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THE FAMINE BILL
NONSURE outside of Washington seriously doubted that the President's \$100,000,000 famine relief bill approved finally yesterday would be passed after the chronic obstruction in Congress had an interval for talking.

THE WEATHER TRUCE
THE astute seems also to have been meteorological. Last year General January was full panoplied for war and his belligerence provoked battle with his avoidably delinquent cabinet.

THE WOMEN OF WEIMAR
THE "hairstyle" incident, thoroughly domesticated and divorced from politics, seems to have departed with the German monarchy.

THE RUSSIAN BALLET
THE Russian Ballet, which Minister of War General Denikin brought from the Russian capital, is being given at the Academy of Music here.

NATIVE AMERICAN LABELS
THE general public's imperfect acquaintance with the special circumstances governing the government's administration of the Indian affairs inevitably stimulates the practical value of the recurring suggestion to several citizens in the relative of the United States.

and governmental supervision for the rest until they demonstrate fitness for citizenship. Valid practical considerations may interfere with the execution of this plan, but if it serves merely to focus attention on the admirable achievements of the bonafide American natives who fought so valorously in the cause of freedom it will have been worth while.

IT IS TIME TO REVIVE THE METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

Great Plans Begun a Few Years Ago for the Benefit of the City's Suburban Area May Yet Be Realized

ONE of the reactions of the war for which Philadelphia is unprepared will be felt immediately after peace is agreed upon in a general urge toward reconstruction. Everywhere there will be a sudden eagerness to catch up with public works. Industry will have a new outlook and new ambitions. The next decade will be creative. It will be a time of expansion. The intimate acquaintance with European thought and manners that the war has brought to America should be a great help at the beginning of a period of building.

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sight and intelligent planning might establish modern towns, parks, wide streets and an atmosphere likely to insure happiness and contentment to the future population. It is impossible to overestimate the service that might be done in this instance by a State commission with authority to survey and advise and plan in regions where new communities are expanding or just coming into being.

The need for such service was recognized in 1911, when the Metropolitan Planning Commission was appointed by the Governor and later declared unconstitutional and disbanded because such expenditures as it would have to make were to be provided for by a special tax. Properly, Governor Sproul might reorganize that commission and use his power to obtain an appropriation for its support.

Those who are concerned with the future of the extended suburban area might be made to see the waste that comes with constant tearing down and building up in communities that grew by accident. They might be helped to a realization of the value of good streets and attractive building. More particularly, it would be possible to preserve large sections of the riverfront from the sort of exploitation that disfigures the landscape and sends land values down and creates congested and sordid residential areas.

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The German Assembly is probably congratulating itself because nobody expects it to have a republican amendment.

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THE CHAFFING DISH

But How Does He Know?
Some time ago we wondered, in a musing kind of way, what all the barroom brass rails will be used for.
Ben Zeen calls up to say they make excellent condenser tubes for illicit stills.

A Birthday
And while we are looking backward, it may not be amiss to note that 160 years ago today some such notice as this may have been sent to a Scotch country paper:
BURNESS.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Burness, of Ayr, King'sburghshire, a son.
This, as you will rapidly surmise, was Robert Burns.

ON A FLY-LEAF OF BURNS' SONGS
Today is the 160th birthday of Robert Burns.
THESE are the best of him. Paths and jest of him; Earth holds the rest of him.
Passions were strong in him; Pardon the wrong in him; Hark to the song in him!

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