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THE LAST LEGISLATIVE LAP

THE Legislature faces four his days this week, but the stimule of state pride should be a significant compania tion for the labor involved. For the Pennsylvania Assembly has, on the whole, a good record this year. Less foolish or pernicious legislation and more necessary and constructive measures have been passed than for many sessions.

Much of the sanity displayed has been directly due to influence of an able and clear-sighted Governor. A special ceremony has been planned for his signing of the Philadelphia charter bill. The ogension warrants it. The effect of the needed measure is now wholly dependent upon the spirit in which Philadelphians, "machine" men or melependents, interpret and upon such skill and honesty as they display in its execution.

On the last-lap calendar are the suffrage amendment, which will almost as suredly be sanctioned; the teachers salary bill, for which passage seem likely; consideration of the prohibition regulations and the workmen's compensation law changes. Considerable battling is in order concerning the last two themes, but it may be forecast that major tangles will be straightened out before adjournment.

It is to be wished that the Delaware bridge bill be put in such shape that the nceded preliminary work can be conducted without embarrassment until the next session. It is to be deplored that the measure forbidding theatre-ticket extortion was suddenly equelched. On the other hand, the evident doom of the hysterical anti-sedition bill is encouraging and the death of the "jail-delivery" bill occasions no honest mourners.

There can be no question that the commendable far outweighs the regrettable in this biennial meeting.

PERPETUAL MOTION

THE Patent Office seems to be pessimistic about the possibility of the invention of perpetual motion. It has reapplication for a patent on a perpetual- Washington; motion device unless it is accompanied

But it need not be discouraged. Not far from its headquarters in Washington there is a machine in constant operation impelled by power generated within itself which comes as near to perpetual motion as anything yet devised. It is the tongue of Congress. It clacks from dawn to dewy eve. Then the brakes are put on. The next morning it starts again and turns out words by the hundred thousand, littering the pages of the Congressional Record with its product. The working model is working all the time.

It might be objected that this machine has no commercial value, but the Patent Office does not refuse exclusive rights to an invention for that reason.

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

INTELLIGENT advantage of the fact that Philadelphia outgoing shipping routes point south is taken in the allocation of the freighter Nedmac-launched at Hog Island on Decoration Day-to a Buenos Aires and River Plate service.

In the lively clipper days of the early nineteenth century geographical position logically stimulated the port's South American and West Indian trade. It was obvious that while the voyage to Liverpool or Havre necessitated a long detour around the Delaware capes, it was a direct run to the tropics and the American antipodes. The apathy which subsequently ensued was due to New York's port facilities and enterprise, without re-lation to locality assets.

It is to be hoped that the voyage of the Madmac, which is scheduled for the latter part of July, may be a prelude to a reouting of shipping lanes based upon a perception of geography. Already it is announced that a semimonthly service to the "Far South" will be inaugurated and that the International Freighting Corporation, which will conduct it, will move

its offices from New York to this city. The nearer and warmer South should ot be forgotten. Philadelphia should be in close mercantile touch with Barbados, Trinidad, Havana and our own San Juan well as with Buenos Aires and Rio. aking in terms of sea commerce, we face their way.

THE NATION IS BEHIND IT

THE prudent senators who wish to carry out the will of the nation will indoubtedly give serious thought to the titude of the American Federation of

on the league of nations. Phat federation is composed of men of political parties. Its membership is be the German people acting through

made up of the skilled workmen of the country, well paid and intelligent and deeply interested in the preservation of the peace of the world. There are between three and four million men in the

organization and each one has a vote. The delegates at the convention of the federation voted almost unanimously in support of the league-of-nations plan. They represent their unions and express the gentiment of those whom they repre-So here we have what is as near to a referendum on the matter as we are likely to get, which shows that almost one-quarter of the voting population is in favor of the league.

If this were an icolated case it would not be safe to generalize from it, but other great organizations represented by their delegates in convention have put themselves on mencil in support of the lengue plan. There is no doubt whatsoever that the nation as a whole favors The collapse of the movement behind the Knox resolution suggests that the knowledge of this is beginning to filter into the minds of the senators in Wash-

A NATION CAN'T DISOWN THE ACTS OF ITS AGENTS

Whatever German Statesmen Sign the Treaty Will Sign It for the

German People

THE cables have been telling us weeks that Germany was likely to create a dummy government to sign the peace treaty and then would set up another recomment to disclaim the acts of

Interest political conditions explain the unsetiled state of affairs. The task of agoing the treaty does not appeal to any German statesman. Every man with political ambitions is anatous that some one else should undertake the disagreeable duty. That the treaty will be signed is now clear from the assembly's vote.

It may be that there are Germans so ill-informed as to believe that when their government has signed the treaty the German people can regulate it. But if so they are ignorant of the fundamental principles on which all international agreements rest.

This question was raised early in the history of the United States when the government of Louis XVI of France was overturned. We made treaties with him in 1778, a treaty of alliance and a commercial treaty. When he was deposed and the new French republic sent Genet secretary of state, and Alexander Hamilton, his secretary of the treasury. whether the treaties were still binding.

Hamilton, who was usually able to think straight on big questions, fatally miscenceived the nature and functions of treaties when he advised Washington that, as the government of Leuis, with which we had made the treaties, was no perfect right to renounce all obligations under them.

Jefferson, however, sound democrat that he was, insisted that the treaties were made with the French nation and that they were binding upon whatever government the French chose to set up. The principle which he laid down is now admitted to be one of the fundamental principles of international law. Its pertinence to contemporary events makes it worth while reminding ourselves of the reasons which he advances in support of cently announced that it will consider no his position. Here is what he wrote to

> think proper to change these agents inc e the organization of their form or function whenever they please that all the acts done by those age: its unde authority of the nation, are the act of the nation, are obligatory on them, have to their use, and can in no wise annulied or affected by any change in the form of the government, or of the persons administering it. Consequently the treatler between the United States and France were not treaties between the United States and Louis Capet, but between the two nations of America and France, and the nations remaining in existence though both of them have since changed their forms of governthe treaties are not annulled by these

changes. This is the application to international relations of the well-established rule governing the relations of principal and agent. The principal is responsible for the acts of his authorized agent and he cannot escape responsibility by changing

The application of this principle to conlitions in Europe will clarify the situation for those who have been floundering n confusion. Russia, for example, still exists as : vation and the international obligation of the Russian people incurred by government of the deposed czar did cease when the revolution began. saia may be morally and pobankrupt, but her creditors have litically valid claims upon her assets and those claims will ultimately be enforced.

The government of the kaiser in Germany was the agent of the German people and the German people were and are responsible for its acts. They backed their government with their money and their lives and they must share in whatever penalties are to be inflicted upon them for their crimes. They cannot escape by declaring that they have set up a new government which had nothing to do with the old offenses. Yet they are arguing for this. It is as if a man who had ordered his chauffeur to murder his enemy had pleaded when he was detected in the crime that he must not be punished as he had discharged the chauffeur.

Yes, the German people are responsible for the horrors of this war, for they themselves, acting under the direction of their agents chosen for that purpose.

have been guilty of all of them. Their new agents, Herr Bauer and his party, set up in charge of their new government, will act not on their own responsibility but as the men chosen to carry out the national will. It will not be particular German political personalities who will sign the treaty. It will

these men commissioned to will and to

do the pleasure of Germany. The German statesmen know this and the statesmen of the other nations are not unaware of it. And it will dawn upon the consciousness of the German people before they are through with the busi-

YELLOW TO THE END

THE German navy completes its record of ignominy and infamy in the cuttling of the interned fleet in Scapa Flow. As the rules of civilized war were repeatedly flouted in the submarine murders. so now the rule of a peace agreement-that is to say, the armistice-is treacherously violated in this act of

despicable melodrama. The stipulation to which assent was ormally given on November 11, 1918, is explicit. It reads: "Only care takers eing left on board. No destruction of hips should be permitted before evacuaion, surrender or restoration." Final urrender had not actually been made, once the German crews were intrusted with the maintenance of the fleet pending ts disposition by the Allies after the

That the act was suicidal and frenzied does not modify in any degree its atter ignobility. To the last the Germans are revealed a characteristically devoid of the instincts of honor. A manly opportunity to sacrifice their squadrons in accordance with inspiring sea traditions of the Ceivern type was lost when no further challenge to the Grand Fleet was

sent after Jutland. That the Allies are rid of some embarrasement concerning the Hun ships is true. But the rebuke to war lust which was to have been administered should have been made as a result of free and lofty decision by all the victorious powers. Unquestionably the British navy. guardian of the disgraced fleet, is partly responsible for the fact that this solemn gesture can never be made. British scamanship could not imagine such shameful perfidy. To be knightly and trusting in this instance was to be lax. Both Britain and Germany have been con-

PATRIOTIC REPUBLICANISM

THAT the peace treaty, in all its pro-I visions, is not a partitan question is the direct and forceful appeal for ratification which a group of eminent New York Republicans made to the senators from their state.

The influential standing of these signatories, their acknowledged keen mental over here as its first minister, President | caliber and their long association with Washington asked Thomas Jofferson, his the best phases of patriotic Republicanism contribute to their petition a striking and valid potency.

Among the twenty-eight subscribers are former Attorney General Wickersham, Henry W. Taft, president of the New York State Bar Association and brother of the ex-President; Charles D. Hilles, president of the New York Republican Club and chairman of the Republilonger in existence, we were under no can national committee during the Taft obligations to respect them and had a campaign; Herbert Parsons, former Republican congressman, and Oscar S. Straus, former ambassador to Turkey and a member of Roosevelt's cabinet.

Hesitancy need not handicap comparion of these names with those attached to the reckless senatorial "round robin" or those associated with Mr. Knox's recent ill-considered maneuvering.

The quiet interment that is now forecast for the Pehnsylvania senator's obstructionary resolution is by no means a triumph for partisan democracy. It is clear-headed, common-sense Americanism which is prevailing, a quality in which the Republican party has long been conspicuously strong.

Manifestation of this virtue in New York has undoubtedly been effective in swinging that state definitely into the Republican column, a position which it maintained even in 1916. Something more, however, than skillful party tactics was visible in the impressive plea for fair play to the treaty and the league-ofnations covenant. Firm and intelligent regard for fateful obligations both to the nation and to civilization was apparent.

The effect of this step cannot fail to be profound. Best of all was its heartening implication that narrow and spiteful partisanship is doomed when it conflicts with patriotic responsibilities of the highest moment. It is the knowledge that such leavening is bound to ensue that inspires confidence in our system of party government, despite much stage red-fire and the rattling of the thundermachine

> Pacifists and senti-Victims of mentalists might have a little of their fool-Hun Cruelty ishness knocked out of

them if they were permitted to visit the Y. W. C. A. camp at Boulogne, France where French girls, returned from captivity in Germany, are being housed.

The Bibulous One looks Wish Father with modified hope on the recent publication of to Thought the fact that Philadelphia is threatened with a water famine. He thinks it may mean a stay in proceedings in the matter of that other famine scheduled

When the Salvation Army takes over as as Uplifter many of the city sa-

purchase it proposes to preserve in them not only the mirrors and the polished brasses but the armrails and footrests. This shows ommendable appreciation of kinks in human nature. First thing we know some of our best-known bar-flies will acquire a taste for the new-fangled drinks served and will never

It is a healthy sign of the times that labor in London and labor in Atlantic City both registered disapproval of bolshevism.

When our wandering President returns we can at least promise him that he will not suffer from ennui.

The Austrian reply to the peace terms is expected to be an evasive one. The one thing sure is that it will not be cast in the same mold as that of a certain note to

It is happily the fact that the men mentally defective enough to wish to use bombs are also inefficient enough to make a fizzle of them. Anarchist brains and bombs alike are duds.

SUNDAY IN THE PARK

Family Picnic Parties on Strawberry Hill and Young People on the Tennis Courts

PERICARP usually stays pretty closely at home, where he busics himself with his investigations into entertaining but not always important matters. I was surprised. therefore, when I discovered him scated on a bench near the tennis courts in Fairmount Park Sumley afternoon. The sun was shining upon a score or more of young men and women in white costumes playing the game with evident enjoyment. The woman in charge of the lockerhouse was recking herself quietly in the porch behind the greenery and smiling benignantly upon the innocen spectacle. Indeed, it was just such a spectacle as I have seen on many a Sunday aft ernoon on my neighbor's lawn, only there ons more of it. The young people in my neighbor's family play tennis on a single court with their friends every pleasant Sunday afternoon, when they do not play in the

I approached him, Pericarp made room for me on the bench. He offered me a cigar as soon as I was seated, an unusual act, for he is ordinarily so absorbed in his own meditations that he forgets the duties of a host even in his own house. Before I got the eight lighted he began to chuckle booked at him in astonishment.

Don't store at me that way," he said, still chuckling. "If you were in my place on would be laughing aloud."

Then with no apparent relevance he re-

"I have just been reading the preface to a back of eigarette papers, and a sentence or two from it has been running in my mind ever since I left home. It popped up again with peculiar force just as you arrived. The author says that he never soled eighrettes, but when he gets to be a angel he expects to be devilish now and And this remark provokes him to say that he wishes some one would develop the dea of hell as a place of reward for Puri-I could not help thinking of this lightful suggestion as I sat here watching ung people enjoying themselves in spite of the urgent protests of some good people who say that it is wicked. gotesters are not all like some Puritans I nove known, who have denied themselves the pleasures of life, yet longing for them with a mighty longing. Nothing would please them otter than the opportunity to have a devilsh good time after death. Oh! don't look o shocked. I am only playing with the

Two children passed before us, hopping and skipping over the short grass, and calling gayly to each other.

"I came here by way of the Dauphin street Pericarp continued. ere getting off the cars; some of them had skets, which they either carried into the Park or took with them to the trolley line that runs to Woodside Park and the Belmont Mansien and comes back here again. I followed those who kept on walking and found lot of pienie parties around the Straw berry Mansion. Tables were set under the trees or hidden among the shrubbery. Hammocks were swung up. Babies were asleep on the benches. Fathers and mothers were eating happily the things they had brought with them. Children were climbing over the tables or pumping assiduously for water at the old-fashioned pump near one of the There was the sound of laughter and the agreeable chatter of friendly voices And the heavens bent low over the hill as in

HE WAS silent for a minute or two. I have learned to wait for the spirit to

'Over beyond the Woodford Mansion." he went on, "I found two small boys playing one old cat - I think that is what they they were playing a game with a tennis pitched and the other batted and then ran to a base and back to the home plate. They were both less than ten years old. The smaller one was at the bat. He made a good hit and then ran with all his might to a tree about twenty feet away and back again. But he was not so absorbed in what he was doing that he could not look at me with a knowing smile us he rushed past me toward the tree. He had to slide to get back shead of the pitcher, and as his foot touched the home plate, which, by the way, was an orange peel, he shouted triumphantly, 'Safe! And the game went on. This was the same kind of a game, differing only in degree, as the game that a lot of young men were playing further away, surrounded by a crowd which if not occupied in watching them would have been less innocently employed.

"BUT it is the tennis, which pleases me most in my revolt from Puritanism. I have been here for an hour or two, and I have been interested in noting the gracious gentlemanliness of the players. I have not heard a harsh word, nor have I seen an unpleasant act. There seems to be an etiquette of the game which forbids the players in one court from entering another court after one of their balls has gone astray. When the ball flies on to another court the player looks after it and shouts, 'Thank you!' Then a player on the other court bats it back where it belongs. There seems to be a spirit of live and let live which appeals to me. I should like to see more of it in other human relations. Do you know there are not many things that make me angry, but nothing will arouse my ire so quickly as the sight of some one butting in and trying to interfere with the innocent enjoyment of other people, even though they may be enjoying themselves in a way that would bore me.

GTS IT not written that there is a time for I enjoyment?" I asked with a malicious grin.

"Certainly," he admitted, "but it is not written that you should tell me when the time has come for me to enjoy myself. These young people have decided that this afterpoon is the time for their healthful recreation, and I defy any one to deny them that

right ! Pericarp was beginning to get excited. One never can tell what he will say in that mood, so I quietly withdrew while his attention for the moment was attracted toward a particularly charming young woman who had placed the ball over the net with a cutting serve so skillfully managed that her o scooped for it in vain. G. W. D.

In the municipal game-bag "passing the buck" may prove dear.

'The "yellow peril" Mr. Phelan introduced to Congress may be stuffed with saw-

while mayoralty candidates are being groomed all over the city Shank's Mare will win in a walk. A clergyman of Brighton, England, predicts that the world will come to an end December 31 of this year. As he is eighty-

The Irrepressible One declares that

two years old, it may well be the truth so as he is concerned.

THE CHAFFING DISH

Thoughts on Setting an Alarm Clock

MARK the monitory dial, Set the gong for six a. m. Then, until the hour of trial. Clock a little sleep, pro tem

As I crank the dread alarum Stern resolve I try to fix: My ideals, shall I mar 'em When the awful moment ticks?

Heaven strengthen my intention. Grant me grace my vow to keep: Would the law enforced Prevention Of such Cruelty to Sleep!

Mediterranean Correspondent H. M. S. Kharki, Smyrna, May 20, 1919. HAVE been intending to write for some

A Dispatch From Our

wle to write to don't wait for me, for which great virtue I shall wear a brighter crown in Paradise.

Goethe said we had better watch out what we desire in youth, for in our old age we get it-good and plenty. Well, in my youth I wanted to see the Isles of Grease and Asia Minor. In my old age I get it, any amount of Grease, and Asia Minors by the con. So it goes. So it will continue to go until some slips the Peace Congress a few depth charges and gets them moving. Of course, pence may have come, but we can't get anything here, our wireless is continually jammed by the big new warships at Constantinople. The message reads like this:

sident Wils— zzzzzzzz small nations zzzzzzzz Dalmatia zzzzzzzz at the same time zzzz autonomy zz Orlando zzz turiono zzzzzzz enda zzzzzzzzzz pt. 11111 Very informing, but tending to monotony continued seven days a week. Our Sparks has got tired of it and has taken to fishing. WILLIAM McFEE.

This Dish is deeply moved to learn that it has a reader in Knoxville, Tenn., and acknowledges with much gratitude a dollar for the Child Federation from young Elizabeth Castle Coe of that generous city. Elizabeth also writes her own poem, thus: Southern Elizabeth Castle Coe

Sends a dollar, and well you know The dollars come and dollars go, And Southern Elizabeth hopes to grow. 'Twas Ever Thus

Oh ever thus Fate deals her knocks, At her Exchange my wires are crossed: never loved a pair of socks But 'twas the one the laundry lost. never hurried for a car And neared the spot with hopeful eye, But when I was still just too far To eatch the thing, it rumbled by.

The Poetical Painter Shields, the well-known bibliophag or shall we say librovore), tells us that at 1303 North Second street he has seen the following sign, well-made and neatly

When Alliterations Are Completed, etc.

A Wolff in Cheap Clothing Herr Wolff, of the famous German press bureau, is reported to have said that he had got so accustomed to paper clothes that he prefers them to regular cloth. This is a species of loyalty to the newspaper business that we feel we must commend.

A friend of ours said that John Barley corn will meet his Waterloo on the First, and hardly realized the literal truth of the statement.

The trance mediums who advertise themselves as being able to get in touch with departed spirits ought to reap a brisk traffic after Tuesday week.

Prince Joachim Buys Villa, says a headline. Can't some one put a stop to that German propaganda in Mexico?

At any rate, the new president of Brazil

got to this country in time to have his health drunk at a few ceremonial dinners. We wouldn't want him to have thought we were deficient in the customary courtesy of these

BLOWING UP A NEW ONE

affairs. The "Stars and Stripes," the A. E. F. newspaper, earned \$700,000 in its sixteen months' career, in spite of the fact that it was edited largely by professional humor-Perhaps one reason for the success of the paper was that it was so far removed from those ancient tribulations, Pro Bono Publico and Constant Reader.

Merrily We Droll Along!

The American Press Humorists, whose annual convention began with a careful ratification of credentials at a well-known hotel this morning, will be carried through, we trust, with the scintillation and general razoo that is expected of these merryandrews. An uproaring time is to be had by all: luncheon, today at the Breyer ice-cream factory: the traditional planting of a chestnut tree-what, by the way, has become of the weeping willow whatever it was that they planted here thirteen years ago? and we hope that blight will be cast over the spirits of the occasion by the rumor that bolshevism has a bomb ready for each and every humorist. There seem to be six luncheons planned for the six days of the festa; to lunch heartily for six days in succession is something rare in the lives of newspaper humorists. A trip the mint is on the program for Friday; trips to the mint julep are not specified and we shall say nothing of that aspect of the matter. There will be dining and anodyning; and among other ventures a tour of the Hop Island yards, which the humorists will have to admit is the greatest practical joke ever

The Chaffing Dish will spare no expense to cover this great series of events in a manner worthy of its traditions. Even if we have to go the limit and meet some of the wits personally, we are willing to do so. The public at large will be able to recognize them without difficulty: tall, lenn, cadaverous looking gentlemen, with deeply carved feat ures and somber eyes, wearing badges of blue and yellow ribbon

Lines for the Children's Washstand Before you sit'at table To ask God's grace, Wash clean as you are able

And every son or daughter Who's good like you, Will use warm sudsy water And washrag, too.

Your hands and face.

Roll up your sleeves securely, Near elbow high, So you can keep, most surely, Your blouse cuffs dry.

Don't splash the water madly-Take time to rinse-Don't smudge the towel sadly With finger prints.

As sure as heaven's above you. And grass is green, If you want God to love you, You must keep clean! JOHN A. CLEARY.

Twenty-sixers When I was just a little child Upon my Mother's knees, I loved to watch her shining curls

Never did breeze more sweetly blow Nor sun more brightly smile Never were there such golden days As blessed Nantucket's isle!

Float in the salt sea breeze.

Now I'm so far from dear Down East, Think what it means to me To see upon a khaki sleeve

A friendly blue YD.

After all, there's no drink like water. Try SOCRATES.

American Press Humorists THE paragraph builder; the wiz. of the

wheeze; The bard of the everyday dope: The artist whose comics your risibles tease;

The booster of ethics and soap ;-They're with us today

And our homage we pay To the fellows whose work has a punch. 'Tis their carnest intention

To hold a convention-That's the only joke left in The Bunch!

They will bury their chestnuts in Penn Treaty Park

With those of dear Brother Cattell, They will solemuly promise to keep the thing

And that promise they'll keep for a spell, But some time next week

They will dig, so to speak-Resurrect 'em and serve 'em for lunch.

They'll dress 'em and doll 'em To murch in a column-

They will ne'er crack a smile; they will ne'er make a joke-They are on their vacation, my dears!

At "slow Philadelphia" ne'er will they poke Scorn's insolent finger! (Loud cheers!) By and by they'll opine That we're liking them fine-

And I know they'll be right in their hunch ;-For howe'er you may take 'em They're good as they make 'em!

The boys and the girls in The Bunch!

GRIF ALEXANDER.

What Do You Know?

1. When does the prohibition constitutional amendment go into effect?

2. Who composed the "Unfinished Sym-

3. What kind of apparel is a soutage?

4. Where are the Jura mountains?

5. For what was John Fitch noted? 6. In what novel by Charles Dickens does

the grotesque character of Quilp occur? 7. Who was Albert Cuyp? S. How much money does the treaty now in the Senate provide shall be paid to

Colombia in settlement of the Panama dispute? 9. What are the six classifications of conl? 10. What is the most active volcano in

United States territory?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. The South is the part of the United States which, in general, is most opposed to woman suffrage.

2. Premier Orlando, of Italy, has been denied a vote of confidence.

3. Four bushels make a coomb.

4. Of the three coasts of the United States -Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific-the last-named is the shortest. This ranking does not consider Alaska.

5. The French Revolutionary calendar's month consisted of thirty days. The five extra days were added at the end of September.

6. The quotation from Gray's "Elegy" should read, "The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

7. James Monroe was President of the United States 100 years ago.

8. Impinge means to strike on or upon, or to drive at a thing.

9. Epictetus was a celebrated Stoic Greek philosopher of the first century A. D.

 John Dewey, professor of philosophy of Columbia University, is now in Pekin planning a system of national education for Chiua.