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Philadelphia, Wednesday, July 16, 1919

REGISTRY RUSH

THAT was a disgraceful scene in the City Hall yesterday when three thousand voters crowded the offices of the registration commissioners on what was said to be a report that their names were fraudulently to be kept from the voting in lists.

The commissioners are sworn to make an honest list. Every qualified voter is sti entitled to have his name on it. If there of is a feeling anywhere that it is to be made w difficult for voters to qualify it is the duty of the commission to remove that 301 feeling at once by a proclamation setting forth what constitutes qualification under the law and its determination to obey the letter and the spirit of the

t statute. The talk about one faction stealing

"qi march on another faction is unpleasant at a time when it was supposed that all excuse for attempting such tactics had been removed.

NEW SHIP LINE

DEFINITE prospects of the diversion to this port of thirty-five cargo ves-In sels in foreign trade are only mildly complimentary to Philadelphia business ennie terprise.

The Brooks Steamship Company transferring its service here because of specific natural conveniences and financial compensations. It is stated that a wharf which would cost \$500 a day in New York can be secured here for only \$17 a day. Virtually no lightering is redo, quired. Motortrucks can be backed up do: to the side of a ship.

With these advantages and numerous d others Philadelphians are inclined to thrill when even a baby boom hits the

port's commerce. The attitude is but imdor perfectly reflective of the true signifial cance of the situation.

The city ought to command an imhe mensely greater volume of sea-borne and trade than it does now. What it needs is energetic development of resources, a

really comprehensive vision of their posisibilities. The gains that the port does de make are in no way commensurate with "", what the right sort of hustling could bring.

as the price of her help, and Japan was and fuss and fume all we choose, but all our fuming, fussing and fretting will not make a dollar worth what it was in 1914. The world is overstocked with money and it is cheap. There will be discontent and suffering until wages and salaries have adjusted themselves to the new value of the dollar.

SECRET TREATIES WITH JAPAN IMPERIL THE LEAGUE COVENANT

President Wilson Must Square Conces sion of Shantung With His Own Promises to the People or Risk

Defeat Now

position, move and counter-move.

mental and vital principle.

and are worth repeating. He said:

expectations are most excited we

more definitely than before of the issues

that hang upon it and of the purpose

which must be realized by means of it. For it has positive and well-defined pur-

poses which we did not determine and

which we cannot alter. No statesman or

assembly created them; no statesman or

assembly can alter them. They have

arisen out of the very nature and circum

stances of the war. The most that states-

men or assemblies can do is to carry them

facts, not as any group of men either here

or elsewhere had defined them, and we

can accept no outcome which does not

squarely meet and settle them. Those

or group of nations be suffered to deter-

mine the fortunes of peoples over whom

they have no right to rule except the right

Shall strong nations be free to wrong

Shall peoples be ruled and dominated,

even in their own internal affairs, by arbi-

weak nations and make them subject to

their purpose and interest?

Shall the military power of any nation

We accepted the issues of the war as

out or be false to them. . . .

issues are these :

of force?

SENATOR NORRIS'S revelation of what he alleges to be the secret correto show that a variety of causes properly and authoritatively pointed out may put spondence between Japan and Great a different face on the matter. But what-Britain and France over the Shantung ever the reason, Mr. President, the time question produces a crisis which calls for has come to reveal it. quick action on the part of the President The senator's motives may be partisan IS PHILADELPHIA really vilified r patriotic, but they are aside from the question, which hinges only upon the truth or falsity of the secret agreements apathetic?

which he uncovers. The plight of the Phipps Institute gives If Great Britain and France were thus the sting of warranty to such criticism. ynically engaged in promising to per-Its philanthropic founder agreed to suppetuate the German wrong by substitutport the combined hospital and research ing Japan as concessionaire without institution for ten years with an annual China's consent at a time when they were onation of \$54,000. ostensibly seeking the aid of China as a The city rejoiced in its acquisition loyal ally on their side in the war, there uring the endowment term. Neglect must be a reasonable explanation prefollowed the cessation of the comfortable sented by President Wilson for the iniecade of funds. dorsement of this compact in the Ver-The hospital is out of commission. The sailles treaty or the people of the United

University of Pennsylvania, of which the States, always lovers of fair play and a Phipps laboratory now constitutes a desquare deal for the under dog, will surely partment, is unable to provide for the be inclined to repudiate the baster. upkeep. The institute is doomed to go The situation now transcends mere out of existence unless substantial aid partisanship. The President must realize

s speedily secured. that. It is no longer a matter of play for At the moment when our medical emi-He nence is so seriously overshadowed by himself has been the most eloquent the comprehensive plans of New York to teacher of international morals to Ameriwin first place, the decay of the Phipps can public opinion and he must make his institution is especially significant. It actions at Paris square with his unqualican be saved if our civic self-respect is fied promises or else tell the truth of greater than detractors say it is. Is it?

unwilling to forego the pound of flesh. But no such reasons bound Mr. Wilson

and the people of the United States.

There must have been some other motive,

some vitally impelling fact which has not

been revealed. Was it fear that Japan

would form an unholy alliance with Ger-

many? Was it fear that Japan would

stand out against a league of nations?

WHERE IS OUR CIVIC PRIDE?

when outsiders call her backward and

land?

LUSITANIA CLAIMS

THE Cunard Steamship Company has been finally absolved by the United States District Court of responsibility has forgotten the splendid, heartening for loss of life and property by the sink words of Mr. Wilson at the opening of ing of the Lusitania. It has decreed that the fourth Liberty Loan drive in his New the sinking was caused by "the illegal York speech on September 27 last. But the words have pregnant significance now At every turn of the war we gain a

ties collected by the United States Government. ment will not tolerate the delay which has characterized the settlement of past

claims for damages suffered in war.

RED TAPE'S GOOD JOB

DED TAPE is the most friendless of manufactured articles. Chafing at its bonds is well-nigh universal. In a great war such resentment reaches a climax. The circumlocution office is nobody's delight save that of its controlling ecupants.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Kansas Congressmen Find Kin Pennsylvania - J. H. Holcomb's Interest in Soldiers' Orphans. Washington Gossip

Washington; July 16.

Was it fear that Japan was brave enough, NEW members of Congress blowing in from the West avail themselves of early self-reliant enough, to defy the rest of the world for the sake of a bit of foreign opportunities to visit points in New York. Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Philadelphia Was it because Japan has orally promised to treat this bit of China as we as the shrine of liberty is a meeta for many have the Philippines and benevolently of them, while Gettysburg and Atlantic City share honors as points of attraction. Con-gressman Henry W. Watson made a hit in foster self-government, although the treaty makes no such provision? These Norristown and Langhorne recently by inare merely suggestions, not inferences ducing William E. Andrews, of Nebraska to go over as a speaker. Andrews was formerly an auditor in the Treasury Department, a position similar to that once held by the late State Chairman Gilkeson, of Bristol. Congressman Ben Focht als

plies quite often with the wishes of the nade a discovery in Hayes B. White, of guest. Kansas, whom he induced to make Fourth of July speeches up-state. White does no had to cut out certain large American cities. hesitate to boost Kansas, but he admitted However, wide-awake trade bodies are genthat Pennsylvania was some state, and that erally on the lookout for this kind of busi-Pennsylvania farmers knew a thing or two. ness and it is not infrequent that some of The Kansas representative had the satisfac them cut under. They score what a newstion of locating his father's grave at Broad paper man calls a beat. Top and that of his great-grandfather, Cap tain Tom White, who was a member of th Boston Tea Party. Narrating his experi-ences in the House, White found out that he in the movement to bring soldiers' bodies was a full cousin of Congressman Evans, i back from France, has been to Washington new member from Nebraska, whose fore on a strange mission. Some of his associates bears also went West from Pennsylvania discovered that the luxury tax had been There is a good deal out West that Penn carried so far by certain revenue collectors sylvania has reason to be proud of.

trimmings of coffins. It developed that some COLONEL GEORGE NON M'CAIN'S re people, more luxuriant than others even in the matter of death, desired a coffin more turn to journalistle pursuits is discussed in the National Press Club, where the popular highly ornamented than ordinary, and as Philadelphia globe-trotting correspondent and lecturer is almost as well-known as he precious metals like gold and silver had been used the revenue collectors deemed it fair that the "extras" should be made to assist is in Harrisburg. Old timers like James in providing revenue to run the government. Rankin, Young are pleased to observe that The Treasury Department has taken this the colonel has dropped into a reminiscent mood and does not hesitate to recall the "good old days." The boys here constantly matter up and is giving it due and weighty consideration. inquire about political conditions in Phila THE big fellows keep dropping in here one delphia and Pennsylvania, and the McCair by one. Today it may be Schwab, of letters are beginning to fill an aching void. the Bethlehem Steel, tomorrow Vauclain, of In another sense the colonel is entitled to the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and the ionorable mention in the newspaper fraternext day Dinkey, who is beginning to know He is the author of the phrase "Th nity his Philadelphia as president of the Midvalc Steel. Now comes Charles H. Schlacks as Cub Reporter," a term that has become as fixed in the journalistic vocabalary as "Hail Hail, the Gang's All Here" has become a sure thing in the repertoire of the band master. They say a man who coins a new word in this day and generation is a real philanthropist, so here's to Colonel George

E. quently consulted here about the naproducers are very much interested. Chase one of the executive committee of the State Central Association, with headquar ters at Altoona, which aided recently in having a provision giving additional powers to the Federal Bureau of Mines stricken from the sundry civil bill. Although he is not generally known as a coal man. Sena tor T. L. Eyre is also a member of the executive committee of this association. The president is Harry Boulton, of Clearfield.

· Governor Sproul as chief clerk of the Pennsylvania Commission of Soldiers' Or phans' Schools, keeps up an active interest in the affairs of the Eighteenth Ward. His livelier interest, however, is in the old soldier and his orphaned child. It is comforting

The Mercantile Library MIERE is a legend of an old booklover who was pasturing among his folios one evening by candlelight. Perhaps he sat (as Charles Lamb used to) with a tumbler of mild grog at his elbow. Perhaps he was in

that those who have so long trodden the alcoves of peace should be interred elsewhere. To many devout souls libraries are the greatest churches of humanity. Even the casual dropper-in realizes that the Mercan-

COLONEL McCAIN'S MUSINGS

The Third Jay Cooke on the Job-Senator Max Leslie as a Stormy Petrel in Politics-The Thaws, Father and Son

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN JAY COOKE will never be able to escape

H

his reputation as federal food adminis-

strator for Philadelphia. It will rise to con-

front him all through life; particularly

whenever an economic crisis arises that de-

mands courage, fearlessness in the discharge

of a duty, and a stout heart to guide in an

His management of the ice situation in

Philadelphia in 1918 was one of the founda-

tion stones on which his reputation was

built. He deserved the encomiums that came

to him. He kept the price of ice at a normal

that the poorer people were supplied. In crowded sections he established ice stations

on the "cash and carry" plan, and he in-

duced dealers to enter into an agreement

that any profiteer would be denied ice during

the entire summer. His plan was put into

This was only possible because he knew the game. Dealers and manufacturers alike

were aware that he knew it. Furthermore

they realized that there was no use going up

against a determined man who held all the

It was natural when the present ice short-

age became imminent that Doctor Krusen

and the other city authorities should seek the

advice of the one man who had had experi-

merely adjusted his plans of last year to

Nearly sixty years ago it became necessary

to raise millions to equip and sustain the Union armies during the rebellion. When

the bankers of the United States were ap-

The Jay Cooke of the Civil War era, the

financier of the government in those parlous times, was the grandfather of the Jay Cooke

When Philadelphia was threatened with

an ice shortage, what more natural than to

turn to the man who had piloted not only

Philadelphia but the entire state through

a similar ordeal. Again the inspiring

CENATOR MAX LESLIE is the stormy

D petrel of Pittsburgh politics. Once more

has he aroused the business, financial and

"You never know what to expect in poli-

He is a pupil and former protege of ex

Senator William Flinn. Flinn is now openly

in the cause of municipal reform is after

For years Senator Leslie has avowedly

represented the "wet" element of Allegheny

county. He is the opposite of his brother.

Artemus Leslie is a tectotaler and a pro-

nounced "dry." Years ago he was one of

refrigeration, it is now a dark and

The library's stamping

spell. With a flashlight Mr. Hedley showed

me the great extent of these underground

corridors, and I imagined that if so friendly

a librarian should ever hold a grudge against

an author it would be an admirable place to

lure him and leave him lost in the dark. He

would never find his way out and his copy-

rights would expire long before his bones

would be found. Joan Gutenberg, the li-

prary cat, dwells in that solemn maze of heavy

brick arches, and she finds it depressing that

the only literature stored down there is the

The Celestial Army

overplus of old government documents

T STOOD by the open casement

Pass slowly out of sight.

Slowly the bright procession

And looked upon the night,

And saw the westward going stars

Went down the gleaming arch,

Of their long triumphal march.

Stretching far beyond the poles. Became the eternal symbol

Of the mighty march of souls

Red Mars led down his clan ;

And some were bright in beauty.

The noblest of them all.

Downward, forever downward,

No more! Oh, say not so!

And downward is not just;

And though the hills of Death May hide the bright array,

And the moon, like a mailed maiden. Was riding in the van.

Behind, Earth's dusky shore They passed into the unknown night,

For the sight is weak and the sense is dim

-Thomas Buchanan Read

The striking cooks of the coastwis steamships have at least enabled their own-

ers to advertise the homelike nature of their

That looks through heated dust.

The marshaled brotherhood of souls

Still keeps its upward way.

That the palest, faintest one

May to the diviner vision be

A bright and blazing sun.

And long let me remember,

They passed and were no more.

And some were faint and small, But these might be in their great height

And my soul discerned the music

Till the great celestial army.

Onward, forever onward.

arrayed against his erstwhile follower, and

ence. Jay Cooke answered the call.

operation in every city of the state.

Every effort was put forth to see

emergency.

figure.

trumps

visting conditions.

pealed to they said :

of today.

words

tics.

"See Jay Cooke."

"See Jay Cooke."

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In matters of religion, temperance and numanitarian principles he is the "Bob" McKenty of Western Pennsylvania.

AS WILLIAM IRWIN SCHAFFER, at-A torney general of Pennsylvania, emerged from the private office of Governor Sproul one morning last week he remarked :

"The hearing in the extradition proceedings in the case of Harry Thaw takes place this afternoon in my office. Want to come down? As a former Pittsburgher I thought you might be interested," he added as he noved off down the big reception room adjoining the executive offices.

I knew Harry Thaw's father, but I never saw the son. William Thaw was one of the vice presidents of the Pennsylvania Lines West. His office for years was in the square. ornate, red brick building at the corner of Fenth street and Penn avenue, Pittsburgh. Thirty odd years ago it was the busies Brown's rolling mill corner in the city. Brown's rolling mill was just half a block away. The Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway tracks skirted the eastern side of the building. All the traffic to the Lawrenceville and Liberty suburbs passed in front of it along

Penn avenue. William Thaw had his office on the second floor of this Pennsylvania lines building. He was of medium height and build, with full beard worn half length, smooth shaven upper lip and gray hair. He was affable served ; not a man who made friends readily. He had a great number of admirers in Pittsburgh, however, due to two causes; his liberality in the matter of railroad passes and his munificent contributions to religion. charity and education.

William Thaw was a pillar in the Presbyterian Church. If I mistake not he was an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church. He was a sincere man who took his religion seriously and with a certain austerity. Railroad men, as a rule, are rather liberal on canonical subjects. As a railroad man he did not belong in the same class with Robert Pitcairn, who for years was superintendent of the Pittsburgh division and a partner of Andrew Carnegie. Pitcairn also was a Presbyterian : likewise a Scotchman

like Carnegie, and free-handed. In the case of William Thaw, his beliefs were of a rigid and unyielding brand of Calvinism. Pitcairn's beliefs were modeled along the general lines of a liberalism, perhaps best described in the language of a famous Frenchman, to wit:

social forces of Pittsburgh against him and "God Almighty is a gentleman, and as his followers. As a result, Pittsburgh is such is not disposed to punish the shorthaving a regular Philadelphia time of its comings of human gentlemen with too much severity. Leslie is a fine example of the adage.

In view of his parentage and the Godfearing manner example that was set before him, it is hard to understand how Harry Thaw turned out as he did.

"TT WOULD be interesting to know just how much money the Thaws have paid to saye Harry since the night he killed Stanford White," remarked a well-known man of the town the other day. He is a shrewd judge of human nature, this man, and he reflects the tone and sentiment of the street. It is an interesting though purely specula-

tive question to all, save Mrs. Mary C. Thaw and her family, as to how much detectives, lawyers, alienists, psycho-analysts, nerve specialists and the long array of legal and medical practitioners have made off the criminal weaknesses of this man and the mother love of the devoted woman who has used every means in her power to save him

from his fate. The oddest thing in all the drab length of this case, which last week reached another milestone, was the appearance, a few years back, of Rodger O'Mara, of Pittsburgh, as guardian for Thaw and protector of his estate. Reputable lawyers and financiers of sound judgment were passed over for the manager of a private detective agency. For Rodger O'Mara was a policeman with a detective's training. He was not a man of large intelligence or education.

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By Christopher Morley attached to it where the true saints of the

in these strenuous times, when what is left of the Civil War is fast fading from view, to know that a steadfast few do not forget

the sacrifices and the heroism of those who

struggled in the great American conflict. Colonel Samuel P. Town, who used to run things in the Twenty eighth Ward, and

Major Levi G. McCauley, formerly auditor general, are among those who keep a weather

eye on the orphan school situation in Penn

sylvania, and when Holcomb and they get

suffer.

together the veteran of '61-'65 does not

DRESIDENT CHARLES S. CALWELL

is a Philadelphia booster who thinks the

city was overlooked in the State Department

itinerary for the president of Brazil, who recently visited the United States, more

especially as Philadelphia now has a steam-

the difficulties which Mr. Calwell and all

the other hopeful citizens of Philadelphia

run up against in matters of this kind is

the diplomatic situation. The State Depart-

ment is always more or less stilted and com-

cemed to want to take in Canada and thus

CORMER DIRECTOR ROBERT D.

C DRIPPS, who is more or less interested

the United States as to apply to the

In this instance President Pessoa

ship line running direct to Brazil.

of the Corn Exchange National Bank

a tingle of amazement. Lucky indeed the bibliophile who finds his way to that sacred corner. One would not blame any bookworm for crowing with a shrill cry of exultation if he were hatched in that treasury. There was not time to find out whether John Blacu's atlas contained plates of American geogra-

bookworld might be buried. It seems hard phy, but I hope to go again and study these ascinating volumes more at leisure, by Mr.

Hedley's kindness.

ing.

DERHAPS the most curious feature of the

the leading Good Templars of Pennsylvania. quires years of training to size up to the dignified and important station of chef. And As superintendent of police in Pittsburgh. twenty years since he fought the liquor and for that matter there are some folks who tire of Washington food and come back from vice traffic to a standstill. He is a big, upstanding man, and for years has been super-Philadelphia jaunts with a high estimate of intendent of the county workhouse. with every town marked by a tiny dot of gleaming gold, set the lover of fine work in

him horse, foot and dragoons.

our cuisipe. TRAVELS IN PHILADELPHIA

president of the Remington Arms Comoany, at Eddystone. Schlacks was formerly ice president of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. He is getting acquainted here and in Philadelphia. It used to be said that big jobs went searching after big men, but we seem to be finding a good many of these high-priced organizers in the Quaker City environment.

DO CHEFS work more than eight hours? The interest exhibited by the Culinary Beneficial -Association of Philadelphia, of which Ernest Henry is president, in an eight-hour workday bill, would indicate that the chefs themselves are aroused on this subject. Their secretary, Joseph H. Probst, points out that to a certain extent the men who prepare our hotel meals have een discriminated against as unskilled labor, whereas they rank fifth in importance in the United States. Conceded there are HENRY HOLCOMB, who serves under good cooks and bad cooks, apparently it re-

what went on behind the scenes to force him into line on a compromise of funda-Public memory is not so short that it

act of the imperial German Government acting through its instrument, the submarine commander," and has intimated that reparation is to be sought from the fresh consciousness of what we mean to accomplish by it. When our hopes and German Government through indemnithink

This decision commends itself to the ense of justice and fair play. All that remains now is for the government to adjust the claims of those who were injured by the sinking of the ship and to reimburse them out of the German property now in the possession of the alien property custodian. This property now amounts to about half a billion dollars. The Lusitania claims are between five million and six million dollars. They will ultimately be paid, for public senti-

Something is clearly lacking if with all our superiority over our rivals we still = lag so far behind them. Progress in driblets, however welcome, won't make up the difference.

CHECK ON SKYSCRAPERS

ART and practical considerations are recognized in the proposed ban against the extension of the system of "canyon" streets in central Philadelphia. If Councils passes the projected ordiance, which has the backing of the directors of public works, public safety, public health and noted engineers and architects, no future skyscrapers in the is heart of the business section will be permitted to exceed 150 feet in height, unless the excess stories are carried back a foot A for every five feet of rise.

Not only will symmetry and harmonious architectural proportions be preserved under such a ruling, but our crowded, narrow thoroughfares will ex-A hibit some regard for daylight and a more fluent circulation of health-giving airs.

The whole movement now on foot in HT the comprehensive plans committee inm spires the hope that helter-skelter architecture here has done its worst and that future construction will be along lines of intelligent improvement

INFLATED DOLLARS

THE prices of food and clothing and coal and house rent are higher in Europe and America than they were five J years ago. Wages are higher and workingmen are demanding that they be increased still more. And no one knows what the end is.

But of one thing we may be certain, and that is that prices will not go down so long as wartime inflation continues. There is more money in circulation today than there ever was before.

The total circulating medium of the whole world on January 1, 1912, was about eleven billion dollars. This included gold and silver and paper.

There was in circulation in the United States, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy on January 1, 1918, twenty-two and a half billion dollars' worth of paper. In these five countries en the war began the paper money in culation amounted to about two and a If billion dollars.

Now, it is an axiom of finance that cannot be inflation of currency at inflation of prices.

The currency has been inflated. The the answer. It was because Japan held rices have followed suit. We may fret the pledges of Great Britain and France

ary and irresponsible force or by their will and choice? own: Shall there be a common standard of

right and privilege for all peoples and nations or shall the strong do as they will and the weak suffer without redress? Shall the assertion of right be hap-hazard and by casual alliance or shall there be a common concert to oblige the observance of common rights?

No man, or group of men, chose these to be the issues of the struggle. They are the issues of it ; and they must be settledby no arrangement or compromise or adjustment of interests, but definitely and once for all, and with a full and unequivocal acceptance of the principle that the interest of the weakest is as sacred as the interest of the strongest.

This is what we mean when we speak of a permanent peace, if we speak sin intelligently and with a real knowledge and comprehension of the matter we deal with.

These are the words, and many more like them, which confirmed the faith of the public in the President. The exalted ideals which formulated his peace policy cannot be jettisoned for the sake of mere expediency in a single instance-to bribe Japan into a league of nations, if that is what the Shantung concession means. If it does not mean that, then the President alone holds the key and he must

explain, and explain quickly.

It would be a terrible thing for the world if the greed and rapacity of a single nation were permitted to prevent the consummation of the league of nations. The Shantung question in its material aspects is small. The territory and population involved are not worth quarreling over. But the principle of the thing is all

important. You cannot plant a league on a foundation of justice and equity as outlined in the great words of President Wilson and have even the smallest taint of blemish in the seed. The whole plant, if it lives to maturity, is sure to be cankered.

The Shantung concession was born in iniquity. It was wrested from China following the Boxer uprising. Great Britain and France have similar concessions. Under international morals, as we have been taught to view them since 1914, such concessions are no longer defensible.

Germany's "rights" in Shantung were stripped away by the war. China's declaration on the side of right earned her freedom from at least this one intolerant landlord. Why, then, was Japan substituted ?

That is the question for which the American public has been seeking an answer since the Chinese delegates to the Peace Conference refused to sign the treaty and thereby gave notice to the world of the situation. The Norris revelations, if they are true, would furnish

None the less, checks, counter-checks dentification schemes, tagging and all the elaborate paraphernalia of red tapery did execute one extraordinary job in the world conflict. Fair play demands recognition of the fact. The government's official records show

that of all the millions who shouldered arms for the United States the fate of but forty of the men actually in action remains a complete mystery. Of the nearly five thousand American prisoners made by Germany, but twenty-one defy tracing.

The battle mysteries of France number more than 200,000 and of Britain more than 180,000. Pretentious systems of efficiency are logical food for satire. Often the government moves in a recondite way its superfluities to perform. But even red tape should have its deserts.

A few years ago the Still Hope! powers conversed openly among themselves about the "partition of China." Yes

terday's uproar over the Shantung dis closures by Senator Norris shows, at least, that civilized opinion is progressive, even in Congress.

If it required seven Get a Tabulating years for Henry Ford to free himself of the Machine conviction that music is utterly worthless and acquire a fondness for banjo music, how long will it be befor he learns to rave over Strauss and Debussy?

Speaker Gillett has A Riot Call! ruled that a congress man is not out of order when he charges that members of Con gress have stored away in their cellars enough whisky to last them twenty years. But what would the ruling be if the congressmen should

be named?

The proprietors of the

have been arrested. They are charged with operating a rag shop without a license and are liable to a fine of \$25! But when they were ordered last March to remove the rags from the warehouse why did not some one see to it that the order was obey ? It looks as if it might be profitable to conduct an

The designs on China seem to have been all of a single color-black.

He resented both the beginning and the ending of the war.

first syllable in Shantung so Japan could no-

there will be more water than wine on tap for the next forty days.

that curious hypnotic trance induced by utter silence, long reading and insufficient air. In the musty fragrance of his library the tapers cast their mellow gush of gold about him, burning up the oxygen from under his very nose. At any rate, in a shadowy alcove something stirred. A bookworm peeped out from a tall vellum binding. It flapped its wings and crew with a clear lively note Startled, the aged bibliophile looked up and just glimpsed the vanishing flutter of its wings. It was only a glimpse, but it was He ran to his shelves, his ancient heart pounding like an anvil chorus. The old promise had come true. For if any man shall live to see a bookworm, all the volume on his shelves immediately turn to first edi tions, signed by the author. But the joyous spasm was too much for the poor scholar The next morning he was found lying palsied at the foot of his bookcase. The fact that at least two fingers of grog remained in his glass, undrunk, led his fellow booklovers to suspect that something strange had happened. As he lay dying he told the story of his vision. He was the only man who even

saw a bookworm. BUT if a bookworm should ever flap its wings and crow in Philadelphia, certainly the place where it would do so would be the Mercantile Library. I imagine that when Mr. Hedley, the delightful librarian. shuts up at night, turns off the green-shade lamps and tings the bell to thrust out the last lingering reader from the long dark tables, he treads hopefully through those en chanted alcoves. The thick sweet savor of old calf and the dainty bouquet of honest rag paper, the subtle exhalation of rows and rows of books (sweeter to the nostril of th bibliosoph than any mountain air that ever rustled in green treetops) is just the medium in which the fabled bookworm would crow like chanticleer. It is fifty years this month since the Mercantile Library moved into the old market building on Tenth street, and while fifty years is a mere wink of the eye lash to any bookworm, still it is long enough for a few eggs to hatch. For that matter, some of the library's books have been in it possession nigh a hundred years, for it will clebrate its centennial in 1922.

THE Mercantile is everything that a library ought to be. It has the still and reverent solemnity that a true home of learning ought to have, combined with an undercurrent of genial fellowship. It is not only a library but a club. Through the glass panels at th back one may see the chess players at their meditative rites, and the last inner fane where smoking is permitted and the votaries puff well-blackened briars and brood round the boards of combat in immortal silence: The quaint old stained windows at the western end of the long hall look down on the magazin tables where one may be reading the Cosmopolitan and the next the Hibbert Journal. From these colored panes Franklin, Milton, Reethoven and Clovio gaze approvingly They are surmounted by four symbolic fig ures, representing (I suppose) their respective arts of Science, Poetry, Music and Art Of Clovio the miniaturist one does not often hear, and I may as well be honest and admit I had to look him up in the encyclopedia.

TIO THE heart of the booklover the Mer-L cantile speaks with a magical appeal. One wishes there might be a little cloister

is more than a mer It is a guild, a sort of monastery. The members have secret raptures and sidelong glances whereby they recognize one another. As they walk down the long entrance pas sage they are purged of the world and the world's passions. As they pass through the little swinging gates that shut out the mere visitor, as they bury themselves in shadowy corners and aisles pungent with book-perfume, they have the grateful bearing of those secure in a strong fortress where the devil cannot penetrate. For my own part, I have only one test of a good library, which always employ when I get anywhere near a card catalogue. There is a certain work. in three volumes, famous chiefly becaus Robert Louis Stevenson took the second volume with him on his immortal Travels With a Donkey. It is called Pastors of the Desert. by Peyrat, a history of the Huguenots. It you will turn again to Rf L. S.'s chapter called A Camp in the Dark you will see that he says: I had felt no other inconvenience, except

when my feet encountered the lantern or the second volume of Peyrat's Pastors of the Desert among the mixed contents of my sleeping bag.

I am happy to assert that the Mercantile has a set of these volumes, and therefore on may pronounce it an A-1 library.

OF COURSE the Mercantile has many more orthodox treasures than Peyrat, though its function is not to collect in cunabula or rare editions, but to keep its members supplied with the standard things. and the important books and periodicals of the day. Mr. Hedley was gracious enough to take me into the locked section of the gallery, where there are alcoves teeming with old volumes and rich in the dust that so delightful to the lover of these things. He showed me, for instance, a first edition of the Authorized or King James Bible, im printed at London by Robert Barker in 1611 Inside the front cover some one has written in pencil "Charge 5f." I am no expert on these matters, but I wonder if many a collector would not pay a hundred times as much for it nowadays? On another shelf I

saw a beautiful edition of Eusebius's Chronicles, printed at Venice in 1483, the paper as fresh and the rubrication as bright as when it was new. Opening it at random, I found the following note, which seemed quaintly topical:

Anno salutis 811, Anno mundi 6010, Locustes gregatim ex Affrica volantes Italinfes

(Year of grace \$11, Year of the earth 6010. The locusts flying in swarms from Africa. infest Italy.)

In this book some former owner has written, with the honorable candor of the true booklover :

De isto pretioso volumino animadvertere libet, quod non est "edition premiere" sicut opus Deburil falso ostendit. W. H. Black, 4 Feb., 1831.

(Concerning this precious volume it is permitted to remark that it is not the first edition, as the work of Deburius falsely maintains.)

Ignoble Deburius, shame upon him ! Mr. Hedley also showed me the famou Atlas Major of John Blaeu, the Dutch publisher, issued (in Spanish) in Amsterdam in 1662, eleven huge tomes in white vellum, stamped in gold. These marvelous large-scale maps, megnificently colored by hand,

risen to the head of the police department and subsequently established an agency of Mercantile is the huge vaulted cellar his own. which underlies the length of the whole build-Constructed originally for storage of market produce, before the days of modern

The only reason ever advanced was that O'Mara knew the bypaths of blackmail and chicanery that were likely to be pursued by those seeking illicitly a share of the Thaw money.

terious crypt extending mover the sound streets, where the rumble of wheels sound Some authors lament their fate, but it used to incise the covers of books, gives on of the chambers a medieval monkish air, and is evident that Thomas Nelson Page will be fully resigned before he resumes his career the equally medieval spelling of the janitor some memoranda of his own posted upon of literature. a door does not detract from the fascinating

> Sentimental swains whose goat has been frequently got by a florist's orchids will rejoice that at last a florist's orchids have been got by a goat.

> > What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. How many marshals of France appeared in the great Bastille Day parade in Paris on last Monday?
- 2. Who are tellurians? 3. What kind of an animal is a tup?
- 4. Among what people does the habit of chewing the teeth-staining betel nut
- prevail? 5. What is the origin of the word bigot?
- 6. What is the capital of the Canadian state of Alberta?
- 7. Who wrote the famous short-story classic of French patriotism, "The Siege of Berlin''?
- S. How does the height of the Eiffel Tower compare with that of the Washington Monument?
- 9. What is mayhem?
- 10. When was the great British drive of 1918 against the Germans' launched?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. The R-54 made the return trip to England in a little more than seventy-five hours.
- 2. Amen, which now means so be it, was originally a Hebrew word meaning certainty or certainly.
- 3. The Arc de Triomphe commemorates the victories of the French revolutionary and Napoleonic wars.
- 4. Prince Umberto is heir apparent to the Italian throne.
- 5. Senator Swanson is from Virginia.
- 6. New York has the largest representation in Congress, forty-three representatives and two senators.
- 7. The Romance languages are those basically derived from the Latin. The list includes French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Provencal, Catalah and Rumanian.
- S, Calvin Coolidge is governor of Massachusetts.
- 9. The battle of the Boyne was fought on July 1 according to the old calendar and on July 11, 1689, according to the Gregorian modern calendar.
- 10. An ophicleide is a keyed wind instrum consisting of a conical brass tube bent double, serving as alto or bras to a key-bugis. It is also a powerful organ rend pipe.

Locking the Stable warehouse in which six firemen were killed

investigation in this direction as well as into the origin of the fire.

Senator Norris scores on consistency.

The Peace Conference didn't accent the

St. Swithin's Day showers indicate that