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LIFE, NOT LAW, COUNTS

THERE is great caution, great restraint, a fine balancing of legal principles and little else in the elaborate discussion of the league of nations covenant to which four local legal lights have contributed.

Any one who persisted through the long discourses must have emerged at the end in a state of mental confusion, and to discover that they are standing feeling that he had passed through a desert of words.

But the headlines, in this instance, served mightily to enlighten the uncertain reader. These men who look with doubt or uncertainty upon the league of nations as it is now contemplated are, he was told, "learned in the law."

Fully to understand the needs of the world in these days you have to be learned in life.

SHALL WE LOSE MR. PENNELL? **DHILISTINES** in art and criticism may delight to hear that Joseph Pennell is going away across the vasty deeps of ocean to stay forever and forever when prohibition becomes a harsh reality in the United States.

Most of us will be sorry. Art is mysterious. Irreverence, impatience, violent unreasonableness, rebel spirits all help to keep it eternally young and vital. It has always dismissed the claims and pretensions of tradition with two short tuts. Mr. Pennell is, therefore, its gifted spokesman.

It is the artist rather than the man s who speaks in Mr. Pennell's ominous resolution. A good thing badly done always offends a critical mind. Prohibition doubtless is a good thing. It was accomplished through clumsy techniquetechnique of a sort that cannot be otherwise than revolting to an artistic temperament.

What we want to hear now is what Mr. Pennell will say when he finds a roaring campaign to make the world bone dry in full swing in France and Italy as he leaves the ship!

have the speakership, but they would CONDEMNED BY A FRIEND CINCE the plain truth about Russian Bolshevism, now being revealed by impartial witnesses at the Senate inquiry, is in itself so devastating to that singular cult, one is moved to wonder why so many people have been so enthusiastically lying about it for a year or more. Raymond Robins, of the American Red Cross, worked with the various Russian leaders. He had no ax to grind. He was observant, sympathetic and always open-minded. He met Lenine and Trotsky, worked with them and was greatly impressed by the bitter need of many of the reforms that they tried to engineer for the benefit of the Russian masses. Though he is one of the few men who have an informed and friendly interest in the Bolshevist leaders, he has stated as forcefully as he can that their theories and method. friends. are inhuman and impossible and doomed to failure. But Mr. Robins makes it plain, too, that there has been some colossal lying about the Russians and Russia. He says the Bolshevists fought the Brest treaty; they didn't accept German money; they tried to get Allied co-operation and failed: there was no "nationalizing" of women and less killing than usually attends violent revolutions. Russia is rich in resources. It has limitless stores of minerals and raw materials of every sort. It is known that many interests are eager to get Russia away from the Russians. Propaganda, in subtle forms, was to have been ex-

tre only twice a week because of an during all the months of the next session of Congress. The nation will decide then inherited belief that sacrifice is good for the soul. whether that party is in sympathy with its aspirations and is qualified to handle And that is about all. Yet if religion is in any way related the pressing problems that will crowd to philosophy-and, of course, it is-we upon us for solution. We are living in a

too great a hurry.

because he doesn't know.

CONGRESSIONAL RIDERS

Determined to Go in That Direction

have been and may never be aware of the

Certain politicians have bandaged

their eyes in this great national and in-

ternational crisis and certain others have

deliberately put out their sight. Unfor-

tunately many of these are in the Repub-

lican party, which will control legisla-

tion in Washington for the next two

Some of them have already begun to

peer out from under their blindfolding

still while the nation is moving forward.

They are now saving that they are not

opposed to a league of nations, but only

seek to assist in the organization of a

suitable league. Popularity is the breath

of life in their nostrils, and when they

discover that the mass of the people is

carnestly hoping for the perfecting of

some plan which will prevent a repetition

of the calamity of the last four years

and will allow the young men of America

who have no more perception of the tem-

Senators have of the desire of the whole

Every one took heart of hope when Gil-

the Republican conference. The House

sooner was Gillett chosen than the reac-

tionaries, alert to retain what they could.

secured by a parliamentary trick the ap-

pointment of a Committee on Commit-

tees controlled by the friends of Mann

and the believers in the old system.

They boasted of their victory. They

grinned at Gillett as they said he might

ened force.

vears.

things that are and that are to be.

wonder or to inquire.

surely have a great need of it now. It new world and the methods that might have worked in 1914 will not work in is the lack of a sound philosophy of conduct that has left the nations in confu-1919 and 1920. Congress will not fail if its members devote their days and nights to Philosophy? The apostles of hustle an endeavor to carry out the known will of will tell you condescendingly that the

the nation instead of attempting to frustrate that will for the sake of adworld hasn't time for philosophy. It is in vancing the personal ambitions of men We are in a hurry. Our speed inout of sympathy with the times. If the creases every day. But if you want to reactionaries can be made to understand see what a blank stare can be like ask that their present course leads to politiany propagandist of pep where we are cal destruction, the instinct of self-presgoing, whether it is up or down, forward ervation may work with the forces of or back. He will not be able to tell you righteousness to accomplish better things. And it has never occurred to him to

> **BEGINNING TO HEDGE?** T IS difficult to overestimate the im-

portance of Senator Lodge's newer FACING THE HORSE'S TAIL statement in relation to the league of nations or to miss the significance of his But the Animal Is Headed Forward and Is voluntary suggestion that some sort of

league is desirable. Mr. Taft, the political observers say, THERE is no spectacle more pathetic s gaining strength and prestige daily as I than that of the man who ties a the leader of progressive Republicanism. bandage over his own eyes lest he see Mr. Lodge is the acknowledged leader of what is going on about him, unless it be the anti-Taft wing of the party. that of the man who deliberately de-Does Mr. Lodge read new meanings stroys his own sight in order that he may occupy his thoughts with things that

into the popular acclaim that greets Mr. Taft everywhere? Or has he improved his mind by a few hours' contact with the home folks in New England who have suffered as acutely through the recent war as any people in the country?

ALIENS

WHENEVER a statesman rises to address aliens in America---as Govwnor Sproul will do at a coming Amercanization celebration in Chester-he faces opportunities and responsibilities that should profoundly touch an imaginative mind.

We are always telling the aliens to learn from us. Usually we fail to realize that in many instances we might learn from the aliens. Most of these strangers in the country bring an instinctive love for the things that the arts provide, such as music and pictures. But they bring, too, a great and living faith in America and a tremendous belief in our own institutions adequate to

to remain at home in their accustomed shame a native cynic. vocations instead of being compelled to It has always been our habit to regard face poison gas and machine guns and the alien as somehow inferior, and the hidden mines, these politicians will do passionate aspiration and courage that some more canny hedging and pray the peoples of Europe manifested in the heaven that every one may forget their recent war must have been like a soberearlier lack of understanding. So much ing revelation to a great many Amerifor our relations to international affairs. cans, who fancy for some unknown reason that all the best of human qualities There is a group of Republican mem-

are concentrated on this side of the pers of the House of Representatives world We have not always done the best that per of the voters than the obstructing is possible with the alien. It isn't

pleasant to hear that in Russia resentworld for an organization to prevent war ment has flamed against America beby negotiation and by pressure of threatcause those who return from this country tell of oppression in many of the industries and bitter strikes that ended in lett was selected for the speakership by disaster. And it isn't cheering to hear that in some parts of Europe industrial turned its back on Cannonism and America is speken of as a great place, a Mannism and faced the future with level very great place, but one that is "hell eyes and a courageous heart. But no for men and horses."

> Thirty thousand Ital-Things as lans are going to They Should Be France to work in the levastated regions.

They will do good work and will get good pay. But it is not exactly as it should be, When one thinks of the French and Belgian civilians made to work for the Ger-

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

What Colonel Nicholson Has Done for Gettysburg-Why Dogs Were Not Taxed-Gossip About Men You Know

Washington, March 8.

THE sundry civil bill, as it passed the I House, carried the usual appropriations for keeping in order the national parks and cemeterfes. Arlington memorial amphitheatre in the vicinity of Washington and some Confederate burial plots are provided for. The greatest of them all, however, the Gettysburg National Park, has been so well cared for under the masterful direction of Colonel John P.

Nicholson, of Philadelphia, and his associates-some of them now in the great beyond-that only \$50,000 was needed this year for keeping up the work, which is largely one of maintenance. During the rough traveling under railroad administration auspices during the war many Washington visitors took the auto route by

way of Gettysburg to the capital. None of them failed to praise the beauty and attractiveness of that great field in Pennsylvania which marks the high tide of the ebellion.

Colonel Nicholson, long known in the bookbinding trade in Philadelphia, but devoted always to the Loyal Legion, and who can call up the shades of Sherman. Sheridan, Slocum, Hayes, Grant, Hancock, Meade and Howard, "the Christian soldier," may well be proud of his work.

ALMOST everybody around City Hall knows Eugene Raymond. He was an active court stenographer long before he segan the practice of the law, but few know how deep an interest Eugene takes in matters of taxation-the tax on luxuries. for instance. Eugene says it is absurd to tax working men on their slirts, hats and clothing, when wealthy women may indulge the luxury of "a fuzzy little white pup" without paying a cent to the goverament. What started this line of thought in the Philadelphia lawyer's

mind was the public announcement that a wealthy New York widow paid \$37,500 year for her apartments to keep a dog weighing two-thirds of a pound, which required the attention of two maids and a valet.

In this connection it is fair to say that an effort was made to reach the type of pup referred to, but that the other and more useful animal, the farmers' watchdog, got in the way of the legislators and affected their judgment.

THE picturesque and romantic Susquehanna, with its many tributaries, including the blue Juniata, which water the rich middle ground of Pennsylvania, is about to receive the attention of the United

States army engineers. For a long time the improvement of the Susquehanna has been urged, but the expense of making navigation continuous upon a stream so rocky has always stood in the way. As a matter of fact the Susquehanna has never received a dollar of government money except for a slight improvement in the coal regions up near Wilkes-Barre. But Congressman Griest, of Lancaster, and Congressman Kreider, of Annville, whose

districts border upon the great inland river of Pennsylvania, have been on the job with the result that a survey may soon be instituted. This will be good news to the people of Harrisburg, Lancaster. Columbia and other points on the lower reaches of the river, who have been insisting for a long time that slack water navigation could readily be afforded up to Harrisburg by a system of locks and dams.

THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

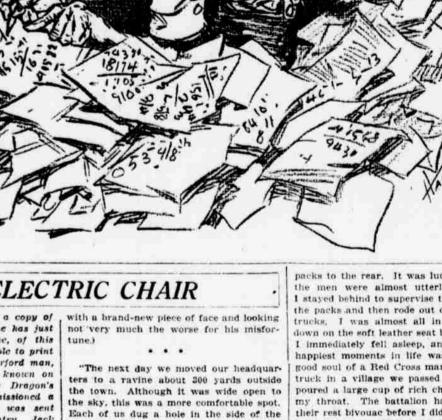
A. Educard Newton sends us a copy of a monstrously exciting letter he has just received from Jack Kenderdine, of this city, and we are happy to be able to print portions of it. Jack is a Haverford man, of that uproarlous class once known on the college campus as "The Dragon's

Blood," and after being commissioned a shavetail loot at Plattsburgh was sent overseas with the 305th Infantry. Jack 3928. MY REGIMENT was fighting, with an occasional interval o, a few days, from the 1st of August until the signing of the armistice. Previous to August we were in a training sector with the French. This

take the boche long to discover our new location. From that moment he included us in his strafing of the town, but our seemed at the time like real war, but it was ravine was so small and the sides so steep nothing compared to what followed. After that he couldn't quite get us. His shells would drop on each tip of the ravine, but the famous American drive at Chateau he never got more than a fragment of Thierry, when those few splendid divisions shell into the ravine itself, although he ttened out the German salient, we re-

packs to the rear. It was lucky I did, for the men were almost utterly exhausted. the packs and then rode out on one of the down on the soft leather seat by the driver. I immediately fell asleep, and one of my happiest moments in life was when some good soul of a Red Cross man stopped the had found my bedding roll there and ravine, and for an office we put up a piece spread it out under a tree. Never was any bed so comfortable. The major, bless his flaged it with bushes. As we had to be constantly going and coming, it didn't

> It has been an interesting experience but I am glad it is over. I was wounded only once and very slightly in the arm just be-



YOU KNOW THAT FEELING-

MARCH 15TH



truck in a village we passed through and poured a large cup of rich chocolate down my throat. The battalion had arrived at their rest biyouac before I did. My striker heart, gave orders that I shouldn't be awakened, and I slept for twenty hours straight. "Well this has grown into quite a yarn.

pected. And it appears that money, which always has been accustomed to talking, hasn't lost its voice.

IN PENITENTIAL MOOD

ENT used to be a time for meditation, a time for chastening the spirit. Oldfashioned folk were willing to admit that they sinned occasionally and doubtless they were genuinely sorry and even alarmed when the season of recking approached.

Many sins once abhorred have actually ome fashionable.

The earth is running wild with a cerin kind of professors who insist that pirituality is a delusion of consciouss. Penitence and contrition, according to these scientific thinkers, are for unlearned.

Lent is here, though many would dly know it if it weren't for the warapers. The diversions of the haute are a bit tempered. Here and ore are folk who will go to the thea-

dictate through the committees the of the House.

And they are proceeding to out-Cannon Cannonism itself by formally adopting the seniority rule in the selection of committee chairmen, under which many of the reactionaries, by virtue of length of service, will appear as the spokesmen for their party. When the Speaker appointed the committees Cannon himself disregarded the seniority rule and put at the head of important committees the best man for the place. The venerable and astute Illinoisan was wise enough to know that it was the height of folly for any political party to man cares a cent. send a boy to do a man's work, no matter how long the boy had been on the job. But this Mann-dominated Committee on Committees, rejoicing at its suc-

cess in putting something over on the majority which elected Gillett, seems to be interested only in taking care of its

It is not surprising, therefore, that Representative Longworth should protest. There are hundreds of thousands of Republicans throughout the country who will agree with him when he says, "To my mind the situation is sad beyond expression." He says further that so far as the organization of the House is concerned we are not living in the spirit of the Republican party today.

This son-in-law of Colonel Roosevelt has sensed the situation with the keenness of political instinct of the colonel himself. The congressional majority, under the direction of the men whose hands are on the steering gear, is now headed backward instead of forward. But it is not too late to turn it about and head it in the right direction. The action of the committee is not final. It must be ratified by the conference of all the Republican members, which means that the men who voted for Gillett for Speaker will have their say before the party is finally committed to any course

The House will not be organized until meets either in regular or in special session. In either event the members will have an opportunity to discover the sentiment of their constituents before they act. Fortunately for the country, the President has refused to call Congress in extraordinary session at once. Both Senators and Representatives must go back home and meet their neighbors and read their home papers and talk with their home lawyers and business men and mechanics and touch that great body of sentiment without knowledge of which they fail miserably.

The Republican party will be on trial

mans; and when one remembers further the wanton destruction committed by the Germans; the one fair and proper thing

seems to be that the Germans should be made to work on the devastated land and be kept working at it, at the cost of Germany, until it is returned to France not. indeed, as it was before, but in at least a clean and workable condition.

Little legislators Home of down in Idaho would Dolly Daydreams have you know

they're patriots; so they've sent a note to Congress to rap the President; and not a thoughtful states-

The books of hope will soon be opened. Seed catalogues are due.

If a few more Republicans assall the filibuster the blot may be removed from the party.

Maybe it is the idea of the Allies that kill the Kaiser would be to put him out of his misery.

Residents of the northeast might retain he Skipper of the Toonerville trolley as an expect witness.

It is not too late for the benighted thirty-seven to change their faith and become covenanters.

To use a Scotch term, it is Robins's opinion that the Russian people were meshed "in a creel."

The phrase "handing him a lemon" may lose its significance. If prices con tinue to go up it may become an act of generosity.

Our boys won only 93\$3 foreign medals while abroad. They would have made in an even ten thousand if the war had lasted a few days longer.

Hindenburg fears that the Bolshevists heard in the Peace Conference.

possibilities of airplanes are the men who are most familiar with them.

be no peace at all for the Jugo-Slavs and Italians-and one itch will set the whole world a scratching.

THE Governors and Mayors who at-I tended the White House conference during the last few days of Congress in cluded Governor Sproul, of Pennsylvania, and Governor Edge, of New Jersey; Director Webster, of Philadelphia, who represented Mayor Smith; Mayor Ellis, of Camden, and Mayor Donnelly, of Trenton. They report having a real "sporty" time endeavoring to adjust the affairs of the nation. It is one of the tricks of the White House trade to call in Governors and Mayors with a view of formulating public opinion when Congress is not altogether tractable. The late President Roosevelt, who made the word "bully" famous before the Sayre baby was born was the originator of this method of ex pression. Governor Edge, who is coming to the Senate, had a foretaste of the level ing process which attains in Washington when a big man at home runs up against

CHARLES FAIRFAX NAULTY-he of the attenuated form and neat attire, who off and on in the days agone pushed the pen and pencil like any other Philadelphia reporter-has become almost a fixed institution in Washington war circles. Naulty has engineering ideas which the Navy Department and the War Depart ment have listened to. He was early among the many to advance plans for submarine types. When the submarine scare subsided Naulty applied himself to aviation. He is said to have discovered a method of photographing air and air pressure. We might liken it to what nautical men would call the visualizing of displacement. Who knows but what we may find in this Philadelphia genius an American Marconi?

his peers at the capital.

studying maps, writing ressages and try-THE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE of Philadelphia intends to see that its retiring president, Louis G. Graff, has the right kind of a send-off. The treasurer, Emanuel H. Price, is helping along with the good work. When he comes to Wash ington. Emanuel does not asks odds even of McAdoo. All he has in his possessio on exchange account is approximately \$300,000, of which about \$125,000 is in. vested in Liberty Bonds, When Graff ters to report their position to the major stepped out and C. Herbert Bell stepped The boches dropped a shell beside him and into the presidency of the exchange there tore off part of his face and killed one of were no unpaid bills. The exchange is still interested in that billion-dollar price guarantee proposition, which takes care of the wheat farmers of the United States no matter what the world price of wheat may be.

lieved the Fourth Division on the Vesle River. I shall never forget the night of the relief-my first real dose of war. I was battallon adjutant there. Our headquarters was ordered to a little town in the valley of the river. During the march up in the night I became separated from my battalion to straighten out some trouble. I followed after and came to the heights overlooking the river just as dawn was breaking. Both sides had opened up with their batteries and the valley was a hell hole of smoke and flame. The boches were extravagant with their artillery at the time and would swipe individuals if the opportunity were good. No sooner did I start down the hill than they began to fire at me with a 75. I dodged behind a ruined farmhouse with anything but a quiet mind and stumbled over a dead American soldier. partly buried under the ruins and looking very ghastly in the pale dawn. I confess that I nearly lost my nerve. The thing that saved me was finding four men of the military police who had been ordered into the town, but who had lost courage and

were going to the rear. They shamed me into ordering them about and leading them down myself-that town was one of the nastiest places we were in during the war . . .

"The boches kept shelling it continually; they had perfect observation of our movements from their post. Every fifteen min utes during the day they would throw over three shells, taking the town bit by bit. When any one appeared on the street they gave us a little extra, although I must say they let our ambulances alone except when they thought we were using them for covering some tactical move. Ou headquarters was in the cellar of a former French residence. I was no sooner inside than they shot away the wall in front and a couple of hours later they took off the corner of the building. They were giving us a liberal dose of gas all .he while -it was very uncomfortable sitting packed

gave us plenty of gas. His airplanes were what we feared most. Although we got bulletins from the rear that the Allies had supremacy of the air, the German planes were constantly overhead even while we were reading these reassuring messages. If the boche couldn't get us with artillery, at least he could with air bombs, and he tried his hardest. Once he even flew low

of corrugated iron for a roof and camou-

enough to throw hand grenades at us. But, he was a rotten shot and we came out unscathed. . . . "According to schedule, we were to be relieved at the end of the fifth day, but

the relieving battalion failed to get us on two successive nights and we were kept there seven days. Our supply of rations ran out at, the end of the fifth day, and for two days we had virtually nothing to eat except a little that I managed to bring in on my way back on the last day. Or the night before the seventh day the relieving battalion managed to get to our positions, but not until dawn. We tried to risk getting out even then, but to get out in daylight one was under constant observation, as the hillsides were almost bare. We sent out one company over the hill at about 7 a. m., but they got pretty badly shot at, so the major wisely ordered the rest of the battalion to stand

pat. By that time they had started to go out and had pulled out of their positions in the valley. The only thing to do was for them to come into the ravine (which was at the base of the hill) until dark. This they did, and three-quarters of a bat. talion sat huddled in the ravine all day. praying that our luck would hold good and the boches would fail to register on the ravine itself.

. . . "The major was naturally worried by the battalion not having got out. So I took a stanch little Irish boy as orderly and we made a dash for it over the hill and back to regimental headquarters with report of our situation. Instead of being angry at our failure to get out during the tight in this cellar with our gas masks on night the colonel was all sympathy. He

took me in to report to the general. He ing to get an answer over the phone. The pressed me to stay for luncheon, but I had gas seemed to linger more than we had only time for a cup of coffee and a sand expected. We discovered soon that part wich (and Lord, how good it tasted!). Then of what we thought was gas was the fra-I went to the Y. M. C. A. hut and bought grance of six dead Americans in the yard next door. Poor devils! the shelling had all the cigarettes, chocolates and crackers they would sell me. The colonel loaded me been so hot that nobody had had a chance up with canned food and hardtack, and to bury them. Toward noon we had our first casualty. Lieutenant Cloher with two made my way back to battalion headquarters, where I was welcomed with oper runners came from his company headquar

of food.

"We all came out that night at dusk his runners. Cloher came staggering into Not a shot was fired. The men took off our little cellar and we patched him up their packs on the main road beyond the crudely with our first-ald packets. Then crest of the hill. I had been fortunate I ventured out with him to the first-aid enough to arrange for four big trucks to station and he was evacuated that aftercome up that night and transport these noon. (He came back to the regiment-later

arms and immediately relieved of my bag

. . .

fore the armistice. If w. s 1 for me to go to the hospital. My liveliest adventures were mostly before September 20. Then I was made regimental adjutant and seldom got into the fighting line. I not my captaincy in October."

How many years ago today was the funniest story in the English language finished?

Answer: Thirty. On the 8th of March, 1889, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote from Honolulu: "Lloyd (Osbourne) and I have finished a story, 'The Wrong Box.' If it is not funny, I am sure I do not know what is."

'No one has a right to complain that this planet is a disappointing place if he has not read "The Wrong Box." The greatest living enthusiast on this subject is Dr. Francis B. Gummere, out av Haverford, and we had been hoping to make a pilarimage to interview him on the subject; but the severity of life, existence, toil and the income-tax blank have defeated thus cherished project of ours. SOCRATES.

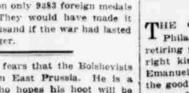
What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- What American politician was known as "Me Too"?
 What state does Irving L. Lenroot rep-resent in the Senate?
 The subtitle of Punch is the London
- Charivari. What does "Charivari"
- mean? 4. What was the chimera of Greek mythol-
- 5. In what year did Queen Victoria die? 6. What is the longest river on the Pacific side of the American continent?
- Who was "Holspur"?
 For how many years was Louis Napoleon Emperor of France?
- 9. What is cabotage?
- What is a "masse" in billiards?

Answers to Yesterday's Ouiz

- 1. There have been twenty-seven Presidents of the United States.
- "It Marvel" was an American author, noted especially for his "Reveries of a Bachelor." His real name was Donald G. Mitchell.
- Ember and rogation days are certain periods of the year devoted to prayer
- and fasting. Edwin Forrest, the celebrated American tragedian, was a native of Philadel phia.
- 5. Luray Cave is in Virginia, seventy-eight miles west by south of Washington. 6. Two kings of England were named James. James II was overthrown by
- the revolution of 1689. The "She-Wolf of France" was Isabella.
- daughter of Philip the Fair of France, and consort of King Edward 11, of England.
- An equerry is an officer of a prince or noble charged with the care of his horses. He is also an officer of the Britiah royal household. Carnivora is the order of flesh-cating
- animals 0. The shores about the Dead Sea in Pales-
- time lie more below sen-level than any other part of the land surface of the PARA LA



will yet overrun East Prussia. He is a wise old owl who hopes his hoot will be

It is significant that the men who nave the greatest faith in the commercial

Opponents of the covenant shoung real ize that a peace without the league would