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AN EIGHT-HOUR VICTORY CRITICISM of the women's eight-hour bill offered by the legislative committee of the Chamber of Commerce has a friendly tone and is, in effect, a declaration in support of the measure.

THE THING TO DO The plan of Select Councilman Ulrich to relocate the street car tracks on Old York road and build sidewalks while the street is regraded and paved is so good that there can be no serious opposition to it.

QUAKERS AND WORLD DESIRE THERE was nothing new in the anti-war sentiments expressed by the Orthodox Friends in a session of their yearly meeting here yesterday, but the circumstances under which they were uttered have no parallel in the past.

SPANISH PRIDE AND THE PACT NATIONAL consciousness in Spain is much older than that in most of the other countries of continental Europe. It was an intense and vital sentiment when Italy, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands as organized governments were unborn and while France was partitioned in the violent wars of religion.

So, altogether, it is not too much to say that the men of the Iron Division are bringing more than victory home from France. They are bringing intimations of a rule of life and human relations.

Europe. Her statesmen cherish it. And yet they are the first of any of the neutral nations to solicit entrance into the world league. In a letter addressed to the President by the Spanish ambassador in Paris hearty acceptance of the covenant idea is registered even before the plan takes final form.

WHY THE IRON DIVISION BRINGS MORE THAN VICTORY It uplifts the Clean Code of the Soldier to Challenge Leaders in Civil Life

AMONG politicians, in business, wherever the theorists gather and give tongue, there is endless talk of the returning soldier. Much of it is aimless. Most of it is futile.

Before long the Iron Division will be reviewed in Philadelphia. Any politician who wants to save his soul, any man in business who happens to feel befogged in new confusion, could do better than look to their colors as you look to a light in darkness.

What civilization needs, and needs badly, is the viewpoint of these Americans who found in the weight of a great responsibility a new sympathy and new understanding. Soldiers in the army sloughed off old delusions. They escaped the mean and petty concerns that degrade and confuse existence for many of us. They became men.

He Wouldn't Stay Home! One Philadelphia girl, Miss Cora Duffy, Mayor Smith's confidential secretary, has been filling the Mayor's job, and another, Miss Cecelia P. Bass, is admitted to the bar of the United States court.

Quite So President Wilson's warning to the peace delegates that the world expects action, rather than words suggests that it is like a professional diplomat to talk too little before a war and too much after one.

They also serve who win the distinguished service medal at home.

Changes in the German general staff haven't occurred for some time. It's still bread.

That Camden baby who swallowed furniture polish applied it in the wrong place if it wished to shine in society.

The schoolboy at least will heartily indorse any revisions in the league covenant that make for compression of wording.

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THE SEDITION BILL WHATEVER is meant, hidden, furtive, bigoted or virulent in social and political propaganda should be put down consistently and mercilessly in this country. The very generosity of America and the American people and the greatness of the ideal symbolized in our form of government and actually realized in the service we have done in Europe make a traitor seem more despicable here than he could be anywhere else on the planet.

Law in this country is law because it represents, and always will represent, the collective will of the majority. It is always safe and always beyond attack.

THE citizens are reminded that to enforce the laws, and the advertisement announces that the Council and the Mayor believe that the mere statement of their intention to enforce the laws impartially is all that is necessary to induce the citizens to co-operate with them.

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The ease with which revolutions are consummated nowadays seems to have made Felix Diaz of Mexico actively envious.

No blue laws can make this coming Sunday any bluer than it will be for William Hohenzollern, for that day is the second anniversary of America's entry into the war.

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DETROIT, which has a reform administration, has already begun to adopt the policy of government in the open, on the theory that the way to correct abuses is to tell the truth about them.

It is announced that the board of assessors has the power to assess any person or corporation failing to make a statement on such an amount as it believes to be proper.

THE advertisement reminds the owners of personal property that the man with possessions in the open must not be asked to bear a greater share of the tax burden than is fair; that the laborer and the mechanic cannot escape because all their income is plainly before the assessor; that real estate holders, corporations and merchants cannot escape because their property is where it can be seen.

In order to show the exact situation, the following summary of the number of personal taxpayers and the amount on which they paid last year is printed:

Number of individuals 1,490 Amount of taxable property \$10,000,000 Number of merchants 11,000 Amount of taxable property \$87,177,000 Number of corporations 2,295 Amount of taxable property \$23,758,770

Included in the property liable to personal assessments are household furniture, musical instruments, statuary, pictures and other works of art, the total value of \$500; jewelry, gold or silver plate and watches, horses and all vehicles save automobiles, all moneys represented by notes, all deposits in trust companies or with any corporation or individual, and all moneys on hand or in safe-deposit vaults, all sums or amounts due or to become due.

It is evident that the new broom in Detroit is sweeping clean regardless of the amount of a smudge it may stir up.

It is evident, too, that Mayor Couzens and the Council are not afraid to spend the public money in advertising in order to inform the people of the existence of abuses and of the determination of their servants to correct them.

DETROIT was rescued from the control of the professional ward heeler in the last municipal election. It is now engaged in cleaning out the accumulation of bad business methods which years of indifference to anything but spoils have piled up.

Governor Sproul's tonsils are swollen, but his head isn't.

General Wood deserves that distinguished service medal, but if he had let him go to France he might have won something bigger.

WHILE THERE'S LIFE



THE CHAFFING DISH

Before me, a registered subscriber for and for the state of Pennsylvania, the names of Philadelphia, personally appeared SOCRATES, who has been duly sworn according to law, and he swears that he is the publisher of THE CHAFFING DISH and that the following is a true statement of the ownership, management and circulation of the aforesaid publication:

Marc Antony Overdraws His Account IF YOU have coins, prepare to spend them now! You all do know this check-book. I remember the first time that I filed in all these stubs: 'Twas on a summer evening, in the suburbs. The day I overcame the grocer's bill. See what a rent the evil-wind landlord got! Through this the woe-betided gas-man stubbed. And, as he plucked his cursed steel away, Mark how the butcher and the plumber followed.

As rushing to my door, to be resolved. If Antony still had some balance left. For 'T was certainly that plumber's angel! See his indorsements on the checks I paid him!

And here's that coal bill— 'That was the most unkindest debt of all; For when my nervous banker saw that stub My deficit, more strong than my deposits, Quite vanquished my account; then burst my balance.

And, while the cashier nuffed up his face, Even at the base of his dread adding engine (Printing a row of digits in red ink) He demanded the check with insufficient Funds.

O pardon me, thou bleeding bank account, That I am meek and gentle with these butchers... O gentle balance, dost thou lie so low? But yesterday this little check-book might Have stood against the income tax. Now lies he there, And not a single check in him is valid.

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Desk Mottos Be reserved, but not sour; grave, but not formally bold, but not rash; humble, but not servile; patient, but not insensible; constant, not obstinate; cheerful, not light; rather sweet than familiar; familiar, than intimate; and intimate with very few, and upon very good grounds.

Our idea of a pleasant evening is one spent in watching Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew on the screen. We wonder why Sidney's face is so much more amusing than his brother John Drew's. Is it because John was born in Philadelphia and Sidney in New York?

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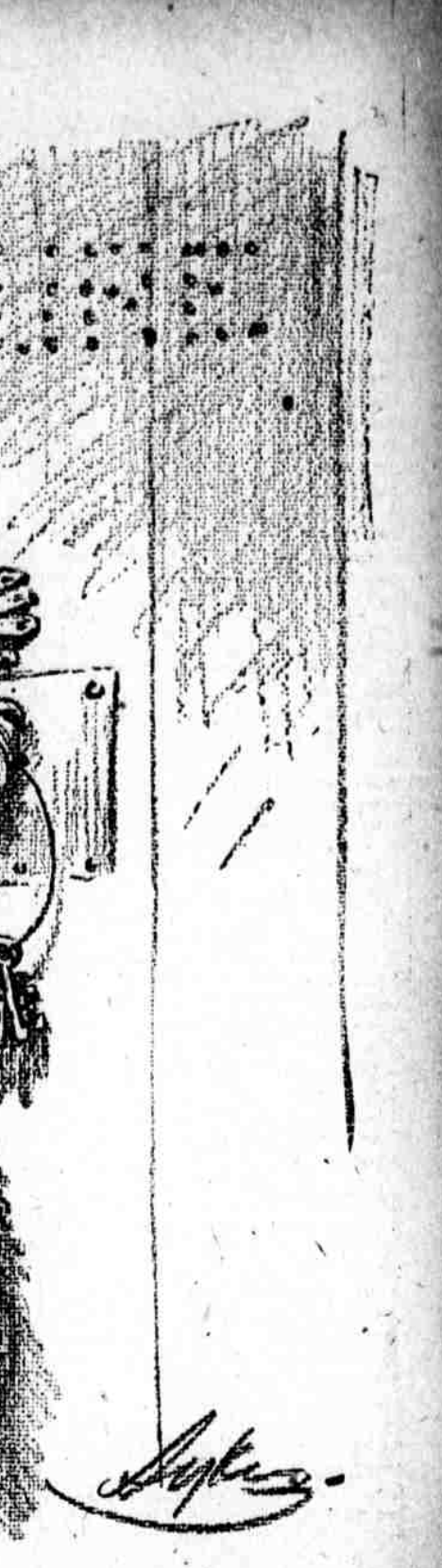
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FISHING TIME

THE spring's getting into my veins; I'm tired of roof trees and floors. The cobwebs are clouding my brains, I long for the great out of doors. A mouthful of keen salty air, In a world free from care. Oh, how I long to be there, When the founder comes out of the mud. It isn't that laziness put, Its seal on my overworked mind; I want to get out of the rut, Leaving duty and routine behind. Necessity's slave driven me, And its prodding I've patiently stood; But I'm longing to be near the sound of the sea. When the founder comes out of the mud.

Will Do Their Part in the Great Work of Reconstruction. Judge Evans, of Kentucky, still insists that the war is over, and cites the President's armistice announcement to Congress on November 11 that "the war thus comes to an end." We certainly hope that the President was right.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What city is most favorably considered for the seat of the league of nations?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. The two languages of Belgium are French and Flemish.

ARE you grumbling because some of our men are still in Europe? YOU know what you can do about it— Over-Subscribe the VICTORY LOAN It pays their passage home. BEGIN to save for it now.

One of the times when even the most placid feel uneasiness of Bolshevism is when they have been waiting twenty minutes in the limousine for a shave, and then observe all the aristocrats in the chairs making up their minds to have shampoos and vacuum cup massages.