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SETTLE THE TEXTILE STRIKE! ANY ONE who looks twice at the tex-tile strike in Kensington must realize that it has grown to be a grievous labor disturbance. As it stands it suggests that human reason is futile, that we in this city are not observing right ideals of industrial co-operation and that, while force and attrition have been utterly discredited everywhere else in the world as means to a rational end. force and attrition still are to prevail in labor disputes in America.

Immeasurable hardship and endless loss have resulted so far from the deadlock created between the mill owners and their employes. Each side is being accused by the other of being stiffnecked, irreconcilable and unfair. The faith of many thousands of people in our native ability to live and work in amity and good will is being shaken and destroyed, and there is a sense of bitterness and despair not only among those who are participants in the dispute, but among many who are merely thoughtful observers of the situation.

The strike has gone too far.

Those who may be responsible for it, whether on one side or the other or on both sides, are doing a great deal of harm beyond the circle of their own interests. The agencies of mediation provided by the federal government have been disregarded. The trouble, whatever it actually is, should be brought out into the light and discussed and adjusted without any further delay in the interest of the community, the workers and the business men themselves, and, above all, for the good name of this great industrial city.

SAFEGUARD THE PEDESTRIAN

THE swinging-sign menace worked its inexcusable and familiar havoc during last week's destructive gale. The pedestrians who were injured by these excrescences were not directly victims of an "act of God," but an act of man, a dangerous act which has long lacked adequate regulation in this city. The heavy projecting signs which so disfigure many of our streets that they look like thoroughfares in a "rube town" are always likely to come crashing to the pavement when a severe wind blows. The fact is perfectly well known, and yet the abuse continues. If the esthetic reason for removing these blatant perils is regarded as insufficient, surely the harm that they work ought to be enough to condemn them. Respect for the "safety-first" principle may be helpful to the citizen in some instances. It may teach him to avoid recklessness with regard to autos and trolley cars, but he hasn't a chance when the wind rips heavy metal signs from their moorings. Artistic and personal security on our streets will both be enhanced if a ban on the overhead disfigurements is effectively enforced.

present business is liable at any time to be interrupted by strikes of the men operating the water craft, and in a cold winter the ice blocks the river to such an extent that the operation of the craft is seriously interrupted, if not suspended altogether.

Because of these pleas the New York Senate has appropriated \$1,000,000 as the state's share for preliminary work | tana, broke into tears as she voted for on the tunnel. The lower house is expected to agree to the appropriation. The New Jersey Legislature has set aside a similar sum for its share of the preliminary work.

The port of Philadelphia suffers under no such handicap. There is room on the Philadelphia side of the Delaware for more piers than have been built, and those that we now have are easily accessible from every business house in the

When New York admits its disadvantages is the time for Philadelphia to exploit its advantages so that every shipper in the country may be aware of them.

A NEW ERA FOR WOMEN IS BEGINNING AT PARIS

Universal Suffrage May Yet Be Accepted as a Constructive Principle in the Process of World Readjustment

ENDLESS mental readjustments will he necessary in politics and in statesmanship after peace is signed. But in relation to women's place in the newordered world civilization will have to revise virtually all of its inherited opin-

The acknowledgment by the Peace Conference of women's right to representation on its subsidiary committees and in the councils to be established under a league of nations is not in the least surprising. Such recognition comes in obedience to an overwhelming drift of popular opinion abroad. When the world has a moment or two for cool and rational observation it will perceive that the causes of feminism have been carried forward with amazing swiftness by the war.

Universal suffrage must be regarded now as an imminent reality. And, though it will represent an experiment as great as the institution of democratic government, it is to be regarded not merely as a movement in political evolution, but as a departure certain to have profound effects upon the moral, ethical and spiritual life of the times immediately ahead.

Only those who think in routine forms have supposed that it was restlessness or curiosity that prompted women to agitate for the vote. The demand for the franchise represents nothing but the unspoken and sometimes subconscious desire of women everywhere to meet life upon even terms and to face the problems of their new existence with a proper equipment. They have been driven out into the world by the force of economic evolution. Often enough they have had to take their children with them into the fight. Many of the tasks that occupied them in the old-fashioned seclusion are now performed in factories. The pressure of living costs, the demands and opportunities of industry have made their places at home less secure and less

inviting. The war quickened the efforts and the imagination of women everywhere and brought them responsibilities as heavy as those that usually fall to men. Inen desire for a voice in legislation. for influence in the places where laws are made that regulate their own lives and the lives of their children is not the result of the sort of perversity which standnat politicians love to talk about. It represents, rather, a definite effort for self-preservation.

tics have gone blunderingly at times and at times they have been futile and naive. But they have been experimenting with an unfamiliar method and they have been hampered by a very great virtue of their own-a habit of thinking in fundamentals. Thus the sages at Washington smiled charitably when Miss Jeanette Rankin, the Representative from Mon-

American participation in the war. But what is modern war that a people should engage in it without bitter regret? The lady from Montana wept, doubtless, because some ancient instinct told her war was infinitely cruel and wrong and wasteful and, above all, in-Would mankind be poorer or richer if, elsewhere and in other governments, there had been statesmen who could feel

lomatic madhouses? Miss Rankin's tears were much written about, and it is probable that they served to end her political career. And yet her instinctive judgment and her revulsion from the hideous prospect of a war like the last one may, in the end, have been founded in a sort of sanity that long ago departed from a great many statesmen who still can think of war without any sense of its essential

barbarity. The worst that men can say about suffrage represents an extraordinarily sweeping indictment of men themselves. "Women," almost any immovable party politician will tell you, "will always vote as their husbands tell them to. If they don't vote as their husbands

tell them to vote they will vote the way they think the men will vote. So they shouldn't have the ballot!" The hope of the world nowadays is that women will not vote always as their husbands vote. And it isn't likely that they will. For women are being educated not only in the colleges, but in shops and factories in their struggle for a living. They seem to know a great

deal more than they used to about the maladjustments and the faults of modern politics and modern society. And they have gone about their fight for the franchise as if they mean to set some of these things right-or die.

FRANCE IMPERILING PEACE FALSE to the terms upon which the armistice was signed, and false there-

fore to her own plighted word and that of her allies and her enemy, is the demand of France that the peace treaty shall authorize her expansion into the Saar basin.

The eighth of Mr. Wilson's fourteen points, which with two exceptions formed the basis of the truce, expressly stated that the invaded portions of France should be restored and that the wrong inflicted upon her by Prussia "in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine" should e righted.

The justice of these claims is incontestable, but any further territorial ex-" pansion would be a deathblow to the whole moral fiber of the Paris conference. The Saar Valley, lying just bevond the Lorraine frontier, is an immensely rich coal field and denials that

this is why the region is coveted are obviously unconvincing.

Justification is sought in the scroll of history, but such tactics if approved are guaranteed to throw the whole process of world reconstruction into hopeless confusion. It is true that a portion of the Saar country, including Saarlouis, the birthplace of Marshal Nev, was French from the reign of Louis XIV until after the battle of Waterloo. It is true that France possessed the town of Saarbruck from 1793 until 1815 and Saarburg from 1727 until 1815. But it is true also that the Counts of Nassau. Saarbruck and the electors of Treves were masters of parts of that rich country before the seventeenth century. Long previous to that cycle the Roman eagles were predominant. Before their sway Celtic and Gothic barbarians had possession. A statute of limitations in any case in which the testimony of history is invoked must be recognized if boundary questions are to be saved from utter absurdity. Arguing by analogy, the French policy would justify the return of the American colonies to Great Britain or, pursuing the matter still further, it would give validity to the still earlier wholesale partitioning of the Americas between Spain and Portugal. The principle upon which civilization

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

The Pension Committees and the Multitude of Youthful "Veterans"-U. S. Employment Service in Disfavor

Washington, March 31. SO MANY new war associations are being formed that the term "veteran" is coming to be susceptible of analysis. The younger generation, accustomed to apply the term to the disappearing members of the Grand Army of the Republic, almost hesitate to regard the boys on crutches who come back from the French trenches as veterans. And Colonel J. Campbell Gilmore comes along with plans for the fifty-eighth anniversary of the "veteran corps" of the First Regiment Infantry. Think of it! Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, veterans of the Spanish American War, veterans of the war in Europe- all veterans now, from the eightcon-year-old youngster of today to the octogenarian who fought under Grant. There are two committees in the House of Representatives which look after the veterans, the Committee on Invalid Pensions, which has jurisdiction over the cases of Civil War veterans, and the Committee on Pensions, which cares for those who engaged in sub-

sequent wars. New members of Congress, given a choice between these two committees, prefer the Pensions over that of Invalid Pensions. It emphasizes the sad fact that the veteran of the Civil War has been very generally cared for, or that his influence is passing away.

CRANK B. MCCLAIN'S hot shot at the

r United States employment service is in line with what seems to be the majority sentiment in Congress. Secretary Wilson. who started this service and put it largely in the hands of experienced labor men. asked for \$14,000,000 to continue it next year. That estimate was reduced subsequently, but the Committee on Appropriations concluded that the service was too expensive and made no provision for lt. Efforts in the House to obtain a \$10,000,000 appropriation, backed largely by the American Federation of Labor, failed to change the result. Unless Congress reconvenes in time to include this item in one of the appropriation bills the McClain idea of celegating the employment service to the states and their Councils of Defense will probably be the recourse.

 $N^{\rm O}$ MATTER what the outcome or the political alignment, there will still be a number of Philadelphia leaders who can talk sympathetically with the youngsters David H. Lane is still on deck with his personal reminiscences of the trying days of the Rebellion, and quite a number of his comrades of Post No. 2 who used to fraternize among the trophies in the G. A. R. headquarters above the old gas office at Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets are holding the fort with him. The ever-youthful ex-Governor Bunn, who made "a knapsack campaign" for Register of Wills before some of us were born, is also able to sit up and talk at campfires. Colonel George P. Morgan, who was pretty well shot up at Cold Hurbor, and Dick McCarter are all available for conference when the boys come back.

 $S^{\rm OME}$ of the Philadelphia produce men are coming to the rescue of Chief

Brand, of the Bureau of Markets, whose heart-burning. Land them in Philadelphia. service is criticized by the Produce Exchange. Ralph B. Clayberger, of C. Wil-

"WHAT MAKES YOU SO DARN SLOW?"



THE CHAFFING DISH

NOTICE TO READERS-When you finish read-ing this Chaffing Dish place a one-cent stamp on this notice atta many taw Disa to Lenise and Troteky. If enough bigh-minded people do this the Moncow soviet will be kept so busy that the Peace Conference will have a chance to stop apologizing to the Bolanevisis for wanting to set We are not so sure about that, but it gives us an excuse to print another of Sepchenko's contributions. Pete Pete writes us from Ottsville, Pa., that he has been sick and is still looking for a job In the meanwhile he has tossed off the following: The government will find it much easier

Parting

to get those new 50,000 volunteers wanted for foreign service if it can assure them Tis my home I'm hunting out here Where I left it before I was gone. that they won't have to be met by the Hearst-Hylan outfit when they get back to 'Tis my home and my comfort and cheer My Ellanore my daughter my own. She was pretty and charming and sweet. And by the way, since the soldiers re-Here I left her before I was gone, turning via New York object so strenu-ously to the personnel of the Hearst-Hylan And my wife. I have left her here too, With sad smile on her face she had on, committee, there is one sure cure for this And my heart I had broken in two, On departure on which I was gone. Broken hearted I kissed Ellanore With hot tears rolling down my cheeks,

in an upper berth.

have gone well.

Just About

Room Enough

Linguistic Keys

to Ownership

the dispatches from Paris.

Add succinct songs:

she gets off.

on the jo

ble.

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for democracy when the price of prunes fluctuates so? We learn that while prunes

How is the world going to be made safe

"ice-cream cabaret" presages a return to

ominates over Elsass; while Saar, the

German form of Sarre, appears even in

right, old top. Your loss is our gain.

And we'll all celebrate tomorrow

And we quite forgot up until the last

Germany having announced where she

Mr. Taft's daily course proves that he

It was perplexing to encounter the big

Notwithstanding her historic repug-

nance to monarchy, Philadelphia is rap-turously determined to give a royal wel-some to the Iron Division.

would rather be right than President; and,

because the populace loves courage, he may be both.

wind when Congress was not in session, until we remembered that Lenine was still

tands, the Allies will again tell her where

couple of days what a windy guy March is.

Taft

Laughed.

the old policy of "haif portions.

In spite of a whole year's agitation on

WOODEN SHIPS

THEY are remembering forests where they grew: The midnight quiet and the giant dance; And all the singing summers that they

knew Are haunting still their altered circumstance

Leaves they have lost, and robins in the nest.

Tug of the friendly earth denied to ships,

These, and the rooted certainties, and rest-To gain a watery girdle at the hips.

Only the wind that follows ever a t; They greet not as a stranger on their ways:

But this old friend, with whom they drank and laughed. Sits in the stern and talks of other days, When they had held high bacchanalia

still.

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conclusive. similarly about it before they issued their edicts and doomed millions through secret orders to their vassals in the dip-

WHAT THE POLL SHOWED SUCH opposition as there is in America to the league-of-nations plan was strongest in the East. The poll just completed by this newspaper indicates that in this typical eastern community the people are two to one in favor of modernizing the system of international relationships in the manner proposed by the American delegates at Paris.

The peace treaty will be ratified by the Senate.

Ours is still a government of the people.

Collective opinion in the United States has never been founded on mistaken judgments of men or issues.

Bigots, cliques, political mandarins and the ivied mind are given plenty of freedom because we are a liberal. minded people.

But they never prevail in a crisis.

NEW YORK ADMITS IT

THE arguments presented to the New York Legislature in support of an appropriation for a tunnel for business vehicles connecting New York city with New Jersey should be interesting to Philadelphian.

The New York business men said that they were seriously handicapped by the fact that the city is on an island. In stormy winter weather it is difficult for them to get their commodities across the Hudson River from New Jersey. The lers on the New York shore are not al to the demands made on them, and the port is to meet the competition of e other Atlantic ports it must be made er for drays and motortrucks to get

If equal suffrage is wrong then modern industrialism is wrong. For one must be the direct result of the other.

Anti-suffragists have insisted that when women vote many of the qualities of heart and mind and spirit that they contribute as dominating moral forces to modern civilization must suffer deterioration by the contacts of matter-of-fact competition in the places where life is hard and unsheltered.

In England it has been found that as women have acquired independence and the status of "industrial entities" they have not been slow to revolt against many of those domestic institutions which were founded upon their earlier humility and their habits of isolation at home. Where this trend will lead no one knows. A society which complacently accepted all the conditions that made women's competition with men imperative can only hope for the best.

That best may be far better than even the most optimistic suffragists have dared to vision for themselves. The ultimate contest, when it comes in politics and in the common life of peoples, will be between the inherent spirituality and conservatism of women and the cynical materialism that mars much of the governmental and political philosophy of the present days. It will not do to say that what is best in this instance is certain of defeat and despoliation. The qualities that are good and great have a habit of surviving in this world against all tides.

All women are naturally conservative and in their own narrower circle their lives are consecrated to right principles.

Much of the strength of America comes as a spiritual gift from the small homes in which women have always served with their unbelievable patience and their love of decent and aspiring things and their gifts of tenderness. One must be practiced in cynicism who will suppose that such ancient attributes as these can be destroyed by contact with a busy world. Isn't it more logical to believe that the spirit of womanhood may rise more splendidly to the chal-

lenge, that it is unconquerable upon an

was to be revived, when France, with the rest of the nations that helped to save her, agreed to make peace, supposedly

involved no sympathy for such pernicious nonsense. It is equally antagonistic to such trickery as that by which France now seeks to grab the Saar basin. It had no patience with any game to keep Poland landlocked. It has none now, but how can the iniquitous German maneuvering to prevent the bestowal of justice on Poland be honestly combated if France should stain the victory of decency and right with selfish aggression? Deviation from the perfectly clear intent of the fourteen points regarding

territorial aggrandizement is calculated to plunge the Peace Conference into moral anarchy. France has suffered cruelly from the war, but any superficial grandeur she may gain through greed will be an evil sham, as was Germany's. Moreover, any peace treaty which will tolerate the scheme now afoot will not only in the end imperil France, but all

of mankind. A cynical peace with the original high principles ignored. can bring naught but a breathing spell before another cosmic tragedy.

Franklin D. Roosevelt is authority for the statement that there are 4000 more men working in the navy yards of th country than there were when the armi stice was signed. Which would seem to indicate that the administration is still piers on the Jersey shore. At women so far in their advent in roli. working toward its goal of the largest

Divand's Sone and Hater W among them. The Bureau of Markets obtains very large appropriations and keeps a large force in the field and in several instances has run counter to the operation of the exchanges which have information oureaus of their own,

 $C_{\rm medical\ corps\ of\ the\ army,\ is\ one\ of\ the}^{\rm APTAIN\ JOHN\ S.\ SHARPE,\ of\ the}$ young physicians of the Main Line who abandoned their practice and made considerable sacrifice to serve in France. He sailed about eighteen months ago with the Fortysecond (or Rainbow) Division. During last winter he served on the west front, in the Vosges Mountains and in an era where gas was liberally used by the enemy and raids were of frequent occurrence. Later he served in the Chateau-Thierry drive, and participated actively in the capture of the village of Sergy, where his dressing station was the farthest advanced in the division

There he evacuated his wounded through a harrage of shell fire and exposure to the aim of snipers. He also participated in the St. Mihiel drive. He is now stationed with the University of Pennsylvania unit at Nantes. Captain Sharpe is a son of Rev. J. Henry Sharpe, late of the West Park Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. He ls a Princeton graduate and was also assoclated with the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his degree in medicine.

SELF-DETERMINATION for Ireland is being urged by Philadelphia members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and other devoted sons of "the old sod." James E. Diamond, Thomas Gorman, John Devlin and H. Gurk, from up around Frankford and Lehigh avenues, are among the many who are talking up Irish freedom. Representative Gallivan, of Massachusetts, and Editor McGuire, who returned from the Philadelphia convention of Irishmen, spoke in the highest terms of Irish hospitality in the Quaker City.

Criminal Thriftlessness

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York. An official who made the discovery said that in his opinion the onions had been left to rot in this manner in order to cause a scarcity in the market and keepsup prices. Cases such as this should be investigated to the limit, and if the charges are found he true the guilty persons should be pun-hed to the fullest extent possible within the law. These are not the days to be gentle-

hearted in such matters

hearted in such matters. Thriftlessness always is inexcusable. It becomes the most dangerous form of crimi-nality when applied to food. There is too much Bolshevism and nocial unrest in the air to make any form of food waste tolerable. Let the gentlemen who are trying to manipulate the food market by destroying edible products be brought to realize that they are shaking dice with volcanic forces of evil and destruction.

our part, the public persisted in turning its clock ahead on Sunday morning. Our contention was that this should have been done during office hours.

apologizing to the Bolshevists for wanting to matters straightened out, and perhaps peace be signed.

New York.

Omar Khayyam thought he had a pretty rough time, but what would he have sai if he had been alive now, coasting rapidly toward July 1st?

Does Scheidemann Snore?

When the imperial chancellery in Berlin was besieged by the Spartacans one of the grievances of the German statesmen was that they had to sleep two in a bed. The Berlin Neue Freie Presse says:

Scheidemann and one of his secretaries occupy the great double bed of the chancellor and his wife. Scheidemann protests angrly that he does not snore. Only Landsberg is venturesome enough to go home every night in spite of the Spartacans and in spite of the fact that he is easily identified by his remarkable red beard.

One of the strange things about snoring is that those who snore loudest cannot possibly be persuaded of that fact.

It is our guess that Lenine snores like a gatling gun.

According to the Berlin Neue Freie Presse, Lenine is reported to have said: "Among 100 Bolsheviki there are one idealist, twenty-nine criminals and seventy

Lenine ought to know.

Bill Shepherd, a correspondent for whom we have considerable respect, says: "I should hate to have to go back to Petro grad, into the homes of the working people I knew there, and try to tell them that Lenine and Trotzky were right. You'd take your life into your hands to do it."

My Tree

Some love the city's stir and stress, The noise, the lights, the crowds that

But I not here abide from choice; My heart e'er hears the country's voice. The whispering wood, the quiet glade, To walk therein my soul was mad

Since here a while I'm forced to dwell, The God Who doeth all things well-Though from my paradise I'm far-Has left for me one gate ajar; For from my window I can see My neighbor's fine old maple tree.

Within my neighbor's grounds it stands, Yet all its joys my soul commands. I watch in spring the leaves unfold, Its autumn hues of red and gold; And peace divine o'ercometh pain When on my tree I hear the rain.

In winter through its branches bare They chant, the spirits of the air, And tell me of the coming spring When buds will ope' and robins sing My gracious Father comforts me; It seems to bring Him near, my tree. MAUD FRAZER JACKSON.

When everybody writes his own poems says Sara Teasdale, two thirds of the mile ery of the world will flow away sloging.

Knowing well I would see her no more, And my wife in her heart she was weak Or dreamed among the stars on some tall From the sadness and sorrow in home. hill I had pressed her against my own heart, -David Morton, in the Bookman, With sad smile I had her alone With hot tear in my eyes I depart.

SOCRATES

The plan to turn the

drug-store space for-

phone booth into

merly occupied by a

Spelling may some-

times be a significant

French form,

guide. Alsace, the

A sprightly way to celebrate April I remember it well when I left, Fools' day in Amerongen tomotrow would be to address Mr. Hohenzellern as "His That my home and my family was here With the house that stood on the left, Majesty." Oh that beautiful home full of cheer! PETE SEPCHENKO.

Now that the theatre ticket brokers are to be taxed, it is evident that the bit-terly familiar phrase, "Nothing in front of the twentleth row," was spoken once ar "I nearly strangled myself in my braces, says Philip Gibbs, describing his first night He should have called them by our twice too often. American term, suspenders, and all would

The State Zoologist's bureau is busy experimenting to remove warts from po-tatoes. Wonder if they have tried Huck Finn's method-the black cut at midnight in a churchyard?

cost twenty cents a pound in Philadelphia, in San Francisco and Milwaukee they are Mr. Taft says in effect the league is a motor and not a brake on the charlot of only seventeen cents, and in New York and Pittsburgh they rise to the imperial peace. It is the truth, but we are glad to have it reiterated by so eminent an height of twenty-two cents. The first act of our own league of notions will be to stabilize the price of our favorite vegetaauthority.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ 1. Where is the city of Dantzie which Po-

- land desires to possess? 2. What two dukes have been deprived of their British peerage, because of their German affiliations in the war?
- 3. What state has "sic semper tyrannis" (thus always to tyrants) for its motio?
- What river in South America is next in size to the Amazon?
- 5. Who was Paul Veronese and what was his real name?
- 6. Who wrote "Silence gives consent"?
- Wireless to Father Time: It's all '7. What is a "clinker-built" boat?
 - 8. What is an aquamarine?
 - 9. When and in what country are pins said o have been invented?
- 10. What is the "fleche" of a church? After March with her gale, April is almost certain to be a raining favorite.
 - Answers to Saturday's Quiz
 - 1. The United States acquired California by conquest in the Maxican War, re-taining possession by purchase as pro-vided for in the peace treaty.
 - 2. M. Sauvestre, of Bonnetable, France, w the architect of the Eiffel Tower.
 - 5. Puce is defined as "flea-color," purple brown, the word "puce," meaning flea in French
 - Auctorial ; of, or pertaining to, an aut 5. Seventy per cent of the ships now m the American flag are owned by government.
 - 6. Edward de Valera is called by the Sinn Fein the "President of Ireland."
 - General Sir Frederick Maurice was rector of military operations for British general staff from 1915 un the spring of 1918.
 - 8. Rossini wrote the music of the oper "William Tell."
 - 9. The Arc de Triomphe in Paris celebrater the French victories of the wars of the French Revolution and the Napoleonia VATE.

10. John Adams was the first President to full of re-election,

fools ____ press;