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GOOD ENOUGH TO BE AMERICANS REW Japanese and fewer Chinese have become American citizens by naturalization. Therefore when Judge Thompson, of the federal court, admitted to citizenship four Japanese and one Chinese there was mild wonder in certain quarters at this exception to long-established precedents.

The judge, however, was obeying the act of Congress of last May, which provided that all allens who served in the military or naval forces of the country were eligible to citizenship. Under this law 11,000 soldiers from Camp Dix, born in Allied or neutral countries, have received their final papers.

Discrimination against Orientals could not be justified. The five of them whom Judge Thompson has made citizens had served on American warships. If they were good enough to risk their lives for the United States they are good enough to enjoy the privileges and protections of citizenship when they had complied with its qualifying laws in other respects.

"LIES, DAMNED LIES OR STATISTICS?" DESPITE the fact that 58 per cent of the registered voters in the Chicago primaries were women, William H. Thompson is once more the Republican nominee for Mayor. On the surface this achievement sheds but an uncertain light upon the oft-repeated contention that feminine suffrage exerts a reforming influence in

Insistence on that opinion may obligate the sex to fall back upon the classification of falsehood into "lies, damned lies and statistics," or it may choose to go more deeply into the matter and perhaps assert that it was the men who named Thompson and the women who asked for Democratic ballots.

But whatever the explanation, Chicago has deliberately blackened its good name once again in the nomination of such a detestable blatherskite. The whole performance condemns both the male voters, who should by experience have known better, and the women, who as a class are so prompt to declare predilections for

DRIFTERS-ARCTIC AND HECTIC THAT Arctic explorer who set out on an ice floe, with the expectation that he would be carried by the drift of the ocean currents from Alaska to Siberia, discovered that the currents run in a circle, and

he was landed where he started from. There are so-called hectic statesmen just now urging that the United States set out on a similar exploring expedition, hoping that it will arrive at some distant point on the other side of an uncharted sea.

But drifters never make any progress even though they deceive themselves for a while by the movement of the eddy around which they are being carried.

The world will never drift into a state of peace. It must be steered there across stormy seas by men who have a definite purpose in mind and are willing to use all the power at their command to make that purpose effective.

Obvious platitudes? Yes. But so ob vious that those who are searching for some remote and obscure truth overlook what lies under their noses.

SOME BUSINESS!

Baldwin's did a business last year amounting to \$123,000,000, according to President Alba Johnson's report. This is an increase of \$25,000,000 over 1917 and \$64,000,000 over 1916.

No other private corporation in this neighborhood, so far as is known, made a turnover of so large a sum in 1918. It is about three times the amount that it costs to run the whole city. In no year prior to 1861 did the federal government handle so much money. And the total national imports did not reach that sum

until after 1845, These comparisons are interesting they disclose the relative size of a local institution which has carried the name of Philadelphia to all corners of the world. The great increase in its business last year was, of course, due to war contracts. There are other local corporations the annual turnover of which runs into the tens of Illions, but the great locomotive works leads the procession at present. The record is one in which every Philadelphian can

A FEBRUARY WITHOUT "TEETH" THE public parts company with February tomorrow night with the best see entertained for years toward that tempestuous month. The blue s of the Riviera are hardly more lusan our benign canopy has been while blissards, sleet storms and

officially ranked in winter, and if April be dank and chilly the calendar proclaims "Spring," and the inevitable crop of poets chirp gally of its charms. Even a repetition of the famous March blizzard cannot seriously shadow the good record of the

open winter in the new age of peace. If the season has any critics they are probably among the pilgrims who have wandered South. What are the delights of Palm Beach really worth if the stay at homes are also basking in invigorating sunshine and caressing airs?

THE BARTOL BEQUEST A BOON TO SCIENCE

Whether Sustained or Not, It Advertises One of the Most Deserving Local Centers of Education

THE will of the late Henry Welchman A Bartel, leaving the testator's residuary estate to the Franklin Institute for the establishment of a school of electrical research, lifts this famous local institution into deserved prominence.

Although it occupies modest quarters in South Seventh street, between Chestnut and Market, it is one of the most widely known institutions in the city. Its monthly Journal, founded in 1824, is one of the oldest scientific publications in America, if not the oldest. It held the first exhibition of American manufactures ever arranged. And this too, was in 1824, the year when the Institute first began its life These exhibitions were held annually until 1856. It arranged in 1884 the first international electrical exhibition ever held

Scientific and industrial interests have been the chief concern of the Institute from the beginning. It was started originally by mechanics and artisans who wished to increase their own knowledge and train young men so that they might be apable workmen. A school of mechanical and architectural drawing was started at the beginning and is still in operation. It is said now to be one of the best schools in the country for training mechanical draughtsmen. Supplementacy to this technical school it maintained for several years a school in which were taught "all the useful branches of Enellsh literature and the ancient and modern languages." When the first pubtic high school was opened here this school was abandoned as unnecessary. The Institute maintained a weather bureau for wears which was used as the model for the national weather bureau, and the School of Design for Women was organized through the influence of the Institute. It awards every year several medals for original scientific research, which are prized by the recipiests as the recognition by expert authority of the value of the things which they have done.

The funds of the Institute are limited and its present quarters are inadequate If it shall receive the Bartol bequest it will be in a condition to expand its work and fill a larger place in the community. The exact sum in the bequest is not known, but Mr Bartol was supposed to be worth several million dollars, and his will makes specific disposition to other sources of only a small part of the estate. It would be possible, in the happy event that the courts sustain the will, for the Institute to erect the new building which it has been considering for several years. In fact, it would be necessary to erect a new building in order to provide room for carrying on the work which Mr. Bartol evidently had

The proposed school for electrical research would be merely an expansion of the work which has absorbed the attention of the institution since the beginning, for it would be an attempt to apply to industry the increasing volume of scientific knowl-

But even though the courts should not sustain the will and even though the Bartol millions should not be put to use for the good of the community, the writing of the will is likely to have served a useful end. It has attracted the attention of other men of wealth to one of the most deserving and useful institutions in this city, and it must suggest to them the propriety of assisting n its development. We do not suppose that the mechanics and artisans who founded it expected it to reach its present distinguished position in the scientific world. But they laid their foundations well. Their purposes were so commendable that succeeding generations have not been willing to abandon the work begun nearly

The demand for technical training and technical knowledge today, however, is far greater than it was in 1824. Other insti tutions in other parts of the country have sprung up to supply that training and that knowledge, but they have not displaced the Franklin Institute. They have proved that the Institute still has a work to do. It cannot do that work without money. The number of young men needing first-class technical training is increasing every year with the progress of mechanical invention. They are eager for instruction. They would like the opportunity to hear the men who have done things tell how they were done. There is no platform on which these experts would be more willing to talk than on that of the lecture hall of the Institute, for they know that there they would be talking to those who had the necessary preliminary knowledge to understand and appreciate what they had to say. The inventor speaking to an audience of students there would be like a surgeon demonstrating an operation to a class in medical school.

The possibilities for expansion are limitless. A great popular university could be created, which would occupy a unique place if the managers were so disposed and had the necessary funds. We have innumerable technical industries within the metropolitan area, the men engaged in which are continually seeking more knowledge. It is within the province of the Institute to assist these men. This cannot be done now for lack of funds. The Bartol bequest would provide money for expansion in one direction. But whether the will is sustained or not, expansion is bound to come,

PEANUTS AND POLITICS

REPORTS from Washington indicate that there are 114,000,000 pounds of possible still unconsumed in the United had best be careful.

less than the amount at the corresponding

time last year. But these figures are not sustained by known facts. Judging from the extent of the recent expansion of the industry of peanut politics in Washington and elsewhere, there must be at least 200,000,000 pounds of peanuts still on the market, with the supply continually increasing.

A SARGASSO-SEA POLICY FOR OUR NEW SHIPS?

CHAIRMAN HURLEY announced that "within a month or so" he will present to Congress some definite plan for an American merchant marine policy. By that time, however, the national legislators may not be sitting and the present procedure of perilously drifting will be un-

Senator Ramsdell, of Louisiana, set forth the dangers of the situation the other day in a congressional speech for which, however, there was but a small audience. And yet the miracle of our prodigious activity in shipbuilding will be sadly smirched unless some means of making it of permanent benefit to the nation shall be speedily

By next year commerce carriers under the American flag, exclusive of those on the Great Lakes, will total 18,000,000 tons -more than three times as much as we possessed in 1916. Great Britain and Norway, which suffered so severely from submarine depredations, will probably be quick to acquire much of this shipping if our present heedless policy drives us to dispose of it. Selling vessels built at war prices for those prevalent in peace times cannot be otherwise than financially disastrous.

Pride in the wondrous achievements of our great shipyards becomes but a fleeting flash of enthusiasm if we are obliged to confess inability to master the problems of a great war accomplishment. Plans for keeping the American flag on the seas, where until now it has not been prominently displayed since before the Civil War, may involve government ownership, independent ownership, subsidies or other compromise arrangement. Possibly no scheme devised will be ideal, but almost any plan will be better than none. Realization that the restoration of the peace status obligates us not to misprize the products of our war energy cannot come too quickly.

"The last piece of pie Piez in on the plate" is Dia Pod rector General Piez's alliterative summing up of industrial conditions in the shippards. His words should be read with thoughtful interest by workers everywhere. On the other hand, it was perhaps Ill-advised of Mr. Picz, immediately after a conference with strikers, to speak of the stamping out of Bolchevism in shippards. Not all labor unrest is Bolshevisin, but every movement so labeled boosts the tronsganda of discontent.

Out of the Hurley Life on the burley of shipping Ocean Wave board conferences with business men for the purpose of formulating a policy for an American merchant marine arises the conviction that the merchant marine in the making will not be wholly American until the American small boy desires to be a saflor as earnestly as he now desires to be a cowboy. How can this desire be awakened? The mavies might help. And Kipling's "Captains Courageous" might be a good story to

John Barleycorn, my To Be Sung jo, John; they've left you high and dry, fifth, John, your doom to ratify. And Philadelphia helped, John, to give the final blow, though three men still remained your friends.

The salary raisers in Harrisburg are of the opinion that Father Penn can afford it.

John Barleycorn, my jo.

And not a saloonkeeper in the state feels grateful to the legislators for attention

It's a darned good country! We love it all the while; so we'll now duff up our taxes with a smile

The Department of Labor has hopes that the Governors will be able to prevent the industrial engine from running wild.

What our Congress has to decide within

the next few days is whether our soldiers died in vain or for something worth while. The Bibulous One says he is glad the

price of nut sundaes has gone up. It makes

him realize that he isn't the only one to

suffer. Storker Storkerson and party drifted for six months on a cake of ice in the Arctic circle. There is a leisureliness about Arctic exploration that is positively refreshing in

these days of worry and fuss.

A bill has been presented in Harris burg to enable the voters to cast their bal tots through the mail. Perhaps the time has not arrived for anything so downright, but assuredly anything that will simplify the matter of voting is worthy of consideration.

force peace in none the less insistent because of the conviction of many of its backers that the league sooner or later will have to fight to keep the peace secure. That's what saves a naval appropriation bill from being an anomaly. The Paris Temps has announced its full support of the covenant for the formation of

a league of nations. Its action is significant

as indicating a lessening of the doubts the

French have felt as to the efficacy of the

league. As to their sympathy with its aims

there has never been any question. Thirty-five colonels in the Portuguese army who took part in the monarchist revolt have been reduced to the rank of second lieutenant. The government evidently didn't take them seriously-probably considered them merely nut colonels. But they

THE GOWNSMAN

The Lowell Centennial Celebration THE American Academy of Arts and Letters commemorated last week the hundredth anniversary of the birth of James Russell Lowell with appropriate proceedings and festivities in New York. Beginning with a reception by the president of Columbia University, the ceremonies included, besides other functions, a gala performance of Mr. Barrie's charming comedy. "Dear Brutus"; a formal dinner, at which Mr. Root presided. and Mr Galsworthy, the English novelist, and Prof. Brander Matthews were chief among the speakers, and a public meeting. where Prof. Barrett Wendell and Mr. Crothers spoke and Mr. Alfred Noyes and Mr. Edgar Lee Masters each read original poetry. The presence of many guests from Great Britain, from Canada and even one from Australia gave full significance to the invitation, which read: "In honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of James Russell Lowell and in celebration of the unity and power of the literature of the English-speaking peoples."

THE American Academy of Arts and Let-I ters, it might be explained, is the inner circle, so to speak, of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, a club or guild of American men who are the producers of books, pictures or music in a sense somewhat above that of manufacture. The institute arrogates to itself no primacy or leadership save in so far as its members may be approved and accepted, each in his chosen art; but it stands for high ideals in all the arts represented, honors those whom it can approve by membership by the higher honor. on approval, of an election to the academy. and by the presentation annually of a gold medal in recognition of achievement, artistic, literary or musical, to the deserver, irrespective of membership in this or in any other association. The joint annual meetings of the institute and academy, in the city of New York and elsewhere alternately, have become an inspiration to those who have been privileged to attend them, because they are characterized by the simplicity and the idealism which habitually sustain American men of arts and letters and because to every worker there is helpfulness in association with his kind.

TT WAS the privilege of Lowell to be born on the birthday of the Father of his Country, as it was the fortune of Hawthorne to be born on the Fourth of July. They manage these things very well in New England. And it was the fortune of Lowell to represent, in his blood, an ancestry more purely English and New English than it wou'd be easy to equal in our land of mixed blood and jumbled opportunities. In his excellent presentation of the matter, Professor Wendell well brought out the Brahminical soundness of Lowell, despite the tang of radicalism in him, when he said that it would have delighted Lowell to see a common fellow s'ap Julius Caesar on the back, though he might have resented a like familiarity to himself. Lowell was of the best of the conservatives in that he could distinguish what was worthy of conservation; he was one of the best of liberals in that he recognized that all change is not necessarily betterment.

LOWELL, despite all his conservatism, stood out boldly against slavery, that terrib'e negation of the very principles of the Declaration of Independence for which Americans had bled; and he lived to see slavery wiped off the state of civilization. Lowell, despite a certain clannishness which is the strength and weakness of the New Englander, stood out with equal boldness against disunion and the dismemberment of nation. The triumph of this ideal, to he was spared to see. For when he went to Spain, and later to England, he went to represent a great people, which out of the furnace of civil war had come forth welded into one as never before. But Lowell cherished a third ideal above either of these and that was the ideal of a unity of the English-speaking, the Anglo-Saxon race Political unity, no. That was past and gone and, after all, less essential. We had begun in the old quarrel to fight for our rights as Englishmen until we found in them our higher rights as Americans; there was no need to go back. The unity of Lowell's dreams was that higher unity of race, spirit, language, literature and aspiration. It was well said by speaker after speaker at the celebration dedicated to this practical dreamer that Lowell, of all men, would have joyed to attend a meeting devoted to "the unity and the power of literature of the English-speaking peoples." It was not quite so clearly said that, could he have lived to-day, he would have recognized and welcomed with the prevision of a poet and a patrio the coming realization of his dream and its transcendence in the league of nations, the essential sanction of which is Angle-Saxon

TOWELL lost something in his achievement from the variety of his interests and the versatility of his talents. He has lost something in fame for the same reasons. He devoted himself with no such singleness of purpose to poetry as did Longfellow; he wrapped himself not so closely in the pontifical robes of thought as Emerson. Nor aid he lead us arduously to a height and to the contemplation of our vastness like Whitman. Lowell was a man among men, a man among books, because men had made books; man who loved nature, because nature the environment of man. Such an author too occupied with the larger things to b merely a stylist; wherefore, a certain fine carelessness about him, notwithstanding the appreciation of form which was his. Such a man is too open to passing impressions to worry much about the permanency of the ideas which he expresses; wherefore the contemporaneousness of the Biglow Papers, which we are now beginning to read with notes. Of the cold aloofness of him who writes only for posterity, Lowell had nothing. Hence the love in which we hold him, hence his place as the most truly American of American writers, and yet the strongest of the many literary ties which knit us to our brethren of Greater Britain.

The success or failure of Representative Rorke's House bill to permit movies, orchestral concerts and lectures of an educations character on Sunday will depend not on its wisdom or its unwisdom, not on the testimony of witnesses, but on the strength of the

THE CHAFFING DISH

"A Man That Has Endeavored Well"

66T LOOK with pleasure on my work, however defective, and deliver it to the world with the spirit of a man that has endeavored well. That it will immediately become popular I have not promised to myself: a few wild blunders and risible absurdities, from which no work of such multiplicity was ever free, may for a time furnish folly with laughter and harden ignorance in contempt; but useful diligence

will at last prevail. "Even a whole life would not be sufficient. A writer will sometimes be hurried by eagerness to the end, and some times faint with weariness under the task; what is obvious is not always known, and what is known is not always present; sudden fits of inadvertency will surprise vigilance, slight avocations will seduce attention, and casual eclipses of the mind will darken learning; and the writer shall often in vain trace his memory at the moment of need for that which yesterday be knew with intuitive readiness, and which will come uncalled into his thoughts tomorrow."

The above words were not spoken by Woodrow Wilson concerning the league of nations covenant. They are from Doctor Johnson's preface to his Dictionary, 1755.

There will not be nearly so much living from hand to mouth after July 1st.

And With Hoover Over There, Too

We are expecting almost daily to hear ome one call down the commander-inchief for his cruelty in permitting some of our divisions in France to be "skeletonized."

If the League of Nations Were a Brand of Tobacco

Hey, Mr. Man, put it flush up to little old League o' Nations to produce, right off the windmill, more peace-happiness than you ever before got wise to: Built to fit your peace-appetite like a union suit fits a forty-chester. Just the jimdandiest flavor and coolness and fragrance you ever

butted into! Come on, put yourself hep about this just the double-quickest thing you do next Our little old exclusive process cuts out all international bite and parch. Never makes your tongue sore, and done up in that tidy little covenant that you'll want to read aloud to mother and the kids. This is the stuff that puts old man Mare on the gloom toboggan. None of the bitterness and hangover of the old-fashioned brands. Mellow as a fat man on the sunny side of the street on payday. Fill up and puff

What Youth Suspects, Age Confirms When Thomas W. Wilson was an undergraduate at Princeton he wrote in an essay that "Congress is a conglomeration of inharmonious elements," and we have not heard that he has changed his views.

Mrs. Ebert, the wife of the German President, is said to be a very domestic and unassuming person, but we will wager she has made a mental note of the new bonnet Mrs. Wilson bought in Paris.

Who can say now that the Bolsheviki are not practical? According to an Associated Press dispatch the great number of deaths

in Moscow has led to a government decree making the undertaking business a state monopoly. It's a very ill wind that blows nothing toward Lenine and Trotsky.

"-AND LET ME SLEEP!"

Prayer to Sleep

Written after a thirty-six hour "trick" on a United States naval convoy) Sleep, I am deadly weary, And the weariness stabs like a knife: Sleep, enfold me and lift me Out of the halls of Life!

> Bear me away from Time, Over the walls of the world, Over the silence of the sea Where the sunset flags are furled.

Into your purple kingdom, Where myriad treasures are found, Sleep, with your wand of magic Lead me, and make no sound!

More deep than the mystery of Death. Than the deeps of the sea profound. O Sleep, plunge me in silence, By thy strong arms enwound

Carry me further, Sleep, In time to your noiseless fife, Over the walls of the world, Out of the halls of Life! DOUGLAS CARY WENDELL.

Homeopathy for Lenine

Lenine's automobile got stalled in nowdrift, says a dispatch from Russia, and footpads appeared and demanded his fur coat. He explained, "I am Lenine"; but the thieves retorted, "That's all right. We know you don't object as long as we are comrades," and made off with it.

Suggested Subjects for Historical Paintings Senator Borah saying farewell to Washington's farewell address.

Mr. Tumulty showing W. W. the declinations of that dinner invitation.

M. Clemenceau's doctor trying to keep

the patient in bed. Rear Admiral Grayson explaining to Mr. Tumulty the difference between a binnacle and a barnacle.

Guests at a White House dinner wonderng whether their sovereignty would be impaired by a second helping of pie, and uneasily waiting for the May-I-notting to

Democratic Senators defending the league of nations project, strafing the Senate by saying Hont soit qui mal y pense, Thomas W. Wilson as a young man

making up his mind whether to grow a beard. The man who graduated first in the

Princeton class of '79 being reminded that P. W. Wilson graduated thirty-eighth in that class.

Mrs. Wilson wondering where to put all those gifts brought home from abroad. Colonel House committing himself by proposing marriage to Mrs. House,

A correspondent reports that Mr. Balfour yawned twice during the first meeting of the Peace Conference. At least let us pray that it was the Gape of Good Hope.

Epitaphs for Wilhelm

BEFORE A MASTERWORK

SAD brother ours, who with thy vision whole And hand unswerved within the long

duress Of Death's dark self, but gazed through

respiteless And blunting years that won far less than dole:

Strove, suffered, thought; gave Strife and Thought thy toll With no despair that Life's own iron

Gave back scant room to seize the full impress

In compromised retent, of one strong soul: But what of you remains,-this sign alone Surviving the stilled hand that made it

known:-The dying dream of immortality Returns, and with a time-trued sense to

warm Our questioning days, and bid them of

it see, If but for one brief hour, some nobler form. -James Edward Richardson, in "The Forest-Altar and Other Poems."

The dean of Hahnemann College promises "a real egg from the chemical laboratory." He adds that it will have the yolk, the white and the shell. But no synthetic chicken will ever crack that shell.

It may yet turn out that a cure for Bolshevism will be found in the deliberations of the Peace Conference Commission on International Labor Legislation.

What Do You Know?

OUIZ

1. Who is the premier of the Commonwealth of Australia? What are the colors of the flag of the German republic.

3. How do currants get their name?

4. Who wrote "The Rose and the Ring"?

5. What American statesman was known as the "Old Man Eloquent"? 6. What is the difference between analysis

and synthesis?

7. How many states have passed the pro-hibition amendment?

8. What is the origin of the word foolscap as applied to paper?

9. Who is Storker Storkerson? 10. What is meant by a "manana policy"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quis

Julian Story was a noted American por-trait painter, who died in Philadelphia this week.

Twenty-eight states, two territories and a federal district comprise the republic of Mexico.

The date of the "Boston Tea Party" was December 16, 1778.

4. The Suwance River is in northern Florida.
It flows into the Gulf of Mexico. 5. Rupprecht was Crown Prince of Bavaria before the German revolution.

6. "Dry" wines are opposed to sweet or "fruity" wines. In sweet wines some of the sugar is not yet decomposed; in "dry" wines all the sugar has been

converted into alcohol. 7. A paimer in the Middle Ages was a religious pilgrim privileged to carry palm-staff. He spent all his days h visiting hely shrines and lived on

charity. Leal means loyal, honest.

President William Henry Harrison's grandson Benjamin became President of the United States in 1889.

Viscount Ishii is Japanese ambassader protein United States in 1889.