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Association was of minor import. As a rule, only the particular belligerents in labor troubles are keenly concerned about union acknowledgment. What is most disagreeable to the innocent and long-suffering bystander is the strike itself.

The numerous audiences throughout the country are selfish. Everybody is. The average playgoer rejoices that stage entertainment is once more on sale. His feelings are not seriously complicated with the ethics of the case.

The prevaricating sentiment is now simple, cynical perhaps, and surely impatient. It is "Ring up the curtain!" Thousands of hands burn to applaud the unionized Melpomene, Thalia and Terpsichore.

THE IDEALS OF THE PAST LIVE AGAIN IN THE PRESENT

The Knights Templars Fought for the Holy Places and Modern Men Fought for Holy Things

IT IS a far cry from the twentieth century back to the twelfth, but the imagination traverses that vast stretch of time as one sees the uniformed Knights Templars in the streets of the city today.

This order goes back in tradition to the Crusades, when gallant and devoted men, inspired by a sublime idea, were marching across Europe with banners flying to rescue the Holy Sepulcher from the infidel.

It was in 1119 that nine devoted men under the lead of Hugues de Payens and Geoffrey de Saint-Ademar formed a military band to protect the pilgrims in Palestine. They took the name of Knights of Christ. They soon began to be called Knights of the Temple, for the reason that quarters had been assigned to them in the palace at Jerusalem known as Solomon's temple.

The standard of the order, which we shall see frequently this week, was a banner half black and half white, bearing the Latin inscription, "Non nobis Domine," the first three words of David's famous psalm beginning, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory."

The order survives, though for a purpose entirely different from that for which it was founded. The Holy Sepulcher was rescued from the infidel by the Crusaders and kept from him for a generation or two, but he reconquered Jerusalem and held it until last year, when General Allenby's Christian troops forced the Turks from Jerusalem and took possession of the city and its sacred places.

Europe was moved by a great idea in the Middle Ages. It raised armies, it led men to endure hardships and suffering without murmuring. It inspired preachers with a sense of the importance of their mission, and it kept awe and holy things which but for it would have rotted in the general corruption of the period.

The idealism of it stirs us nowadays as we think of the romantic past. The lapse of centuries has wrapped those years with a mantle of enchantment and we regret that they are gone forever. We sometimes say that their like will never return. But is this so?

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days," as if the race of heroes had perished from the face of the earth. It was our sons and our brothers who won the great war for democracy. We are so close to them that we do not fully appreciate what they have done, nor do we value rightly the quality of the courage and devotion which they displayed.

But therein is the sublimity of the whole great drama which has been enacted before our eyes in these recent years. When an ideal has so permeated the thinking of a nation that it reacts to it with mechanical precision, something has happened which should make us all bow our heads in reverent awe before the Power that is guiding the affairs of this round ball as it swirls through limitless space on a destiny the end of which no man can dream.

THE GRAND TOUR

SENATORS Borah, Johnson, Reed, Poindexter, Wadsworth and McCormack and the other last-ditchers appointed to trail the President through the West and refute his arguments on behalf of the league of nations may change their minds. That habit is the rage in Washington these days.

One may agree or disagree with the President, yet it is necessary to admit that he has a talent for enlightenment. He is telling the country many interesting things about the political and diplomatic methods of Europe, about the origin of the war, about national traditions and national history in the Old World. America will benefit by that sort of knowledge, whether it accepts the league or not.

Moreover, it is well as a misanthrope who says that the more he saw of mankind the better he liked dogs. A man has to possess some good qualities to win and retain the respect of his fellows, but a dog will do him reverence whatever kind of an apology for a man he may be.

All Ups and No Downs stopped the elevators in a New York skyscraper and some of the occupants were narrowed forty-four stories up. We should say, offhand, that if airplanes had been invented before tall buildings the buildings would never have been called skyscrapers.

A ship from Rotterdam unloaded a cargo of German toys in Philadelphia on Saturday. The cargo had been in storage in Rotterdam since 1914. Germany, it will be remembered, at that time began to play with new and strange toys—Zeppelins, submarines and poison gas shells.

A Pottstown woman was dragged under the wheels of a locomotive after she had pushed her five-year-old son from the tracks to safety. "I cheerfully give my life for my boy," she said. The fact that such self-sacrifice is instinctive does not weaken its quality; it rather strengthens it by knocking that hoary old lie that self-preservation is the first law of nature.

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The executive council of the American Federation of Labor urges that the principles of the league of nations covenant be applied to the Mexican situation. It is an excellent idea. And it might also be applied to the industrial situation.

The Chamber of Commerce has invited the Prince of Wales to visit Philadelphia the latter end of this week. Our guess is that when he learns that there is a political campaign in full blast he'll elect to stay away.

After mature consideration the country has given it as its opinion that the only thing to commend in the Plumb plan is its alliterative quality.

HUMOR OF THE CAMPAIGN

Smiles Are Occasionally in Evidence Amid the Unpleasantness and Ruthlessness of the Warring Political Factions

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

THERE are gleams of humor, if one cares to look for them, amid all the unpleasantness and ruthlessness of warring factions in the present mayoralty campaign.

Naturally they are linked up with or have a bearing on some phase of the fight. "You fellows must be particularly fond of spending money for nothing," remarked a prominent member of the Vire organization to a friend equally prominent and active in the Moore entourage.

"Glad you think so," retorted the other sarcastically. "At least we've got the satisfaction of knowing that we're spending it ourselves and getting some fun out of it besides."

A PARTICULARLY enthusiastic Moore worker was holding a business talk over the telephone with an equally enthusiastic supporter of Patterson. Business concluded, the Patterson man said:

"What d'ye think of the political outlook?" "Nothing to it but Moore," was the reply. "It's a scream for Moore, Tom."

THE south front of City Hall bears a great electric device in colors in honor of the Knights Templars' approaching convalesce. It is a huge Maltese cross bearing Constantine's famous words, the motto of the order:

"In hoc signo vinces." The two words "In hoc" form one line near the top of the figure.

"SAY, if you want to see the sight of your life go down to Broad and Chestnut. You never saw anything like it."

"THE Vire organization will have its hay wagon upset," said Horace Reilly, secretary of the Town Meeting party. "They say that they're satisfied to let the heavy registration go without comment and wait for the primaries to test their strength."

"A cop ran out, grabbed his horses by the head and pulled him and his load of hay hurriedly to the sidewalk."

FRANCIS FERRY is one of the boys from "Over there" who is a member of the soldiers' committee at the Moore campaign headquarters.

Baron Rodden, of the proof-room, smiles when he thinks of a sign he saw down at Atlantic City. It was over a hot-dog altar, and it ran thus:

A Langhorne justice of the peace fined a party of Philadelphia motorists \$52 because their automobiles lacked tail lights. Visiting machines in Langhorne should all be equipped with legal lights.

SOMEBODY'S GOT TO LEARN HIS LESSON



THE CHAFFING DISH

IT BEGINS to look like open covensants openly not arrived at.

LODGE: What are the things you seek, since you turn everything upside down to find them?

WOODROW: I seek a peace incorruptible, undelited, that fadeeth not away. Read it so, if you will, in the Treaty.

LODGE: Then I will turn and leave you. If you want me, you know my address. Washington's Farewell Address, I mean.

WOODROW: Since you are desirous to know, I will read from my Treaty. I frankly admit that in most of the speeches I have heard friend Lodge deliver it would be impossible to form a definite conception of what that instrument means.

WOODROW: There is a crown of glory to give us, and garments that will shine like the sun.

WOODROW: There shall be no more sending youngsters in khaki across the sea, all which is recorded in this Treaty.

WOODROW: Truly, I look forward with profound gratification to March 4th, 1921. This is but a bogey when you look at it in the last analysis.

At the rear of De Silver Court there is a right-angled blind alley that abuts upon the back garden wall of the Philadelphia Contributionship for the Insurance of Houses From Loss by Fire.

It seems a pity that there isn't any tablet on the old house at the corner of Moravian and Dock streets, where Poe worked for a year (1839-40) as editor of The Gentleman's Magazine.

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Dusk in the Garden

DUSK in the garden; overhead a sky Of tenderest green, bearing a low-hung moon That peers between the apple branches ruddily.

There must be ghosts about in this sad dusk, Drawn by the far-flung spice of lavender. The stilling sweetness of the old, old musk—

Enchantments of midsummer nights, for countless years Reborn to fill the heart of youth with ecstasy.

And those whose day is done, with unshed tears —Ethel Wolf, in the New York Times.

One little bit of information we squeezed out of the actors' strike: It requires a longer time to train the chorus than the actors. And sometimes the members seem to justify the extra time.

The vote slacker won't be able to say he wasn't sufficiently posted and produced.

The President's trip is worth while, because it is making people in all parties think.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. Who is Judge Elbert H. Gary? 2. Where are the Ozarks? 3. Who was Fanny Kemble? 4. What is a burn? 5. How many Crusades were there? 6. What are plantains? 7. What is the correct pronunciation of the French phrase "esprit de corps"? 8. What are bushes? 9. Who discovered the South Pole? 10. Who was Lord Charles Bunsford?