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THIS SHOULD END IT

T IS becoming evident that when Governor Sproul said that he was persuaded that this city should have a greater degree of home rule he was not uttering empty words.

The Governor's announcement to the members of the citizens' charter-revision committee in Harrisburg yesterday afternoon that he was opposed to the metropolitan police commission bill in its present shape ought to convince the men who are urging its passage that they are attempting the impossible. If the Governor's announcement means anything it means that he will veto the bill if it should be passed. No one familiar with the state of sentiment in the Legislature believes that it would be possible to pass the bill over a veto.

The plan for a police commissioner apinted by the Governor might as well be abandoned at once.

WHO CALLED BURLESON?

PLAINLY Mr. Burleson is changed. His announcement of a desire to return the cable and telegraph lines to their owners is made with the air of a frightened and chastened man. The President seems to have been sending it hasn't been suppressed, as the Lord High Hoodoo of Communications saw fit to suppress legitimate messages from oher sources which happened to be expressive of disagreement with his pol-

A sudden general desire to hand the railroads back to private control is also apparent in Washington. Government ownership as a theory of

American politics is dead. Mr. Burleson was its executioner.

The accounting that Congress must arrange at the next session with the owners of railway and wire lines will be a stupendous task. Certainly war conditions confused the problems of operation and maintenance for the govern-

The acute wage question was met by Mr. Burleson, Mr. McAdoo and by Congress itself with slapdash method characteristic of reckless amateurs. Owners of the various systems will be justified in expecting the government to give them a fresh start, free of the impossible

handicaps created by bad management. Wage increases in most instances were justified, but unless Congress is willing to permit the railroads to provide for these reforms by continued high tariffs, the various corporations may be rewarded for their previous enterprise by a prospect of bankruptey.

FIUME AND THE LOAN

NO ONE who knew anything of the Italians in Philadelphia supposed for a moment that they would refuse to support the Victory Loan. Again we have had the spectacle of a handful of selfadvertising egotists presuming to speak for people whom they do not justly rep-

The average citizen among the Italians trusts America. And America has a right to trust him. It was men of his sort, his brothers perhaps, who had to do the fighting, not the few who remain safely at home in every crisis and make a paying profession of their nationality. He doesn't want to be drafted again. He doesn't want the helpless millions in his native country to be compelled at some future time to go out once more and hold contested lines in an inferno of cold and desolation before they die for the sake of somebody's vanity. What con-

cerns him concerns America. If we judge the Italians aright, they are far too intelligent to be misguided by the shameless and detestable servility of those American newspapers that have been trying to make money out of their anger and their disappointment.

FUN IN THE TROLLEYS

OUT-AND-OUT error is offensive, Half-truths, whether accidentally or deliberately disclosed, have often been ingredients of humor. It is the delicious ixture of misrepresentation with fact which composes the comic sauce.

Ever intent on cheering its patrons, Philadelphia Rapid Transit Commy's placard editors are now furnisha new stimulus to laughter in the at signs now posted inside their trolley cars at the forward end.

The joke is a wee bit subtle; but, of ree, one must always allow for a cer-"reticence" in really good art. The ile is tersely informed that one speciy has eight-cent carfares, another t charges, a third six-cent ones,

drollery! The rider is not told that fivecent rides are in vogue in Washington, in New York, in Brooklyn and in numerous other American communities. Nine cases out of ten, he knows that, anyway. The jest is therefore neatly compounded of his own information and what the

P. R. T. obligingly dispenses. As an additional savory fillip to all this mirth, the placard spells seven-cent Pittsburgh, without the sacrosanct final "h," and six-cent St. Louis out in full, a fashion confusingly suggestive of the, crusading king of France.

It is hardly necessary to point out how much more amusing this all is than if the bulletin had been wholly false or comprehensively and frankly correct. Not since the gay days of skip-stop homilies has the transit company been so playful.

LOCAL LABOR NOT BEFUDDLED BY DEBSONIAN BOMBAST

Any Bolshevist-I. W. W. May Day Demonstrations Here

MAY DAY demonstrations of "labor," heralded with much noise in Europe and America, have usually petered out before the demonstration was made.

In Europe the thing was usually planned by the Socialists, who announced that they were the forerunners of a great revolution. The revolution failed to re-

In America, men with imitative minds thought to capitalize discontent for their own purposes and they have talked in past years of great May day parades of

There have been some parades, but the great mass of labor has been indifferent. We don't do things that way over here. American labor chooses to progress by evolution rather than by revolution.

There have been threats in America this year that labor would call a general strike on May 1 as a protest against the punishment of Eugene V. Debs for violation of the espionage act. Debs himself threatened that unless he were veleased there would be 5000 demonstrations throughout the country in condemnation the action of the court in convicting

Tomorrow is the date fixed for the organized condemnation of the course of udicial processes, but it does not look as if anything serious were going to happen, A Victory Loan campaign is in progress. The attention of the public here and everywhere is concentrated on the task of putting the loan over.

Such parades as we are seeing in the streets are directed by men and women whose minds are so full of patriotism and so charged with eagerness to help the nation raise the money to pay its way some straight talk over the cables-and | bills that they have no time to give to consideration of the case of a man convicted of doing all he was able to do to interfere with successful prosecution of

> There will be no Debs protest parade in this city for two reasons.

The police will not permit it, in the first place, for the reason that they are not willing to allow even a handful of Socialists and Bolshevists to do anything which would in the slightest degree distract attention from the loan cam-

And, in the second place, the labor unions of the city are announcing that they are opposed both to a strike and to a parade. These are the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor

This federation has co-operated with the government so heartily during the war that it has won the respect of every one, including those who in the past were wont to look askance at the activities of the organized mass of workingmen.

Mr. Gompers himself has been most active in assisting the government in every way possible. He has given it the benefit of his advice and he has used his influence with the members of the federation to keep them loyal to the great cause in which the nation was engaged and to postpone pressing for the redress of any just grievances which they might have. His task was comparatively easy for the reason that the great mass of American workingmen, both in the federation and out of it, is intelligent and broad-minded and disposed to play fair. There are exceptions, but they stand out like the discordant notes of an instrument out of tune in a great symphony orchestra. They attract attention because they are

Those timid persons who fear an outoreak of Bolshevism in America should take courage when they think on these things. This is a democracy, a country of law and a land where the opportunity exists for any man to rise as far as his abilities will carry him.

Debs was tried in the courts by his peers. He violated the law. He boasted f it-not that he violated the law, but that he had expressed the views and did the things which the law forbade, and he insisted on his right to do with impunity that which his conscience dictated.

It is impossible to befuddle the minds of thinking men with any such sophistry. The policeman on the corner, the trolleycar conductor, the expert machinist, the man who runs a loom knows that the Germans who were blowing up our munition factories were acting in accordance with the dictates of what they called their conscience, but no red-blooded American has yet arisen to ask that those Germans who were caught should he released from prison on the ground that they were acting up to their lights.

We have confidence in our courts because we have made them ourselves. The judges are the product of our democracy. Many of them are the sons of workingmen, who have been selected because of their qualifications to preside on the bench. The juries are made up of our neighbors, the men who work at the machine next to ours and the men who ride to the shop in the same street car with us. We know that when the evidence is submitted to us we should find the same verdict which they find. And we know also that the members of the American Federation of Labor are ordinarily men Sair-mindedness with the rest of

us. Even on those occasions in the past when their judgment was warped by the heat of passion they were not essentially different from other men.

Therefore it is not likely that the police department will find it difficult to enforce its decision tomorrow that there shall be no Socialist-Bolshevist-I. W. W. parade. However much we may toy with intellectual anarchy when we have nothing else to do, we are in no mood to tolerate it when we are engaged in the constructive work of orderly government in such a free democracy as we have built up on this continent. Czarism is alien to us and the inverted czarism known as Bolshevism must starve to death here for lack of sustenance.

STRAYER ON OUR SCHOOLS

RITICISM such as Dr. George D. Strayer, of Columbia University, directed at the Philadelphia school system may be said to represent the best that is Workingmen Are in No Mood to Tolerate available in conventional opinion at the moment. It leaves much to be desired.

Everywhere in the world a sharper scrutiny is being directed at the processes of education. The war made it plain that something is fundamentally wrong some

What is education for? Where does it lead? What should be its final ends and purposes? Is a man educated when he learns how to outplay some one else in the struggle for a living or for money? Or should education be a means of training men's spirits while their hands are oft to take care of themselves?

These are questions that are being asked everywhere by those who have not yet forgotten the subtler and more tragic implications of the war.

Doctor Strayer makes no attempt to answer the general inquiry. He would have a survey, he told the Public Education Association, and higher salaries for teachers and a revision in administrative methods. With these technical suggesons he was content.

Doctor Strayer seems to be a practical man with a leaning toward practical education. It is worth remembering, in the face of such criticism as his, that on both sides in the recent war, with the Allies and with Germany, and in the old diplomacy that made the war inevitable, there were men educated to the ultimate degree according to standards such as Doctor Strayer's. And yet they were unlearned or they would have spared the world the horror of the last four years.

Wherein were they deficient? What should they have known that they didn't know and what should they have felt that they didn't feel? When we know we shall be on the way to peace-and on the way to a decent educational ideal.

THE KEY TO A CRISIS

THE complexity of the Fiume problem is such that arguments concerning it, save by experts, are largely futile. The Jugo-Slavs can marshal one broadside of statistics and historical data, the Italians another. The average American has convictions concerning the alleged principle involved, but his actual knowledge of Adriatic conditions is necessarily slight.

But the machinery for thorough and impartial investigation is not unattainable. Article nineteen of the revised league-of-nations covenant reads as fol-

The assembly may from time to time advise the reconsideration by members of the lengue of treaties which have be-come inapplicable and the consideration of international conditions whose continuance might endanger the peace of the world.

Better than a dickering compromise: better than a sweeping decision, which would beget resentment and rankling emotions, would be a settlement conducted as provided for in this article of the covenant. Italy will subscribe to that document, of course. But if her signature is to mean anything how can it be reconciled with her present attitude?

If the pact is to triumph in fact as it does in pretensions, there can be no more significant test of its efficacy than action based on this nineteenth article in the present crisis. Kicking over the traces y either contestant would be a proof that subscription to the terms of the covenant was merely nominal.

If, after he gives up Sent by Wireless the telegraph lines, Mr. Burleson should ecase using the telephone system as if it were provided for his private diversion and revise s habit of using the mail system as if it and been bequeathed to him by his ancestors, could begin the long and painful process of forgiving him for his escapades in govern

It is worth while re-Our Reassuring membering that if the constitution had n't united the sovereign "Covenant" tates in a peace league there might hav been considerable construction in New York about the invasion by all those Pennsylvania troops which the Kroonland brought.

"Well," they are saying in all the diplo-Well, What? matic madhouses of Europe, "what could you expect from a schoolmaster?" We are still waiting

for an infant tank to Hope . coilide with one of those automobiles that speed maniaes plunge brough crowds at the street corners.

"I'was indeed a Dewey eve just twentyie years ago tonight. No matter what the result of the trial of

Mr. Hohenzoilern, he will still be found

wanting-that crown he disgraced. May Day will mark the arrival of more Germans at Versailles. "Must Day" will occur shortly before their departure.

When Congress gets to work on the eague covenant even the most prolonged discussions in Paris will probably seem telegraphic in their conciseness.

Not even the chronic calamity howler quired new strength now that big Mike Durizas, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania, has become a participant with his powerful arguments on behalf of Greece.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Mitchell Palmer on the Lecture Platform-John B. MacAfee's Fondness for London-Activities of Mrs. William Ward. Jr., of Chester

Washington, D. C., April 30. THERE are signs that after-dinner oratery is being reduced to a commercial erto confined themselves to Sunday schools and teachers' institutes and like gatherings where the people were willing to pay the price of admission and take chances on the kind of wit or wisdom they were about to receive, are offering public men, including cabinet officers, senators, members of Congress and warriors bold, for banquets or meetings, "terms to be quoted." Secretaries Wilson and Redfield are said to be available on certain occasions, and a new prospectus "just out" submits the name of the new attorney general, A. Mitchell Palmer, who will talk on "German Industrial Army on American Soil," and so forth. Other Penn sylvania names include James M. Beck, the Rev. Russell H. Conwell, D. D., and Dr Thomas E. Green. Vice President Marshall not averse to the lecture platform and Champ Clark has been at it for years.

O WHERE you will nowadays you are G likely to find a Philadelphian. They are thick as fleas in Washington. They are ver in Paris and London and along the banks of the Rhine. John Blair MacAfee, a Philadelphia lawyer, whose name still apears on an office door in the Crozer Building, has turned up in London, not as a visitor, but as one who has become attached to dear old Lunnon" and does business there MacAfee was a good-looking fellow with a raven-black mustache like Samuel A. Boyle the former assistant district attorney, used to wear. He dressed well and had a penchant for promoting trolley lines. Before going abroad he was active in advancing trolley interests in and around Norfolk, and that work frequently brought him to Washington. He holds some official relation now to the group of Americans who have a chamber of commerce "over there."

EVIDENTLY the Thomas D. Finletter Republican Club, which attained more notoriety than it desired during the Fifth Ward election troubles, is not going out of business. Jimmie Carey, the mercantile appraiser, is president of this club and Myer Michael, a live wire in Fifth Ward polities, the secretary. We hear a good deal in Washington about what other clubs are doing in the northeast, in West Philadelphia and downtown, but the Fifth Warders are also represented, and we gather that Jim Fealy Andrew J. Ebert, Jim Baker and Edward T. Hackett intend to keep the Finletter standard waving. Magistrate John J. Har rigan, who used to be in Select Council, is the treasurer of this organization. Speak ing of the Fifth Ward, does any one remember when Second and Spruce was a great trade center and Jacob Reed had his "Eas End" clothing store down there?

LADY in California, who is evidently A LADY in Camornia, was the prohibition amendment, sends us the following about tobacco:

We are in need of legislation To stamp tobacco from our nation Brain, energy, health it will impair; These nature never can repair It is a poison sure, though slow : Men should not have it , no-no-no,

Possibly the poetic impulse of Godfrey Mahn may form a suitable response to th delicate suggestion that me e men should quit oking and chewing. It is submitted as a sample of modern propagaada.

THE ladies of Philadelphia and vicinity who are interested in waterways and who have been adding to the attraction of conventions up and down the coast have been witted a little as to their high regard for water since the women of Chicago voted with 'the wets' almost two for one. Up to date, bowever, the sessions of these ladies, whose president is Mrs. William Ward, Jr., of hester, have tended slightly more to the discussion of woman suffrage than to the question of prohibition. Mrs. Ward, whose shand was formerly mayor of Chester, has Washington record on suffrage, but that neither here nor there when it comes to dking Chesapeake and Delaware Canal or the upper Hudson proposition. The view president of the Ladies' Auxiliary is Mrs. Froriet, who was formerly Miss Addie Edmunds; the second vice president is Mr. harles Elmer Smit and the third Mrs. Moffitt. The ladies have three energetic officers in Mrs. James Gwilliam, secretary the makes a mighty good speech : Mrs. C. F Stannard, treasurer, who knows how to get the funds, and Mrs. L. C. Wessels, chairman of the entertainment committee, who is an effective organizer when things are to be

WITH Oscar Noll in the hospital, big-hearted Tom Cunningham, clerk of Quarter Sessions and crstwhile chum of the late James P. McNichol, has been reported as a little lonely. Big Tom's loneliness, however, is more of a personal than a poiltical nature. He has all he cares to do in connection with the Republican Alliance, but there is a spot in his heart that beats sympathetically for the memory of "Sunny Jim" and those who were generally in the senator's onfidence. It is said that "politics makes strange bed-fellows." but it is certainly true that while many of the old-time leaders are forgotten soon after the grass begins to grow green over their last resting places some are left who do not forget. Quay passed out, but there are still those who love to quote him, Durham was a most popular leader and there were signs in his last days of the falling away of many professing friends, but still there are those who take the trouble to lay tributes upon his grave. It is the latter service that induces big Tom Cunningham to keep alive the spirit of McNichol.

GRADUALLY the problem of employment is making itself felt in the navy yards. which during the war have been full tilt. Now the work is beginning to fall off and many men who have held places are being dropped. Rear Admiral C. F. Hughes who is in charge at the League Island yard. is not the least of those holding the office of commandant who are perplexed over this situation. The government simply cannot keep employed all the forces it did employ during the war. The rule at the Philadelphia yard now is to bold on to those employes who were most efficient. At least that is the reason given with regard to many of the discharges that are taking place.

In one sense Herbert H. Asquith will still be a ''prime'' minister if he becomes plenipotentiary to the United States. On the whole, those cables which Mr.

It is not so much a sign as a design which the P. R. T. is now significantly dis-closing at the forepeak of its feetley care.

Burleson is now so anxious to return seem

to have been of the heavy chain variety.

RUBBER HEELS

Second Interview With Guy Wheeler

AN IRATE face surmounted by tawny hair punctuated the tobacco smoke of our sanctum just now. It was Guy Wheeler "You blinking idiot." he said. "what do you mean by playing me up in the paper as a damn here? What's all this handpainted stuff about valorous doings in the air? Beaucoup trouble for me. Is this the

We stammered something incoherent. "What," we cried pitcously, "is the use of having friends in the air service unless

they're willing to pretend to be heroes?" "I know," he quoth bitterly, "you don't care what you say as long as you get your space filled up, but for the love of Mike. man, to make me out a bleeding Galahad! demand reparation. You know I was in England most of the time, and the only danger we ran into over there was from the cooking. I can face boiled mutton and prussels sprouts without a whimper, but not this bird-man tripe."

"This column is at your disposal for any amend possible." we bleated miserably Surely you know that to the newspapers every returned soldier is a hero. We thought

"Not anybody who was with the English." he said savagely. "The English have different ideas about this blooming hero stuff. Kindly state that flying in England vas nowhere near as dangerous as crossing Broad and Chestnut streets, and that the only peril we had to encounter was from the English cooks. If you don't do me justice on this I'll turn the Emergency Aid

bondsellers loose on you." And therefore we wish to remark, and our anguage is plain, that we retract, withdraw, annul and disavow any implied testimony that Guy is a hero. He isn't, and if you love life don't suggest it to him.

A Rebuke for Mr. Cove We don't know who Mr. Arundel Cove is-the name sounds familiar somehow but he has an article in the May "Bookman" in which he describes a visit to G. Chesterton, at Beaconsfield, England. In the course of his sprightly remarks this agreeable writer-we can't help thinking we have met him somewhere-says that a man he met near the Beaconsfield railway station "was very urgent that I should visit the church, not far away, ancient Penn church, not far away, in the churchyard of which William Penn is The fact is that William Penn is not

buried at Penn church. As every good Philadelphian knows, many of us by of personal pilgrimage, be lies beneath a very modest stone in the little Friends' burying ground at old Jordan's Meeting House, a few miles from Beaconsfield through country lanes. The village of Penn, from which we believe Penn's family came originally, is also near Beaconsfield, but is quite a different place from Jordans. The old Penn church is a lovely place, but we were more interested in Penn Woods nearby, a heavenly tract of old beeches which Bill must have known well. Perhaps when he called this part of the world Pennsylvania, or Penn's Woodland, he had in mind that little English boscage. We were wandering there one afternoon just at sunset when the slanting shafts of light fell quivering like flaming golden arrows through the chinks of foliage. In one such spear of brilliance stood a pheasant, daz-zling scarlet and blue. It was almost as lovely a sight as a magazine cover.

The next time Mr. Arundel Cove wanders and Beaconsfield we hope he will correct at inaccurate Englishman who prowis near nallway station,

The Value of Criticism Our friend Dove Dulcet, the well-known sub-caliber poet, has recently issued a slender volume of verses called Peanut Butter. He thinks we may be interested to see comment of the press on his book. We don't know why he should think so, but any-

HAVE YOU LET IT TRAIL?

way here are some of the reviews : Buffalo Lens: Mr. Dulcet is a sweet singer, and we could only wish there were twice as many of these delicately rhymed fancies. There is not a poem in the book that does not exhibit a tender grasp of the beautiful homely emotions. Perhaps the least successful, however, is that entitled "On Losing a Latchkey,

Syracuse Hammer and Tongs: This little book of savage satires will rather dismay the simple minded reader. Into the acid vials of his song Mr. Dulcet has poured a bitter cynicism. He seems to us to be an irremediable pessimist, a man of brutal and embittered life. In one poem, however, he does soar to a very fine imaginative height. This is the ode "On Losing a Latchkey," which is worth all the rest of the pieces put together.

New York Reaping Hook; It is odd that Mr. Dove Dulcet, of Philadelphia we be lieve, should have been able to find a publisher for this volume. These queer little doggerels have an instinctive affinity for oblivion, and they will soon coalesce with the driftwood of the literary Sargasso Sea Among many bad things we can hardly remember ever to have seen anything worse than "On Losing a Latchkey,"

Philadelphia Prism: Our gifted fellow townsman, Mr. Dove Dulcet, has once more demonstrated his ability to set humble themes in entrancing measures. his book Peanut Butter. A title chosen with rare discernment, for the little volume has all the savor and nourishing properties of that palatable delicacy. We wish there were space to quote "On Losing a Latchfor it expresses a common human experience in language of haunting melody and witty brevity. How rare it is to fine a poet with such metrical skill who is content to handle the minor themes of life in this mood of delicious pleasantry. The only failure in the book is the banal sonnet entitled "On Raiding the Ice Box." we would be content to forgo.

Pittsburgh Cylinder: It is a relief to meet one poet who deals with really ex-alted themes. We are profoundly weary of the myriad versifiers who strum the called lowly and domestic themes, Mr. Dulcet, however, in his superb free verse, has scaled olympian heights, disdaining the customary twaddling topics of the rhymesters. Such an amazing allegory as "On Raiding the Ice Box." which deals, of course, with the experience of a man who attempts to explore the mind of an elderly Boston spinster, marks this powerful poet as a man of unusual satirical and philosophical depth.

Boston Penseroso: We find Mr. Dove Dulcet's new book rather baffling. We take his poem "On Raiding the Ice Box" to be a paean in honor of the discovery of the North Pole; but such a poem as "On Losing a Latchkey" is quite inscrutable. Our guess is that it is an intricate psychoanalysis of a pathological case of amnesia Our own taste is more for the verse that with the gentler emotions of day, but there can be no doubt that Mr. Dulcet is an artist to be reckoned with. VVV

We hope the ice box at the Hotel des Reservoirs, Verailles, is locked at night, or some of the Gaman delegates will be sure to break into it. They don't get butter like

To My Daughter—3 Days Old

YOUR eyes look out unquestioning, un-

afraid. On an alien world. Your cars are crinkled, half-unfolded leafbuds: Your hands are fluttering moths at twilight;

You have supped on the white milk of my

You have never tasted the salt of tears. Little unawakened heart! When your eyes have grown dark with pain. When your ears have heard the rhythm Of your own sobbing in the night.

When your weary hands have lifted the burden of sorrow. And your lips have forgotten my breast, This other drink I bring you-The strong red wine of courage.

Distilled from the slow drops of my suffering

heart. Then shall your eyes look out Unquestioning, unafraid.

-Nancy Barr Mayity, in The Bookman. After nearly five years the German troops have at last worked out an encircling movement. This time, however, it happens to be around their own city of Munich.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

1. Who has been appointed secretary general of the league of nations? 2. Who called architecture "frozen

music"? 3. What was the name of the three-headed dog which, according to Greek mythol-

ogy, guarded the entrance to Hades? What is ashlar? 5. Who was the possessor of the magical sword "Excalibur"?

6. Where are the Straits Settlements? 7. What book of the Bible tells the story of Joseph?

Where is the famous church of St. Sophia which the Greeks want reclaimed from Mahommedanism? 9. Who was commander of the French

army after Marshal Foch became generalissimo of the Allied forces? 10. Of what state is Postmuster General

Burleson a citizen?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. The word "nationals" as used in the league of nations covenant means either citizens or subjects or both. 2. Gustav Ador is president of the Swiss Confederation.

3. "Inspiring bold John Barleycorn" is a line from Burns's poem, "Tam

4. The president of the German national assembly is Herr Febrenbach.

5. The Aquitania is accredited with the fastest transatlautic run made by any troopship, having recently made the crossing to New York in five days

twelve hours and some minutes. 6. Osaka is the second largest city in

7. Napoleon Bonaparte gave himself up to Captain Maitland of the British manof-war Bellerophon on July 15, 1815,

Lake Geneva is also called Lake Leman. 9. The Democratic national convention

which renominated Woodrow Wilson for President in 1916 was held b