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PROGRESS AND "UNCLE DAVE"

OUR own "Uncle Dave" Lane is an unusually alluring type of the mandarin in American politics.

"UP TO THE CUSTOMER" AGAIN

THE government, of course, will frown upon any extortion practiced in connection with the luxury tax.

ISOLATING THE MILITANTS

"NOTHING violent," cried a pundit of old times, "endures."

CLEMENCEAU'S CLEMENCY

lusions are not slain by the operation of capital punishment. On the contrary, they are apt to blossom with dangerous luxuriance.

Young Cottin was a peril to France, and he will be locked up.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF BEFORE OUR VERY EYES

Men Are Waiting Now as in Past Centuries for a Fall in Prices Which Never Came

THE man who is delaying business enterprise in the hope that prices will come down is very much like the man who sits on the shore of the ocean waiting for the water to dry up so that he can run his motorcar to Europe on the bed of the sea.

The economists who are familiar with the financial history of the world are telling us that prices have reached a new level, from which they are not likely to recede.

To skip the intervening years with their successive expansions of the amount of money in circulation due to new discoveries of the precious metals or other causes we come to the close of the nineteenth century, when within the memory of most adults the gold fields of South Africa, Cripple Creek and Alaska began to turn out their yellow flood, and when the invention of the cyanide process of mining made it possible to recover gold from ores that hitherto had been discarded.

Let us look a moment at the amount of money in circulation here at different periods. In 1800, for example, it was approximately \$2,000,000,000, or just short of \$27 per capita.

"Normal" conditions—that is, conditions like those preceding the war—are not likely to return.

All restrictions on the price of copper have been removed and it is now selling temporarily at about the price which it brought in 1914.

again the demand for copper in Europe will be followed by an increase in price, which is likely to raise it to the prevailing level with other commodities.

The moral of all this is that, save in exceptional cases, it is a mistake to delay new enterprises in the hope of a return to the price level before the war.

THE BOOM IN INSURANCE

MOST of the forecasts of business expansion in the United States have fallen short of the actual expansion.

Between 1870 and 1880 the life insurance business was in disgrace. The insurance companies were not properly supervised by the government.

A LOSER'S BATTLE CRY

THE National Civil Service Reform League, which will meet here today, deserves a place in legend with the boy who stood on the burning deck.

Politicians distrust intelligent criticism. They do not understand it. And from the ancient times man has inherited a fear of all things that he doesn't understand.

But Speech Was Golden

THE finished league covenant, say the most recent cable, will "satisfy all."

LESLIE W. MILLER ON THE SCHUYLKILL PLAN

Secretary of the Fairmount Park Art Association Replies to Joseph Pennell's Tart Criticisms

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Without wishing or intending to emulate either the only too obvious purpose of the not very kindly method of a correspondent who has written me as far as I am concerned, but who has already made very liberal demands on your good nature as well as your public spirit, may I be permitted to say in explanation of the proposed improvement of the Schuylkill embankments, advertised in the recently published report of the Fairmount Park Art Association, that so far from being a menace to either Bartram's Garden or the business interests which make at present such limited use of the facilities which the river offers, or ought to offer, the improvements have not only been planned as much with a view to developing these very features as to the beautification of the banks themselves?

The result was a plan for the development of the whole southwestern section of the city, which paid due regard to the much-needed but long-neglected facilities for the kind of water-borne traffic to which the river is adapted, as well as to the proper location of the embankments, the thoroughfares and all such matters of the intelligent and comprehensive consideration of which constitute the essential claim of the scheme to respect.

The Fairmount Park Art Association, in contrast to any other organization interested in the city's welfare, to whose attention they were brought, enthusiastically indorses Mr. Zantinger's plans, and it is a source of much gratification to note that many of the excellent suggestions embodied in them have been adopted in the municipal ordinances and to a considerable extent have actually been adopted by them as opportunities for such modifications of the city plan as they represented have arisen.

No one who is at all conversant with the work of the Fairmount Park Art Association or of any other single one of the many agencies which are active in promoting the best interests of the city, needs to be told that Bartram's Garden is one of the very first objects of its solicitude and will certainly be last to suffer through the accomplishment of any such project as the redemption of the much-abused and neglected Schuylkill may involve.

LLOYD GEORGE DISSECTED

THERE are few living men of whom more contradictory estimates have been recorded than of David Lloyd George.

"MR. AUGUSTUS JOHNSON'S notable canvas will tend to avoid the grosser kind of error concerning Mr. Lloyd George's character, as it is regarding one's own begins to understand why the man stands where he is today.

IT IS not the face of a great master of statescraft; the brain behind those rather skeptical eyes is quick and vigorous, but neither capacious nor subtle; it enjoys an intellectual game of draughts, but chess is rather beyond it.

THE fever of doing, the gust and passion of perpetual movement, the revolt against passivity are in his very blood. If thought is a malady, he is of all men the most healthy.

"TOO SLOW FOR ME!"



THE CHAFFING DISH

An Interview With Martha

VICTORY is a svelte young thing, raven black, without a white hair on her, she has her mother's delightful green eyes and is of a gentle disposition.

Desk Mottoes

What Do You Know?

EUGENE FIELD

NO GIFT his genius might have had. Of titles high in church or state. Could charm him as the one he bore. Of children's poet laureate.

He smiling pressed aside the bay. And laurel garlands that he won. And bowed his head for baby hands. To place a daisy wreath upon.

Oh, greater feat to storm the gates. Of children's pure and cleanly hearts. Than to subdue a warring world. By stratagems and doubtful arts!

So, when he laid him down to sleep. And earthly honors seemed so poor. Methinks he clung to little hands. The latest, for the love they bore.

A tribute paid by chanting choirs. And pealing organs rises high: But soft and clear, somewhere he hears. Through all, a child's low lullaby.

Get ready for the Victory Loan!

The David H. Lane is emphatically one which has no turning.

If the Philadelphia Sunday were ever a dull day, all the argument about it has quite deprived it of that rating.

The President should be an expert in "hammering ahead." There's very little on the subject of knocks with which he's unacquainted.