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WHERE MR. TAFT STANDS

It is a real League of Nations. It is not all that I wished, but it comes near. It is a great deal better than 1 hoped. It contains within its terms provisions for its own growth .---William H. Taft, in Helena.

THE significance of this indorsement from the most prominent American advocate of a league of nations and the man who has been working for its creation for many years will not be lost upon the members of Congress. Mr. Taft is not content with merely expressing his gratification at the action of the representatives of the nations in Paris. He has called upon every one to use all possible influence with the Senate to secure the ratification of the plan when it is formally submitted to that body for its approval, along with the peace treaty.

This is the attitude which those who know Mr. Taft expected him to take. He will undoubtedly use all the influence that he has to make the new constitution of instrument.

IRRECOVERABLE CROWNS

THE final splutterings of the greatly over-press-agented royalist revolt in Portugal are visible. Oporto, at no time securely held by the reactionaries, has been restored to the republic, and Paiva Couceiro, leader of the party to which ex-King Manuel himself has given such lackluster support, has been arrested.

The outcome of the disturbance gives validity to the belief that a crown once lost in these days cannot be regained. Republics may be ungrateful, incompetent in their ambitious efforts, but somehow or other they abide. China came perilously near darkening this deduction, and yet in spite of anarchy and intrigue the dragon flag of the emperors no longer waves officially over that vast nation. The grand dukes, who were to have succeeded the Czar when the Russian revolution was new met tragic fates.

"What does a king do?" asked Huck Finn. d Tom Sawyer. "They don't

The alcoholic abstemiousness of Hayes was called provincial. "Palace-maker" was the epithet hurled at Theodore Roosevelt when he enlarged his official residence on the Potomac. How a President and his spouse should act is still an open question. If Dolly Madison was too bewitching, well, other first ladies of the land were too dull. The Eberts, about to open their "town nouse," will have to work out their own social salvation. Sincerity will be the most trustworthy guide, and this will prevent hern from striking attitudes in medieval uniforms, waving jeweled swords or demanding a flatulent "Rolando di Berlin" opera from an intimidated Italian composer. If the German die is not indeed caste any longer, such restraint should ome as a distinct relief.

CASH KILLS BOLSHEVISM AS CARBOLIC KILLS A COOTIE

The Pest Will Die in America, for Disease Bacilli Cannot Live on a

Silver Dollar

TALF A DOZEN small boys artned with H the cans filled with dried peas can nake a deafening noise and attract a great deal of attention to themselves.

Likewise a small group of discontented adicals can create the impression in the aind of the easily excited that dissatisfaction is general and the established order a in danger.

The radicals are talking now and we war demanda from all parts of the counby that those of them who are not citizens e deported and that these who are citizens be forbidden to hold public meetings. Fear is expressed that the healthy citizens may se infected with the poison germ which

these people are trying to propagate. But the physicians tell us that a disease germ must have a hospitable environment before it can develop. There are disease gorms in every healthy man, but they cannot propagate until the normal resisting powers of the man are weakened.

The most virulent bacilli die within a few hours after they have found lodgment in a silver dollar.

The germ of Bolshevism can thrive only where the social and political body is in an unhealthy condition. The alarmists who think it can spread here as it has spread in Russia forget that the conditions necessary for its spread do not exist in the United States. There is freedom of opportunity here for every man, and when a the family of nations an effective and valid man accumulates a few dollars he has the antidote to the sort of social poison that is ruining Russia. The germ of Bolshevism shrivels up and dies as soon as it comes into contact with a fat pay envelope on Saturday night. It cannot stand the sight of a Liberty Bond and a savingsbank account kills it as quickly as carbolic acid kills a cootie.

> But if we attempt to stamp out Bolshevism or any other imported social disease germ by trying to confine it in close quarters where the poor congregate we shall produce conditions favorable to its spread. The best way to treat it is to force it into the open and let the pure air of reason blow about it. Let the men talk as much as they will. If they preach anarchy, then hold them responsible for what they do; but, for the sake of all that Americans hold dear, do not prevent any one from easing his mind if he feels burdened with any thing. The rest of us are healthy enough to escape contamination.

One has only to consider the fate of radivery properly devise means whereby such cal theories in this country in the past to crimes may be prevented in the future, the have faith in the future. Way back in

could have had the nerve to talk as they

Fresh air and discussion are the best antidotes for Bolshevism on this side of the ocean. We can arrest the advocates of bomb throwing and punish them for their overt crime. But the bomb throwers are few, and the agitators who are enamored of the sound of their own voices are many. Let them rattle their peas in their tin cans so long as they are content with that diversion.

CONGRESS FIDDLES WHILE INDUSTRY YEARNS

IN SPITE of reports of unemployment from all parts of the country, the Department of Labor in Washington is confident that within two or three months the demand for labor will be greater than the supply. The farms will need 2,000,000 unskilled laborers in the spring and the factories will be in the market for the same class of workers and will bid against the farmers. Building operations, suspended during the war, will be resumed and skilled labor will be needed. Philadelphia opinion supports this view, for local builders are expecting unprecedented activity scon.

There is encouragement in these comments on the outlook for labor. If Congreas would do its duty, the situation would be improved at once. Much of the present unemployment is said to be due to the failure of the government to arrange for paying men who had war contracts. The contractor doing business with a small capital has in many instances been compelled to close his shop and postpone refitting it for peace work because he cannot get the money due him. If this money were forthcoming he could put his hands at work again. But Congress delays action and everybody suffers.

PENNSYLVANIA DIPLOMATISTS. THE diplomatic prominence of Repub-

lican Pennsylvania under a Democratic administration was emphasized once more in the rumor that Vance McCormick was to be made ambassador to France. Although the announced appointment of Mr. Wallace, of Washington, sets this tale at rest, it does not by itself alter a rather curious diplomatic situation. The ingratiating and highly competent Mr. Herrick and the rather colorless Mr. Sharp, whose resignation from the Paris post has now been accepted, were both from Ohio. Mr. Penfield, however, was a Pennsylvanian at the late Austrian court, and Roland Morris, of this city, is now the American legate to Japan. The Danish post is vacant, but Mr. Egan, a Philadelphian by birth, was its last occupant.

Mr. Wilson's native Virginia can claim diplomatic recognition at Madrid with Mr. Willard and 'at Rome with Thomas Nelson Page, but it is a fact that the real South has had to be content with some of the humbler diplomatic offices. The situation suggests that the European chancelleries may be getting the notion that there are really a whole lot of Democrats of Pennsylvania birth. No wonder a league of nations is necessary to disseminate accurate information and prevent misconceptions

There is no occasion France Wanted It for surprise in the fact to Go Farther that the French press

does not grow enthusiastic over the Constitution of the League of Nations. France is in the position of a man whose family has been murdered, whose goods have been stolen, whose house has been burned and whose farm has been made useless for a generation. While the law may

COVENANT OF PARIS **IS A REAL LEAGUE**

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Extends Monroe Doctrine to the World and Secures the Sovereignty of the Nations

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LAs the president of the League to En the president of the League to En-force Peace, Mr. Taft is particularly quali-fied to analyze the covenant of twenty-siz articles drawn up by the special commis-sion at the Paris Peace Conference. The following article is his cultorial comment on the subject and is reprinted from to-day's Public Ledger.

LL who have pressed for a league of A nations to maintain reace and prevent war must thank God as they read the provisions of the constitution of the league upon which the nations in conference at Paris have agreed. President Wilson is to be warmly congratulated that the league of nations which he promised to the hararsed Allied peoples in his messages and addresses and has urged before the conference has taken such a form,

It is a real league. It has clinching and cinching provisions. It imposes on all the great powers and all others who enter the league a solemn covenant not to begin war until the differences have been submitted either to arbitration and award or to the executive council of the league as a conciliating body. The parties covenant to obey the award if the executive council unanimously recommend a compromize; and if the party against whom it is made refuses to comply with the recommendation the other party covenants not to go to war. Then the council may take steps to secure compliance. If a party breaks its covenant in these regards and goes to war a complete boycott of the recalcitrant is required of all members

of the league. The breach of covenant is an act of war against all the other members of the league. The executive council is then to recommend what military forces each member of the league should furnish to protect the covenants of the league. The members are to share the loss arising to any member of the langue by reason of the boycott. The boycott is to prevent commerce not only between the outlaw nation and its citizens and the members of the league and their citizens, but is to be extended to prevent commerce of the outlaw and its citizens with nonmenibers of the league. It is to be a complete isolation It will thus be seen that economic pressure

is a force that all members of the league are bound to use in every case of a breach of covenant in beginning war. The contribution to a military force to suppress war is not obligatory, but the council is to recommend what contribution each league member should make. Moreover, each member is required to give passage over its territory to forces of the league engaged in attacking the recalcitrants. It would be difficult to make stronger provisions that have a tendency to force league members into war with covenant breakers without creating a distinct and positive obligation to make war. The members of the league, whether they fight or not, are not neutrals in the modern sense. They must prevent intercourse of nonmembers of the league with the recalcitrant nation. They

must yield a right of way to league military forces attacking that nation. The recalcitrant may therefore properly regard them as beiligerents and enemies. Provision is made for future creation of an international court. but meantime arbitration before agreed arbitrators is provided.

On the whole, the short program of the League to Enforce Peace, adopted in June. 1915, differs but little from the nub of this, except that military contribution is not expressly obligatory and that in this either

party to a difference may a

a court an

life it would never work." . The document was unanimously rejected as an imperfect legal instrument.

Mr. Wilson has taken French leave, but has given that disagreeable phrase a new and honorable significance.

> But why did he decide to land in Boston? Artificially bleached fabrics wear out

STILL AT JT

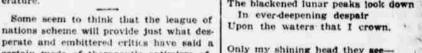
tainly contracted more than any of them." rapidly, and ditto artificially bleached literature.

eague of nations may be started by leaving

THE ICEBERG

OUT of the dark-I know not why-Of the cold magnetic North come L Released from continental ico That holds the axis in its vise, As fateful, ponderous, slow, serene, I slipped into the sea's deep green.

Beneath the white stars, shining white I sail the unbroken arctic night. And flash to Vega and Altair Far prisms of the polar light; And naked, frozen, gaunt and bare, Athirst for water and for air, The blackened lunar peaks look down



THE TUNING FORK ONE of the saddest features of human impractical. In the conditions of modern intercourse is that you so often know

what a man is going to say even before he says it-and still he insists.

"I consider it a thoroughly vicious document." said Mr. Hohenzollern, when interviewed by a special representative of The Tuning Fork. "A great deal is said about the high contracting parties, and yet there is no mention of Germany, which has cer-

To paraphrase Mark Twain's famous remark, some people think that a very good

do nothing, only just hop around."

And today in certain instances there are oven territorial limits on such gymnastics. Manuel of Braganza, agreeably idling in England, doesn't seem to mind them, and doubtless that increases William Hohenzollern's muted melancholy. If the relatively harmless and now placid ex-ruler of Portugal sees no hope from a people by whom he is not particularly inted, what chance is there for the exile at Amerongen? The range of ex-kingly hopping in this era stands a mighty slim likelihood of taking in a throne.

ARE YOU BURGLAR-PROOF? DAINT your diamonds black.

Put your automobile in the cellar and carry your watch in an inside pocket. If it be a wrist watch hook it on your ankle. Borrow some old clothes and wear them regularly in order that you may not look promising to a thief.

By such means as this you will be able to co-operate in the newest police plan for crime prevention, now deftly outlined by Detective Lieutenant Wood. Lieutenant Wood's suggestion to business men that they keep their money out of sight in order that highwaymen may not be tempted is novel. It may help. Since the police cannot help you you must help yourself.

One of these days the police department will be efficiently organized and then we may all be ourselves again.

THE EBERTS AT HOME

MELLOWED by a glass of mild Johan-nisberger, "Fritz" Ebert is rated as a likable chap. Luise, his "frau," is in good standing both as home cook and home dressmaker. The whole domestic combi nation is full of charm; so much so. indeed, that the dream of marble halls in which the first President of Germany and his lady are now forced to indulge embodies the rude attributes of a nightmare. The profusely decorated Bellevue Palace. suggested as the new "Executive Mansion." is awesomely dreaded by the first citizer of the land as "too imposing." Frau ! fears the shafts of social criticism pecially from her husband's own d cratic party, if she attempts to extricate herself from the "caste" in which she has been reared.

Here are the elements of one problem that not even the supremely ambitious wise men of Paris would dare to tackle. In its American aspects the principle of mif-determination has been rather conistently applied, but that has been no waranty that the manners of a President, nal or unpretentious, are exempt from favorable popular judgments.

ngton was bitterly attacked for pinys of official grandeur, and Jefdeeply offended all lovers of the when he wore louir, black tend of say knee-breaches and here in the White House.

1896, when Mr. Bryan was appealing to all the discontented to rally to his standard and was promising them that they could pay their debts for fifty cents on the dollar. he rallied to his support all the Greenbackers and Populists and then polled fewer than a million votes more than were cast for Grover Cleveland four years earlier while McKinley polled about two million votes more than were cast for Benjamin Harrison in the last Cleveland campaign and the irreconcilable Socialists were able to muster only a paltry 36,000 supporters for their candidate.

There are only about half a million Socialists in the whole country who go to the polls in a presidential election, out of a that otal voting electorate of nearly twenty millions at the present time. About 900. 000 Socialist votes were polled in 1912, it is true, but that was fie year when Colone Roosevelt was running against Mr. Taft and Mr. Wilson. Hundreds of thousands of men, disgusted with the conditions in the two great parties, voted for Debs then. not because they were Socialists, but because they wanted to register a protest against the political muddle of that year. And a few radicals, who call themselves Socialists, as we all know, are the Bolshevists of America. We all know, too, that they are objecting to abuses to which the rest of up object also. Those abuses will be corrected in time and the radicals will not do the correcting. They are merely agitators, as the Prohibitionist party leaders were agitators. But the Prohibition party was dead long before national

prohibition was agreed upon.

The agitators have a legitimate place in ociety. It is a mistake to suppress them forcibly when they demand social reforms. The remedies they propose may be the wrong ones. As a matter of fact they are usually as wrong as the remedies which Mr. Bryan has proposed for admitted evils. But the agitators serve a useful purpose in keeping us allve to the fact that the world is not yet perfect and that there are still things to be done to make it a more comfortable place for the majority

At the same time, there is no place here for men who assume that in this land of the free there is any excuse for using the methods popular with revolutionists abroad. The thing against which those methods have been used does not exist in America. We have a lot of Americans with half-baked intellects who would try to make us believe that revolt is necessary. In the nineties of the last century the West was full of orators who tried to draw a parallel between conditions here and those which prevailed in France before the great revolution, just as the fathers of the republic harked back to the days of directo

where merely induiging in rheteric, hey are woudering now how they

victim, very naturally, finds it difficult to consider the matter calmly while the murderer is at large with the stolen goods, safely housed and ready to take economic advantage of the fact that his victim can't raise crops.

Sydney Smith once re-Nominations are marked of some emacinted thinker that he in Order had not "body enough to cover his mind decently with ; his intellect

is improperly exposed." Come, come, what modern statesman can we hang that on? Call it the Outgo Tax and let it go at

The postamble to the covenant will take tonger than the preamble We are ready now to hear reports of the arrival of the first robin.

Citizens continue carnest in their desire take the skip out of skip-stop

The old word "pigarlio" means a baldheaded man, but it is hard to get him to admit it.

At any rate there will be a refreshing absence of argument aboard the George Washington.

Whatever it features, the peace eventualdecided upon as just. by many will be considered just so so.

Every day adds to the evidence that the boys of the Iron Division were true as steel. They proved their mettle.

Now if Pancho Villa will indorse the sentiments of Francisco de la Barra, everything will be all right in Mexico.

Diplomatic dentists of the old school will now proceed to do their darnedest to pull the testh out of the world league.

It is estimated that the great war cos 179 billions. And if it insures a lasting world peace, it will be worth the money.

-Those who are doubtful about the correct use of "shall" and "will," will find plentiful illustration in that covenant.

The President having accomplished pretty nearly all he undertook to do, will now have nine days' leisure to wonder at it.

South Bethlehem hopes soon to make citizens of 10,000 aliens. A little lesson in self-protection that the war has taught us

A former director of Krupps is to attend a peace conference in Berbe. Ready to make a business proposition, doubtless, to turn the Hig Berthas into ployabares.

an award and seek a council of conciliation in the executive body of the league where unanimity of recommendation is required. The proposal to use compulsion to submission rather than execution of judgment or recommendation came from the pro-gram of the League to Enforce Peace, and was adopted by General Smuts in a remark-able brochure submitted by him December 16, 1918. It is understood that the President was much impressed with the paper of eral Smuts and with his plan as well. 11 be certain the constitution as now adopted was largely taken from his re mendation. He argued for the joint obliga-tion of league members to use force, which was only partly adopted, as I have pointed out. He, too, recommended required submis-sion of the justiciable questions to a court and of nonjusticiable questions to a conand of nonjusticiable questions to a con-ciliation council as the League to Enforce Peace had done. But the Smuts plan was much more comprehensive than that of the League to Enforce Peace. From that plan came the mandatory system of administrat-ing backward countries and internationaliz-ing cities as wards of the league through the enforcements are

competent and existing governments as agents answerable to the league. From that plan came the union of all present international bureaus under the league, as well the permanent secretariat. He advocated in-ternational labor reforms through the league, and this function is left to be developed under the league. He, too, brought non-members of the league under its influence and action.

The giving of the great powers five votin an executive council of nine is one of the most important features of the constitution and is indispensable to any practical workand is independent to any practical work-ing of it. They are the responsible members who are to do the work to be done. The minor states of the league enjoy its pro-tection, but will not be willing to expend money or effort in maintaining its authority. They should not be permitted to arrogate to themselves equal authority with the second themselves equal authority with the powers and thus seriously interfere with the league's efficient operations. This is a sufficlent safeguard against a too early admission of Germany

of Germany. One admirable feature of the constitution is its elastic character. The President has commented on it. It may be well that as the concrete problem of Keening peace be-tween the new republics and the old countries out of which they have been carved presents theft in detail sector and the old countries. tself in detail special measures for the rais-ing of military forces may have to be in-corporated. Doubtless other readjustments have to be made as experience show their necessity. In other words, this fact does not rigidly maintain the status quo, but makes provision for development and prog-ress among the nations. In many instances too, the old and paralysing requirements of unanimous action by the powers have been

departed from. Now that President Wilson brings back to us a real league and has fully made ros his announced purpose. It would greatly please the country if the Senators could give him unanimous support. The fourteen nahim unanimous support. The fourteen na-tions have done so. Why not the Senare's Such action would be heard around the world with acclaim. Article X covers the Monroe Doctrine and extends It to the world. The league is not a super-sovereign, but a part nership intended to secure to us and all nations only the sovereignty we can properly have. i. e., sovereignty regulated by inter-national law and morality and consistent national law and morally and consistent with the same sovers'gnuty of other countries. The United States 's not under this consti-tution to be forced into actual war arguingt its will. This leagues is to be rewarded as a conflict with the advice of Washington only with a narrow and reactionary viewpoint. Let us hope that a forward-looking Senate will not neek to defeat this grand advance of maximal and and and and and and a Ill not seek to defeat this grand ad f manking toward a just and lasting

Germany out.

We are authorized to contradict the rumor that an eccentric individual was found laying a grenade against one corner of Independence Hall, saying, "It will have to go, it's too idealistic."

Some of the comments on the proposed covenant of the league of nations remind us of a sentence in the greatest book written in the English language since 1674:

When they tasted of the water of the river over which they mere to go, they thought that it tasted a little bitterish to the palate, but it proved succeter when it was down.

PEACE COVENANT REJECTED! (Special to The Tuning Fork)

WHEN the first draft of the wedding service was presented to the committee on marital affairs there was general pro-

"This covenant is plainly the work of an idealistic dreamer," cried one. "It has no teeth. Where in the document do we find any safeguard against interference in domestic problems on the part of a militaristic and aggressive mother-in-law? Where is there any specification of pains and penalties for the raiding of ice-boxes after midnight, for spiiling cigar ashes on the parlor rug, for the refusal to sew on buttons? Where is any specific guarantee of an individual bank account and latchkey for the wife? Where any adequate assurance that Article II, dealing with the matter of 'love, honor and obey,' will be seru pulously observed?"

"As I see it," said another, "this fanthose whose feet do not touch the earth. It seems to me that both the high contracting parties commit themselves to obligations which impair their own sovereignty and are impossible to be properly discharged."

"A COVENANT of peace drawn up along these lines," insisted a third, "would transform demestic life into a mere sewing circle. It is an entangling alliance, if ever there was one."

. .

IT CANNOT possibly vote to ratify any such doctrinaire scheme," said a fourth. "The language is excessively vague, and I am constrained to believe that no husband would be able to carry out these provisions without maintaining a large standing army. Moreover, nothing whatever is said about disarmament on the part of parents-in-law. Under such a covenant it is quite conceivable that the mother-in-law might claim perpetual mandate of the guest-room. I commend purity of miglive underlying this do most, but I am convinced it is who

perate and embittered critics have said certain mode of therapeutic or timism offers-"a real cure of imaginary ailments and an imaginary cure of real ailments." Bee proof bonnets now at a premium. Lips that touch slacker, says Miss Ann Dante, will never touch mine. After next summer, Sydney Smith's famous remark will have to be revised to read, "Who ever drinks an American drink?" Dear Socrates-Thirteen has come to be regarded as President Wilson's lucky num-

The searching skies that bend o'er me! For six times deep I drift unseen. Inert, unlighted, cold, serene, Imbedded in the sea's deep green. Yea, to myself unknown am I. Who six times deep must burled lie, Impervious to the starry sky!

But sometimes in the quiet night When crystal spheres are glittering white, Upon unfathomed deeps below There comes a phosphorescent glow That speaks disturbance shown in light; t Is it more stormy than I know Down in that darkness infinite?

-M. E. Buhler in the New York Sun. There is something incongruous

eputable citizens going to City Hall for permits to carry firearms, while any thug in the Also, may I not observe that the drafted city can walk into a pawnshop and buy . ovenant of the league of nations contains revolver any hour of the day,

What Do You Know?

OUIZ

5. What is the longest tunnel on the Amer-

6. Who was the Greek goddess of health?

Museum Gets Colonial House.-Headline in New York Evening Post. Reading that head.ine hastily, we got 1. At what port will President Wilson land on his return to this country? quite a shock.

ANXIOUS INQUIRER.

Article VIII of the already celebrated 2. What is the Persian name of Persia? covenant is a reducilo ad absurdum of the 3. How many square yards make a equare old military scheme of things. What's the fun of having armaments if you have to 4. Who wrote the play, "The Barber of tell your friends all about them?

ber. Has this number any significance in

regard to the date of the next presidentia

1921-add digits together, equals 13.

Fourth of March-13 letters.

nauguration"

26 articles-twice 13!

The sweetest sound we know is the longdrawn thunder of a rolltop desk crashing down upon four cubic feet of unanswered SOCRATES. letters.

We hear a good deal about high contracting parties. But those of us who may have to accept a mandate of backward territories, will feel more like low expanding parties.

The city's share of the cost of the proposed bridge across the Delaware will be about \$4,500,000. And the money will come back in business almost as quickly as it is paid out.

Among the trees to be planted in this city during the coming year by civic organizations and others, let us not forget the chestnut tree to be planted by the American press humorists in June.

South Jersey farmers have begun their spring plowing. Truck gardeners are harrowing and preparing to plant onions and peas. But the real harrowing tale will be told when a belated Jack Frost plants their hopes.

Advices from Bridgeport, N. J., promis an early run of shad. And the moment they quit running they have to walk the plank Theirs is a hard roe.

Whenever you hear an orator begin a use with "beyond a peradventure," you use he is going to pull something ex-

5. Pierre in the capital of South Dakota. 6. The overhang of a ship is the partien o the hull over and unsupported by the water. 7. Herold wrote the music of Zampa.

s. The Yang-Tee is the longest river in As 9. The Whig party won two pre-elections in American histor William Henry Harrison and Taylor respectively as undid 6. The Lengus of Nationa soverand posed of twenty-siz articles

7. What is a dodecagou? 8. What is a cresset? 9. What is bijou'erte? 10. Who was Wolfe Tone? Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. The first name of President Poincare, of France, is Raymond.

rod or perch?

ican continent?

2. The tragic event which potently affected the course of American history, and occurred twenty-one years ago last Saturday, was the blowing up of the United States Battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana.

. An "oeil de boeuf" is a round win seen in entrevols, etc. By extension the name was given to the large roral reception room in the palace of Ve-saillen, France, lighted by window of that type. The literal meaning that type.

ox-eye. Ten-penny nails are very large mails, 1000 of which would weight ten pounds. Fenny is a corruption of "pounder," "pun'er," as in two-penny nails, four-penny nails, according to the weight of 1000 of them.