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STATE SOVEREIGNTY IMPERILED

ATTORNEY GENERAL SCHAFER'S challenge to Mr. Burleson, in the matter of increased telephone and telegraph rates, involves no less vital a principle than that upon which the whole structure of the American union is based.

The excuse that his action is a war measure is absurdly flimsy. The war is over. Unless there is any validity in sheer tyranny there is no palliation for Mr. Burleson's presumption.

The contest should not be ended until the highest courts have decided whether or not Pennsylvanians are still entitled to enjoy their explicit constitutional privileges.

SHIFTING WINDS

NEITHER Mr. Pepper nor Mr. Hitchcock added anything new to general knowledge of the proposed league of nations in their debate at the Metropolitan Opera House.

What the debate did show, however, was that the inevitable reaction has set in among those critics who some weeks ago seemed immovable in their opposition to a new system of international relationships.

We may look forward to the next session of Congress with the assurance that Mr. Lodge and his associates will react much as Mr. Pepper has done after a calmer contemplation of the league-of-nations plan.

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PIONEERS OF THE SKY

NOT the least exciting thing about the preparations for a transatlantic airplane flight is the secrecy with which each interested country is surrounding its plans.

Columbus has been Spain's best advertisement for 400 years. The nation that can claim the honor of the first air flight between Europe and America will achieve enduring glory.

The resources of the British, the French and our own men are pretty evenly matched. No one not directly associated with the enterprise in one country or another knows how far preparations have progressed.

AMERICA, THE MUSIC-MAKER

WRITING for the little "newspaper" published by the Philadelphia Orchestra, Leopold Stokowski declares that he came to this country "because America was fast becoming (and has since completely become) the great music-making country of the world."

More than the spirit of mere grateful appreciation is contained in these words. They reflect a fact which Americans, habitually depreciative in artistic matters, have rather hesitated to realize.

in the lands of their genesis. Yet the annual concert and operatic record of Philadelphia, New York, Chicago and Boston will unquestionably surpass both in quality and quantity in any four cities of yearly achievement.

In the season that is drawing to a close, Mr. Stokowski's organization has made a superb record. There has also been rich artistic refreshment in many of the Metropolitan Company's opera bills.

Surely this potent interest in music must eventually result in the growth of a significant school of native composers. Aside from our deficiency in that regard America is indeed, as Mr. Stokowski has described it, the foremost of music-making countries.

WE ARE ALL MEMBERS OF ONE GREAT BODY

And Workers Should Not Be Indifferent When Their Employers Confer on Legislative Programs

WHEN the wage-earners see in the papers today the reports of the dinner to Senator Penrose at the Manufacturers' Club last night they are likely to pass them by.

Of what interest to them are gatherings of bankers and manufacturers and politicians?

The workers too often think the men with money live in a different sort of world and have forgotten that there is such a thing as human brotherhood.

The world is learning that brotherhood pays in dollars and cents. The religious teachers have been saying this for centuries, but they have been talking to deaf ears and presenting their illustrations to blind eyes.

Some future day, when everybody is a little calmer, it may perhaps be realized that American principles won no superlative victory this week when the categorical Monroe Doctrine clause was inserted in the revised draft.

Although the speakers at last night's dinner discussed political and economic questions primarily from the point of view of the employer, not one of them was ignorant of the fact that the rights of the employee are involved equally with those of the employer in the legislative program discussed.

No one should forget that the prosperity of America is due largely to the past activities of the Manufacturers' Club and similar organizations.

The success of its efforts has brought good wages and comfortable living conditions to the workers in protected industries not only in Pennsylvania, but in every other state.

The outline by Senator Penrose and Senator Watson of what must be done commends itself to the common sense of the average man.

The first duty of Congress, after passing the appropriation bills held up by the last Congress, is to undo many of the things which the Democratic Congresses have done.

For example, arbitrary power was delegated to the executive departments, and was used in an arbitrary manner.

The government has been permitted to take over vast private enterprises, such as the railroads and the telephone, telegraph and cable lines.

The financial condition of the railroads is such that it will take years to untangle the complications that government control has brought about.

There must be, too, a reconsideration of the whole tax program, so that the burden may rest more equitably upon the shoulders of those who have to bear it.

But if business is to adjust itself to peace conditions when submarines do not interrupt international trade, the Underwood tariff law must be repealed

and a new law must be enacted. It will be a mistake to re-pass the old Dingley law, for conditions have changed since it served its ends.

Every workingman is intensely interested in the protection of our own markets against ruinous competition with foreign-made goods.

So far as the men who gathered at the Manufacturers' Club, incidentally to do honor to the senior senator from this state, but really to talk about the kind of laws needed in the present emergency.

By the very nature and structure of the pact the western hemisphere was admirably protected. All the revisers have lately done is to give a name to a particular application of a broad principle.

As Mr. Taft has repeatedly pointed out, the entire world was "Monroeized" by the regulations of the original pact.

As to sincere champions of the world league, who comprehended its scope from the start, it would be ungracious of them to object because the document is now adorned with superfluous language.

Their glee over the alleged "victory" will happily stimulate the cause of world peace and incidentally amuse others who may realize that the rejoicing, although welcome, is decidedly belated.

That New York dentist who obtained \$12,000 damages in a suit following an accident that caused him to lose his memory obviously has lived a blameless life.

About 20,000 H. I. Island workers voted for substitutes to be used instead of champagne at ship christenings.

Have you ever noticed that many of the men who are applauded most wildly whenever the name of Theodore Roosevelt is mentioned seem to have forgotten that T. R.'s first rule of life was an adherence to the principle of a square deal?

Good morning! Have you defied Mr. Burleson?

It's now up to the Soviets to change the Bavarian capital into "Communich."

Defeated at Ungvar, the Bolsheviks seem to have met with the Czechs in a double sense.

Was it perhaps because of his experience in the handling of red materials that the Munich extremists selected a bricklayer to head the government?

Some day perhaps we'll know if the difference of opinion among the diplomats in Paris was as great as it was among the newspaper correspondents.

Senators Borah, Poindexter and Reed are doubtless preparing thunderously to charge the delightful city of Geneva with constituting a capital offense.

It may be safely said that there will be some high old times in the airplane taxi that are to wing it between New York, Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

"Justice," declared Plato, "is giving each one his due." But if he had only pursued the thought in terms of francs it would have been so much easier for France to help speed the peace-making.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

The Manufacturers' Club and the Tariff—Good Work of Mrs. Dolan's Visiting Nurses—A Proposed Eisenlohr-Bremer Debate on Tobacco

Washington, D. C., April 12. THE Manufacturers' Club under the new president, Alfred E. Burk, will have a fine chance to express itself on the tariff and kindred subjects if it wishes to do so.

In days gone by the manufacturers of Philadelphia were leaders in matters of this kind. Even before the old Manufacturers' Club was organized, with Thomas Dolan as president, men like William H. Grundy, father of Joseph; Joseph P. Truitt, James Dock, Jr., Charles H. Salmon, James Frock, the Dobsens and the Rooks were active in keeping Congress posted.

They were very effective under the Harrison and McKinley administrations, and at one time a group of them were known in Washington as "The Tariff Troupe."

It is not altogether clear that the older workers would still approve the free-trade idea as it has recently been endorsed by some of the prominent club members, or that they would fall for the endorsement of A. Mitchell Palmer as a "non-partisan," as did certain of the dyestuffs people at a recent clubhouse luncheon.

James Francis Burke, of Pittsburgh, has never quite got it out of his head that Senator Knox should be a Republican candidate for President.

SOMETHING in the bulletin sent by the Visiting Nurse Society of Philadelphia appeals to our civic pride.

A Song in the Night. The night is dark, without a single star. Dangers and pitfalls lurk on every hand.

Desk Mottos. War consisteth not in battle only or the act of fighting, but in a tract of time wherein the will to contend by battle is sufficiently known.

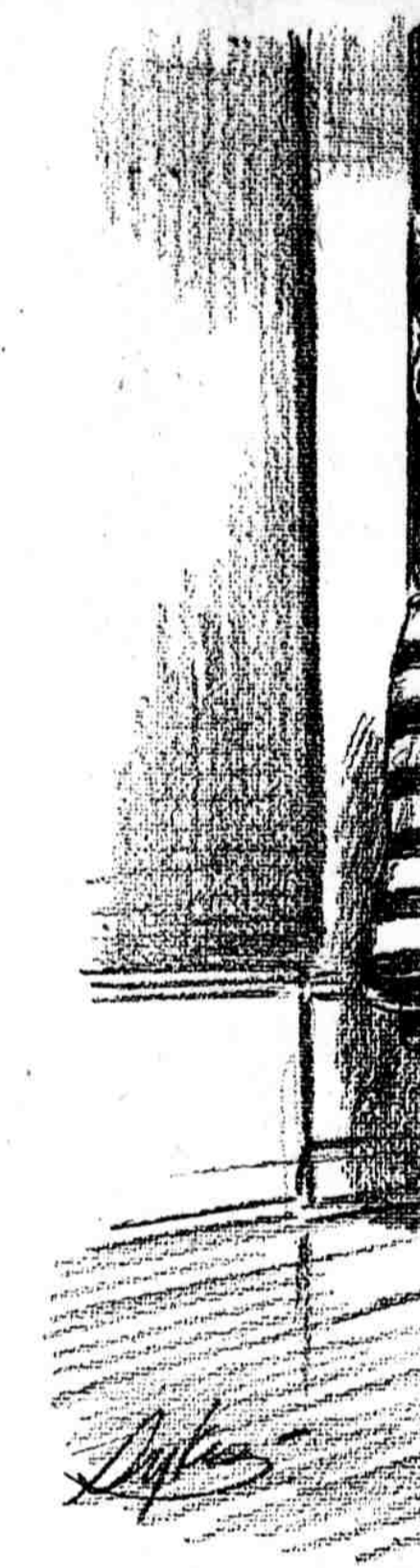
SUBJECT for discussion at the next meeting of the Wishbone Club: "The ratification of the prohibition amendment having put the liquor dealers on the sliding board and cost the government \$1,000,000,000 in taxes, shall a prohibitory amendment against the manufacture and sale of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff be now in order?"

WONDER how many remember that David J. Smyth, who is being talked of as a candidate for City Solicitor in opposition to the present incumbent, John P. Connelly, was a newspaper reporter?

Rejoicing over America's alleged triumph at the peace table could be authoritatively keener if one really knew how much opposition was actually encountered.

It is now time to pause a bit and reflect on the George Washington wasn't the only ship the President could have taken had he really planned to rush out of the Quasi d'Orsay.

"YOUR SPRING SUIT, YOUR EX-MAJESTY!"



THE CHAFFING DISH

SINCE Geneva is to be the seat of the league of nations, we may safely conclude it will have no standing army.

How to Make Friends With the Artless. The dramatic critics we know are mere Poltronnos compared to their hotspur brethren on western papers.

Garrick's Last Curtain. MY GRACIOUS friends, I thank you one and all for your applause that brings me here before you.

Others may tread this stage, strutting about, Baying the moon with belovéd epithets, And yet, if I mistake not, they must bear A certain cast of feature like mine own, Being descended, legitimate in line, From Garrick's Hamlet.

When sweet Ophelia lieth in her tomb— Know, now, that when the philosophic Dane Mourns for his love departed, I am he: Garrick no longer, but Hamlet torn with grief, And growing old with burden of dead tears.

Master Hobbes, of Malmesbury, was a very shrewd thinker, and we should be pleased if our patrons would give the above a twice-over. We do not believe that the league of nations will give us perpetual sunshine in world affairs, but it will be successful if it can create a "known disposition" against war as a means of settling grievances.

At the movies the other evening we were rather amused to delight Mr. Secretary Baker's got no applause whatever when he gawg-planked across the screen, while Warren Pershing, aged nine, got a rousing hand.

Harrison Hires lunched in New York's Grinch Village the other day, but is reported to have recovered and now attending to business.

We note that Miss Amy Lowell has been bequeathed \$30,000. Hereafter we are going to write nothing but polyphonic prose.



LOST LOVE

WHO wins his love shall lose her, Who loses her shall gain; For still the spirit woos her, The soul without a stain, And memory still pursues her, With longings not in vain!

HE LOSES her who gains her, Who watches, day by day, The dust of time that stains her, The griefs that leave her gray, The flesh that yet enchains her, Whose grace hath passed away.

OH, HAPPIER he who gains not, The love some seem to gain, The joy that custom stains not, Shall still with him remain, The loveliness that wanes not, The love that ne'er can wane.

IN DREAMS she grows not older, The lands of dream among, Though all the world was colder, Though all the songs be sung, In dreams shall he behold her, Still fair and kind and young. —Andrew Lang.

They are planning a model Harrisburg. That means that a lot of politicians will have to leave the capital at once.

If the Peace Conference has any consideration for the baseball players it will get through in a hurry and quit the frozen page.

What Do You Know? QUIZ. 1. Who is Gustav Noske? 2. What are menhaden? 3. What is the origin of the word tornado? 4. Which is the "Lone Star State"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz. 1. Odessa is in southwestern Russia, on the Black Sea. 2. Admiral Grayson is President Wilson's personal physician.

3. The highest mountain rising from any island in the Pacific Ocean is Mauna Kea in Hawaii. The summit is 13,906 feet above sea level. 4. There are thirteen lunar months in a year.

5. A "danse macabre" is a dance over which Death is supposed to preside. 6. A unappetitive will is one made by word of mouth.

7. A sardonyx is an orange-brown carnelian. According to Pliny the stone is called "sard" from Sardis in Asia Minor, where it is found, and "onyx," the nail, because its color resembles that of the skin under the nail. 8. Gargantua is a giant with an enormous appetite, described in Rabelais's prose and verse satire, "The Life of Gargantua." The name has become proverbial for an insatiable eater.