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## ANOTHER PHANTOM VOTER!

SENATOR VARE'S astral body inhab- troops and as second lines of de its the old Vare homestead in South a rause that was not their own. Philadelphia. The rest of the senator. sanctuary in the palace at Ambler.

astral voter or a spiritual residence, then a ballot at the coming election. Otherwise, no matter how the decision of the registration commissioners may go, he

Yesterday's hearing showed that there Gompers. is neither electric light nor gas in the South Broad street house. A man who has become accustomed to the comforts of a country estate is not likely to spend much time in a darkened and unfurnished house. But one's astral self needs neither food nor warmth. It can find its way to bed in the dark.

By his own testimony Mr. Vare proved that he has no actual residence here and that the seat of Philadelphia's government has been moved to Montgomery county.

## END OF THE LABOR BUGABOO

THE attempt to line up organized labor in opposition to Congressman Moore

The Central Labor Union has decided to take no part in the mayoralty campalgn, and will indorse the candidacy of neither Patterson nor Moore. This is prudent. There is no surer way to wreck a labor organization than to inject it into a political controversy.

Samuel Compers is prevented by the death of his father from coming here to wake the much-heralded speech in opposition to Moore, but no one knowing Mr. Gompers's record took the report seriously from the first. The promise was exacted under a misapprehension of the isaues at stake.

# DON'T NEGLECT COUNCIL

mitted to the voters by the independ ent Republicans at the primaries next which they were pledged to uphold.

It is needless to say that the nomination of independent Republican candidates for Council is as important as the THE response of the imagination to nomination of an independent Republican candidate for the mayoralty.

The voters who have registered in unof the issues at stake.

They are, not misled by any attempt to life somewhat too rare. create the impression that some one is trying to split the Republican party. They are Republicans themselves and they are attempting to rescue the Republican party and make it really representative of the wishes of the great majority of Republicans in the city.

# THE POSTOFFICE NECESSITY

THE Postoffice Department's consideration of a new central station for Philadelphia at Seventeenth and Market streets will be something more than academic when an appropriation for the building is at hand. It ought to be promptly forthcoming.

Of the inadequacy of the present postal facilities at Ninth and Market streets there is no question. The new site recommended by Postmaster Thornton will have the advantage of close proximity to the city's busiest rallway terminal. The lot between Seventeenth and Sixteenth on Market street and extending back to Ranstead is sufficiently large to permit of the erection of a spacious

and fully equipped structure. Mr. Thornton's suggestion that the station in the federal building at Ninth street be retained is sensible. Philadelphia needs a new postoffice, not in substitution for an old one, but in addition to it. There is no waste involved in a plan which recognizes the city's enormous growth and the absolute necessity that the Postoffice Department should keep pace with it. No excuse for holding back the funds to begin the work is valid.

# GRACE FOR THE UNREGISTERED

TNABILITY to register on the three apnointed days need not bar Philadelphians from voting in the primaries or the November election. By the new amendment to the registration law two days of grace are provided. The board of registration commissioners will sit in the City Hall today and tomorrow from 9 a. m. until noon and from 1 p. m. to 4 o. m. This is positively the last chance

That the Vare forces are distressed by the large registration is evident by their unconvincing efforts to analyze it. The returned soldier vote does not explain the increase. The truth is that the town

responsibility is felt. Citizens who for various reasons were unable to express their aroused sentiment before can render their actions consistent with their emotions by visiting the City Hall today and tomorrow.

It is superfluous to dwell much more on the significance of full registration. If there are any persons now who don't know what it means they are hopelessly indifferent to the city's welfare.

## HAVE POLICEMEN A RIGHT TO STRIKE?

AFFAIRS within the Federation of Labor must be in lamentable shape when that organization could for an instant think of lending support to a strike of policemen in Boston. A premeditated walkout of an entire police force is pure Red in principle. It is the sort of thing that Trotsky dreamed of in moments of high exaltation. It is a perversion of the labor union principle.

The federation has been wandering after some strange gods during Mr. Gompers's absence in Europe. It has plainly been misused by some of its newer members.

The railway brotherhoods, for example, were strangers in the house of the federation, yet they took complete possession of the premises and sent everybody else out into the back yard. The older unions in America were made the burden bearers for the railway men in very recent adventure of conquest in Washington. They were used as shock troops and as second lines of defense in

Heretofore the Federation of Labor all that is mortal of him, has a fairer has been careful to sanction nothing that would discredit the strike method. Its If there can be such a thing as an course has been conservative. The opinions and claims of federation officials are Senator Vare has a moral right to cast listened to with respect. The Boston police and the railway brotherhoods seem determined to discredit the whole system of labor propaganda as it has been formulated under the inspiration of Mr.

Police strikes cannot be tolerated or sustained by any code of labor strategy acceptable to common opinion in the United States. That sort of thing is apart from the rules of fair play. A policeman is not merely a laborer. If he were the rest of us would not willingly take orders from him in an emergency or admit his superior rights in public

A policeman is properly an officer of the government, under oath. He is the appointed representative of law, which is the common will of all the people. He is responsible to the community at large and any attempt to divert his allegiance to an isolated group approaches pretty close to an act of treason.

To abolish a police force at a stroke, by strikes or any other method, is to abolish the force by which the peace and safety of a community are assured. The American Federation of Labor has undergone a mighty change of heart if it feels justified in giving help and encouragement to methods such as this.

The protection of life, property and the institutions of government is the duty of every city and state official, Policemen who strike are certain to lose. It may be granted that they are underpaid and maltreated by corrupt bosses and that in most American cities they suffer through the negligence of unthinking people who permit spoils systems and low wage scales and overwork without extra pay. But strikes will not help PROGRESS is making toward agree- them, because by striking they do more ment on the councilmanic slate to be than quit work. They break an oath and assume an attitude oppos

# TEMPLARS EN FETE

pageantry is prompt. Philadelphia, just now invaded by the picturesque legions of Knights Templars, is taking precedented numbers are evidently aware unaffected pleasure in this emotional reaction, which is healthy and in modern

The conclave does not directly signalize the ending of the war, but it does happily fit into the spirit of new and happier times. The popular predilection for spectacles is now no longer hampered by disturbing "back thoughts,"

The knights do well to preserve the romantic tradition. The town is sympathetic with their endeavors. While apologizing for the muggy weather, which persists in g. Philadelphia a had name as a convention center, the public is unquestionably united in the wish that its plumed visitors, with their splendid displays and their spirited music, are enjoying themselves as much as we are enjoying them.

# AND THEN IT MAY TAKE A REST

HERE are some of the "self-evident propositions" the industrial con gress called by President Wilson will have to wrestle with:

First. As the world lacks many things the world must produce them. This cannot be done by shortening hours of labor or by stopping labor altogether through

Second. Wages cannot be increased and prices reduced at one and the same

Third. As strikes are won while prices are rising and strikes are lost while prices are falling labor will want to see proved that any self-denial on its part not for the benefit of the profiteer.

Fourth. Any increase in the purchasng power of a dollar means that people and nations with debts to pay must pay proportionately more than they received. Fifth. It is the province of the indusreial congress to reconcile these apparently irreconcilable facts-and more power to its elbow!

# CAN THE WOMEN DO IT?

Suffragists have their eyes on Min-nesota and New Hampshire this week, for the Legislatures of these states are meeting in special session. An attempt will be made to induce them to ratify the suffrage amendment to the constitution. and it is confidently expected that the effort will succeed.

Fourteen states have already ratified amendment since it was passed by

is waking up and a new sense of civic | Congress on June 4. Favorable action in Minnesota and New Hampshire and in Utah, where the Legislature meets September 29, will raise the number to seventeen.

The women cannot vote for presidential candidates next year until nineteen more states act. Regular sessions of the Legislature will be held in three of them next winter, but in the others with biennial sessions the Legislatures

will not convene until the winter of 1921. The women are doing their utmost to induce the governors of sixteen states to call special sessions of the Legislature so that the next President may be chosen by the vote of men and women in all the states. Their powers of persuasion are

## UNTIL DEATH?

IT IS over a week since William Tanner said "I'll stay with you, Mary," and closed his eyes and accepted death in a peculiarly terrible form rather than leave his wife to meet it alone on a railroad crossing near Chicago. Yet millions of people are still praising or blaming the man, wondering about the fate of his children, debating the wisdom and even the morality of his act, trying to decide by argument and long deliberation what Tanner himself had to decide in the flash of an appalling instant.

The tragedy of the Tanners touched the imagination of multitudes because it involved a pitiful and magnificent gesture of fidelity to what was, perhaps, the first promise ever made by a man to a woman. To debate the matter in the light of practical things is to miss the significance of all heroism. No great act service or sacrifice was ever based upon calm calculation. Men who do the wild or desperate or glorious things do not stop to count the costs. They react according to the depth of their pity, the degree of their tenderness, and let those who survive do the counting for them.

Many women believe that Tanner did wrong, because he left orphaned children. Men are disposed to believe that he did right. In the end a sacrifice such as his was probably more than worth while. It must at least have inspired in countless people a new, if transient, regard for the one promise that is oftenest made and oftenest forgotten in these days of overworked divorce courts.

## WHEN IDIOTS RUN LOOSE

THERE is a type of road hog who, after the last traffic policeman has quit his post about midnight, feels free to use the streets as if they had been willed to him. Night-owl taxicabs flit in the wrong direction on one-way streets and slide on one wheel around corners where, under the traffic rules, they have no right, to the danger and inconvenience of pedestrians and other vehicle traffic

This nuisance is particularly marked in the center of the city, and the police for some reason or another have become accustomed to permit it. An automobile that was wrecked against a light pole at Broad and Vine streets recently was crowded by another machine moving on the wrong side of the street.

The time of those who ride in night-ow! taxis isn't so precious that it should be conserved at the cost of danger to life. Street traffic laws ought to operate at night as well as in the daytime

On September 25 there will be in conention in Atlantic City the New Jersey of Liquor Dealers and Auxili aries, the Dry Saturating Felt Manufacturers Association and the Shingle Manufac turers' Association of the United Statesall as dry as a shingle with a dryness that

A man has to be level-headed to be able to keep on the pedestal on which popdar favor has placed him. "Black Jack" Pershing seems to be holding his own pretty

Attendants in a lunatic asylum in Tipperary. Ireland, are out on strike. This would seem to be a time for the inmates to Every strike under present conditions

a blow at the goose that lays the golden eggs. And any blow may prove fatal. Seven men have died in Jamestown

Y., after drinking bay rum. Others. elsewhere, have had close shaves. Albert of Belgium will be welcome for

self as well as for the brave little country of which he is the head

derstood that he is a Philadelphian merely for voting purposes. There may be good reasons for the

Senator Vare is willing to have it un

Kenyon and Kendrick bills, but the packers dinna ken" them.

A strike of policemen suggests that there's a bit of solid ivory in their Boston beaux.

'Oh, weil," said Kolchak to the Bolshevists as they merrily played seesaw, "we all have our ups and downs."

Sometimes it appears as if the Orator rather than the President is talking in the

Perhaps millennial days are at hand then all the police stations may be used as grocery stores.

The thief who stole a bicycle at City doubtless felt safe with so many pokeenen around. Wouldn't the President be playing in hard luck if he were a bay fever victim?

It is tough on the kids that they have to go to school during a week of big parades

After seeing their turnout one realizes why every knight has a feather in his cap. The children who are on "part time"

Even the house that Jack built might help a little in the present shortage.

A week from today countless thousands will grow hoarse saying "I told you so!" 'Wilson's speech in a nutshell," reads

a headline. Some nut! When labor makes the strikes it is the consumer who is out.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Comment on Patterson's Remarks About Penn-Gossip Concerning Ex-Judge Beitler, Mayer Swaab and Others

THE Philadelphia mayoralty campaign is I bringing out a good deal of comment concerning the use of automobiles by city, officials. Opponents of the Smith administration say the automobiles in the city service have become so numerous as almost to constitute a scandal. There seems to be no central place for housing or repairing the machines, which are used by all sorts of officials and employes. New York has had this problem up and figures on making every machine do official work without being at the exclusive service of one individual and also provides for their care in a central ga-This problem is one which might be met in Philadelphia and Camden when the new bridge is constructed. All those tun-nels under the approach to Broad Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad were used to great advantage for storage and business purposes. Mayor Ellis, of Camden, might see that all the Camden official mahines were housed and repaired under one great arch of the new bridge on the Camden side and the Philadelphia Mayor, whoever he may be, might do likewise on the Philalelphia side. If the machines were housed in one central garage and repair shops could he thrown together, a checking system might be installed which would enable any city official to obtain a machine for official use at any time, thus keeping the machines in hand and moving when ordered.

EX-JUDGE ABRAHAM M. BEITLER. who quilt the bench years ago to go into grivate practice, still loves to shoulder his gun and hunt ducks. Charles S. Wetter and he made a trip Elk riverward the other day merely to look over the prospects for the coming fall season. There is a little hit of the "wild" in every man's make-up and you can detect it in men like the judge when they don the cordurors, or in Charlie Wetter when he shakes his derby and puts on his easy-fitting cloth cap. Quite a number of Philadelphians have located along the Elk river and upper reaches of Chesapeake bay, and they report fewer mosquitoes than some of the Atlantic coast resorts.

MAYER SWAAB, who used to live in the Thirty-second ward, but whose headquarters are now in New York, is a top-notcher in the chewing gum world. His son, Captain Jacques Swaab, went from Philadelphia to the aviation service and be came an nee in France. That boy has taken un his residence in Philadelphia and the folks are proud of him. But there is another Swanb who has been doing thingsthe former president of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia - S. M. Swaab. The latter has been in charge of the Keystone State Construction Company subway work under the City Hall and from all accounts has done his work well. Before the Engineers' Club recently Mr. Swaab outlined a vigorous con structive works policy for the city.

P. W. KIEFABER accounts for the high cost of living in two or three ways. He reasons that beef goes up in price because the number of people is increasing while the number of steers does not keep pace with the numan population. Brother Kiefaber specializes in eggs and poultry, but he watches the cattle business and thinks calves should be conserved and not killed too young. Apart from ruthing an iron works in Pennsylvania and cultivating an attractive garden on the bluff at his summer place overlooking Toms river. Kiefaber is all right.

MARRIOTT C. MORRIS, whose family dates back to the Revolution and before, has just completed an inspection of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal and the waters of Chesapeake bay. Mr. Morris is a Germantowner, who devotes a good deal of time to the work of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, upon whose conventions he has been a faithful attendant for Free tolls through the Chesapeake and Delaware canal recently accomplished the government purchase will, in the judgment of Mr. Morris, largely stimulate the north and south traffic.

THE boys are commenting upon Judge I Patterson's suggestion that he will "know no boss but William Penn." It was a safe proposition, particularly as William Penn has been dead for a long time; but when the judge suggested that he would live up to the practices of William Penn, there were ome delvers into the early history of Philadelphia who wondered whether the judge was as well posted on William Penn's finan ial transactions as he is on the characters of Dickens. Pean laid out the city all right. but he did not provide streets sufficiently wide to accommodate the traffic of 1920. This, may not have been Penn's fault, for he laid out a big city even as it was; but what the boys want to know is whether in view of the present high rentals in certain parts of Philadelphia the judge has sized up William Penn as a landlord. Congressman Tom Butler, of the Chester-Delaware district, who is an expert on Penn lore, says the eminent Quaker doled out town lots at a good price and that he was a pretty stiff sort of laudlord. And yet we love the memory of the man whose statue stands at the top of the City Hall,

MEORGE W, FIELD, the genial George Whose father, Charles J. Field, was one of the most popular members of the Puilders' Exchange in its early days, is longing for Christmas. George is a hardware man from one end of the year to the other and he keeps in touch with big events, but he certainly does like Christmas. It isn't altogether because of the sparkling candles, the brilliantly decorated trees or the old-fashioned mince pies; it's because of the mechanical toys. Most my have hobbies: Roosevelt loved to hunt. Senator Hoar reveled in Nick Carter detective stories, John Gribbel pays high for Burns manuscripts, but George Field goes in for mechanical toys-the dancing girl, the pogilist, the acrobats, the jack in the box-and George gets them bin large numbers and uses up the whole of Christmas eve delighting his friends, and at the close of the evening the friends get the toys. It's a great day for George-is Christmas.

THEY decorated the grave of P. J. Maguire on Labor Day, and they gave him credit for being the father of the new P. J. Maguire lies under the sod holiday. in Harleigh Cemetery, where Walt Whitman sieeps. He was an industrious labor leader. built up the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and became vice president of the American Federation of Labor when it was small organization compared with the Knights of Labor, of which Terence Powderly was grand master workman. Ma guire's headquarters were located at Eighth ad Callowhill streets and there he worked to improve the conditions of the carpenters joiners who were then obtaining les than \$2 a day for more than eight hours. What a change there has been in the wage scale since that time!

THE CHAFFING DISH

Horace Traubel WE WAIT with particular interest to hear what Philadelphia will have to say about the passing of Horace Traubel. Traubel was the official cebo of the Great Voice of Camden, and in his obituary one may discern the vivacity of the Whitman tradition. This is a matter of no small concern to the curators of the Whitman The soul of Philadelphia cannot be kept alive by conventions and statistics

alone. Such men as Traubel have helped. There are two kinds of rebels. By their neckties you may know them. Walt Whitman was of the kind that wears no necktie at all. Then there is the lesser sort, of which Traubel was one - the rebel who wears a flowing black bow tie with long trailers. Elbert Hubbard were one of these. It is a mild rebellion of which this is syml It often goes with shell spectacles

WE NEVER knew Horace Traubel, though he was the man we most wanted to neet when we came to Philadelphia. have heard men of all conditions speak of him with affection and respect. He was dedicated from boyhood to the Whitman cause. From Walt himself he caught the habit of talking about Walt, and he carried it on with as much gusto and happiness Walt did. Only recently he said in his little magazine The Conservator :

When I was quite small I used to want to be a great man. But in my observa-tions of the old man's better than great way of meeting the gifts as well as the reverses of fate I didn't want to be a great man. I only wanted to stay mannexed to any institution as he was. No college ever decorated him. For the best of reasons. No college could. He could decorate So Traubel remained unannexed. He was fired from a bank because he happened to

take issue in public with one of the bank's

chief depositors. He floated about happily

surrounded by young Whitman disciples

carrying on his guerrilla warfare for what

his Leader called the "peerless, passionate

good cause" of human democracy. His

little magazine led a precarious life, sup-

ported by good friends. His protest against iniquities was an honest, good humored HORACE TRAUBEL will be rememas the biographer of Whitman. Whitman also, we may add, wished Traubel to be so remembered. In his careful record of the Camden sage's utterances and pulse-beats he approached (as nearly as any one) the devoted dignity of Boswell. We were abo to say the self-effacing devotion of Boswell but the beauty of biography is that the biographer cannot wholly delete himself from the book. One is always curious about the ticularly fine photograph our first question is always, "What kind of camera was it taken with?" recording instrument. When we see a par-

TT SEEMS to us-speaking only by intui-I tion, for we never knew him-that Traubel was a happy man. He was untouched by many of the harassing ambitions that make the lives of prosperous men miserable He was touched in boyhood by one simple and overmastering motive-to carry on Whitman message and spread it out for the younger world. Much of the dunnage of life cast overboard. He was too good a Whitman disciple to estimate success in the customary terms. When he left his job in the bank he opened an account in the Walt Whitman philosophy - and he kept a healthy balance there to the end.

We are a little worried about young Warren Pershing. We hope that the general is sending him to bed early enough

Remarks by Our Friends The words that give us most depresh Are these: "How sou have put on flesh."

After earefully seading the New York

papers we have gathered that General Perdring's features are undergoing nearly as much wear and tear as those of Miss Bara in a seven-reel hurricane. Yesterday's New York journalists described them thus:

FOR THERE'S NO "CLOSED SEASON" ON THIS BIRD

Grim-1186 times. Smiling-135 times. Tender-88 times. Embarrassed—105 times Deeply moved-753 times. Boyish grin-58 times. Stern-600 times. Set-800 times. War-worn-90 times Soldierly-4700 times.

Our own decision is to go to the movies and see for ourself.

If it takes the Eminent Sirs four hours to pass a given point on Broad street, how long will it take the Senate to pass fourteer given points?

A paster in Cincinnati has written a prayer for fans in which the Lord is asked o give a little coaching to the Reds to the end that they may win the pennant. He implores the deity to grant "speed, control and deceptive curves" to the pitchers; "frequent and timely hits" to the batters and "blessings to Pat Moran, manager."

We fear we are conservative. It seem to us that the Lord may object to being called into the bleachers. We fear Cincinnati parson has misunderstood the fifteenth chapter of Jeremiah, where we "Then said the Lord unto me . . will fan them with a fan.

### A City Notebook Strolling downtown to a well-known home

of fish dinners, it is appetizing to pass along the curve of Dock street in the coolness of the evening. The clean, lively odors o vegetables and fruit are strong on the air. Under the broad awnings of the commission merchants and produce dealers the stock is piled up in neat and engaging piles ready to be carted away at dawn. the glow of pale arcs and gas lamps the colors of the scene are vivid. Great baskets of eggplant shine like huge grapes, a polished port wine color; green and peppers catch points of light; a flat pinkish color gleams on carrots. Each seems to have an ordered pattern of its own Potatoes are ranged in a pyramid; water melons in long rows; white and yellow onions are heaped in sacks. The sweet musk of cantaloupes is the scent that overbreathes all others. Then, down nearer to the waterfront, comes the strong, damp, fishy whiff of oysters. To stroll among these gleaming piles of victuals, to watch various colors where the lamps pour a pale silver and yellow on cairns and pyramids of vegetables, is to gather a lusty appetite and attack the first oyster stew of the season with a stout heart.

Bunyan on the H. C. L. He asked me if I had a family? And old him. But, said I, I am so loaden with the burden that is on my back that I cannot take pleasure in them as formerly The Pilgrim's Progress.

# Roughing It

Pocket flashlight-portable stove-sleep ing sack-mariner's compass with radiolite dial—thermos flask—rubber blankets— What is it, anyway? A sporting goods

Oh, no; only a list of Senator Vare's little camp kit for a wild night in the old-fashioned home at 2000 South Broad. think it is really very ingenious of the senator to keep his "permanent home" in such a wild, abandoned state. He gets all the fun and hardship of a camping trip the great woods without having to go to the Adirondacks for it.

We looked in vain, in the inventory of 2009 South Broad, for the one thing that really makes a home. A rubber plant, SOCO TES.

## HOME SWEET HOME (Latest Variation)

'MID Ambler and Florida though I may roam. Re it ever so ruined, there's no place like

A vote at the polls only hallows me there. Which sought from its walls will respond to

no prayer. Home, Home, Broad street Home! There's no place like Home! There's no place like Home!

An exile from home, splendor dazzles in vain; Oh, give me my old registration again, The heelers attentive that came at my call— Give me them and the contracts, much dearer than all.

Distressing to eat by the light of a torch. But 'spite of temptations to scuttle and roam The act of Assembly has driven me home!

To home I return overburdened with care; The roof and the plumbing are out of repair. Oh, why was there ever a registrar's tome, Why must I be humble? be home?

Home, Home, Broad street Home! That's just what's the matter, there's no place like Home! H. T. C.

Philadelphia will be glad to welcome General Pershing, Cardinal Mercier and the Prince of Wales. And we are willing to admit that we shall have something worth while to show them when they show them-

# What Do You Know?

selves.

1. Who is the present head of the Hungarian Government? 2. What is the meaning of "In boc signs

vinces''? 3. What is pandanus? 4. Who established the first English colony in North America?

5. What is the origin of the current slang expression "Let's go"? 6. Of what country was Paul Jones a na-

7. Who introduced the potato into Ireland? 8. What is a nylghau? 9. What is the priming of the tides? 10. How long before presidential elections

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Helsingfors is the capital of Finland.

are the national conventions usually

2. The ceremony of signing the Austrian treaty took place at Saint-Germain-3. General Pershing was abroad two years

and about one hundred days. 4. Democritus of Abdera was called the Laughing Philosopher." His dates

are 460 to 357 B. C. 5. Prophylactic means tending to prevent

6. Thomas W. Lamont was a financial adviser to the American mission at the Peace Conference.

7. Kentucky was known as the "Dark and Bloody Ground." 8. Wraith; person's double or apparation seen shortly before or after his death.

9. The character of Falstaff appears in three Shakespearean plays, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," "Henry IV," part I and "Henry IV, part II." His death is described in "Henry V," but the fat knight is not presented on the stage in that play.

The daylight-saving law expires at 2 o'clock in the morning on the last Sunday in October, 1919.