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Member of the Associated Press... THE ASSOCIATED PRESS is exclusively entitled to the use for publication of all news dispatches credited to it...

WHY IT WORKS IN BOSTON... THE Boston plan of taking the police out of politics has worked well because it took the control of the police department from the hands of the politicians who controlled the city.

A DEMOCRAT CRITICIZES THE ADMINISTRATION... IT IS gratifying to find such evidence of economic sanity in Washington as that which Senator Gore, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, manifested the other day when he criticized the price-fixing of wheat.

WHEN AN ALIEN HAS NO RIGHTS... NO MATTER how many times a point of law has been decided a lawyer can always be found who will accept a fee to ask the courts to pass upon it again.

NEEDED: SERUM FOR INDIFFERENCE... A PLAN for spending \$211,000,000 to overcome the handicap of the port of New York arising from the fact that the city is an island has been outlined by Gustave Lindenthal to the New York and New Jersey Port and Harbor Development Commission.

to Jersey City and Manhattan by way of railroads running into Manhattan through tunnels. A three-mile tunnel under the bay from Greenville, N. J., to Bay Ridge, L. I., is also included.

THE COVENANT WHICH OPENS THE DOOR TO A NEW AGE

Dreams Turning to Reality as Comprehensive League Program Forecasts Impossibility of War... THE most comprehensive buttress ever created in support of the moral will was revealed in Paris yesterday when President Wilson read the closely reasoned covenant agreed upon by the commission on the League of Nations.

It is clear also that rarified idealism, however fervently applauded, is by itself an insufficient stimulus to good behavior in a world of error. Where selfish interest, colored either by hope of gain or fear of punishment, can be made to coincide with fundamentals of right, a heartening approximation of justice can be attained.

The President's share in it has obviously been extremely potent. The world has been hearing much of "compromises" while the commission was at work, and doubtless many adjustments have been made.

The economic boycott is to be the first punitive weapon employed against refractory members of the League. Under necessity, the application of armed force will be "recommended" by executive council.

The administrative machinery of the League is of a nature whose value can only be proved by experience. The executive council and the body of delegates suggest analogies in their composition and functions to the American Senate and House of Representatives.

The compulsion to arbitrate questions of international irritation is made extremely drastic, and a great variety of contingencies have been foreseen. They include squabbles between League members and non-League members, disputes between outsiders, who, if refractory, are obliged to enter the association, and threats of armed force if all other methods, including the interference of a permanent court of arbitration, fail.

Those which remain without the League will have no easier time than any erring signatory, for the covenant is not merely a scheme to band arrogantly together a group of a few domineering Powers, but it actually undertakes to comprehend in its lofty scope the political world. This naturally includes Germany, obviously referred to in the following stark language:

"No state shall be admitted to the League unless it is able to give effective guarantees of its sincere intention to observe its international obligations." But same behavior will secure admission, without which the League, which will prescribe the extent of disarmament to which the various nations must agree, would eventually be incomplete.

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HURLEY SEEKS LIGHT IN DARK PLACES... THE shipping policy of the United States will not be settled by the national referendum which Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, is asking the United States Chamber of Commerce to take.

When we admit that we must have a merchant marine, then we are prepared to consider whether the merchant marine shall be publicly or privately owned; whether it shall be assisted by subsidies or bounties, and whether the ships shall be a part of a naval reserve to be operated by naval reserve seamen with the government paying part of their wages.

The difference between Thomas Edison and James M. Beck is that Edison can kick his outstretched hand with his foot and Beck can open his mouth and put both feet in it.

Director Wilson says there will be a shake-up in the Police Department unless there are fewer shake-downs in the streets.

Henry White, who heads the Peace Conference committee on transit, has an easy job in comparison with that of the transit commissioner of Philadelphia.

Wilson instructs U. S. Mission—Headline. He seems to have been instructing the peace conference also. But what else could you expect from an ex-professor?

Representative Medill McCormick is unduly alarmed about the Monroe doctrine. His demand for a heresy trial of the President on the ground of apostasy will not excite much apprehension anywhere.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Washington Not Interested in Free Ports—Discrimination Against Officers Serving at Home—Rollin L. Dixon's Services as an Aerial Photographer... Washington, D. C., Feb. 15. PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. GRUNDY'S eloquent appeal to the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association for protection to American industry and freedom from vexatious legislation is being circulated in the Capitol, where the impression prevails that a tariff bill will be one of the early tasks of the Republican House in an extra session if the President calls one.

ONE of the big war factors was stevedoring. It facilitated the movement of troops and supplies. D. J. Murphy, Jr., of Philadelphia, who had much to do with the Delaware River end of the Government's stevedore business, has been telling his Washington friends about the services of the officers who had to stay on the wharves in the United States morning, noon and night, without getting a chance to shed their blood in France.

PRETTY rough on Wilmington and other Delaware River towns which have been making water-front improvements to hear of the discontinuance of the Clyde Line, or of any line running from Philadelphia to New York or southern points. There is a suspicion here that the railroad administration has much to do with recent developments in steamship management.

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WATCHING from time to time the great price-guarantee bill in its formative stages have been C. H. Bell, W. K. Woolman, Hubert J. Horan and A. B. Clemmer, all of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia.

THE Wannamakers have a real live booster in Dr. Joseph Kosuth Dixon, leader of the Hodman Wannamaker historical expeditions to the North American Indians, who comes to Washington frequently to keep in touch with Indian legislation.

MUCH money is being spent by the government to advance the Americanization idea through such bureaus as that of naturalization in the Department of Labor and education in the Department of the Interior.

With a six-hour business day in the department stores from 11 to 5, how is the husband to manage to do the little shopping errands for his wife which he is in the habit of getting rid of on his way to the office in the morning?



RUBBER HEELS

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There is a conspiracy of silence about Colonel House, and he is the ring leader.

Now we are engaged in a great and acrimonious discussion, arguing whether that league, or any league so conceived, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of tongues. We are met to dedicate a portion of it as the final place of silence for those who shed their arguments freely that the league of nations might not live.

But it is rather for us here to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these perished arguments we take increased loquacity to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of oration; that we here loudly resolve that the world shall have a new birth of argument, and that government of the nations, shall not perish from the earth.

What avails it that another loves you, if he does not understand you? From love of a cause.—Thomas Chalmers on Friendship.

A SWITCH IN TIME

There is a whimsy, a too-muchness in all Germans.—Coleridge, "Table-Talk."

THEY'RE still too much too-muchness. Assertive such-as-suchness. Complacent over-Dutchness. In German thought and act; Both root and branch need thinning. Bismarckian disciplining— If left to think they're winning, They will have won in fact!

Why should we give a button That wolf should lack his mutton? It's only fair a glutton Should tighten up his belt. Have done with mush and twaddle; No conscience-stricken model Strayer for saints to coddle. This shark of 'Lys and Scheidt! —Richard Butler Glaesner, in New York Times.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What is the first name of President Poincaré of France? 2. What tragic event, potentially affecting the course of American history, occurred twenty-one years ago today? 3. What kind of a window is called an "odd do bow" and what does the name mean? 4. How do ten-penny nails get their name? 5. What is the capital of South Dakota? 6. What is the overhang of a ship? 7. Who wrote the music of the opera, "Zampa"? 8. What is the longest river in Asia? 9. How many times in American history did the Whig party win a presidential election? 10. How many articles compose the drafted plan of the League of Nations, which has just been unanimously adopted?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Philipp Scheidemann is the new chancellor of Germany. 2. Six Russian factions which have accepted the invitation to the conference at Prinkipon are those of the Bolsheviks, the Ukrainians, the Whites, the Whites, the Whites, and the Whites. 3. Hammock comes from the Spanish hammaca, which is derived from a Caribbean word in use when Columbus discovered the West Indies. 4. According to the last census, Rhode Island was the most densely populated State in the Union. 5. The so-called "pitcher-plant" eats insects. 6. An amalgam is the solution of any metal in mercury. 7. Jonathan Trumbull was an American patriot, friend and adviser of Washington, who is said to have given him the name "Brother Jonathan," subsequently used to personify the United States. 8. Banda Oriental (Eastern League) is sometimes used to describe the South American republic of Uruguay. 9. Columbus's son Ferdinand accompanied the great discoverer on his last voyage to the New World. 10. Christopher Marlowe wrote the drama, "The Jew of Malta."

IN SIGHT?

THE man I give toast to And praise in this sonnet Has never played host to A bee in his bonnet. Remarkably moderate, Thoroughly sane, Indeed odd and odder it Seems to my brain So few are inclined to Give heed to his tone, But still have a mind to Fool views of their own. The wisdom of Sinai is his by the sheaf; Of course you divine I—allude to myself. DOVE DULCET.

Now that the Germans have given up their morning hour of hate they no longer observe a hate-hour day.

Boston is shortly to begin celebrating the centennial of James Russell Lowell, and intends once more to be the hubbub of the universe.

All patent medicines, says a doctor friend of ours, have practically the same ingredients: a narcotic, a laxative and a bitter. The same analysis applies to most political speeches.

Becky was sharp, but Beck is sharper still. The longest long trail as that of the after-dinner speaker. SOCRATES. Kissing in Alsace Kissing was very much in evidence in Alsace, where pretty Alsatian girls, in the costume of their country, were seen to throw their arms around the necks of the President and his companions and to receive a good hug. M. Clemenceau, for example, the octogenarian Prime Minister, kissed a great many of these pretty girls, saying aloud the while, "Ah, if I were twenty years of age again!" General Guillaumet, Marshal Petain and even the immortal Foch showed that if they were great warriors they were also very human. I have a suspicion that many of the English correspondents were absent from this part of the function or they would have written quite brilliant letters on kissing as a fine art. I met, for example, Mr. Gerald Campbell, the exceedingly able correspondent of the Times, but while I read many fine articles from him on the subject of Alsace and Lorraine, I missed a descriptive sketch on "the generals and the girls," which should have appealed to his Irish heart.—Clement Shorter, in the London Sphere.

Winter may get us yet. The famous blizzard of 1888 came in March. A Loftier Desire "A German wanted; experienced. Apply —" This advertisement, which appeared in a Manchester newspaper, caused great indignation. The manager of the firm concerned, which has a bleaching, dyeing, printing, and finishing works, states that an amusing mistake has been made. "We want an agerman and certainly not a German," he said. An agerman is a worker in charge of a machine which fixes colors. — London Evening Standard. Movie Madness We have tried to be sane in the matter of popular prejudice against German music, but when a five-piece picture show orchestra undertakes to play the "Tide of the Volturne," then the A. P. L. and its allied forces of suppression cannot act too quickly to cut it.—Boston City News.