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THE POLITICAL SUICIDE CLUB

DRELIMINARY plans for a soucide chap are visible in the report that such Republicans as Johnson of California: Floradi of Idaho; Keevon, of Iowa, and Norris, of Nebraska, will attend a meeting in Chicago this spring to forestall consideration of William H. Tart as a possible candidate of his party for President.

"A man who has no enemies," observed a wise old Roman, "has no following."

Fortunate Mr. Taft! His position is not only charified by his friends, Republican and Democratic, who are mentally applauding to the echo his mode and indefatigably sturdy championship of world peace, but also by his focs, whose pestiferous action supply the vivid element of contrast

At no time in his career has Mr. Toft played a role more instinct with the high est type of honor than at the present moment. If he has any political ambitions nothing could more swiftly favor them than the kind of small-minded opposition which he has aroused.

Many of the men resenting Mr. Taft's activities have political records which verge closely upon the seditlous. This ap plies equally to Democrats and Republicans, to the Reeds as well as the Norrises. To be denounced by such malingerors is like being praised by William Hohenzollern... The "victim" is promptly stamped magnificently O. K.

If the precious crew planning the Chicago slime-fest are determined in their opposition to the civilized concord of the nations to make peace or war a political issue, a certain remark of General Sher man's casts a burning light upon their fate.

VANISHING AUTOS

THE joys of joyriding and the ture of the latest modes in motors seem to have been the prime factors in prompting the theft of nearly three million dollars' worth of automobiles in this city during 1918. Most of the cars stolen were deserted after the conclusion of the illicit spins and were restored to their owners. In some instances the recovery gave dublous satisfaction, since according to Detective Captain Souder 25 per cent of the vanishing utos were taken through connivance with

among the powers seems impossible. England seeks to cut the Gordian knot by sink ing them in midocean. France, needing ships, thinks this course abourd. The Evening Public Lapann has afore time suggested that the ships be scrapped for junk and sold, the proceeds being turned

over to the International Red Cross, Purels n the interest of future peace, it herewith makes another suggestion: Let the ships be such lost not in any wanton mood. Let every ship sent down be the coffin of some high mightiness responsible for the war. The Kaiser could go down in one. Von Tirpits in another, a

batch of submarine commanders in a third. and so on and so forth, so to speak, until the world is made safe and clean for democracy

IF YOU CAN'T GET IT ALL. THEN GET WHAT YOU CAN

The Theory on Which the Charter Reviser-Have Done a Splendid Piece of Constructive Work

MILE committee which has drafted a new cuty cluster has done a creditable and commendable piece of work. Yet it has not produced an ideal document. There are two reasons for this. The first is that the state Constitution in its present shape prevents an absolute grant of home rule to any city. And the second is there would on no possibility of the passage of an idea increase through the General Assembly

Compromises have been necessary and ber finge there made neares the tentor that the instantial and what it is presentile to get than to waste time working for the unat tainable. The men who lowe worked on to proposed chart cluste sought to draft a document which could be supported by the politicians, who naturally wish their interests to is protected, and by those who are weeking primarily the enactment of a law which would make it possible for the voters to remove . admitted abuses that have grown up and have been fostered under the present laws governing the city. They stem to have succeeded.

There were three great issues which they have met the reform of Councils, the contract evil and the matter of politica contribution by officeholgers.

Provision is made for a Council of twee 15 one cleated by senatorial districts on the basis of one Councilman for each 20,000 assessed voters. A salary of \$5000 a year » fixed and Councilment are forbidden to old any other office of profit. This arrangement ought to produce a local legisative body which would deserve the respeet and confidence of the voters. The salary is large enough to command the services of responsible business men and it s so large that the political leader will not be inclined to consent to the nominasion? tion of petty ward heelers to the office The Councilmen are likely to be citizens who will be unwilling to resort to petty and crooked acts which would forfelt for

them the confidence and respect of their neighbors. They would not act as mere dummies or rubber stamps for a boss, Looked at sordidly, the political leaders ought to favor this plan, for it creates twenty-one \$5000 jobs.

The contract evil is met by a provision which gives absolute home rule to the city in the matrice. It is specifically ordered that the repair and cleaning of streets, the collection and disposal of waste, rubbls) and garbage shall be done directly by the city. This is the general rule laid down but it is recognized that conditions may arise under which it will be expedient to do this work by contract with private tirms. Under such circumstances contracts may be awarded on the consent of bree-fourths of all the members elected to

Council must confirm the appointment by a two-thirds vote it insures the selection of a man acceptable to the city as a whole, provided the Council is acceptable, The power of the civil service commision is increased. The Department of Health is divided and direction of the hos-

pitals and playgrounds is put in the tharge of a new Department of Public Welfare and duat office-holding in all its forms is abolished. But no provision is made for reforming the Board of the Relalon of Taxes.

The defects in the draft, as aiready indicated, are chiefly due to the constitutional inhibitions and to the necessity for considering the kind of a document to which the political leaders who control the Legislature would consent. It is to behoped that the Governor will use his in-

fluence in favor of an early revision of the constitution, not only for the removal from that fundamental law of the many

defects which homper the Legislature, but also so that the cities of the state may be permitted to enjoy that control over their ocul affairs which is their right. Then a herter charter can be drafted, and later when political leaders have adjusted them selves to the conditions which the draft now under consideration will produce the abuses on the preservation of which they are now inclined to insist may be still further reduced.

FAIR PLAY TO FRANCE

TODE Prevels monitous to ve otrol the Sarre burnly, with the rich coast fields, is freunity ascalied either to sugality or the possionate desire to be compensated in Lind for the destruction of the Lens mines. Even from France itself few references to the litstorical aspects of the case have been reported. Yet they are of considerable iunificance.

Sarrelouis was never anything but a French town until 1815. Louis XIV founded it in 1681, and the great military engineer, Vauban, designed its once celebrated fortifications a few years later. Ney, the most dashing of Napoleon's marshals, the bravest of the brave," was born there 10 1769.

The first overthrow of the emperor in 1814 resulted in the restoration of France to her "natural boundaries." The Sarre valley was contained within them, and it was not until the vengetal spirit of Prussia had more sway after Waterloo that that

rich region was accorded her by the treaty following the French empire's final downfall in 1815. Plans for the restoration of Poland are based on the idea of reparation for the

partition crime of the middle of the eightcenth contury. If the world reconstructionists are willing to go so far back in one instance, is it not equally fitting to take cognizonce of later acts of aggres-

of course, in the revision of boundaries the principle of scif-determination is of paramount importance, and it can be argued that if the Sarre country is by this time thoroughly German it would be cynical and unjust to turn it over to France. Nonetheless, it is bardly fair to admit the testimony of history into one question and disdain it in another. It will beget the sort of tolerance that makes for equitable adjustment if Sarrelouis be viewed as some

thing a little different from an intrinsic part of Prussia. summary of the Knox sporch - huncles Hog Island foremon carried home the city doctors decided to take their medi-

The Hog Island restaurant is all right

ORNATE PIFFLE MOSTLY IN THE SENATE DEBATE

Nobody There to Sense and Express the Tremendous Changes in the World at Large

By BART HALEY Stall Concespondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, March 3. WHEN Mr. Knox, of Pennsylvania, finished his address to the Senate Saturday the prosecution in the case of the league of nations rested its case. Mr. Knox, with a mind like a knife, began where Senator Lodge left off. He saw America drifting to endiess wars, to spend and bleed interminably in support of unregenerate empires.

Both addresses are accepted here as empodiments of ultra-conservative Republication convictions in relation to the Paris peace plans. Nothing that the adversaries of the league in the Senate have said previously and nothing that they may say later will matter particularly. The other opponents of the league of nations plan-Borah, Cummins, Reed, Frelinghuysen and the restbrought to the general debate only the ornate piffle of campaign orations. They exploded and effervesced in a manner that must have amazed those foreign diploma-

tists who all with impassive faces in the galleries. And, like Mr. Lodge and Mr. Knox, they shated adroitly over every harsh and living reality that confronts the American delegates at Paris, whose efforts to insure peace in the world are incidental to their larger efforts to insure peace in America.

NEVER in any of these addresses was there a suggestion of what the speak-

ers must have known to be true-that it is only the prospect of a league of nations that so far has restrained the forces of destructive radicalism and destructive imperialism from further wild adventures over all the length and breadth of pros trate Europe. Nor was it hinted that there are already sketched out largely in Europe schemes of empire that will inevitably split the world about evenly into two armed amps

Every statesman worth his salt knows that the root of war is not with kings but in the ambitions of invisible govern ments everywhere for control of the unexploited areas of the earth, and that the cheme of mandatories embodied in the league of nations covenant represents the most effective plan ever devised to disarm the Hindenburgs of international finance and trade and give the nations an oppor tunity to live in peace.

Of all this, of the artificial hatred that the Paris conference is trying to eliminate of the incredible disaster that will afflict ail the world if the governments try to start a new delirium of competitive armaments, no Senator said a word. Plainly they do not yet know that a great change came over the world when war was made so horrible that men ceased hating their enemies and began to pity them. No echo of the passionate inquiry that the great majorities are putting to their leaders seems to have reached the floor malority in the United States Senate. They do not know what every one who has been a Europe has seen very plainly, that no covernment and no social order reconciled to a repetition of war can continue to survive. Mr. Knox even suggested limited "alliances," but he carefully refrained from



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THE CHAFFING DISH

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Presidential Nursery Rhymes	Social Chat		
t Mr. Wilson may croon to his grand- child at the Jefferson Hospital)	The Weather Man seems to have signed the Peace Treaty anyway.		
Senator Muffet	• •		
Sat on a tuffet.	But they say there's a blizzard coming.		
Cating persimmons and scap; The President spied him And sat down beside him	Also an income tax.		
And said, "I have fighting blood in me.			
and sometimes it is a delight to let it have scope."	The latter doesn't bother us much.		
and a construction of the second s			
e was an old statesman, of intellect scant, lived upon nothing but roaring and	We call the Kalser's attention to the fact that the price of tombstones is going up. Now's the time to get in on the ground floor.		
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PEACE TRIUMPHANT

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RAT-TAT-TAT-TATTLE through the street R I hear the drummers makin' riot, An' I set thinkin' o' the fect That follered once an' now ars quiet-White feet ez snowdrops innercent, That never knowed the paths o' Satan, Whose comin' step ther' 's ears that won't, No, not lifelong, leave off awaltin'.

Wut's words to them whose faith and truth On war's red techstone rang true metal. Who ventered life an' love an' youth For the great prize of death in battle? To him who, deadly hurt, agen Finshed on afore the charge's thunder. Tippin' with fire the bolt of men Thet rived the Kebel line asunder?

My eyes cloud up from rain; my mouth

their owners, who wanted to collect insurance. Car styles change almost as rapidly as feminine fashions, and the insurance flim-flam game perhaps commended itself as a means of keeping up to date. The money thus nefariously secured is likely to exceed the price honestly obtainable for an old automobile.

The Cox bill now in the Legislature provides barriers to the sale of stolen used cars. But only a part of the evil will be remedied thereby. Neither the average joyrider nor the insurance grafter will be entirely checked thereby. Proper police protection is the real solution of the problem, although, of course, more stringent laws will help in some degree.

THE MONSTROUS HOLOCAUST

THE death toll of the war has mounted to a figure about equal to the population of Pennsylvania, according to the just census

Available statistics summarized by General Crowder present the total of 7,354,000 men killed in action or dead as the result of wounda.

The American losses are given as approx imately 50,000. The contrast between what we suffered and the holocausts experienced by Germany, Russia, France, Great Britain and Italy is as significant as the fact that the league to insure peace is encountering its severest opposition in this country.

Abroad even the most jerry-built covenant inspires hope for the compelling reason that nothing more horrible than the consequences of the old "go-as-recklesslyas-you-please" system is imaginable.

Mr. Lodge considers the possibility of "greater wars." His imaginative powers must be extraordinary. Some Americans have been unable to grasp the extent of the cologial shambles of the last conflict. If understood it better they would not over commas in the peace cove

A USEFUL END FOR THE GERMAN FLEET

ANOTHER evidence of German efficiency is being made manifest. The devilieh reason for the Huns keeping their navy on the safe side of the Kiel Canal is now known. It was part of their propaganda. With the same far-sighted policy which inated every strategic retreat on the stern front (knowing full well that the oper way to reach Paris was to attend · Peace Conference), they held their ships of from the vulgar British, whom they uspected of being anxious to brawl, feeling that the vessels might prove useful as source of dissension among the Allica the cruel war gave place to an mily harassing peace.

And their course is being justified. The bays the ships and don't know what with them. An equitable division

that it won't serve Plez after May the Council, supplemented by the an proval of the Mayor

This arrangement makes it possible for the city to do what it chooses. If there is an undoubted demand that the work h done by contract instead of by the city it can be done. If abuses arise under the Become Indian givers. system of city collection of garbage and

street cleaning, the city is not tied down to that system. It can make a contract without asking the consent of the Legistents of the pork barrel. lature in Harrisburg. The possibility of such a condition arising is recognized by further provisions which empower the city to award contracts for three years. This period is long enough to insure genuine competition between local con tractors, who have their plants installed here, and outside contractors, who would have to create their local plants. It is

difficult to conceive of a valid objection to this arrangement.

Now us to political contributions. The draft forbids any one to ask for a contribution for political purposes from any imploye of the city or from any department or trust or commission of the city, It also forbids any one to collect or rereive or pay such a contribution. Any person who violates this provision is to be lismissed from office and, on conviction, shall be punished by fine or imprisonment or both and shall not be cligible for reappointment for two years. In order more effectively to take the public employes including the police and firemen, out of politics, they are all forbidden to attend political conventions as delegates or to serve on political committees or to circulate nomination petitions or to seek election or appointment as an officer of a political club or organization. This seems to cover about all the points.

Nothing but praise should be spoken of the provisions for reorganizing certain departments. The abolition of the office of Receiver of Taxes and making that office a weight nine pounds.

bureau of the City Treasury is a stthe right direction. It reduces the number of officers to be elected and it concentrates in one department the receipt and payment of public funds. The abolition of the supply department as a separate bureau Cormick and placing it in the Mayor's office is a reform of the same commendable nature. And the provision for the appointment of the City Solicitor by the Mayor and the definite designation of him as the legal officer of all the departments of the governof independence is increased rather that ment is also a long-needed reform. As the City Solicitor is at present an elective officer the change reduces the number of places to be filled by popular vote, shortens the ballot and concentrates responsibility in the hands of the Mayor, while it insureto the city a legal officer who will be in sympathy with the administration. As the

thus is an admirable example of how mandatory powers may be wisely exercised.

elermantown citizens who appreciated extra police protection have been forced to

The new budget committee will, of course, have authority to investigate the con-

Persons working in gas works are said o be immune from influenza. What, by the way, was the influenza average in Congress'

It will be the duty of the Pennsylvania commission of Public Welfare to take the Red out of the little Red School House.

France's desire that the Allies pool the war debt is understandable-but Unde Sam should look long before he leaps into the

noot. Director Wilson is looking for the "beggar on horseback" with the avowed intention of helping him to the destination the old saw

provided. At the risk of being accused of descend. ing to flattery, we venture the opinion that "cenatorial calm" is merely an evidence o

Treason Magaza Jacques Lodge sees no merit in Oriando a ribute to the League of Nations. He could even find it in his heart to wish they might be better strangers.

The maxim of the Bolsheviki is (to paraphrase the well-advertised inanity of a theatrical company) "War is a state of mind. Don't lose your mind."

Far be it from us to boast, but we modcatly draw attention to the fact that some days ago we made a few remarks concerning the pulling power of Woodrow Wilson Sayre

When justice is meted out it cannot be dministered too speedily. When speed works injustice, Justice should adjust her leaden heels. And the issue is thus joined between Judge Audenried and Justice Mc-

Main Line citizens have sacrificed some their sovereignty in banding together to put an end to thuggery, but the fact is not burting their sensibilities, and their feeling

diminished. Congress is considering a bill granting

the President a blanket appropriation of \$3,000,000 for his European trip and the expenses of the Peace Commission in Paris. If Paris reaches the right kind of decision, i will be worth the money.

Mr. Knox even suggested innited "alli- ances," but he carefully refrained from	scant. He lived upon nothing but roaring and	up. Now's the time to get in on the ground floor.	My eyes cloud up from rain; my mouth Will take the twitchin' roun' the corners;
telling what these alliances should be for. Nor did he take the trouble to inform his	rant;		I pity mothers, tu, down South. For all they sot among the scorners:
hearers that if there are to be new rival.	Roaring and rant were the chief of his diet, And this little old statesman could never	Envelopes with loopholes are in style	I'd sooner take my chance to stan'
alliances after this, one-half of the world	keep quiet.	this week.	At Jedgment where your meanest slave is. ' Than at God's bar hol' up a han'
must be ranged and armed against the other and that no nation will be able to	The wanty to the memorial source sources	At \$:30 every sunny morning a lovely	Ez drippin' red as yourn, Jeff Davis!
escape in the disaster that then will be	He went to the newsstand, some papers for buying,	stripe of sunshine falls athwart the rounded	Come. Peace ! not like a mourner bowed
inevitable.	And when he came back Monroe Doctrine	skull of the Girard Trust Building. We	For honor lost an' dear ones wasted, But proud, to meet a people proud,
A Destriction of the second state of the secon	was dying;	don't know just how it gets there, but it's worth rising early to look at.	With eyes that tell o' triumph tasted !
AFTER you have listened for days to the discussion attending this unparalleled	He uttered an obsequy, brilliant and clever, And then found the Doctrine was liver		Come ' with han' grippin' on the hilt, Au' step that proves ye Victory's daughter l
crisis it begins to appear that the Senate	than ever.	We answered a letter over the week-end.	Longin' for you, our sperits wilt Like shipwrecked men's on raf's for water
is ready to defy even the forces of evolu-			a main through the
tion-since it is the evolution in arma- ments on the one hand and inhuman rea-	Senator Lodge has lost his goat And can't tell where to find it:	Saturday is the thirtieth anniversary of	Come, while our country feels the fift
soning on the other that has brought about	Leave him alone and it'll come home	the completion of the funniest book ever written in the English language. Mora	An' knows that freedom afn't a gift
the conflicts of peoples with their govern-	And bring the League behind it.	anon.	That tarries long in han's o' cowards ! Come, such az mothers prayed for, when
ment and their familiar social order. The Senate seemed, during the last week,			They kissed their cross with lips thet ; guivered,
to move on a higher plane, icily aloof from	This is the League that Woodrow built,	Jack Kenderdine, of this city, has been made a captain. He was slightly wounded	An' bring fair wages for brave men. A nation saved, a race delivered !
all the familiar concerns of common men,	This is the covenant	in the Argonne fighting, we hear, but is	-James Russell Lowell, in "The Biglow .
there to deal with forms and farmulae from day to day on a comfortable oasis in	That lay in the League that Woodrow built.	well, and will be home next month.	Papers."
a world of aspiration and torment. There	The second s		What Do You Know?
is no parliament in the world where the	This is the Senate That nibbled the covenant	Jim Whitall, also of this city, is on his way home from London, where he had a	
actualities of life and labor seem to receive so little attention.	That my in the League that Woodrow built.	dugout among the imagist poets.	QUIZ
Each orator who has discussed the league			1. What is the Spanish Cortes?
of nations invariably ends with a pacan	This is the Monroe Doctrine That worried the Senate	George Gibbs, this newspaper's favorite	2. What state did the late Senator Ed-
to the "boys" abroad. And then the Senate	That nibbled the covenant	writer of startling fiction, has published another novel.	* Congress?
reaumes its filibuster to stop appropriations for the federal employment service, the	That lay in the League that Woodrow built.	• •	3. In the administration of what President did the American dispute with Eng-
one agency that befriends the returning	This is the dilamina with the surrouted	We fear that when Grandpa Wilson leans	land over the Venezuelan boundary .
soldiers and tries to find him a job.	This is the dilemma with the crumpled horn	over that bassinette at the Jefferson Hos-	occur?
It is impossible to avoid the impression after a few days of the press gallery that	That tossed the Monroe Doctrine	pital he will say, from sheer force of habit, "May I not tell you how very' delightful	 What degree is freezing point on a la Reaumur thermometer?
it is the Senators who are the misguided	"That worried the Senate "	it is to be here?"	5. Who wrote the poem "The City of Dread-
visionaries and that the President is in	That nibbled the covenant That lay in the League that Woodrow built,		ful Night"?
this instance the practical realist. Even though clauses in the league-of-nations		When you see a middle-aged man tilting	 "They kept the even tenor of their way."
covenant may be subject to revision, the	Eye, baby bunting.	his cigar so high that the ash rubs the rim of his derby you may know that his boy	"Elegy." What is incorrect in the passage?
unexpected force of the attack now made	Grandpa's gone a-hunting	has just got home from France.	7. What is the largest city in India?
upon it carries a suggestion of tragedy. Because in the chill atmosphere of the	To find a league-of-nations skin To wrap the baby bunting in.		8. In what century did Alexander the
Senate it seems one of the few real things		The whole fabric of civilization will be	Great live?
in the world-a thing warmed and living	Woodrow had a little League.	destroyed if that bed-manufacturing com- pany keeps on with its ads saying "Have	9. What is meant by a "rechauffee"?
through its very closeness to the unpro- tected lives of which its critics never seem	On parchment white as snow,	you given much thought to sleep?"	10. In what year was the Titanie sunk?
to think.	And everywhere that Woodrow went	The only way we ever get anything done	Answers to Saturday's Quiz
	The League was sure to go.	is by resolutely putting the thought of	1. A. Mitchell Palmer has been appointed
THE political isolation of the President	It followed him to Washington,	sleep out of our mind.	Attorney General of the United States to succeed Thomas W. Gregory.
▲ was never so complete 1. Washington as it is today. His reiterated explanations	Where Congress was in session :	A caller was telling us about the joys of	The reeding of a coin is the ridging on
of the league covenant and his repeated	The statesmen criticized the League For looseness of expression.	life in Florida at this time of the year.	the edge.
assurances that American dominance on		We had already been noticing the exhila-	2. The Spanish province of Catalonia, which includes the important city of Bar-
this continent is or will be completely as- sured by the final pact, and his insistent	"What makes the League love Wood-	rating effect of Paim Beach on Petcy Dink, on the comic page of this paper.	celona, desires autonomy,
references to the clause in which each na-	row so?" The cager Senate oried.	But then we took a stroll around Inde-	• 4. An elegy is a song of lamentation cape- cially for the dead. A sulogy is a
tion's right is fixed to regulate domestic	"Oh, Woodrow loves the League, you	pendence Square, observed the admirable	speech or writing in praise of some ?
questions like that of immigration, have not been properly amplified in the Senate	know,"	blue sky Mr. Bliss, the weather man, had draped there for our pleasure, and saw the	person or thing.
debate.	Tumulty quick replied.	sun skirmishing around Commodore Barry's	5. Dumdum bullets derive their name from the arsonal in Dumdum, India, where
Mr. Wilson will have to undertake the	"And you each gentle foreign power	statue and the grass afready as green as	they were first made.
task of answering his critics. He has no representative in the Senate so able and	In confidence may bind	a new dollar bill, and determined to carry on at home for a while longer.	6. The largest mint in the United States is in Philadelphia.
astute as Mr. Lodge and Mr. Knox. Mr.	And make them follow at your will if you are only kind."	on at home for a while longer, SOCRATES.	7. Huron is the second largest of the Great Lakes of America.
Hitchcock, chairman of the Foreign Rela-	a sur as and and a sur sites	and the second	s. Mark Twain in "Puddin' Head Wilson's
tions Committee, smoldering and flaming with a copy of the covenant always in his	Hushabye Senator on the hillon.	Philadelphia , broke the grain-loading	Calendar," wrote "The English are mentioned in the Bible. 'Blessed are
hand, is a lonely and sometimes a magnifi-	When the hot air blows the planet will	record when a local firm put 284,466 bushels aboard a Belgium relief steamship in sixteen	the meek for they shall inherit the
cept figure. Behind him are ranged the	rock:	hours. And every bushel means a grateful	y. Napoleon Bonsparte was an exile on the
various futilities who represent or mis- represent the Democratic party. They com-	May I not say, if you let the League fall, Down will come Senate and Congress	heart across the sea-a fact which may go	Island of Elba from May 4, 1814, to
tribute little help.	and all	on the record still unbroken, a record of faithful service in time of trouble.	Yebruary 26, 1845. 10. Lent begins on March 7, this year,
	And the second sec	2	
and shared and shared have the lite	A CONTRACTOR OF	New Providence of the August and the Line and	