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Philadelphia, Wednesday, March 12, 1919

BACK TO NORMAL

WHEN a large group of earnest and clever ladies and gentlemen can et to discourse heatedly on the blue s of Pennsylvania and the uses of Sabbath, it is apparent that the dark ays of the war have actually passed. o are getting back to a normal state mind and are safe again amidst the rmless and familiar concerns of a hapor period.

A meeting such as that at City Hall idn't have been planned a year ago. wouldn't have had the heart for it. It is impossible to avoid the feeling each side overstated its case, as side always does whenever the blue wa are attacked or defended.

The Rev. Dr. Grammer, for example, as far off the track when he said that present agitation for Sunday concerts as somehow linked up with Bolshevism. I this were true it would have to be aditted that Bolshevism is an ancient n in Pennsylvania.

And if the blue laws were as unwholeas other speakers suggested, they could have been repealed long ago. The sople always are the final judges in rs like this and they have a habit making themselves heard whenever a t is felt to be actually oppressive or

Wouldn't it be fairer to admit that, le Sunday is sacred, the laws that been enacted around it aren't, and at no act ever passed by a Legislature nune from such revision as time circumstances may suggest?

HEART OF A "THIRTY-NINER" DELDEN P. SPENCER, of Missouri, one of the thirty-nine Republicans signed the Lodge round robin, reas to his constituents in St. Louis ring himself "heart and soul in of a league of nations." liding serenely through the loophole

arough which the alleged "teeth" of he protest also fell out, Senator Spencer

tween loyalty to the community and time with an abundant and throbbing life. In its perfected form, it is one of loyalty to friends. Rudolph Blankenburg was confronted those machines against which it is imwith the necessity for this choice when possible to lay the charge that it deadhe first entered the office of Mayor. He ens those who use it. refused to admit that the selfish claims

organization that elected him.

the warmest regard for the man who

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The curse of many machines, espeof those who helped to elect him ranked cially those in use in factories, is that above the claims of public duty and he they transform their operators from failed, therefore, to perpetuate the party human beings into automatons when

they do not make slaves of them. President Wilson had to face a similar It was the cotton gin which fastened lecision. In New Jersey he held innegro slavery upon the South at a time variably that his sole allegiance should when it had begun to disappear because be to the people and the state, and thereit was unprofitable. The mechanical deafter he was called an ingrate by the vice for taking the seeds out of the lint man who had worked hardest in his bemade it possible for the planters to market their crop in competition with cotton Sooner or later the question must growers in other parts of the world and be faced by every American politician. And often the people themselves have

the slaves were kept in the fields. The danger which confronts us today is that we shall permit mechanical inventions to take out of the workers that power of initiative and independent and obligations in order to serve those who constructive thinking without which no free man can live. When he loses it he is in bondage, whatever other name may be given to his state. There are fac-

GREATEST MACHINE YET tories today in which the operatives do one thing, supplementing the act of a Automobile Engine Cannot Compare With machine, from morning till night six It, for the Creator Is Greater Than days " week. It is not surprising that they are discontented and break out in THERE are more machinists, professome form of revolt. If they did othersional and amateur, in the United wise their case would be hopeless. States than in any other country in the So long as this condition prevails the

work of the inventors is incomplete. More things are done by machinery They must make a machine that will do here than anywhere else. We have inthe whole job or modify the machines vented labor-saving devices and set the they have made so that the man may pace for other nations. We have stanbe something more and greater than a dardized manufacture and simplified mere cog or lever. Some use must be processes and multiplied luxuries until provided for the brain of the worker, for the workingman enjoys greater comfort that, after all, is the greatest machine than it was possible for Charlemagne to ever put together and the creator of every human device for conquering time The steam fitter or the plumber can and space.

hear Caruso sing in his own parlor and THE GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM can make him repeat his song as often IF GOVERNOR SPROUL can persuade as he pleases; the carpenter can talk with his employer ten or fifty miles the Legislature to share his present away without leaving his own home, and mood, the session ought to be filled with the trolley-car conductor can reproduce achievement.

on his mechanical plano the finest musi-The general pronouncement issued by cal compositions. And they all do it. the Governor yesterday is comprehen-Thus has mechanical invention sive, even though it does lack explicitbrought convenience and refinement into ness in relation to some details of the executive program and fails altogether to throw out any suggestion which might The world has made greater material be traceable to the recent conference progress in the hundred years since 1819 held in Washington to consider means than in all the centuries since it was sent whirling into space a mass of formfor the relief of such hardship and confusion as will attend the readjustments less vapor nobody knows how many cons of the life and industries of the state to ago. During the last century the dea peace basis. Perhaps the omission is

vices for the use of steam on land and due to the fact that the conference was largely lacking in conclusions on the If Napoleon had had a fleet of steamships he could have invaded England and subject. Obviously, the good-roads legislation the history of Europe would have been is to be pushed at top speed, and that is different. There might have been no reassuring news. Governor Sproul has manifested a healthy disregard for the If he had had railroads his expedition into Russia would not have ended disassacred cows of political tradition. At least one superfluous job of contrously on the white and frozen plains

siderable dimensions is threatened by of a hostile country where the very him; that of health officer of the Philaforces of nature fought against him. delphia port, long held by a Philadel-Since his time we have subdued naphia editor, who makes no pretense to ture and compelled the hidden forces to a knowledge of sanitation or the techdo our bidding. Neither gasoline nor petroleum was known to the great Cornique of quarantines. The state fire marshal's office will also sican. The effect of their utilization upon the progress of the last half cen-

be abolished if the Governor has his way. and this will cause no worry, because no one except the state fire marshal has any knowledge of the duties with which legislative rumor credits that official. It is to be hoped that the Legislature

brought the ends of the earth into familiar converse with one another and have will share the Governor's enthusiasm in done much toward revealing to the comrelation to the Delaware bridge project.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Defense of the Seniority Rule by a Man Who Believes in It-Record of Camdenites in the Navy

Washington, D. C., March 12.

SUTTING around a big table, as President Wilson and the Peace Council have been doing in Paris, the members of the Republican Committee on Committees of the House of Representatives have been con-ferring since Congress adjourned in an effort to provide suitable committee, places for the 238 Republican members who are coming into the Sixty-sixth Congress. Mr. Mann, of Illinois, the floor leader, who was beaten for Speaker by Mr. Gillett, of Massachusetts, has been acting as chairman. although all parties to the recent speakership contest have been represented about the board. Under the scheme of representation' agreed upon at the general party conference, Mr. Moore, of Pennsylvania, has been casting the highest number of votes and Mr. Mondell, of Wyoming, the lowest. Mondell speaks for one Representative and Moore for twenty eight.

Although the big Republican states are being considered for the nrst time in accordance with their voting population: it is conceded that they have been fair and generous to the smaller states, notwithstanding the announcement by Mr. Long-

worth, of Ohio, that the system is bad. Up to date the assignments to committees indicate that there will be very little chance to override the report of the Committee on Committees when it gets back to the Republican conference. 'If what the committee is doing is sustained, as is now confidently believed, there will be little cause for insurgency. The so-called "old guard" has done no boasting about its apparent control of the House committee situation. It has simply gone forward to get rid of the work and to make the assignments as justly as possible. Pennsylvania, under this arrangement, will probably fare better than it has ever done m the history of the Republican party. All the Philadelphia members will be on first-

class committees, while quite a number of Pennsylvanians will secure chairmanships.

AWORD or two about the so-called senior-ity rule and what it means in practice. If the Longworth idea were to prevail and committees should select their own chairman the result as to the Ways and Means Committee, for instance, might be disastrous. Every new member coming to Washington for the first time and anxious to impress the folks at home with the extent of his influence strives to get on the Ways and Means or some other big committee at the start, If by reason of deaths, transfers or vacancies, the Ways and Means Committee, being entitled to fifteen Republican members against ten Democrats, should be cut down to six Republicans, which is now the case, the nine new Republicans coming fresh from the country, anxious for honors, but without experience, could organize, elect their own chairman and take the work into their own hands. If the seniority rule were broken, judging from the clamorous demands of new members, that very thing would probably happen to the existing Ways and Means Committee, and the six men who have served for many terms, gradually equipping themselves for the big work ahead, would be turned out for the incoming raw and untried aspirants. It is not too much to say, even of men elected upon the Republican ticket that the element of selfishness and personal ambition has not entirely died out in this year

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never looked a dotted line in the face. As to Russia

Please be careful to "return" them Our mind runs a good deal on Russia these days. The tragic downfall and agony fire's glow, of that unhappy country are a stain on And from the eyes I love best, all I need ion that nothing can wash away We have discovered a new poet, Pete Sepchenko, a young Russian-American, who came in to call on us yesterday. He left with us a little notebook of his writings, inscribed "All these poems and proses are written by Pete Sepchenko." Pete used to work down at Hog Island, but was laid off when work slackened down there after the armistice. Now he is looking for a job. We have read some of his poems with much interest. They seem to us to convey something of the brooding and melancholy spirit of the Russian heart. Remember, please, that they were written in a tongue comparatively unfamiliar to the author, and see if you don't agree with us that they convey a deeper message which excuses the faults of technique. Here is one: In Dark and Deep Woods In dark and deep woods far away Where lonesomeness and sadness stay Among the great big and tall pines, My dreams were of the long ago When I was young. Among the wines tors. I spent my happy days all through. My mother often had kissed me And put to bed for night to rest And morning greetings 1 would see When mother comes to me at last, And kisses sweetly on my chin And says to me, "My little son, I dearly love you best to none." But now I am lost and gone forever, My youth and strength, both I have lost, And peace of mind I now have never. I have no home to rest my soul, Must suffer down upon this frost. they? My supper I have none at all, Must starve with hunger down to death Beneath the shade of lonesome pine. I've lived here all that I must let My life get final end in line. Then I will have my peace of mind! PETE SEPCHENKO. Albert Mordell reports that he is in Palm Beach. We have always maintained that the life of a lawyer is the right one. Who ever heard of a newspaper man in Palm SOCRATES. Beach? * It might be said in a general way that Wagnerian opera is almost as unpopular now as it was twenty years ago. Some Americans with a gloomy eye on July 1 are reversing the old proverb by saving up for a dry day. There isn't a doubt in the world that it will be a "rough" draft which Germany will be handed when her delegates go to Vernailles. The Mann power of the House took an other significant slump when Mr. Mondell, of Wyoming, became the Republican floo veteran operator in our office who used to take Mr. Gibbs's dispatches over the wire saia is said to be illiter

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The wording of the Lodge resolution the effect that the covenant in "its t form" is inacceptable comprises a handiest little proviso ever inserted obstructionary broadside.

the draft which Mr. Wilson brought with him contained several sigblank spaces, which must be in for the agreement to become

the other words, the document "may get ver it, but it will never look the same." even the presidential "obstinacy" be able to prevent the inevitable subion of words for dashes. The procmay involve functuation revisions. ew comma would be an alteration. ming of semicolons would remove

whaps the hearts and souls of other rty-niners" may be suddenly moved enthusiasm for a world league when sentiments of indispensable constitancies are recognized.

HOW MUCH DO YOU OWE?

HE eighty-five thousand helmets purhaned by the Victory Loan managet for a dollar were not cheap. Apart their cost in humanity, the amount treasure poured forth for their acquiwas colossal, but even up to date r title to those steel caps is not yet . The fourth Liberty Loan furnished a portion of the necessary sum. ill owe for these specimens of Hun and others like them. Subto the Victory notes will help cably to make up the deficiency. helmets will make a fine showing ming campaign but satisfaction exhibit will not be legitimately without the conviction that paid for. The quickest way to mortgage on them is to sub to the short-term notes.

TENDSHIP AND POLITICS EEN the lines of Senator Vare's of the late Senator McNichol rial ceremonies in the State e was something more than

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nest man the brotherhood of the whole human race. We have penetrated the mysteries of the upper air and have brought down electricity from its secret spaces and used it for the wireless transmission of messages by signals, and even by the spoken voice.

We have invented the electric tele-

graph and the telephone, which have

tury would take volumes to tell.

And we have taken the destructive gases generated by volatile oils and put them into an engine by means of which whicles are propelled on the highroads. And more remarkable still, the forces of within sight. gravity have succumbed to a greater power, and these engines have carried

and are carrying man about in flying machines above the clouds at an incredible speed.

The internal combustion engine is one of the greatest marvels of invention of all time. And it is still in its infancy, The automobile would be impossible without it. It is likely to produce almost as great a revolution in water traffic as was brought about by the perfection of

the marine engine driven by steam. The Great Eastern was a commercial failure for the reason that its engines

and the coal to supply the steam filled so much space that there was no room left for a profitable cargo. The amount of space occupied by an internal combustion engine and its fuel is so small that a ship equipped with one has its

hold almost wholly free for freight. When the inventors begin to give their attention to developing the engine for ocean use steam is likely to disappear rom the sea. The engine is used for all sorts of

purposes on land. Many small factories use no other power. It is used on farms to drive machinery, to pump water and to haul plows in the field, displacing horses and wind power.

But its greatest use is in automobiles. This is why the statement with which we began this article is true. There are three and a half million automobiles in daily use in the United States at the present time. Twenty years ago there were only ten thousand.

Every owner of an automobile is an mateur machinist. He knows something of the principles of mechanics and he can talk learnedly about differentials and crank shafts and gaskets and cotter pins and universal joints and horsepower and compression and gear boxes whether he knows much about them or not. He does know enough to operate his car, which, now that the inventors have simplified the processes, is so easy

to manage that the fool, even though he ride, cannot blunder very much, the cynic might say that the p ar is an admirable device for

It is generally understood that there will be some opposition to this great enterprise, just as there was frantic opposition to the introduction of trolley cars and gaslight. The Governor seems determined to put all the weight of his in fluence behind the plan, and if he refuses to be dismayed he may get the appropriation bills through before adjournment, thus catching up with New Jersey and bringing a Delaware bridge actually In a general way, the Governor re-

veals an alert mind and the energy of early days in a new office. It may be regretted that in reference to laws for the conservation of the state's resources there was no random word to encourage those who are working unselfishly for the tiny appropriation asked by the Mothers' Assistance Fund and that the

plans for a revision of the state charter are still indefinite. Many of the reforms pending in cities like Philadelphia, notably the elimination

of the outworn and obstructive system of petty magistrates, must wait in the final analysis on a revised state constitution. The Governor again recommends the appointment of a commission to study the situation and report in 1921. The Governor's plan for a state Art Jury is timely and it ought to be supported, unless the communities of the

state wish to be weighted down with a lot of factory-made monstrosities paraded as war memorials. All in all, the program is sensible, feasible and progressive. The legistators should fully co-operate to make it a

success. In a way Germany Ludendorff's should be satisfied. Prophecy Verified When she began her spring drive in 1918.

was her conviction that she would be sitting down at the peace table with the Entente within less than a year. And that she will be doing, if the Berlin rumor that the parleys with the belligerents will begin on March 20 is true. It will then be just one day less than a year since

Ludendorff started to "end it all." And he did. After the first of July look for an agitation for a Liberal Monday.

New England seems in a mood to vote itself wet. And it was in New England that the Puritans landed!

The Peace Conference, being unable to punish the Kaiser, will brand him as the "arch criminal of history." The world will not like to see Wilhelm escape. But it will feel some resentment, certainly, to see him thus formally flattered.

existing Committee on Committees. made up of older members of the House, has stood against the abolition of the seniority rule, and to that extent has sustained precedent and probably stemmed the tide of insurgency.

of our Lord, 1919.

WASHINGTON hears that Colonel George Montgomery, for many years the commandant of the Frankford Arsenal, has become engaged to marry Miss Clara Babbitt Hyde, of New York. Colonal Montgomery made a splendid record for efficiency at the Frankford Arsenal and for saving the government money. He was one of the leading experts on small arms ammunition manufacture, but during the war was as signed to special work in Italy and France. It is understood the War Department is expecting him to take care of the ordnance situation at Augusta, Ga.

Now that the war is over and the army doings are fairly well reported, it is not unnatural that friends of the navy should have an occasional look-in. Admiral Harry B. Wilson, who did such efficient work in France, where he was in command of the American naval forces, has brought a good deal of glory to Camden, where he was born and where his mother still resides, but another young Camdenite has also been doing things in the navy. He is Lieutenant Commander Guysbert B. Vroom, a nephew of Richard Campion, of the Union League, who was executive officer of the destroyer Benham and served about nine months in the submarine zone with headquarters at Queenstown. Commander Vroom is a son of the late Judge Vroom. of Camden. He was appointed to Annapolis in 1907.

SYLVESTER S. GARRETT, the South Third street paper man, has a letter from General Leonard Wood concerning the value of home defense companies. Mr. Garrett thinks the home defense reserve should continue to function, and General Wood says it should be kept up until we have something to take its place. That something is universal military training. The General urges that industrial training be combined with military training.

THE Pen and Pencil Club boys will be giad to know that Augustine H. Butterworth is able to sit up and take notice at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, But Mr. Butterworth, like all other men in the hotel business, including Mr. Frazier, tha distinguished member of the fraternity at Broad and Walnut streets, has had some concern recently about what to do with such wet goods as may not be disposed of by July 1. When the states ratified phibition amendment they certainly for the bonifaces a low interesting for the b

Just as though you worked to earn them. . . If wife (or husband) earns separately. Separate returns from she (or he). Every wife that a fellow owns Lightens his load by 1000 bones. . . Distinguish, or you will be hotly pursued, Income received from income accrued. . . Be careful, or the collector will be horribly peeved, To include all income "constructively" ceived. . . You may not be "authorized to administer an oath," But if you know two good blasphemies, you might say them both. . . If you send in a fraudulent, freakish return You may justly expect in Gehenna to burn. . . Breathes there a man with an income so dead Who never to himself hath said, "The thing that horribly puzzles me Is the amount of item 14 (b)" . . You may omit from your tragic computions All your charitable contributions. . . The collector, in a moment of kind effervescence, Grants "reasonable allowance for obso lescence." . . If you've charged off your son-in-law as a bad debt Be careful this item in red ink to set. . . . If you don't make a note of each coupor as you clip it You might as well buy some carbolic and sip It. . . A good way to make time go fast while commuting Is study that schedule on surtax computing . . Report'all your bonuses from corporations Or you will be outcast from the league of nations. . . If the answer seems wrong, don't attempt to correct it: You can't: the collector will never expect it! The Tax-Pilgrim's Progress We have got, without appreciable loss of sleep, as far as the question, "If so, what address did you give on that return?" The finest tribute to Phillip Gibbs that we have heard is this: Bill Nye, the

to know. And hours shall slip to embers. And on the hearth lie; And every wind that blew me And every want die. Then I shall take the hand I love best, and turn to sleep; And, if God wills, at dawn wake, again, to laugh or weep. -Cale Young Rice, "Songs to A. H. R."

The report that Karl Hapsburg will make his choice of a place of exile between Switzerland and Spain suggests that he is a creature of singular daring, for that mid-region can be none other than the domain of the French republic.

Despite George Creel's announced in-tention to return to private life, he⁻ is likely to remain for some time a topic of public discussion by war historians and a goodly array of less official commenta-

What Do You Know? OUIZ 1. Who is called the "Grandmother of the Russian Revolution"? 2. To what class of musical instruments does the lute belong? 3. Why is magenta color so-called? 4. What does the word Bible mean and from what is it derived? 5. How many English monarchs belonged to the House of Tudor and who were 6. How many barrels make a hogshead? 7. What is the meaning of the Scotch word mickle? 8. What well-known American editor has been appointed Minister to Denmark? 9. What is the meaning of the Italian phrase "ben trovato"? 10. What is the largest city in Vermont? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz . 1. The great transcontinental railway across Australia was completed during the war. 2. Titus Oates was a notorious English impostor and conspirator, fabricator of the "Poplah Plot." His dates are 1649-1705. The trade winds blow from tropic belts of high pressure toward the equatorial belt of low pressure, from the north-east in the northern hemisphere and from the southeast in the southern. They are exceedingly regular. 4, Alfred E. Smith is Governor of New York state. 5. Ilollo in the island of Panay is the sec-ond largest city in the Philippines. The capatan of a ship is a revolving de-vice, with axis vertical, used for heav-ing in lines. ing in lines. 7. Prosper Merimes wrote the story of "Carmen" in its original form. Thomas P. Gore represents Oklahoma in the Senate.
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