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POLICE AND POLICE
Philadelphia and the police department there is a vast difference. The men of the service are almost invariably victims of their direction.

MAKE THE WELCOME REAL
WELCOMING soldiers is a pleasant occupation. It is one in which every community reveals a wholehearted enthusiasm.

THE GREAT HARRISBURG MYSTERY
OF COURSE Pennsylvania will set in line, as the politicians say, with the "drys." What is to be, will be.

WILD TIMES TO COME
IN THE old days the fly cop was a figure of speech. Now he is to be a reality. Wined fivers, priced at \$700 each, will blacken the sky in the near future.

WILSON'S LIBERALISM WINS FIRST VICTORY IN PARIS
Acceptance of His Proposal to Give Russia an Unbiased Hearing a Profoundly Reassuring Index of Real Progress

HONESTY of intent, courageous sincerity of purpose compose the moral fiber of the Peace Council's proposal to give all Russia a fair hearing.

The prime agent in this victory has been President Wilson. The text of his proposition, accepted by the Paris conferees, displays a blend of practical wisdom and determined, truth-loving zeal.

The credentials alike of saints or devils are now sought. Whatever the concerted Powers' future course of action may be, it will be taken in strict cognizance of facts.

As was recently pointed out in these columns, the regeneration of Russia by means of great Allied armies, compelled perhaps to fight a new and terrible war, was a conception so revolting that even the blindest Tories, who may have nourished some such notion in their hearts, foresaw the uselessness of energetically proposing such a "remedy."

That attitude, however, had the dangerous nature of a venture in the dark. The course adopted has been called a compromise. In reality, although it had the advantage of appealing to both sides, it is much more forthright than such an adjustment in diplomacy usually is.

The selection of a balmy isle in the Sea of Marmora for the hearings bespeaks a keen sense of "situation" in the extraordinary drama. The native Turkish-Greek population, by reason of language barriers and numerous other circumstances, will be impervious to the wiles of the propagandist.

liberty-loving nations of the world of aggressive capitalistic sordidness, may perhaps come to seaf. But if they do appear, it will at least display the courage of convictions.

The protest already registered in Paris of such anti-Bolshevik leaders as Sazonoff and Lvoff sound suspiciously like cries for special and unwarranted favoritism. The justice of a cause of which a fair examination is discountenanced is indeed questionable and the bitterness of these special pleaders in Paris bears ugly implications of resentment over the possibility of a defeat for purely selfish interests.

Moreover, it is more than probable that an ensemble of really honest champions of other than Bolshevik interests may be of profound import. If their governmental structures are Jerry-built, inquiry will reveal that weakness. Facts to the contrary, however, may prove to be of the highest moment in the world's monumental reconstruction task.

It should be understood, none the less, that such an event is not the aim of the sincere invitation. The Allies, empowering President Wilson in this instance to be their spokesman, solemnly declare that "they regard the Russian people as their friends, not their enemies, and are willing to help them in any way they are willing to be helped."

It is particularly noteworthy that the unique message which the radio is delivering to all governmental seats in Russia recognizes "the revolution without reservation" and stipulates that the Powers "will in no way and under no circumstance aid or give countenance to any attempt at a counter-revolution."

That jurymen's opinion as to the relative importance of politics and the milk business will be sustained by every infant in the Commonwealth.

The war tax on cabaret admissions is to be increased from 10 to 15 per cent. Patrons with real strength of mind might deduct the excess from the tax-check handkerchiefs. But are there any patrons sufficiently strong-minded?

OCULAR MAGNETISM OF COLONEL HOUSE

The President's Adviser Characterized as "a Great Reporter," Lord Northcliffe, Master Propagandist

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GEORGE CREEL is typical of the American peace mission. The mission is a great international propaganda. Mr. Wilson's presence in Europe was propaganda. The President expects to accomplish freedom of the seas and the league of nations by propaganda.

UNLESS, of course, it is Colonel House, the man of mystery, whose friends always describe him in one set phrase, "an exceedingly well-informed man." Somehow unanimity about that phrase does not suggest capacity to get things done.

FROM this you perceive that Colonel House permits himself to be seen—seen of the press, a reporter standing up before reporters. The commission is on exhibition once a day, in the morning at the Crillon.

SEEMING the press shows how men will fall when far from home. Even President Wilson has seen the press. Colonel House sees the press. This slipping from one's high estate is probably something like those lapses which made Elsie Janis or some one call the *de die in die* the street where American husbands live and pay.

PERHAPS it is loneliness. Lord Northcliffe seemed to have a sense of the President's loneliness, and himself came to Paris to bear him company. Instantly something happened. The air was electric. You felt as if the British Government had arrived. The troubles were smoothed. The great Anglo-Saxon cooperation which was to fill the future dawned suddenly.

IN TWO days the energetic editor, who has no counterpart anywhere in the world, had taken the President under his wing. The league of nations was Northcliffe's idea and the President was for it. Or that is the way it seemed. The President had given an interview to Northcliffe's London Times, and Northcliffe became the foremost propagandist for the league of nations.

IT is all very amusing to any one who has been in Washington and who knows how Northcliffe came to America to become a little father to America, and how coldly his paternal intentions were received in Washington.

AND Northcliffe is a factor to be reckoned with. It is not at all unlikely that when the story of the Peace Conference comes to be re-written, with his name will loom larger than that of any other man than Woodrow Wilson. And make no mistake, Woodrow Wilson outranks by much every one else who will be at the Peace Conference.

AND so I came to Funston—the weather went to zero. And underneath the shower bath I hardly looked a hero. They stuck me in the kitchen, I mounted guard all night. And I was such an Ichabod my clothes they looked a fright. I scrubbed the hall a dozen times and finished up the floor.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT, ANYHOW



THE CHAFFING DISH

About Ben Woodrow

ABOUT BEN WOODROW (may his tribe increase) Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace.

AN Angel writing in a book of gold. Now much applause had made Ben Woodrow bold

AND to the presence in the room said he, "Qu'est-ce que c'est que ce que tu vois?" Or, in plain English, "May I not inquire What wriest thou?" The Angel did not tire

AND I'm still here in Funston—God knows how long I'll stay. I search the printed list of dead with growing dread each day.

AND I'm yours, cordially and sincerely." The Angel wrote, and vanished like a mouse.

Next night returned (accompanied by House) And showed the names whom love of Peace had blest.

AND lo! Ben Woodrow's name led all the rest! When a man appears in court, no matter what he is wearing, he is always said to be "natty dressed" or "jauntily attired."

THE Depot Brigade I WENT to join the army, I thought 'twas mighty fine To be a gory hero in the very front line.

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They made remarks I really think I'd better not repeat.

They turned at last and stuck me in the depot brigade.

Now all the friends I ever had went fighting Huns in France. They raised Old Glory to the winds in Pershing's great advance.

They swept like eagles through the sky and won the cross of war.

But I'm still here in Funston—God knows how long I'll stay.

For when the war is over and all of history made. They'll say, "He stayed in Funston in the depot brigade."

Ein Bischen Papier? The war embosomed a number of German idioms, such as *spurious resentment*, *Hausarbeit*, and *Keweenaw*.

Desk Mottos The Time needs heart—'tis tired of head. Vainly might Plato's head revolve it. Plainly the heart of a child could solve it.

Fourteen points on a paper scrap. Yo ho ho and a League of Nations! Pray that there may be no mishap. Yo ho ho and a League of Nations!

Trials of a President Traveling Abroad 10:00—Arrive at railway station. Welcomed by King and Queen. Hat on head. Umbrella left hand. Gloves on.

10:01—Right glove off (hastily) into left hand. Hat off (right hand). Umbrella hanging on left arm.

10:02—Right glove into left pocket. Hat to left hand. Shake hands with King. 10:03—Shake hands with Queen. Left glove off to receive flowers. Umbrella to right hand.

10:04—Shake hands with Prime Minister. Left glove in left hand. Umbrella back to left hand. Flowers in left hand. Hat in left hand.

10:05—Enter King's carriage. Try to drop flowers under carriage unobserved. Foreign Minister picks them up with gallant remark.

Mother, Getting confused. Queen Mother in left pocket, umbrella on head, gloves on right hand, hat in left hand, King on head, flowers in trousers pocket. Casket under left arm.

10:17—Complete collapse. Failure of the League of Nations. SOCRATES.

Always We Must Pay Every Power dedicated to a League of Nations means the surrender of a national right on the part of the signatory nations.

There is hopeful augury in the Cabinet crisis in Rome. It may mean realization that the fulfillment of a treaty founded on emergency may possess more dangers than advantages.

Nobody will find fault with Congress for leaving the matter of army organization to its successor. In the meantime the country may have made up its mind as to just what it wants.

The secretary of the Federation of Labor predicts that we shall have bread lines here before May 1, and suggests that immigration be prohibited for four years.

What Do You Know?

- 1. When is St. Quibbler's Day and what is the superstition connected with it?
2. Where is Princess Island, where the Peace Conference has asked the representatives of the world?
3. What is the meaning and origin of the word 'castigate'?

- Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Gustav Ador is President of Switzerland.
2. The first three American soldiers to die on the soil of France in the war were Private Ernest A. Tamm, Private William H. Brown, and Private William H. Brown.
3. Some half a million people out of the four million in Ireland can speak Gaelic.
4. Minnesota is the "Goose State."
5. The expression "Even Homer nods" may be traced back to the "Little Horace," "Quandus bonus dormitat Homerus" (When even Homer nods).