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"DREAMS" COMING TRUE
The translation of an ideal into practical working machinery is proceeding in Paris with an authoritative celebrity in conceivable only a few months ago.

Provisional agreement on the preamble and two of the articles of the constitution of the league of nations is already announced. The importance of this step can hardly be exaggerated, since the special commission which took it is acting virtually as a legislative body.

The fact that two plans, one of which is especially favored by the smaller nations, are up for discussion is small warranty for alarm. Rather there is heartening food for hope in the concentration of varied concepts, formerly branded as nebulous, into merely two clearly defined programs.

The commissioners are not only optimistic, but they are energetic. This fusion of aspiration and determination augurs well for the eventual harmonizing of details of the two drafts of the peace league structure.

GOING TO MARKET IN A FLIVVER

LOWER prices to the consumer and fair profits to the farmer are forecast in the plan for the establishment of a city-owned union central market. The elaborate report made upon this subject by a special committee appointed by the Mayor finds much to favor such a project.

That such an undertaking was not carried out long ago is explicable by the vast changes in transportation systems which have come with development of the automobile. Direct delivery of products to the retail market was not always easy for the farmer in the old days.

PASSENGER TRADE FROM THIS PORT

IN ITS departure, as in its arrival, the steamship Haverford has been a significant index of the return of peace. The war veterans who descended from its decks the other day emphasized the dramatic aspect.

SQUIBS OR INFERNAL MACHINES?

THE United States Senate, having in mind a meeting in a Washington theatre attended by several Congressmen, has extended the powers of the Senate committee investigating German propaganda.

of the secret service and not by a congressional committee. If the "activities" have done nothing more than talk they had best be let alone.

Many foolish and vicious epigrams have been vitalized and momentarily popularized by making "martyrs" of their apostles. Bolshevism has nothing to feed on in this country and, left to itself, will die of inanition.

What matters it that men talk foolishly and wickedly? Their words of foolishness die and their words of wickedness pass. Even Congressmen have been known to talk unwisely and intemperately.

HIGH COST OF PESSIMISM
A NEW NATIONAL AFFLICTION

Talk of Philadelphia Approaching Hard Times Reflects a Faulty State of Mind Rather Than Natural Causes

OPINIONS are contagious. If a great many people sit down and wring their hands and tell each other that hard old times are just ahead, then hard old times will come as naturally as the dawn of day.

"Times are going to be hard," some business men are saying, "so we'll retrench." Behind this general attitude is the belief that prices of material and of labor are going, as they say, to tumble.

There is talk of "plenty of cheap labor." Hopes such as this spring from a more than grievous error. The man who waits for plenty of cheap labor will have to bequeath a paralyzed business to his heirs.

The motor business, for example, came out of the war with a jubilant shout, clamoring for room in which to expand, full of the promise of new wonders.

All of this is interesting to Philadelphia, because we have in this city an unbelievable lot of money to spend upon essential improvements and an incredible lot of work waiting to be done.

The various departments of the city government have it virtually in their power to expend about \$149,000,000. The wise and quick expenditure of at least some of this money will instantly release other countless millions and send them outward to the pockets of workers of all sorts.

Some one said not long ago that Philadelphia could use another 100,000 houses. Building in this city began to slow down four years ago, and it has been almost at a standstill for fourteen months.

In its general financial aspect and in its immediate needs Philadelphia is typical of the rest of the country. There is limitless money to be done and almost limitless money to do it with.

Waterfront improvements here, the new boulevards, the Parkway and bridges and an incalculable amount of street building and repairs await the cooperation of the Mayor and Council and the department heads—and public opinion.

Labor and materials are growing plentiful now. In a year there may be new securities when all of the industries are competing in the general market after periods of idleness.

Whatever his fate may be, the chances are that Herr Hobermann will never again cheer up sufficiently to get a shave.

The estimated cost of the war is \$250,000,000,000. And every man, woman and child of us has contributed something toward that amount.

Nothing could be more grotesque than talk of hard times and idleness in the United States. We are the richest country in the world. Almost every nation owes us money.

is no other country in the world that can say so much. There is more work to be done now than there is while the war was on. Doubt and pessimism are expensive luxuries, since it is doubt and pessimism that have caused unemployment wherever unemployment is encountered in America.

Sooner or later all the industries will come around to the more gracious and constructive view, as the Bethlehem Steel Company has just done after its brushes with the War Labor Board.

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AMERICA SAT ON THE SEESAW
NAPOLEON'S indorsement of the heaviest battalions as the gauge of victory has lost none of its significance as a result of the greatest of all wars.

The comparative tables just made public by the War Department are instructive indices of the course of the conflict. On April 1, 1918, the "rifle strength" of the Central Powers exceeded that of the Allies by 200,000, and the Germans were winning.

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A SUGGESTION FOR PERSHING
YOUR efficiency and fairness," cried Representative Siegel to General Pershing, "impugned in Congress. Do you favor an immediate congressional investigation?"

If General Pershing were familiar with the news from Washington, and if he wished to hurl back the only reply adequate in this instance, the cables would instantly sparkle with something like this, addressed to the whole House:

Mr. Lansing is head of the committee which will fix responsibility for the war and provide penalties for the crimes committed. Well, so far as the Kaiser is concerned, the people of America have given him enough tips.

Another stone has reached John Barleycorn—this time a Keystone.

Military registration has proved that compulsory registration before elections is at least feasible.

Difference of opinion makes horse races, but horse races are not a good substitute for woolsen goods.

Anyhow, we wish our boys at Archangel were "either back home or had more company where they are."

France knows she is on the frontier of freedom; what she wants to know is just where she may drive in stakes.

The Rhinelanders love their Kaiser. Probably for the same reason that Tom Sawyer enjoyed his sore toe.

Among the sights of Paris no self-respecting citizen or tourist neglects to include a view of President Wilson. Then they proceed to comment on his good points—fourteen of them.

The commander-in-chief of the Russian forces has ordered Commander March Botchkareva, of the Battalion of Death, to doff her uniform, declaring that "for women to do military duty is 'shameful.'"

A negro charged with stealing whiskey valued at \$35 is said to have been "shaken down" by a Fifth Ward policeman for \$50.

William G. McAdoo has been retained as counsel for a moving-picture company in Los Angeles. He will now proceed to register concentration on a clear track toward a reconstructed privacy.

DUAL ASPECT OF THE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS
A British Plea for Equality of Treatment in Peace Times.
How Preferential Restrictions Worked

THE freedom of the seas has been recognized as an ambiguous phrase, and in asserting it as one of the terms of peace our government expressly reserved their right to put their own construction on its meaning.

By the freedom of the seas in peace we mean the right to navigate and traffic unimpeded across the seas between all countries, and to use ports and harbors, and in particular sea canals and territorial waters, without impediment or subjection to unfair conditions.

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Senator Sherman will bewail what is happening at Versailles; Senator Borah cannot say His contempt for black Versailles; To observe things at Versailles—Come, come, gentlemen, use your wits!

Mr. Ungemach is now a yeoman, first class, attached to the Fourth Naval District headquarters in this city. He was on board the cargo transport Sætia when she was sunk—by a mine, it was reported—thirty miles off Ocean City on November 9.

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Mr. SMOOT—There is not a bill introduced in the Senate or in the House that is not placed upon my desk the following morning, and there is hardly an evening when Congress is in session that I do not scan those bills.

As long as public-spirited researchers will delve in the Congressional Record and display for the world the pearls there buried, there will be no danger of the grand old style of native oratory perishing from the land.

Such is the inconsistency of life that even some of the foremost thinkers and intellectual giants of the past lived the life unprintable.

In the absence of orders, many of the representatives in Harrisburg confessed that they hadn't just made up their minds on how to vote on the Vickersman resolution.

BLIGHTY



PRUNES AND PRISMS

A Primer for Senators
WHAT IS A PEACE CONFERENCE?—A very menacing gathering of doctrinaires, which oscillates between autocracy (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) and bolshevism (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays). It must on no account be encouraged.

WHAT MUST SENATORS DO TO INFORM THEMSELVES ABOUT A PEACE CONFERENCE?—Study up the results of the congress of 1815, in order to understand the horrible outcome of such preposterous gatherings.

WHERE DOES A PEACE CONFERENCE SIT?—According to the Senate, which is too busy to read the papers, at Versailles.

IS ANY RESTRAINT OF REASON OR GOOD TASTE TO BE OBSERVED IN DAMNING A PEACE CONFERENCE?—Consult Senator Sherman on this point.

WHAT IS A LEAGUE OF NATIONS?—(Adjustment in uproar.)

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Ballade of the Primitive Jest

What did the black-haired Iberian laugh at before the tall blond Aryan drove him into the corners of Europe?—Strander Matthews.
I AM the ancient Jest!
Palaolithic man
In his aboriginal nest
The sparks of fun would fan;
My outline did he plan.
And laughed like one possessed,
"Twas thus my course began.
I am a Merry Jest!

Women candidates for the new German parliament are said to be touring the country making speeches.
As one might say, "She Stumps to Conquer."

Alonso Marshall, mess-cook, now in the Cape May hospital, was in the messhall at the stern. His hip was broken by the explosion. In spite of this he crawled into his quarters to grab a life-preserver; then crawled to the deck; after several attempts succeeded in climbing the bulwarks, which were canted at a difficult angle, and threw himself into the water.

While the men were on the raft a vessel sighted them and came near enough to have a look at them. Ungemach says, facetiously enough, "We wished we had a five-inch gun on that raft."

Springfield, Illinois, which was once the home of Abraham Lincoln, is now the home of Senator Sherman.

It was once a favorite denunciation of a man to say of him, "He can't say No."

Good Man, Harry!
We see that Harry Carter, one of the carpenters out at Haverford College, saved the life of a student who was skating on the pond there yesterday.

"We always knew Harry was a hero. In the springtime he used to thunder over the campus in his motor lawnmower, and when any student knew his turn to recite was coming soon, and didn't feel any too sure of himself, he would beckon to Harry through the window. Harry would come roaring and parade his deafening machine under the windows of the lecture room, often delaying the crisis in that student's life by several minutes.

What Do You Know?

- 1. Who is president of the League to Enforce Peace?
- 2. How much postage is necessary to dispatch a letter from the United States to New Zealand?
- 3. Where is the magnetic North Pole?
- 4. Of what State was Robert Fulton a native?
- 5. When did Dewey destroy the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay?
- 6. How many feet are in a statute knot or sea mile?
- 7. What number multiplied by the diameter of a circle will give its circumference?
- 8. How is 200 expressed in Roman numerals?
- 9. Who wrote "The Deserted Village"?
- 10. Which is the "Collar City"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Secretary of State Lansing is president of the commission on the responsibility for the war and its conduct.
- 2. The White Sea is an arm of the Arctic Ocean, indenting the north coast of European Russia.
- 3. The first transcontinental railroad in the United States was the Union Pacific, linking up with the eastern systems at Omaha. The western terminus was Oakland, Cal.
- 4. The word "bourgeois" should be pronounced somewhat as though spelled "boor-wah" with the "y" sound softened.
- 5. An eel is a furred aquatic fish-eating mammal, with fin-like legs, webbed feet and a long flattened tail.
- 6. According to the old Julian calendar Washington was born on February 11, 1732.
- 7. Two novels by Oliver Wendell Holmes are "Elsie Venner" and "The Guardian Angel."
- 8. To gerrymander is to manipulate unfairness and boundaries of districts, so as to secure disproportionate influence in election for some party or class. The word is derived from Elbridge Gerry, a Governor of Massachusetts, who manipulated election district lines in such a way that the map of a certain part of the State presented the outline of an imaginary monster. Claws were sarcastically added and the whole was called a gerrymander.
- 9. Harlequin is the "Cranberry King."