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### HOG ISLAND AND A HOLIDAY

MORE than 50,000 persons visited Hog Island on a recent Sunday when the vast shipyard was opened to visitors. No one who ever saw the greatest of shipbui'ding plants has gone away without a new sense of amazement at a spectacle that is almost indescribable, and a new sense of pride and of confidence in the American spirit. The schedule of the yard recently published indicates that two vessels are to be ready for simultaneous launching on Memorial Day. If Mr. Brush and his associates in the direction of Hog Island could find it possible to open the gates to the general public on that occasion about 100,000 persons would thank them for some unparalleled thrills and an outing really worth while.

Few persons in this city are yet able to realize that Hog Island is actually one of the wonders of the world and perhaps the greatest single work undertaken and successfully carried out under the stimulus of the war. River steamers could provide a magnificent grandstand for multitudes if the yard management would arrange its double launching as a holiday event. The yard itself would draw a vast crowd. The people own Hog Island. It is their shippard. Most of them have no adequate notion of the miracle they helped to create. Once they were permitted to see the island and its work they could afford to smile tolerantly at the emotional blow-ups that occur at intervals in Congress when effervescent politicians find themselves in a mood for probes and investigations.

## THE WATER SHORTAGE

IF THERE is a water shortage in Philadelphia now what will the situation be after July 1?

This city comes next to Chicago as a consumer of Adam's ale in these days when certain classes of the thirsty moisten their throats with other liquids. The daily consumption of water here is 170 gallons for each man, woman and child, or 850 gallons for the average family. In Chicago it is 220 gallons, New York, whither men go from all parts of the country to quench their thirst, Boston gets with 105, while St. Louis needs 120 and Baltimore consumes 140 gallons.

We are told that the enormous quantity used here is due to the large number of manufacturing plants, where the surplus not consumed in the homes of the people is needed for the various processes and flows directly into the rivers or reaches them through the sewers after serving its purpose.

Perhaps this is a complete explanation At any rate, the water is pumped into the mains and goes somewhere. It certainly does not reach the homes of the people in any such quantity as the figures would indicate, and in some sections of the city it is difficult in the summer to get any water at all, save during a rainstorm when the roof leaks.

If the situation is so bad as the outgivings from City Hall would indicate something will have to be done before the dry spell begins at the end of next month.

## THE STRAW HAT

RAINY days almost invariably follow upon the advent of the new straw "Unsettled weather," said the weather gentleman firmly in making his rognostication for the present week. Men of fashion who put away their winter headgear on the tick of the clock have no easy time of it. They become anxious students of weather reports. They flee from a darkening cloud.

The straw hat has increased in popu larity as a venture more and more boldly toward colorful embellishments. Socks of a bright hue are recent acquisitions dear to the proud spirit of man, dearer even than his passionate ties of recent summers. But it is in his hatband that the average man is most during and venturesome. Women, whose hats inspire the oldest and most cherished joke a man-made world, preserve a wise and tolerant silence when the season of ored hatbands comes round. Straw hats show which way the wind blows not only in the streets, but in the realm of nasculine psychology.

## THE DYNAMITERS

OVERS of "The Dynamiter," that delicious farce in which Robert Louis tevenson skitted the Bolsheviks of his , will remember Zero Pumpernickel bes, the sentimental bomb-compiler of Golden Square, This tender-hearted assin, whose hair had grown gray th the vexations of infernal devices hat failed to explode as planned, was on way to Philadelphia, when a brick of e in his handbag knocked against

the corner of a London newsstand and

"no adequate remains could be found." Zero would have been a welcome addition to the ranks of our local sovietcers. who think that to speed by a church at dusk and toss a handful of TNT in that direction in the vague hope of killing some one, is a glorious exploit against capitalistic civilization. would have justified their outrages with quaint fluency of philosophy, and when netted by the secret service he would have been a picturesque figure on his

way to the chair. Alas! it is to be feared that those who make war on society these days are not such engagingly absurd figures as Stevenson's rascal. They are maniaes who delight in cruel outrages for their own sake and deal horror regardless. Blood s their argument and blood their desire. They think nothing of striking down 'noncombatants" in the hope of reaching those who they fancy have injured them. They need not expect society to be tender with them when it hunts them down,

#### GENDARMES FOR THIS CITY? A QUERY WORTH PONDERING

Why Should Philadelphia Adopt a Method Which Has Failed in Many Other American Cities?

IF IT were proposed to take the Bureau of Itealth or the Bureau of Water out of the control of the municipal authorities because certain inspectors or clerks had been engaged in pernicious political activity, the cry would immediately arise that good local government is made of other stoff and that the Legislature should give the city the machinery to work out its own salvation, but not deprive it of the right to comfact its purely house offnirs.

When the charge is raised that the police have engaged in political activity. many carnest reformers and good extezens seem to lose right of their belief in democracy working out its problems and seek for relief in that paternalism which they are usually prope to condemn.

We have to recognize that there is a fundamental legal difference between policemen and other municipal employes. for numerous courts have held that the police officer, while employed and paid by a numicipality, is primarily the agent of the state in his law-enforcing duties. and with these decisions we have no quarrel. But as a unit of local administration and as a human proposition, the police department is no different from any other group of municipal employes.

It is argued that, although home rule is desirable in theory and in practice, an enormous power and because their evilistration of its friends in the control of have been kept on the chance that they local affairs. Like many similar dangers might be worn again some time. They local affairs. Like many similar dangers. this has been one of the problems that do not seem to disturb autocracies, but which do present themselves to selfgoverning communities. And yet, isn't it better for us to work out the problems under a democracy than to choose the seemingly easier way of an autocracy?

Those who favor a police force under state control for Philadelphia, and who thereby oppose the express views of Governor Sproul on the matter, often point to the state constabulary as an illustration of the efficient local police that we could secure under state routrol. They forget that the constabulary is not

Do those who use this argument actually favor a military or semimilitary pared for the inevitable problems which police for Philadelphia? Do they realize it will unfold. We had a population of that a military police force for cities is violently in conflict with American traditions and that American urban populations would find it difficult to reconcile themselves to such a proposal

American working people, and citizens generally, have long thought of the Prussian centrally controlled gendarmerie as the epitome of the oppressive European system, and have contrasted our own civilian police as America's contribution to the maintenance of law and order by nonmilitaristic means. Perhaps the time has come frankly to examine the question of whether we should change our practice in this respect and copy Prussia.

We believe that such a reversal of policy would be a mistake. We have examined the history of previous movements in this country to correct the evil that attended local control of police by turning them over to the state and the summary of our findings is somewhat as

First. That, mide from "theoretical" considerations of home rate, the police cal morals of the police force are inproved by such a step only when the politics of the state is on a distinctly higher plane than the politics of the

Second. That the principle of "check" works out only when the pulities of the state is under different contral from the politics of the city (e. g., where one party is dominant in the city as against the opposite party in the state or where different factions or broaches of the same party are generally in control of the city and state.

Third. That a number of cities have worked aut under local control as high standards of efficiency and political morality as have any cities under state control.

Fourth, That in only one city of metropolitan rank has the state control of local police been universally satinfactory. In six of the nine largest American cities the plan was abandoned after a trial. The one city that heartily approves state control is Boston, which is the state capital and the only large city in Massachusetts, thus making the problem in no way comparable to that of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania.

Fifth. That in those European cities where the state exercises control of the local police a share of the expense is borne by the central government. This is not true in America, where the local government bears the expense whether the state exercises the control or not.

Sixth. The lack of control over local

affairs is detrimental to good government because it lessens the interest of the citizens; in the last analysis the active interest of the citizens is the sole carnest of an efficient democracy,

We have lined up a few major points There are other arguments equally weighty, and a proper discussion of this vitally important topic might well fill a book. The issue is so acutely before us, however, that we do not feel that lengthy

arguments are in order. This newspaper has consistently in dorsed the program of the charter revisionists, which calls for home rule and good government in Philadelphia, and we cannot, without a sense of stultification, bring ourselves around to favor an emasculation of the charter program by consenting to lopping off from local control the city's largest, most important and costliest single governmental unit.

After all, we believe in the American tradition that the prosecution must prove it - case, and a wise corollary of that docrine would be that when a fundamental change in government is proposed the burden of proof must lie with the advocates of the change. This newspaper beieves that the advocates of charter revision have adequately proved their case and that the decent elements of the comnumity regardless of politics, regardless even of factional preferences are solidly behind the very elementary changes they propose.

With regard to the Darx police mensare, we believe that many of the preponents are acting in entire good faith But we are solidly with Governor Suroul what we believe to be his firm view hat democratic local government is not to a My corrupt nor necessarily mellicient and we admire the stand he has taken for home rule as a fundamental principle not lightly to be thrown into the discard

Unless the advocates of the state control of police make a better case than they has eyet been able to do, we are coninced that they have failed to justify the drastic change they propose,

### MAKE A THOROUGH JOB OF IT

THE only criticism that can be made of clean-up week is that its program not comprehensive enough.

Householders are asked to gather all the old and wornout stuff in their houses. and all the cubbish that has accumulated during the year, both inside and outside, and put it in covered receptacles on the sidewalk on a stated day, so that the teams of the cleaning contractors may call it away.

This plan clears the houses of much stuff. But there is much more that exception should be made in the case of might with profit be disposed of. The the police because they represent such closets in some houses are filled with women's garments no longer in fashion use may perpetuate an iniquitous admin- or with suits of men's clothing which are not worn. They accumulate from year to year and gather dust and attract moths. What has not been given away this winter to be disposed of at rummage sales for charity might well be sent to the emergency relief committee for the benefit of war sufferers in Europe or for the better clothing of needy families in our own city, the identity of which can be learned from any of the charitable organizations.

But what is of greatest importance is that we should clean our minds of the rubbish we have allowed to accumulate in them and make room for the larger thinking in which we must indulge if Philadelphia is to face the future preonly 847,000 forty years ago. Today we have 1,800,000. If plans for a city of 2,000,000 had been made in 1880 traffic would not be suffering from the conges. tion that is its bane today.

We know as surely as we know any thing that within the next forty years the city will have a population of 3,500, 000, that the small buildings in the business center will be displaced by ten and twenty story structures and that the men and women working in them will find it difficult to move along the streets or la accommodated in the trolley cars or subways unless something is done in time to widen the streets or to increase the numher of subways or to build great transverse boulevards leading from the congested center to the outlying districts.

The growth of the business of the rapid transit company ought to convince us of the certainty of expansion. In 1910 only 445,000,000 passengers were carried by the street cars. This number had increased to 767,000,000 last year, or a gain of nearly 75 per cent in eight years. It s not surprising, therefore, that we have to hang on to a strap or that at night it frequently takes fifteen minutes for a trolley car to move from Sixth street to

We cannot make the necessary plans nor can we carry them out unless we clear our minds of old-fashioned ideas and begin to harbor those visions without which no man or city ever great great. We must stop congratulating ourselves on our rate of progress and begin to ask ourselves why we do not move forward with greater speed. If we gained 50,000 in population last year let us make the city so attractive that we shall gain 75,000 this year and 100,000 next year.

We can do it if we choose to engage chole-heartedly in the business of a mental clean-up.

In view of the recent The Root of violent criticism nimed at Mr. Wilson by ir-All Evil apers in Europe-and cabled to America indicate "popular opinion" on the other it is interesting to read the current report of the Mexican division of the Ameri can committee on public information. of the antagonism created in Mexico for the Allies was inspired, it appears, by lowgrade newspapers, which regularly drew as nuch as \$1000 a week in subsidies from

Even the red Finns in Petrograd are mlikely to keep Lenine in the swim much

German agents.

Now that the circus has come to town Philadelphia has less cause to be jealous of Paris.

### LUSITANIA DAY AND **GERMANY'S HUMILIATION**

Tomorrow Will Mark the Fourth Anniversary of the Crime So Largely Responsible for Her Doom

IT IS denied that the marines fought their way through Beilean woods, crying "Re-mber the Lusitania!" According to General Catlin, what they did yell was "Come along, you 'Blankety-Blanks' (fill in here with appropriate epithet). Do you want to live forever?" Nevertheless it was often in the spirit of righteous wrath engendered by the nurderous deed committed four years ago fomorrow that the American armies hewed their way to victory. The Lusitania was unforgotten, even though the invocation of its name seemed a trifle too "stagey" for n battle ery

It is doubtful, too, if "Remember the Maine!" sprang from the throat of Shafter's little army as it rushed up San Juan 11111 It was a psychological rather than a yount slogan. Actual expression was superfluors. It was the pussionate force of the sentiment which stirged the heart of the ffmmus: American putriet.

The scientific historian has of course assigned a multiplicity of causes for the two wars waged by America within the last quarter of a century. It can be proved, for instance, that if the able King Ferdinand and the good Queen Isabella of Spain had begotten a same heir instead of the and Princess Juana the history of a great nation might not have been debased by so much serversity and, furthermore, that if "Cruzy as the English called her, had not wedded a scion of the royal house of Austria the long annals of Hapsburg intolerance might never have been recorded in Madrid. associption of Spanish oppression in Cuba to these influences is the next step.

But that whole chain of reasoning was far too complex for the average defender of American honor and American idents in 1898. He remembered the Maine, blown up while on a peaceful mission to Havana turber on February 15 of that year. Had the estastrophe not occurred it is extremely likely that there would have been no war.

THE Lusimum case is not precisely par-I milet, yet there are many analogies. The entants may reason that since the great Cunard greybound was sunk on May 7, 1915. and we did not go to war until nearly two years afterward, the black banner climax of German sea outrage was not the particular allse for our entrance into the fray. It then sessions perfinent to inquire what it was really did break our patience. wasn't the hitter memory of the Lusitania, obled, of course, to Germany's wholesale effenses to liberty and civilization, what was that plunged the nation into Armageddon? after only two years recollections

of Hun provocation between February and April, 1917, have become eather bary. can result some insure innerial order retricting American transathratic commerce o one ship a week between New York and Palmouth. Shortly afterward three or four American steamships were torpedaed. What me of our doughboys who fought so superbly in the Argonne can remember their names? But the Lusitania dwells in his conscious He knows and the nation knows that in so far as anything so execuble as that hideous slaughter off the Old Head of Kinsale can be avenged, atonement for it has

The country was convinced that it could e made when it took up arms. It was the oses of the great Lusitania which still anned the flames of our anger when the little Azree went down. The latter vessel happens to have been the American craft submarined the day before President Wilon read his war message to Congress.

Cinly the most superficial commentator would dare to eite that incident as the reaon why we embarked upon our monumental enterprise. Chronielers of the exhaustive type delve far back in the past. Attila is blamed, Frederick the Great and Bismarck. They have had records undoubtedly. For all heir malodorous celebrity, however, it was conservable that the performances of these "worthles" were unknown to many an irredshible Yankee knight in the trenches. He was out to "get" the kaiser, to rescue France and Beigium, restore liberty to the world and, very consciously indeed, to avere the Lusitania.

FROM the standpoint of policy alone the Han atracity of four years ago tomorrow has the height of fatal stupidity. When ivilization once heard of it propaganda on whalf of the Allies became a feeble super

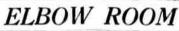
All the succious German arguments were promptly rendered valueless. A defenseless procedural ship had been sunk in utter viola ion of all the rules of war. Nearly twelve antifred passengers-1198, to be exact-had No other word was demen mardered. eriptive of the lufamy.

The draumtic horror of the crime seared the soul of humanity. Its appeal to the Neutrality emotions was elemental thought, arged by the President in 1914, seenme an impossibility. All of the proonged negotiations between America and Germany were merely an outgrowth from the Lusitania outrage, leading ultimately to the inevitable climax, the arbitrament of trms. Germany scaled her doom on May 7.

With involent presumption she had sought to escape her fate in a proclamation warn ing prospective passengers on the liner that were sailing at their own risk. The warning was largely unheeded, and when the Lusitman left New York on May I she not only was well filled. But she carried many eminent personages in various walk of American life. A number of these were among the lost. Among them were Ch. Frohman, Elbert Hubbard, Justus Miles Forman, the povelist; Charles Klein, deamatist, and Alfred C. Vander Vanderbilt Some thirty prominent Philadelphians were

At is a miracle indeed that many more ices were not lost, since the ship sank within twenty minutes after the attack. Two torocdoes were discharged at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon as the Lusitania was approaching the Old Head of Kinsale, on the Irish const. The submarine is said to have been lying about 500 yards away from the steamship The survivors, among whom was the gallant Captain Turner, rescued two and a balf hours after the first torpedo struck, were brought to Queenstown, Captain Lieuten-ant Schweiger, of the German U-bont, escaped to win florid laurels, including the unlause of the school children, in the fatherland and to continue for a year and half his career of crime. That was ended n the Bight of Helgoland in September his submarine encountered a maze of British mines and never reap

TOWO months after the Lusitania tragedy Lord Mersey, in his official report to the board of inquiry, described the German at ack as "murderous," and declared that it had been made "with the deliberate and wholly unjustifiable intention of killing the people on board." The verdict of history s identical. The punishment of history will be announced at the Peace Conference this In the fifteen days given to the Germans for deliberation they will be enabled to reflect upon how much the crime of the Lusitania was responsible for their condign agmiliation.



TUST because his name is Wood that doesn't prove that he's presidential tim

V V V This is clean-up week in Versnilles also.

v v v This is the time when many a would-be presidential candidate, hunting for an "is sue," finds only an exit.

v v v

We received a birthday card yesterday and were much touched by the sentimental message on it. "Now," thought we, much noved. "who can that be from and how did he know it was our birthday? It certainly is delightful to receive these disinterested tributes of friendship.

found the card of our insurance agent.

VVV

If one of those transatlantic flyers doesn't ake a start pretty soon we won't be able to drink his health when he takes the air, In other words, what we are laboriously leading up to is this: We'll be off hops when he hops off.

VVV

Nations Not Yet Having Been Reported as Causing a "Deadlock" at the Peace Con-

San Marino.

Liberia.

 $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ 

Those desiring to predict the complete reakdown of the Peace Conference and who have not yet done so had better hasten.

Even in his own estimation the crown prince is no longer a perfect thirty-six. He's thirty-seven today.

Last year we wrote him a birthday poem, but this year he bardly seems worth the necessary expense of calories.

v v v

Seven doesn't seem like a lucky number in Camden. At any rate, when applied to trol ey fares.

The Urchin, aged two and a half years, after observing some small girls in the square here he takes his exercise, is very eager o have a doll baby carriage. Even so early s the masculine heart perturbed by the goings on of the other sex.

Another prophecy: The favorite amuse

ment in certain quarters in November, 1920, will be wondering what happened to "the The most transparent political maneuver

s retiring into "seclusion" in the hope of being summoned therefrom.

Femaledictions! We're supposed to be angels of sunlight. Smiling, cheerful and gay-But why is it always our best beloved Cruel Fate takes away?

Oh, why is the Lot of Woman so hard? Why are we so accurst? hear now that bar pins must be de-barred After July the first.

v v v

An eminent Caliph writes us: Some time when you pass the Bell Tele. phone Building on the Parkway, look at the flags. The American flag and British jack are flying backwards. I suppose Mr. Burleson has a reason for so flying them. v v v

We predict a decline in bolshevism. any rate, until the next equinox. Bolshevism is cold-weather stuff.

Our Own Circus Parade (The Greatest Showdown on Earth) Sepator Sherman wringing his hands over the league of nations

WE HAVE WITH US AGAIN-

Street-cleaning Department reading "Ethics of the Dust"

Delegation of fish from the aquarium demanding 100,000 gallons more water per day

Presidential impossibilities, led by General Leonard Wood. with their ears to the ground

to the ridiculous The ghost of Walt Whitman

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox

smiling to itself Rear Admiral Grayson

in fall uniform wondering what to do next

Mr. Joseph Pennell

Profiteering landlords oversubscribing the Evictory Loan Premier Orlando explaining that he went back to Rome

merely to buy a straw hat Platoon of second lieutenants severely wounded by not having been saluted

Colonel House in the act of being decoyed into public utterance

Parents of young children demanding an eight-hour night Oblivion

a minor poet Agents of the Revenue Department looking for more luxucies to tax

rapidly pursuing

Convincing exhibition of low visibility on the part of average income

Manufacturers of 30,000 new soft drinks trying to think of catchy names for their concections Carter Glass

wondering what McAdoo does

to earn that \$200,000 from the movies French proofreaders

struggling with the phrase "May I not?" Phalanx of freaks, i. e., husbands who never forgot to mail a letter

Cohort of super-freaks. i. e., men who never spilled soup on a brand-new necktie

SOCRATES

The return of Orlando to Paris will emphasize the "Sig." in the signature.

Sign at the Hotel des Reservoirs, Vermilles: Wipe your feet on the diplomat. The truly patriotic score is written with

The impression is still hard to dissipate that the examination of Wood as presiden-tial timber is going to reveal too many knots,

## SATISFIED

WHEN the Good Lord fixed the seasons
And arranged the spring and fall, And the summertime and winter, And the rain and snow and all: When he made the storms that bluster And the little winds that blow, And the frost that kills the flowers

And the crocuses that grow. Ob. I don't mean no irrev'rence When I state this mystery; When the Good Lord fixed the seasons He must have thought of me.

When I get tired of summer And I see the blinding heat Come rippling up and sizzling From out the blazing street; When the long hot months have worn me

To a frazzle thickness, then Things change about, and a Comes flaunting in again! And I dream of Indian summer And the fine cool days to be . . . . When the Good Lord fixed the seasons He must have thought of me.

And then, when I get restless And the winter nights are long, I sit there by the fireside And hear the chimney's song. It somehow don't seem tiresome Because I know the year, Is moving round, and springtime

Will profty soon be here, Oh, it's fine, Old Nature's changes, And they suit me to a T! When the Good Lord fixed the seasons He must have thought of me. Garnett Luidlaw Eskew, in the New York

## . What Do You Know?

3. Who is premier of Belgium? 4. When and where did the Kearsarge sink-

the Alabama?

5. What is the origin of the word silhouette?

7. What is the meaning of "fore-and-aft?"

9. Why is the bumble bee so called?

10. What was the nationality of the artist Vandyke? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Ferdinand is king of Rumania.

engineer.

6. The cardinal signs of the Zodiae are

7. Eugene V. Debs was Socialist candidate

for President in 1916.

Scriptures.

chickens.

The Prince De Ligne declared, "The Congress of Vienna does not walk, by it dances."

1. Who is acting secretary of state in the absence of Mr. Lansing? 2. Where and what is Quidi Vidi?

Herald

6. What is indicated by a halo around the

8. What is a "Fortunatus purse"?

2. Maui, after which the large army transport is named, is one of the principal islands of the Hawaiian group in the Pacific.

3. The Nobel prizes are derived from a fund of \$10,000,000 left by the Swedish

4. Camaraderie: intimacy, mutual trust and sociability of comrades.

5. The amaranth is an imaginary unfading

the two equinoctial and the two solstitial signs, Aries and Libra, Cancer and

S. Exegesis: exposition, especially of the 9. Stormy petrels are called Mother Carey's