one day, carefully examining all Europeans from these meetings, in which nothing happens except that the commission, holding nothing, says quite truthfully that it knows nothing. It is all well meant enough. The administration, after treating the press in Washington for years as it has treated the Senate, seeks a rapprochement with the press.

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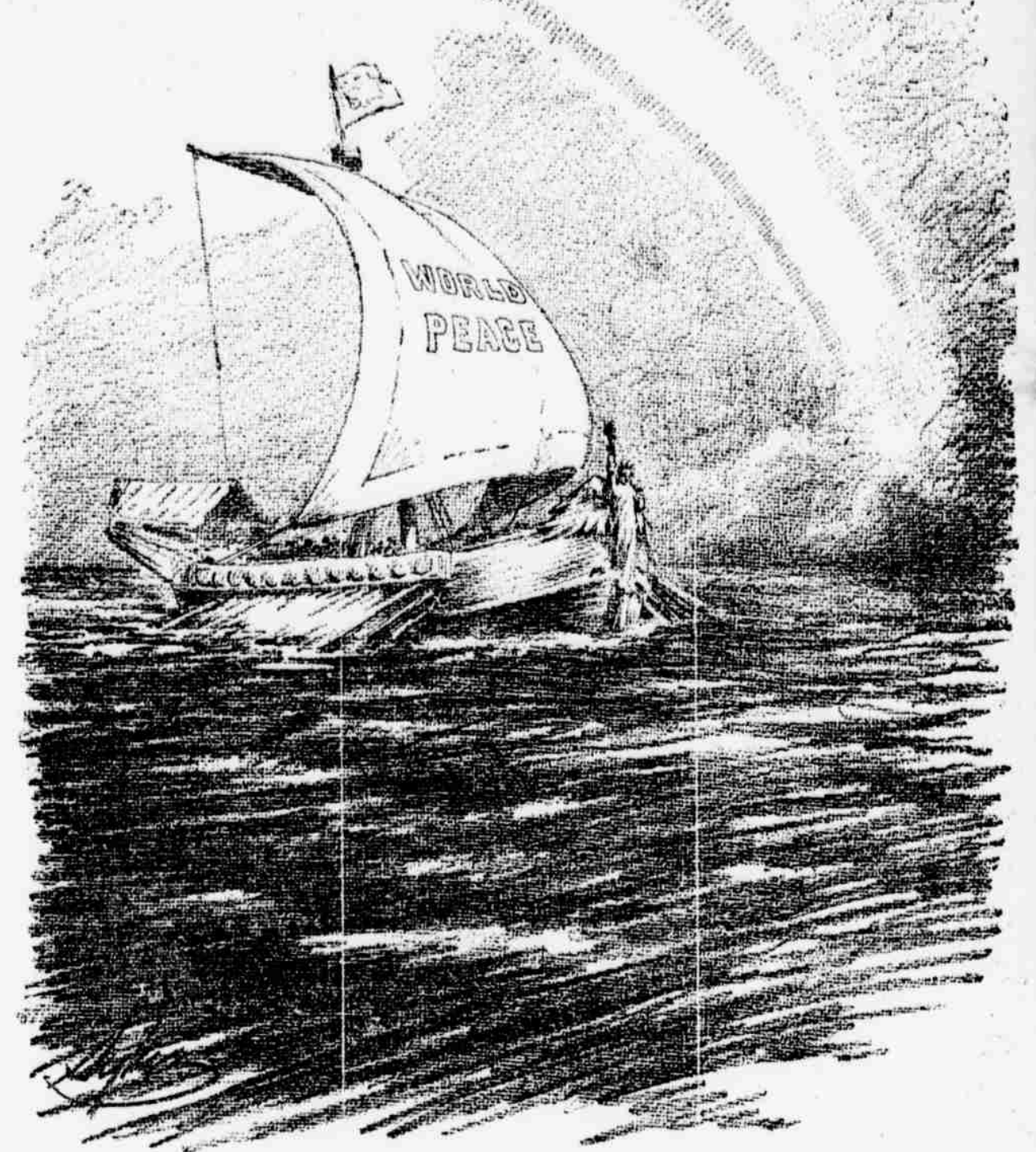
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HUMANITY WITH ALL ITS FEARS, WITH ALL THE HOPES OF FUTURE YEARS, IS HANGING BREATHLESS ON THY FATE!



THE CHAFFING DISH

H. M. S. City of Oxford Scaplane Carrier Born 18... Still Going Strong

Ben Franklin's Day: If Ben Franklin had lived nowadays, his famous Plan of Life, showing his activities for each hour of the day, would have been rather different. We think it would have run something like this:

MORNING: 5—Rise, attend furnace and write letter to coal dealers. 6—Cook breakfast and compose Help Wanted advertisement. 7—Take trolley car for the office. 8—Arrive office and to work. 9—To luncheon. Take number of taxi that nearly ran over me. 1—Back to office. 2—Some one calls to discuss rapid transit lease. 3—Some one calls to beg me not to write editorials attacking the Mayor. 4:30—Some one calls to discuss Bolshevism. 4—Some one calls to discuss league of nations. 5—Some one calls to discuss iniquitousness of prohibition. 5:30—Some one calls to discuss glorious triumph of prohibition. 5:45—Stenographer asks for a raise. EVENING: 6—Walk home. 7—Arrive home. 8—Miss Mrs. Franklin wash the dishes. 9—Attend furnace. NIGHT: 10—Examination of the day: Heartfelt thanks on having escaped death from street traffic. 10:30—Bed.

Seems Rather Drastic: Dear Socrates—In a shop on Chestnut street a sign reads something like this: "The Old Reliable Family Treatment for Liver, Kidneys and Stomach." And the window is full of vacuum cleaners.

ANN DANTE: A sign by the trouble it takes to arrange a popular election in Germany, we don't blame Kierulff for suggesting that the President, when elected, shall hold office for ten years.

Nursery Rhymes at Amerongen: Kaiser catches a chill while shopping week—Newspaper. Wilhelm was a sprightly Han. He caught a chill which spoiled his fun. But all Bill's troubles will end some day, over the chills and far away.

Somebody: Sometimes it seems as though we were getting a bit annoyed. We have tried 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 amusing relaxation known to man.

Theatrical Industry: The theatrical industry worked manfully to help win the war. Actors and actresses went to France at their own expense to perform for the troops. The first thing the men at entertainments clamored for was dramatic entertainment. The movies displayed innumerable films for the committee on public information. The government was quick enough to beg the theatres to open their doors to the four-minute men. And now it wants to penalize the theatre with a 20 per cent tax on admissions. Think it over.

SOCRATES: I HAD punished her: Three featherly blows Fallen as in fur On a cheek gilt-roose. Her smile froze To my eyes gashed a blur That the mother knew. She studied me, then A moment ere... Her young self again From this adamant stepped. And my sudden pain slept. As I thanked God to ken That I alone wept. Tucked about for the night Her doll "neath her arm. I put out the light On two babes cuddled warm; Thought to eave-drop no lark And laughed low as the lark Staged a cosy alarm! "Three blows fallen shall On wax cheek set my ears Though the doll as dolls will Give no sign of its fears— But a mother's heart sears Next morning when still On a flower face lie tears. STANLEY KIDDER WILSON.

Cost of Each Soldier: The cost of maintaining each individual in the vast force at home and abroad is given in a statement issued by the War Department. "Under the direction of Brigadier General R. E. Wood, acting quartermaster general of the army, statistics have been gathered from the clothing and equipment, subsistence, conservation, recreation and hardware and metals divisions of the quartermaster corps to indicate just what it costs a year to maintain a soldier overseas and in the United States. These statistics show that the cost is \$423.47 a year to equip and maintain a soldier overseas and \$27.78 to equip and maintain one in the United States. "Subsistence, figured at sixty-nine cents per day, amounts to \$251.85 per man overseas; figured at fifty-two cents per day in the United States, it amounts to \$189.96 per man. "The cost of the initial equipment for the soldier the first year in the United States is \$115.30. The cost of the initial equipment of the soldier overseas 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?: QUIZ 1. Where is the Hedjaz, which is to be represented by two delegates at the Peace Conference? 2. Who was Abraham Lincoln's wife? 3. With what subject did the first of President Wilson's fourteen points deal? 4. Who first promulgated the doctrine of the freedom of the seas in this form? "The high seas are free to all." 5. Which is "The Crescent City"? 6. What state in the Union grants no divorces? 7. What is the meaning of cashmere? 8. Who is an author of the "Fables" and is one of the most reliable sources in the world? 9. In what country besides Ireland is St. Patrick's Day a local holiday? 10. What relation with the million-dollar feller hides the use of alchemical salts? Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. The "dry" amendment makes the eighteenth to the United States Constitution. 2. It is an abbreviation of "Edith." It is used in the sense of "that is to say," "in other words," "meaning," "because," "since." It is an abbreviation of the Latin "quod," meaning "that." 3. Baltimore is called the "Monumental City." 4. The meeting preliminary to the Peace Conference was held in the building of the Foreign Office, Paris. 5. Althouphthis means across the ship, at right angles to the axis. 6. The Colossus of Rhodes was a huge statue of the island of Rhodes in 28 B. C. It was 105 feet high and raised as one of the seven wonders of the world. 7. Charles Dickens wrote the novel, "It's Never Too Late to Mend." 8. Immanuel is Hebrew for "God with us." 9. David Lloyd George is 55 years old. 10. A dossier is a set of documents, especially a record of a person's antecedents.

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