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NEW JERSEY BEATS US TO IT

GOVERNOR EDGE, of New Jersey, has signed the minimum wage bill for teachers, which provides that no teacher within the state shall receive less than seventy dollars a month during the period when he or she is employed. With a school year of nine months, this will give a minimum of six hundred and thirty dollars a year to every teacher.

The rural schools will be the chief beneficiaries, for they will get better paid teachers than in the past. But ulti mately all the schools will benefit, for when a state has started in the direction of a fair amount of pay for a fair amount of work it cannot stop or turn

New Jersey acts, but Pennsylvania seems to hesitate.

TEMPEST IN A COCKTAIL GLASS

THE annual flurry about the legality of dancing where liquor is sold is now on.

The season of balls at the fashionable otels is drawing to a close and Director Wilson, of the Department of Public Safety, has just announced that he must enforce the ruling which prohibits dancing in any building in which there is a bar for the sale of liquor.

The ruling was made in order to make it possible for the police to close disreputable dance halls attached to low maloons. But its terms are general, as seems impossible to discriminate ong classes of liquor-selling establish-

If one were so inclined one could write burning Bolshevik homily on this condition, but it is not worth while. The sale of liquor is to end in a short time and the whole thing seems much like a tempest in a vanishing cocktail glass.

A NEW KIND OF SALOON

TINLESS the people seeking to find a

the brewers may get there first. place of the saloon where beer is sold. In some parts of the country the browners have already turned from making beer into making ice cream. What has happened is described by James H. Collins in the current number of the Saturday Evening Post. Mr. Collins tells of a brewer in an eastern "dry" city who had made 65,000 barrels of beer annually, which he sold for about \$400,000. He turned his brewery into an ice-cream factory and turned out 800,000 gallons, which he sold for \$1,000,000.

It has been the history of the progress of the "dry" movement that when the sale of alcoholic drinks ceased the sale of ice cream and other sweets increased. In the city in question the per capita consumption of beer had been about eight-tenths of a barrel a year. With prohibition the per capita consumption of ice cream rose to thirty-two quarts a

Now, when the brewers, with their knowledge of chemical processes and their training in absolute cleanliness, begin to make ice cream and to provide places in which it is sold under agreeable conditions, it is possible that the practical and successful substitute for the liquor saloon as a social meeting place may be discovered. At any rate, the substitute will appear when the men who attempt to provide something that people really want succeed in find-

A HOUSING SUGGESTION

ONE of the most practical suggestions yet made for relieving the housing situation is that of Mr. Ihlder, executive secretary of the Philadelphia Housing Association.

It is that a company of public-spirited capitalists be organized to build modestcost houses for rent. Mr. Ihlder fixes 10,000 houses as the minimum number to' e crected and he estimates the cost of each house at \$3000.

There is an undoubted need for that number of houses of that character. The rmal increase of population in peace es has been provided for by the erecion each year of from 6000 to 7000 new 4. In 1916, 7762 were built. This mber fell to 2700 in 1917 and in 1918 ounted to only 969, put up by priate builders and 2685 by the governnt for war workers, making a total or the year of 3654, or a total for the we years of 6354. If there had been no emal increase in population it would e required 15,424 houses on the basis the 1916 building record to meet the mands of the city. The actual number cted was 9070 below this. But there ocen an unprecedented increase in tion and an unprecedented demand rese figures justify Mr. 1hf

mate of the minimum number needed at the present time. There are vacant houses, it is true. Some of them are not for rent, but are offered to purchasers. Others which may be rented cannot be had for less than from \$75 to \$150 a month. There are vacant apartments also, a few of them. But the landlords are asking \$150 a month for three rooms and a kitchenette in downtown buildings. Such houses and such apartments are beyond the means of the man earning from \$30 to \$50 a week. He must live in a house for which he pays from \$30 to \$50 a month rent and just now it

The merit in Mr. Iblder's suggestion ies in the fact that it would provide houses built without anticipation of the speculative profit for which the ordinary building operator hopes. Similar housing corporations exist in other cities and they earn a fair return on the money invested, while at the same time providing shelter for families of moderate income at a price within their means.

PARIS AND GOOD FRIDAY AND A VOICE FROM AFAR

Easter Week and Its Ancient Promise Sharpen the Attention That the

World Has Turned on the Peace Conference

"And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

N THE was that has just passed the world saw pity armed with a sword and compassion terrible in armor and millions of young men following in a quest through blood and flame. Yet grieved voices rise every now and then to say that the moral principle translated in Christianity has failed.

It hasn't failed. It rings in all the rational criticism that storms from the four quarters of the earth upon the Paris conference. It is a fear at the hearts of all men who, in this crisis, are yet unwilling to befriend humanity. It watches with countless eyes. Wherever there are fearless men who think of others first and in terms of the future as well as in terms of the present, there are the ambassadors of the eternal and simple truth attered in Galilee by the Loneliest of Men.

There is a suggestion of cosmic drama in the fact that the leaders and pioneers of civilization are reaching the end of their tasks in Easter Week, in a season that always has symbolized light after darkness, hope after despair, victory after great loss. Certainly at this phase of the business a dim cry must reach them from the far times-a cry charged with all the wisdom that the world can know. The cause of right may be overwhelmed again. It remains to be seen, Justice, patience and charity - these guiding principles, anciently proved. have too often been left like discarded garments to the humble and the obscure, The leaders of nations have been deluded with a belief that such virtues were impractical. And Europe flamed in conse-

Nowhere in old world politics was there evidence of a belief that the merciful are blessed. But it is the merciless who are now in the greatest peril and the greatest agony everywhere.

In the end of every great human adventure the rule of life proposed nineteen hundred years ago by a Man who substitute for the saloon make haste was crucified for it remains as the one The ice-cream saloon may take the surviving light in darkness—like a "city set upon a hill." It cannot be hid.

All the makeshifts and evasions plotted in its stead have been futile. In herited frauds and schemes and beliefs have been enthroned, elevated, venerated, walled about with armies and blessed by bishops, and one by one they have gone down to the dust carrying peoples to torment.

All the spoils that captains and kings have won by the violation of the simple principles of conduct given for human guidance at the beginning have become burden in these days of reckoning-a danger from without or an agency of corruption within the nations that hold

Nothing of it all has the aspect of permanency or strength. Very properly one might regard the Paris conference as the end of an adventure in cynicism that has been two thousand years long. Will that adventure be resumed in the old fashion with the old belief that there is an end to the rainbow?

If it is, and if the world must face a renewal of the anguish through which it has passed, it will be because a Voice that was wise with all experience could not make itself heard through the men appointed by destiny to utter it.

It was an Oriental who first said that truth lies at the bottom of every man's heart. The hearts of men have been plowed deep. Before long we shall know whether the wounds were deep enough to permit men to see to the bottom.

If the Paris conference fails in this season of fulfillment it will be because humanity has not been hurt enough. For the leaders of nations are not unlike their people. Kings are in exile and they have faced firing squads, and statesmen have felt the structures of government sway beneath them because they shared the ignorance and the weaknesses of those they ruled or led. They have been learning what they should have known at the beginning-that the law of compensation is inexorable. It never

All the political philosophy of Europe maintained the belief that crimes of cruelty, of injustice, of oppression and greed might be committed by adroit men without fear. The confusion in half a dozen nations merely shows that the men who have been making history are face to face with the necessity of an accounting at the end of their road.

It is fashionable to be cynical about the Peace Conference. There are few men who haven't at some time called the diplomatists gathered there a gang of thieves. Yet it is a question whether the leaders of the Peace Conference are not far more earnest in their efforts to be just than the men who sit safely at home without their responsibilities and criticize their morals-while they them-

selves, in their own little way, go headlong on the course that leads inevitably to bitter retribution and regret.

These are days when men seem to fear the truth as if it were a pestilencethough it is the only thing that can save them and their world. Truth is a challenge to the Paris conference. It will always be a challenge to all men. The truth always reasserts itself. It will always find men ready to suffer for it. It demands justice, patience and charity in all human relations. And until it is recognized everywhere we shall have to go on as we have gone before, and the is virtually impossible to find such most awful of wars will be but a flash and an uproar in the long trayail that men must endure before they can rid themselves of their besetting devils.

And so all rational minds everywhere are merely trying to find a way to lead mankind back to a forgotten rule of life that might have given the earth peace long ago if there had not been men of power everywhere so poorly educated as to feel that it could be evaded.

Truth-which is a sense of justicespeaks in many languages. It has many names. It has martyrs and champions among the great and among the obscure. It always will have them because of the command handed down through the centuries by one Man. Men will go on as they have gone from the beginning, to follow and find it because it is the goal of their existence. And if they were not somehow divine they would have given up the quest long ago because of its difficulties and its matchless pain.

Wherever you find the passion for spiritual truth translated into action, ranscending fear and selfishness and delusions, fired by courage, showing unmistakably the clear evidences of immortality and riding down all that is mean and ugly and evil, you will find the full meaning of the marvelous sentence: "I am the resurrection and the life!"

RECOGNITION FOR LENINE?

Such intercourse as the Allies may establish with Lenine cannot by any means be interpreted as a recognition of Bolshevism. The Paris conference appears to be disposed to grant a request for food which emanates from the chastened and partly sobered wing of the altra-radical party in Russia.

Lenine and Trotsky have been drifting apart. The theories of one are not the theories of the other. Lenine has been gradually effecting a reconciliation with elements in his own country which a year ago he abused and derided. He found he couldn't get along without the intelligence and industrial leadership of the group which he antagonized at the beginning and he has been tending gradually to a conservative course to save the land from chaos and himself from destruction.

Apostles of the red tie and violence will find little to comfort them in such terms as the Allies may make Lenine.

The Russian group that has been pressing its overtures upon Paris does not represent the raw and unthinkable political doctrine of a year ago. Lenine's group, after the first fever of their experiment, have seen disaster looming. They have been shifting gradually to a way of thinking that ultimately may resolve itself into an experiment with a liberal socialistic form of government.

Russia is due for years of instability and trouble. To refuse food to the people is to invite chaos in eastern Europe. And if the Allies have had to compromise in a distasteful situation it is their own fault. There seems to be no other way to save the Allied expedition now menaced in north Russia, where it never should have been sent.

The proper reading appears to be Fiuss

Helgoland is to undergo a slight rearrangement of syllables.

Two states merged into a state of enthusiasm when Admiral Wilson arrived.

There will be no call for breath-killers the social center substitute for saloons.

It is a mistake to suppose that a dachs hand isn't willing to hite simply because it

has its tail between its legs.

mener.

Good citizens everywhere will join in the wish that the armistice signed by New York marine workers will result in a permanent

When one realizes that it is easier to make trouble than to remove it one ceases to worry over the delay in formulating a peace treaty.

The airplane thee across the Atlantic is sporting event until the trip has been successfully made. That moment it becomes a commercial proposition.

There are elergymen in this city who will not allow the motion picture controersy to stultify their patriotism and will therefore support the Victory Liberty Load; but they are not making much noise about it.

Recent meetings of business men intersted in making Philadelphia safe for democracy suggest the thought that the time is now ripe for the establishment of a getsomething done club in every ward in the World doctors, concluding that it is

assible successfully to diagnose the case

of Russia, as they have pothing to go on

at a comparatively few isolated symptoms.

have decided to allow the disease to run its

course, feeling assured that the strong

physique of the patient will bring about ventual recovery. The report that a big railroad and timer concession has been made by the Rus sian Bolshevik Government to two men with American capital behind them gives point to he assertion of Lloyd George that, while the Bolshevik force is apparently growing, Bolshevism itself is gradually waning-breaking

lown before the relentless force of economic

Strikes and rumors of strikes have more significance today than ever before in the history of civilization. The one thing needed on both sides of every controversy is levelheadedness. Even as the dachshunds are eady to snap at the legs of the sitters as the peace table, so are the Bolsheviks ready to take advantage of every manifestation of industrial unrest.

A GREATER FLIGHT THAN ACROSS THE OCEAN

An Old Tale of a Man Who Flew to the Moon, and What He Found There

THE flight across the ocean which the airmen are now planning is not a marker to that which old Bishop Godwin, of Wales hero of a fantastic tale take. The bishop's hero flew to the moon.

tells of the exploit in a book published in London in 1638, which he called "The Man in the Moon; or, a Discourse on a Voyage Thither by Domingo Gonzales." The flight is used as the means by which the ero is transported from the earth to the heavenly body, where a perfect state of society is supposed to exist. The bishop is more interested in explaining his ideal state than in the navigation of the air. His book belongs in the class with Plato's "Republic Sir Thomas More's "Utopia." published about 120 years after the Latin version of "Ttopia" was written and about ninety years after its first translation into English.

DOMINGO GONZALES, the hero, is a spanish dwarf, who has been abandoned by a ship captain upon the "blessed Isle of Hellens, the only Paradise on earth. The captain was so good as to leave him a negro servant; but Gonzales does not regard the servant as a pleasant companion, for he compels him to live on one side of the island while he lives on the other. He saysthe story is told in the first person-that be emained on the island "A whole year, solneing myself for want of human society with birds and brute beasts." He used his time to such good advantage that before the end of the year he had several white geese so well trained that they would carry his meals from the but of the negro to his own By yoking several of them together and attaching them to a car or "engine." as he calls it, he found that they were strong enough to carry him through the air, for he was not heavy. A Spanish ship, stopping at the island at the end of the year, took him on board with his negro and his geese; but when the vessel was within tenthe island of Teneriffe, in the Canaries, it was wrecked by an English fleet. Domingo saved himself by using his geese and was carried to the peak of a snow-capped mountain in Teneriffe.

66TT WAS now the season that these birds I take their flight away, as our cuckoos and sparrows do in Spain toward autumn." continues Gonzales in relating how he got to the moon. "and, as I afterward found, being mindful of their usual voyage when I began to settle myself to take them they with one consent rose up, and buying no other higher place to make toward. to my unspeakable fear and amazement struck both upright, and never left towering upward still higher and higher for the space as I guessed, of an hour, after which I thought they labored less than before, till at length (ah. wonderful!) they remained immovable as if they had sat upon so many perches. The lines slacked; neither I nor the engine moved at all, but continued still as having no manner of weight," In pondering upon the reason for this strange circonstance he concluded that the earth was a magnet and that he was now outside of its circle of influence. After resting a short time his birds renewed their upward flight; but they moved with such startling swiftness that the voyager says of this part of journey: "I must ingenuously confess my horror and amazement in this place was such that had I not been armed with true Spanish resolution I should certainly have died for fear.

AFTER a flight of eleven days the geese alighted upon the moon. The traveler was soon surrounded by a crowd of the inhabitants, who were of all sizes and shapes, from giants towering thirty-five feet into the air to dwarfs not more than a yard tall. He gives a fanciful description of these people. Some of the tallest, he says, lived to be a thousand years old. The attraction of gravitation was so slight that they traveled by jumping into the air and propelling them-After telling how he was entertained by the "Lunars," he passes to a discussion of their social and political condition.

There had been no thief in the moon for a thousand years when Gonzales visited the planet, for "there was no want of anything necessary for the use of man, food of all

sacts growing everywhere without labor. "As for clothes, houses or whatever else a can may be supposed to want." the tale continues, "it is provided by their superiors though not without some labor, but yet so casy as if they did it for pleasure; again, their females are all absolute beauties, and by a secret disposition of nature a man there having once known a woman never de sires any other. Murder was never heard of among them, neither is it hardly possible to be committed, for there can be no wound made but what is curable; yea, they assured me, and for my part I believe it, that though a man's head be cut off, yet if within three moons it be joined to the carcass again and the juice of a certain herb there growing applied, it will be so consolidated wounded party shall be perfectly cured.

"B^{UT} the chief cause of their good govthe nature of the people, so that all, both old and young, hate all manner of vice, and live in such love, peace and amity as it seems to be another Paradise; though it is true, like wise, that some are of a better disposition than others, which they discern immediately after their birth. And, because it is a inviolable law among them that none shall he put to death, therefore, perceiving by their stature or some other signs who are like to be of a wicked and debauched humor, they send them, I know not by what means into the earth and change them for other children, before they have either opportunity or ability to do amiss among them. Their ordinary vent for them is a certain high hill in the north of America, whose people I am apt to believe are wholly seended from them, both in regards of their color and their continual use of tobacco. which Lunars or Moon Men smoke exceed * * Sometimes, though but selingly. dom, they mistake their aim, and fall upon Europe, Asia or Africa.

"If you inquire how justice is executed, alas! what need is there of exemplary punshment where no offenses are committed? Neither need they any lawyers, for there no contention, the seeds whereof, when they begin to sprout, are by the wisdom of the next superior plucked up by the roots. And as little want is there of physicians; never surfeit themselves the air is always pure and temperate, neither is there any cause of sickness. I could never learn of any that were distempered. But the time assigned them by nature being spent, they die without the least pain, or rather cease live as a candle does to give light when what nourishes it is consumed."

THOSE who have read Conan Doyle's tale of the monsters which an airman found between five and six miles above the will be interested to note that Bishop God win's hero discovered nothing but a cessu-tion of force of gravity. But no one can prove that either was right or wrong,



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Nothing to Wear

Put a service chevron on your pocketbook

The Philadelphia convention of the Ameri can Press Humorists is only two months away, and no one in this town seems to have realized the seriousness of the situa-

John Barleycorn will soon be wearing his red chevron.

Unheard Of, Perhaps, but Certainly Not Unseen .

Virginia Lee, of the chorus at Casino, and Babe Marlowe, one of the "Tumble In" girls at the Selwyn, will sail shortly for England to fill an eighteen onths' contract at an unheard-of figure for a chorus girt.—New York Evening

The Mexican girl who scrubs the marble steps of the Mexican consulate at 1432 Pine street every morning is a loyal Carranzista we hazard. (That sentence is lacking in concinnity, but let it stand.) For we were passing by there yesterday morning just after reakfast, when we saw a messenger boy bring a telegram to the consulate. "Hullo, we said to ourself, "something's happening in Mexico." So we lingered about the pavement for a few minutes to see what was to be seen. The girl got up from her kneeling job on the steps and took the boy inside. In minute or so they reappeared. The boy had the grinning visage of one who, has been tipped for bringing good news. And Chiquita herself was smiling gently as she resume her task.

We prowled on down to the office, and the first thing we learned there was that General Blanquet had been killed the afternoon before, leading an anti-Carranza insurrection near Vera Cruz. 1

Among substitutes (for the saloon, try reading the Congressional Record standing up, with one foot on the nearest rail. The knockout is not quite so rapid as that induced by whisky, nor is it so agreeable in its primary stage; but the ultimate prostration is 100 per cent perfect.

In the beautiful office of the Philadelphia Electric Company at Tenth and Chestnuta place so cunningly planned and so full of marvels that it is an honor to the human intelligence — we overheard James Spillan, an employe of the company, talking about some of his experiences in France. Spillan, who has only recently returned from overseas, was attached to a trench mortar pattery. In the Argonne fighting his platoon numbering twenty-eight men, was taking shelter in a large shell-crater, when a Ger man shell burst right in the middle of the group. Twelve men were killed outright, thirteen were wounded. Only himself and two others escaped unburt except for the shock.

Mr. Spillan spoke with some humor of the Yanks' passion for collecting boche sonvenirs, and mentioned a saying which was current

among the armies: "The British fight the Germans because they hate them; the French because they fear them; and the Americans because they want to collect souvenirs.

A SKIP-STOP

Electricity and the League of Nations The Philadelphia Electric Company is putting up a new load-dispatcher's board, a de vice for commanding and regulating in one central nerve-plexus all electrical energy circulated through the company's cables. Or this amazing disgrammed screen roaring dynamos in distant power-houses are repre-sented by little clusters of lights and colored buttons, and their throbbing turbines subject to the supreme command of the load-dispatcher as he sits at his all-seeing desk. We are told that this new installation at Tenth and Chestnut will be the most remarkable thing, of its kind in America, and view of it suggests the thought that the function of the league of nations will be very similar. From outlying power stations all through city and suburbs the Electric Company's load-dispatcher is informed by telephone of any break-down or of approaching storms that may cause trouble, so hat he can take steps to reapportion the lightninged forces at his command. In the same way, in its headquarters in Geneva the league (if properly planned) will be in instant communication with all governments; will be apprised of emergencies among its clients, and will have supreme authority to transfer power from one point to another

according as the needs of public interest Like the load-dispatcher's board, the league of nations was bound to come into effect because the idea is logical, scientific and appeals to common sense. We only wish there might be one or two expert electrical engineers-like Mr. Black, the Electric Company's chief load-dispatcher-on the committee that is to draft the final international covenant. Such men are accustomed to dealing with terrible and deadly forces in such a way that they become the tame pets of our kitchens and library tables. What we need now are some league-of-nations engineers who can control and distribute safely insulated channels the immeasurable forces of national prides and passions.

'Tis I Go Whisp'ring FILS I go whisp'ring, whisp'ring,

On bleak ways, bare and brown, Across the wide and windy fields, All through the dreary town; Past pools where reedy sedges rock I wander up and down.

SO SOFTLY do I whisper, Where sweet wind shakes the grass, The golden crocus answers. The violets hear me pass; At firelit cottage windows I call to lad and lass.

So I go whisp'ring, whisp'ring, To birds on wheeling wing, And wake the wood anemone Where shadows shift and cling .-For I am Life and Gladness, For I am Love and Spring. JEANNE OLDFIELD POTTER.

If they really want the kaiser to get a good stiff sentence, why not impanel a jury composed of his daughters-in-law?

If they would only put up foot-rails in the second-hand bookstores we could get as much fun there as we ever had in groggeries.

Our idea of real happiness is to pull dow the rolltop at six post-mortem and set off to meet Xanthippe for a session at our avorite cafeteria and our favorite SOCRATES.

AN UNFRAMED PORTRAIT

HIS wife is as beautiful
As a blessoming star in a blue sky.

Or a thought out of Keats. But she sits at home alone, of an evening, Watching the romance of the city streets

Through a curtained window. While at a clubhouse He bends over a silent poker table, And gazes rapturously at a woman's angular

Printed on a card. -Morris Abel Beer, in New York Evening

Prince Lichnowsky's wise words would fall on ears more willing if Germany's vic tims were not facing a desolation worse than that of the nation responsible.

There is encouragement for American 'wets'' in the news that the New Zealand soldier vote has defeated the "dry" in that country.

The Bolshevist idea of bringing about a heaven on earth is to make things today so much like hell that anything else following will seem like heaven in comparison.

What Do You Know?

1. What are the symbols of the evangelists?

2. Name the secretary of the treasury. 3. What body of American troops has received the sobriquet of the "Iron

Division"? 4. What is a sobriquet?

5. Where and what is the Escurial? 6. Who is Hugh Gibson?

Drama.

7. Name the premier of the Australian Commonwealth.

8. Who wrote "Sister Carrie"?

9. Where is the Liberty Bell kept? 10. What is the design and origin of the flag

of the Irish Republic, recently proclaimed in Dublin?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Sir Walter Scott called Pierre Corneille (1606-84) "The Homer of the French

memoration Ode" for the dedication of a memorial to Harvard's dead in the Civil War.

2. James Russell Lowell wrote the "Com-

3. Iconoclast: literally an idol-breaker; one who attacks traditions and institutions.

4. The Mensheviki, or minimalists; the party opposed in Russia to the Bolsheviki; moderate socialists.

5. General Joseph T. Dickman is commander of the Third American Army, now occupying parts of Germany.

6. Honors of war: allowing a surrendered enemy to keep his arms and banners.

7. Dr. Alexander Wekerle, reported executed by the Red party in Budapest, was three times premier of Hungary. The Iliad: an epic poem, in classical Greek, ascribed to Homer, relating the story of the siege and taking of Troy by the Greeks.

9. "Gretna Green" is a name applied to a town where marriages are easily contracted. From a town in Scotland just across the English border whither English elepers went to be married. 10. Boston has been called "The Modern