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OPEN HOUSE AT HOG ISLAND

THE recent suggestion of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER has been acted upon and Hog Island will be thrown open to the people on Memorial Day...

There will be entertainment a-plenty. Five ships are to be launched. Women labor workers, two from Pennsylvania, one from New Jersey and one from Minnesota...

THE SHAD SHORTAGE

THE indications that Delaware shad are coyly imitating the ways of the now semimythical Schuylkill catfish are not cheering...

For once the war is guiltless. Even if wages at the shipyards had not risen some of the fishermen, they could have boasted of no great hauls this season...

VALE TO A RIVER NUISANCE

IT WAS good news when the extinction of the state quarantine nuisance was forecast. It is still more cheering to note the imminence of its demise...

The local station was recently built, succeeding the venerable plant that had performed supererogatory duties for many years. It is a good sign of clear administrative thinking...

THE OLD AND THE NEW

A FEW years ago it was the fashion to speak of the skyscraper as something intonably ugly. Then by and by, it began to dawn on us that its stark simplicity and bald desire to appear nothing like what it really was had an appeal...

years and it will appear positively beautiful. So it is conceivable that a hundred years from now the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art in connection with the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will be launching a campaign to preserve the city's commercial art even as it is today working to save the city's Colonial art...

EVEN THE DEMOCRATS ARE GOOD HAMILTONIANS TODAY

Prohibition and Equal Suffrage Are Applications of Federalist Doctrine, the Father of the League-of-Nations Idea

THE spiritualistic "mediums" are missing an opportunity by failing to get into communication with Alexander Hamilton and reporting to us what this great federalist thinks of the things that have happened since the bullet of Burr cut short his brilliant career...

There is hardly a vestige of the doctrine left today. Congress has long been interfering with commerce among the states, and it is admitted that where interstate commerce has any relation to interstate commerce Congress may also regulate that.

Under the old theory the regulation of the traffic in intoxicating liquors belonged exclusively to the states, just as it is still admitted that the police regulation of traffic on the highways belongs to the states...

The police power of the states over the liquor traffic will become a thing of the past next year, for Congress has approved and all but three of the states have ratified a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants for use as a beverage...

In like manner the woman suffrage amendment to the constitution, which was submitted to the states in the near future, would have been laughed out of court. The right of the states to fix the qualifications of electors was expressly recognized in the original constitution...

But the matter does not end here. There is a bill before Congress fixing an eight-hour day for industries which are at all connected with interstate commerce. This goes even further in the direction of centralization of power than either the prohibition or the suffrage amendments...

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traveled since the early days of the republic. Congress passed a child labor law, but the court decided that it was unconstitutional, not because Congress did not have power to regulate child labor, but because it tried to regulate it in the wrong way. The revenue law passed by the last Congress contains a provision taxing the products of factories in which children are employed...

AN IMPORTANT DEPARTURE

THE formation in Philadelphia of a coal company with world aspirations is an important factor in the wooing of world trade and in the building of a merchant marine...

It may be the first foot of the overture to the stirring maritime melodrama, "Bearding the Lion in His Own Coat Bin." England has a great merchant marine primarily because she was dependent on the rest of the world for most of the things she needed...

GREAT FLIGHT FAILURES

MARVELOUS failures multiply. Few successes have ever thrilled the world as has the daring venture of Hawker and Grievous. Now France claims attention with a frustrated attempt which was none the less distinguished by an unprecedented feat...

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As witness the Parlor Variety The world must not be too confident that bolshevism will die with the destruction (which now seems imminent) of the Bolshevist government in Petrograd. Bolshevism is a mental disease of which organized violence is merely one manifestation...

WHITMAN MEMORIES By Harrison S. Morris [Editor's Note—In connection with the centennial of Walt Whitman's birth this week Mr. Morris permits us to print some extracts from his brief biography of Whitman, which is to be published in Italy, with an introduction by Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Italian poet. The volume is one of a series dealing with great American writers to be published in commemoration of Italo-American friendship during the great year. Another installment will be printed on this page on Friday.]

THE year 1884 was signaled by a new move of great importance to Walt. He purchased a small frame shack, as he called it, on Mickle street, Camden, not far from Colonel George Whitman's house...

HE WAS in his shirt sleeves and we sat on the little wooden steps and cellar door. I remember being shown the beginnings of a poem, strung on white thread and written on all sorts of odd pieces of paper, including the edges of newspapers, each successive draft coming nearer the desired perfection of phrase and sound...

THE TUNING FORK

Emile: ex-Patriot FRENCH-BORN, he never served a year in their ranks, egregious man! Though in his veins there courses clear The martial blood of Jehanne...

Nicholas Biddle's Bath tub I spoke the other day of the curious little jungle of back yards, brick walls and tall chimneys to be seen along Orange street, just west of Seventh, being the rear of the old houses on the north side of Spruce street...

Walt Whitman's Brain

We are indebted to the bibliophile, James Shields, for the most interesting piece of information concerning Walt Whitman that has come our way. A monograph by the late Dr. E. A. Spitzka, professor of anatomy at the Jefferson Medical College, gives a brief review of scientific post-mortem measurements made of the brains of 130 notable men and four women...

Teapot Inscriptions Mr. James D. Law is kind enough to send us a description of the "colossal teapot" used by the Rev. and Mrs. John Wesley, which he saw in Wesley's old home in London. Mr. Law says: "It was a white china pot with blue decorations. On one side was marked: 'Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored.' These creatures bless and grant that we may feast in Paradise with Thee."

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A Ballad of Redhead's Day

TALK of the Greeks at Thermopylae! They fought like mad till the last was dead; But Alvin C. York of Tennessee Stayed cool to the end though his hair was red. Stayed mountain cool yet blazed that gray October the Eighth as Redhead's Day.

Excepting York, who smiled "Amen" And, spotting the nests of spitting guns, Potted some twenty birds, and then Did with his pistol for eight more Huns Who thought they could crush a Yankee alive In each red pound of two hundred and five.

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