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THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT

AWYERS are busy trying to draft a constitutional bill which will put an end to the abuse of the fee system in the office of the Register of Wills. It is admitted by every disinterested person that a salary of \$10,000 is adequate for the Register, and that the net receipts of the office above that sum should be turned into the public treasury. But the Constitution forbids the passage

of any special or local bill affecting counties or cities, and the courts have held that the act abolishing the payment of the Register by fees here is invalid.

If no way can be found to put an end to the present abuse under the Constitution as it stands then the Constitution ought to be amended.

But it would be better to revise the whole document and give to this city and to other large cities in the state such control over their own affairs as will make It possible for them to pass on all such matters without having to go to Harrisburg.

### MAIN TRAVELED ROADS

THE State Highway Commissioner is authorized by a bill introduced in Harrisburg to designate a continuous road across the state as the Roosevelt High-WRY.

We have a Lincoln Highway and a William Penn Highway and there has been talk of a Washington Highway. But long before there was any thought of naming any roadway on the surface of the earth after these men they had built great highways across the face of history and had set up milestones and guideposts along the route for the instruction of those who

wished to travel that way. They are now main traveled roads familiar to every one. And the way which Roosevelt surveyed and laid out is likely me more familiar to us as we move on into the future, a way that leads to the shouldering of the responsibilities of a great people in the family of nations.

### FLIGHT ACROSS THE OCEAN

THE Navy Department's dirigible balloon 1 03 has broken the world's record by and six minutes. It has a maximum speed of seventy miles an hour. If it could main ain this speed for the length of time that t has remained in the air it could cross he ocean from Newfoundland to Ireland.

The naval aviators believe that they can cross the ocean. They are hoping to do it before any other aviators succeed. But there stands in their way just now the big if. The C-3 has remained in the air ong enough to cover the distance, but it has not maintained its maximum speed. Under the most favorable conditions of wind and weather it probably could do it. And men can be found with confidence ugh in themselves and in their craft to make the attempt. But it is not likely that the responsible authorities will permit any one to make the attempt until the sargin of risk is cut down.

WISE WOMEN AT THE PEACE TABLE KEEN realization of the vastness of the problems confronting them has moved the wise men of the Paris conference to call in the wise women. The decision rects the highest credit on the sincerity of the sessions and should be productive of interesting and stimulating consequences.

Under the new arrangement women will represented on all conference commit-

s dealing with feminine and children's nterests. An international women's comwill also be consulted before final tion is taken on certain relevant ques-

ne interesting reactions may be ex-Pestiferous suffragist picketers embarrassed, for to the fanatic a without a grievance must inevitably ck charm. The cheap Tory fling about a pe circle in Paris" will probably be ated by purblind jokesmiths, and n's dictum that "the woman who ates is lost" may be dusted off for

the significance of the new procecan easily combat such shallow ies. It is most heartening that in, whose part in the struggle for freedom was of such high spiritual will be officially enabled to con her valuable quota to reconstrucnd that she will be the recipient of

### COMPETITION FOR GERMAN GUNS

E than two pages of the last number of the Congressional Record Index Blied with a list of bills donating cap-German cannon to American comman cannon to American com-Nearly forty towns and cities te are asking for the trophies, total for the whole country asked to two weeks covered by the in-

and Honesdale and Lancaster and Scranton and Nazareth are among the communities eager to gloat over the guns with which the Germans hoped to conquer the world. And Girard College, in this city, also asks for a gun that its students may see what kind of weapons are impotent when aimed against the moral sense of

civilization, armed to defend itself. We can think of no better use to which these weapons can be put. The supply is large enough to meet the present demand. but if every American community shows a desire for a captured cannon competition is likely to become more acute than that which now makes the framing of a publicbuildings bill test the diplomatic abilities of the Congressmen in charge,

BORAH, AS STORMY PETREL. HAS ASSUMED A HARD ROLE

#### Can the Freedom of Speech Retained by Wireless Snub to the President Be Constructively Used?

ONLY those who do not rightly appreciate daredevil courage will blame Senator Borah for his flat refusal to dine with the President and give ear to direct nformation relative to the League of Nations covenant and the conditions that inspired it.

If the man from Idaho feels a sense of exultant pride today he is entitled to it. In a flash he achieved a truly magnificent isolation. He is a man against the sky. But that sort of eminence entails responsibilities really enormous. It isn't every man who can snub a President of the United States by wireless. And when that feat has been accomplished it invites for the man who performed it the awed yet plercing scrutiny of the whole country. It is up, as they say, to Borals.

He has created a situation and he must justify it. He has reserved his precious right of free speech and in doing so he implied that all the other members of the Foreign Relations Committee were either owardly or inept when they accepted Mr. Wilson's invitation to dinner. This is deep water even for a man who is used to fighting strong currents. There was nothing in the President's cabled invitation to suggest that he wished to gag the members of the committee or any one else in Congress. A fair reading of his message makes it appear that he wished merely to give them information not al

ready in their possession. Since Mr. Wilson has been at the very heart and center of the diplomatic melee in Parts it is logical to suppose that he knows much that isn't known in Washington, and it is natural, too, to suppose that if the country is to be treated to a storm of oratory from Washington that oratory should reflect truth rather than emotion. The President obviously doesn't wish to have his road made harder at the Peace Conference by obstacles which the reactionary diplomatists are waiting to create out of hasty objections raised in Washington.

In running counter to this general purpose, in refusing to listen to the facts in the case, Mr. Borah gives the world to understand that he has stupendous things to say. He will be listened to eagerly and he is likely to be judged from this on with a pitiless concentration of critical interest.

The Senator from Idaho has a right to his opinions. Now, however, he must exhibit them in a light so white and merciless that men more able and even more assured would flinch from it. The rebel voice that cries out at the edge of the crowd is ever to be welcomed and esteemed. Now and then it adds something of moment to the discussion. If Mr. Borah has found in his inner consciousness something momentous and convincing and great and inspiring to utter to the country; if he can speak as a man devoted to truth and to the American people as a whole; if he can show that he knows more about Europe and the perilous complications now existing there than the man who has just emerged from the midst of the battle, then he will not have to apologize for his decision to remain away from the White House. If the Senator merely effervesces and gives himself over to an orgy of verbal flag-waving in the interest of his party organization, he will very properly be the subject of limitless dislike and derision. He will add strength to Mr. Wilson's cause. The white light that he has invited will shrivel him. The country is in no mood to tolerate sordid partisanship in a crisis like this.

Aimless criticism is the fashion of the hour in America. It falls as widely on the President's critics as on the President himself. Ours is a representative government Mr. Borah has as much right as any one to break precedents. He was sent to Washington to express his opinions. And he represents a side of American life and a sort of thinking which is dismissed too idly by those who do not understand it.

Borah has the old-fashioned point of view. The America that he talks for is the America that produced Bryan and Uncle Joe Cannon. It is the middle western America of old home weeks and contentment, of hard work and happiness, of simple living and simple philosophies. It is the America that distrusts frills and

If, five years ago, you had told them in Idaho or Nebraska or Illinois that we should have a vast army in Europe in 1919 they would have sent you to one of the county hospitals as a lunatic. The an cient distrust of Europe, the old contented belief that we are safely aloof and that we should mind our own business, still moves vast forces of middle western opinion. The people out that way are slow to realize that the world is actually crowding in upon us. It is evolution-evolution in science, in war machinery, in methods of

transportation, that we are up against. It seemed a few years ago that Europe might have burned to ashes without any possible danger to America. Yet war was forced upon us and it will be forced upon us again if it is to continue. Life is narrowing down and the interests of all the peoples of the world are being intermingled

against their will. America can stand alone—that apparently is what Senator Borah feels. It can stand alone if it is left in peace. But no one who reads between the lines of the news dispatches from Europe can retain any hope that it will be left in peace. New

smoldering battlefields. If some arrangement cannot be devised to tame the war makers, or at least to limit the scope of their activities, we must prepare for endless confusion and strife and loss.

It is plain that Mr. Wilson, much as he depends upon mass judgment, cannot tell the country frankly what he knows about the new subterranean currents in world affairs. Apparently it is his intention to describe for the Foreign Relations Committee the exact nature of the forces which may again threaten the peace of the world. If America is to continue as a dominant force for the preservation of a civilization now threatened from overhead and from below it is, of course, essential that the nation be intelligently guided by its representatives from Washington.

Personal dislikes, bigotry, partisan interests must be set aside for the present at east, because the League of Nations is not Mr. Wilson's personal cause. It is the cause of all people and of all parties that detest wars of aggression.

### HIGH BROWS AND LOW

EUROPE, Asia, Africa and Polynesia have their marvels, but America is the country in which an eighth wonder of the world turns up at least once a month. Ours is not only a country in which anything may happen. It is a land in which everything can happen-and does. When the doctors went on strike in Germany and when the Russian grand dukes began forming a trade union we supposed that nothing stranger could develop in the way of collective bargaining. Now New York comes jubilantly to the fore with a strike of debutantes. The newspapers are speaking in hushed tones of a "revolt in society." Highbrow is, as you might say, ranged against highbrow!

Now, in this giddy world there are two sorts of highbrows. There is the brow that providence decreed to be elevated relentlessly on occasions when the possessor felt the necessity of reminding inferiors of their place in the scheme or life. The other is the highbrow who acquires the compound designation in the pursuit of what he supposes is knowledge. Between these two groups a bottomiess abyss yawns. The attempt to bridge it, the open endeavor of men supposedly wise to inflict their wisdom upon the debutantes in the New York Junior League, is leading to verbal blood-

Thorstein Vebien, Prof. Charles A. Beard and Dr. James H. Robinson and a lot of others who believe that everything isn't as it should be in the general social structure of the country were commissioned to deliver addresses to the debutantes and their friends in order that they might know how the other half lives. The Junior League was instantly split in two. More than half the members revolted and charged that the gentlemen mentioned aren't good Americans and refused, there fore, to listen to them. Thorstein Veblen is advanced, as they say. Professor Beard is advanced. They are of the class of economists who are forever attacking the foundations of the American social order with bursts of polite speech.

A debutante who now and then does serious thinking for recreation recalled that Mr. Veblen joined in an appear for funds to help defend the I. W. W. in the Chicago prosecutions. Another remembered having read in the New Republic-picked up in the home of a friend?-an unutterably horrible thing that Mr. Veblen said of vested interests. He said a vested interest was "a legitimate right to get something for nothing." The Junior League raised its eyebrows at this highbrow and deemed him low one. Petitions were circulated. Speeches were made. The strike was on.

At this distance it seems justified. Yesterday Mr. Veblen and his associates seemed estimable as seekers after knowledge. Today they must appear to any rational minds as proof that all knowledge is a delusion. For if they were wise men they would not wish to make speeches to debutantes. They would let them go innocently to their matinees and round up their papas for the lecture.

Paris, Copenhagen, Petrograd, London, Berlin, Constantinople and the cities of the Yalu can reveal many new and interesting sides of life. But it is only in America that a debutante with eyes of defiant innocence can snub a doctor of philosophy and find herself applauded by discriminating minds.

> It is difficult to be lieve all you read They Never these days. The Navy Department, for

example, now claims that its nonrigid dirigible balloon C-3 broke all records for time aloft in the air by going up from Cape May and remaining off the earth \* a little more than thirty-three hours. Without wishing to lessen the glory of the C-3, we have to remind a world in danger of being misled that all nonrigid members of Congress can remain in the air, once they go up, for more than thirty-three hours.

Officials of the New Jersey Highway Department complain bitterly that arrests and revoked licenses do not lessen the number of persons who violate the law and imperil traffic by driving machines while they are intoxicated. This reminds us that the motorcars that huddle in the cafe section of Philadelphia after the theatre each evening are owned by folk who are off somewhere drinking tea.

The endless applause Unquestionably with which some of the southern states welcoming the militant suffragists "prison special" would be a bit more convincing of chivalry if there were better laws for the protection of woman and child labor in that part of the country.

The league of nations, said Senator Vardaman in the address that started the anti-Wilson movement yes terday, is unconstitutional. One might say something worse than that of Vardaman.

It begins to look as if Jimmy Sheehan might be called a profiteer. The reall big American issue will come

in April-with the Victory Loan. Our "open" winter seems to have taken

There is always the consolation that even if the Prinkipo meet had been held it ght not have made the Russian problem

tip from the latest styles in diplomacy.

## CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Pennsylvania and the Speakership. Fame of Bryn Mawr; Good Work Done by Army Chaplains

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19. B<sup>IG</sup> events are crowding upon Washing-ington, and the Senator or Representative who makes any engagements carrying him away from the capital between this and March 4 will be taking grave chances. President Wilson is coming home. That's good news, but quite momentous. No one can tell just what the result of this coming is going to be. He is bringing the biggest message the American people have ever received so far as their future is concerned. The big approprintion bills are being rushed, at least in the House, in anticipation of March 4, when all congressional business ceases. It will be up to the President to deliver and explain his world message, but that is not all. He will have to determine the problem of an extra session of Congress. The two bodies are not unanimous in their desire for an extra session, although it is said that some of the Senators would rather remain in Washington than go home. This question, however, is not likely to be settled to suit the personal convenience of members. Our financial problems are so vast and menacing that Congress may be forced to come back at a very early date. There is some politics in the situation, too. The President may not want to be at the mercy of a Republican Congress. The incoming legislators already have knives out. and it is a fair prediction that the President cannot have such smooth sailing after March 4 as he has had with a submissive Democratic organization in control. At the same time, it must be conceded that the Republicans have not now and are not likely to have a bed of roses while Wilson is in the White House. They can interfere with his plans, but he will still have the veto power as a club over what they may attempt to do. Because of this condition Republicans are doing their best to keep from quarreling over the speakership. At the present writing they are squarely divided on this question. The Mann and Gillett forces have been almost at a standstill since the Pennsylvania delegation decided to keep out of the fight. So much depends upon the Pennsylvania vote that the action of the State Representatives, when they finally get together, is a subject of great concern.

THE good deeds of Congressmen seem to I live after them, as in the case of Reuben O. Moon, of Philadelphia, and Hiram R. Burton, of Lewes, Del. Their service seemingly does not end with the close of their terms in the House. The old constituents come forward with requests of one kind or another, and these they are not always disposed to turn down. Hence we hear occasionally from Judge Moon and from the Delaware doctor, whose sympathies are touched by the appeals of oldtime friends. During the war more than ever they have been obliged to take up these personal requests.

BRYN MAWR is gradually attaining nalearn officially of the forthcoming dinner of the Bryn Mawr Fire Association, in which Alba B. Johnson and Samuel M. Vauclain figure, but the Bryn Mawr Business Association, headed by C. E. Wilson, is coming to the fore. The fire company is known here as an organization in which the millionaires don their oilskins and helmets along with the professional fire-fighters, a mighty useful sort of organization. The Bryn Mawr business men, headed by Mr. Wilson, advised Congress that govern ment control and operation of the great wire systems should continue until Congress shall have studied the question and determined upon a safe procedure to be followed. There is a big difference of opinion here on the latter proposition. . . .

DRIVATE ROYAL Y. GRAHAM, SD. of the United States marine corps, a student for holy orders in the Episcopal Church, has come back to the United States and gone to Quantico, just outside of Washington, until he may be discharged to follow his chosen calling. Young Graham is a grandson of the Rev. Dr. Loyal Y. Graham, a prominent Philadelphia clergyman who died some years ago, and is a son of Matilda E. Graham, an officer in the Juvenile Court in Philadelphia. He was on the Verdun front two months in 1918 and was wounded in the Chateau-Thierry fight June 7. For three months he was in the Neurological Hospital undergoing treatment for his injuries. His brother, Ralph Macdonald Graham, is a midshipman at Annapolis. A pretty good record for the Graham family.

CHAPLAIN WILLIAM REESE SCOTT, of the United States army, now located at Camp Meade, Maryland, is a Philadel phian whom Justice J. Henry Williams and Judge Finletter will readily recall. He is one of those devoted, painstaking men who sticks to his job no matter where he is sent. A few months before the war he was located in Honolulu, where he watched the processes of army organization for war. He has seen service in the coast artillery and in the infantry. None know better than the men in the service the value of the encouragement and assistance which chaplains who have the milk of human kindness in their make-up afford. And yet the army chaplains seldom figure in the honors or the emcluments of war.

WILLIAM A. LAW, president of the First National Bank, writes about the desirability of having public men with international vision; Charles S. Calwell, president of the Corn Exchange National Bank, puts a spoke in the wheel for the development of foreign trade; M. N. Willitts, Jr., vice president of the Corn, has an eye on the army of occupation in Germany, for personal reasons. The bankers have wide vision, but even they sometimes complain of taxation which is essential to the aintenance of the "big things" in con-



The Return of the Colors (Two colored regiments that distinguished themselves on the field of honor have just returned to this country.)

SEE dem baynets flash and fiftker! Boy! dat jazz hits me like licker! Hear 'em whale dem kettle drums--Whee! dat cullud reg'ment comes! Clash! Thud! Bang! Zing! Babe, ma heart does surely sing!

HONEY Boy! dere's Henery Johnson-Watch yo' step, girls, he's a bear! Dat's de kid killed fo'teen Bushes: Zingo, zingo, dat jazz air! Honey, honey, dis jazz stuff'll Shorely make ma feet go shuffle-Clash! Thud! Bang! Zing! Watch me pull dis buck-an'-wing! Wickedest babes I evah saw: Slashed dem Bushes an' ate 'em raw! Dev ate dem Bushes fer a picnic lunch An' foun' no white meat in de bunch.

HALLELUJAH! See dem knives!
Carve me a bit o' Kaiser's gizzard-Say, I'm sorry for dem Bushes' wives-Dere's Jim Europe, he's de wizard

See Jim Europe lead dat band! O de wail of dem trombones! Kid. I'd eat right outa his hand-Click, clack, rattle de bones! Hear de squeal o' dat crazy flute, Watch dat Gov'nah man salute! Ain't dat roaring jazz a daisy? Ev'ry cullud heart is crazy!

WATCH dat big buddy ovah dere, Dat's a boy wid a Craw de Gare— Zing! Zing! dem flags do flutter, Babe, dis tastes as sweet as butter-Hear dem drummers boom an' thunder: Boys dat plowed de Bushes under! Clash! Thud! Bang! Zing! Watch 'em swing, girls, watch 'em swing!

TEE dat cunnel wid a proud, proud walk! Dem boys makes him look white as challe!

Dem big officers is mostly white, But black's de color fo' love an' fight! Babe, I'd like to hug dat dandy-Must hug some one-dat you, Mandy? Yo' black face come kinda handy! See dem baynets flash an' flicker. See dem ribbons on de flag! Never was no doughboys slicker-Put old Kaiser in de bag!

THUD! Bang! Boom! Clash! See dem chicken-carvers flash! Hear dat jazz, as strong as whisky-Lord, my heart is debil-frisky; Watch dem he-boys marchin' back-Praise de Lord dat made 'em black!

"The Fisher Poet" "I sailed in a ship of fancy On the grim gray billows of time. And I caught a netful of silver joy cunning meshes of rhyme."
CHARLES WHARTON STORK.

sat me down in the bow o' me boat, With me soul softly singing a lay, An' I patted meself on the 'ump o' me back 'Cause I'd mended me meshes that day.

The drips splashed me over with brine, Then I gathered them in with the tip o' me fin, And sold them at five cents a line. \_ ALEXANDRA.

While I held them there in ecstacy

Answers to Correspondents

NED MUSCHAMP-As yet, nothing. Return that book and all will be forgiven. AN ANONYMOUS LADY - Much grat-

ALBERT J. R. SCHUMAKER-Hearty congratulations! ELMER P. BLENKINSOP - Picase inform us whether a cinder from George Gibbs's pipe really burnt a hole in your trousers. We dare not print your contrioution until reassured on that topic. The el laws are very strict.

dicted that the world would be saved by a journalist, but we are not the one. Try George Creel.

FIXING HIS FEET

be entered upon reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly. We have this on the highest authority. BENTINCK - Try corrosive, sublimate. Any druggist will supply if you state the

purpose for which it is required. DISGUSTED READER-You are wrong in averring that "our intellect is improperly exposed." We take great precautions with our intellect, as it is the only one we have. It is only exercised on very rare occasions,

We have alluded recently to quaint epitaphs. A correspondent sends us the following from a graveyard in Birmingham, England:

Here lies the mother of children seven, Four on earth and three in heaven: The three in heaven preferring rather To die with mother than live with father.

If these transatlantic voyages continue, Rear Admiral Grayson will positively know port from starboard.

When a Man's Fifty When a man's twenty, he's troubles

aplenty, Looking around for a wife, Saving his pennies, week after week. Caught by the bloom of a peach-blosse

cheek. And spending it all for a tayleab tariff. Buzzing 'round Bess till she leaves in a tiff.

When a man's thirty, the honeymoon's past, And he struggles along on a song,

Buying fur coats and a fine velvet hat, While the edge of his collar is worn as a With his mother-in-law and her sisters

aghast At extravagant ways which they say cannot last.

When a man's forty, his children have

measles, They whoop and have mumps on each side: They break every pane, drive the neighbors insane, And bore him each night, asking ques-

tions inane Of larkspur and teasels, of chickens and weasels, While the baby shricks loud for a piggy

back ride. But when a man's fifty, he's just at his prime, With his good wife handsome and thrifty:

With nothing to worry, where no one contends, He sits leather-chaired, and draws dividends,

By a typewriting maid who is winsome, Lord! How I'd like to be fifty! J. M. BEATTY, JR.

Mr. Garvin, the famous editor of the London Observer, says that the league of nations is "only half a league." At any rate, in Tennyson's words, it's "half a league onward." SOCRATES.

Herbert G. Tully favors skip-stops. Of course he does. He is vice president of the

Governor Allen thinks that too many soldiers were killed in the last three days of the war. Why does he not make it the last

Isn't it just a trifle inconsistent for the men who drew up the income tax bill to complain of complexities in the league of nations

Bernstorff, who was active in bringing America into the war, is not to be allowed to participate in the peace negotiations. Germans seem to be awakening to a s

#### A YOUNG GOD

T SAW a young god, in a crowded corner of the heaven. Carrying under his arm a graceful world. As one might carry a cherished pet GENEVIEVE-It is a matter that should To the merciful chloroforming.

> He was a kindly god, kindly and efficient, And his soul ached at what he was about

> to do. For he had poured his spirit into his world-

Love, and a craving for liberty, And throat tightening beauty, and many good gifts Along with many that were evil.

But the time had come. His world strayed bloodily too far: It demanded too much of his spirit: There was a bleak economy in heaven. Lovingly and tenderly, he gave it all,

Babylon and Bethlehem, Aetna and polar Nero and Joan of Arc, Helen, Judas and Jesus, To merciful death.

A chilling cinder of a world Scatters, eyeless and tongueless, Through the field of dead stars.

-Clement Wood in The Lyric.

When one looks at Washington it is necessary to admit that Mr. Wilson is not the only member of the government who is

The Salvation Army is going to find jobs for barkeepers and distillery workers when the dry days arrive. This reminds us that a lot of the liquor men are already ... doing missionary work in Mexico.

Marshal Foch seems to have conducted the armistice renewal on the lines laid down by Theodore Roosevelt when he declared that Germany's part in peace negotiations should be confined to saying "Yes, sir."

# What Do You Know?

OUIZ

1. What is the size of the island of Helgoland in the North Sea? 2. What is a litany?

What noted English artist was the original of Du Maurier's character of Taffy, in "Trilby"?

What city is known as the "Athelis of South America"? 5. Who is surgeon general of the United

6. Who first discovered the presence of the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, in 1898?

7. What is the real name of the author of "Mr. Dooley"? 8. What is the meaning of "Effendi" often affixed to names of Turks?

9. What is thaumaturgy? How many articles composed the Con-stitution of the United States before any of the amendments were adopted?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz The date originally set for the meeting of the Russian factions at Prinkipo was February 15.

 James K. Paulding was an American novelist, poet, historian and politician. His dates are 1779-1860. 3. Teleology is the doctrine of final causes

4. "Paul Pry" is a name sometimes applied to an impudent, meddlesome person. He appears as a character in a comedy of the same name, attributed to Doug-las Jerrold and produced in London in

 Bernadin de St. Pierre, a French author, wrote the romance "Paul and Vis-ginia." His dates are 1737-1814. Batavia is the capital of Java.

7. The initials P. Q. stand for Quebec Province, Canada. wilfrid Laurier, ex-Premier of Canada is the noted statesman who died Mon

9. "Piou-piou" in French sinng means infantry soldier. The name has a considered as a corruption of "bi a pawn.