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### THREE DAYS NOT ENOUGH

THE annual convention of the National Association of Purchasing Agents, which will be in session, here today, tomorrow and Wednesday, will receive a hearty welcome from every one with maries in New Jersey a sprightly signifianything to sell.

But three days is not long enough for the purchasing agents, even if they do nothing but inspect our factories and warehouses. The goal toward which the live Philadelphians are heading is a permanent informal convention of purchasing agents in session 300 days of the year, the delegates to which shall be so busy purchasing that they will have no time for any other business.

#### STILL IN THE PRIMER CLASS

WE COMMEND to the attention of those interested in the relations between labor and capital a delightful essay by Samuel McChord Crothers in the Atlantic Monthly devoted to a discussion of the methods employed in the Dame School of Experience.

Among other things, Doctor Crothers has the Dame say:

When a healthy young troplodyte was hungry he snatched his food from somebody who was weaker. This was very convenient for the snatcher, and the snatches didn't count. But the time came when the matcher came with a good healthy appetite and there was no one to snatch from After a while it dawned upon the bright matchers that, if they were to make their business profitable, they must leave the matchee enough to keep him alive. This was the first lesson in political

A large part of the industrial unrest today arises from the belief of the modern snatchees that the modern snatchers have not learned this lesson.

#### TROPIC WRATH

BUT for the discovery in the quicksands off Rebecca Shoals of a large passenger steamer said to be the Valbanera. American tropic waters would propound another Cyclops mystery. As it is, the loss of the 300 passengers and entire may prove some justice in its claims. The crew of the foundered Spanish steamer utilities commission may have decided seems almost incredible. Vessels above a couple of thousand tons in size rarely succumb to tempests nowadays. The gulf and the Caribbean, however, sustain the old and terrible traditions of cyclonic fury. Stanch steamships capable of weathering terrific blows in other waters are still overwhelmed in West India hurricanes. Three or four years ago a fruit steamer about the size of the Valbanera vanished in the attempt to cross the gulf in a terrific storm. It is arguable that the Cyclops, huge a she was, went down in a gale. The Germans are prodigal with their confessions now, but the story of the great navy collier has no share in them. In default of any other explanation of the loss, tropic wrath once more commands attention.

old nobility of France and England. A large proportion of the great art works of the world has been assembled here in public museums "and private galleries. Our natural scenery is equal to any in the world. But the Frenchmen who come here will

come primarily to see what the nation is like which can send 2,000,000 soldiers across 3000 miles of ocean and keep them supplied with food and munitions. We shall be glad to see both Foch and Clemenceau and all the lesser men and women who may see fit to visit us.

## BUSINESS AND POLITICS AND JERSEY'S PRIMARIES

Behind the Election and the Trolley Row is a Desire for the Separation of

Public and Private Interests WHEN Governor Runyon, of New Jersey, announced on Saturday that the

five members of the Public Utilities Commission responsible for zone fares will be summoned to show cause why they should not be ousted in a clump the august commissioners had reason to believe that the world actually does move. Nothing so astonishing ever happened to a utilities commission before.

The gentlemen have much to explain. They have reason to feel that they are to be a grand sacrificial offering to the gods of political chance. And quite unintentionally they have brought about a crisis that will give to tomorrow's pricance unknown to any recent elections in America. For it isn't candidates or the utilities commission or even the Pub-

lic Service Corporation that will be on trial at the polls. The thing that the voters in New Jersey have grown to hate and the thing that they wish to eliminate is the oldfashioned, disastrous relationship between big business and politics.

That relationship is out of date. It is no more acceptable nowadays than horse cars or the mauve-colored plug hat of the eighties. Yet it persists in New Jersey, as it persists in many other American communities, as a dark inheritance

from unregenerate and unenlightened days. Most business men of experience have found that it doesn't pay. Wherever you look in America you will find big corporations doing their utmost to be free of a political relationship which. after all, was rarely of their own seeking. The Pennsylvania Railroad and the P. R. T. saw the light long ago and profited. Wherever there is a belief that politics and business can mix there will be loss and trouble. It is the apparent domination of county and city governments by the steel interests in western Pennsylvania that has provided labor leaders with effective strike propaganda. And it is because of sentimental ties that are presumed to exist between the

sey and the State Utilities Commission that the people, after years of resignation, have suddenly demanded a showdown that may be costly for everybody concerned.

Once you are suspected, once you achieve a questionable reputation, you are doomed to go unheeded even when your woes are authentic and your claims just. The Public Service Corporation honestly according to its lights in the

courage and energy. Mr. King has promised to turn out the present commission, body and boots, if he is elected. He will not even investigate it. But the most significant thing of all is the refusal of the people to believe that there is any justice in zone fares or in the commission's decisions. Yet it is plain that the Public Service Corporation operates many of its lines, particularly in the long

reaches through sparsely populated regions, against difficulties that are unknown to corporations like the P. R. T., which do business in busy and densely populated areas. If the question were analyzed to the bottom it probably would be shown that

the angry flare of opinion against the service corporation had a deeper origin than zone fares. Energy for the grand outburst was stored up in the old days when naive financiers supposed that they could set up independent empires of their own under the shadow of state and municipal governments. Thomas L. Raymond, of Newark, a Republican candi-

date, wants elective commissions. Newton A. K. Bugbee merely promises an investigation and appraisal of public service property. Mr. King would appoint a commission pledged to restore five-cent fares provided for in old contracts with the municipalities. The Publice Service Corporation is without a champion!

The primaries were expected to be a spectacular test of general prohibition sentiment. James H. Nugent, of Newark-Big Jim-as the dominant Democratic candidate seemed in a way to seriously upset all Republican calculations, He was the frank and able advocate of rum and the good old days. Mr. Nugent's campaign addresses had a lot of force.

He was frankly against all things newincluding woman suffrage. But New Jersey has temporarily forgotten even its hotels and their interests. The zone-fare decision sent Big Jim zooming to the far background.

## GRADUATED COURTESY IN PARIS

AT THIS rate, the Turks, when they go to Paris to sign up, will luxuriate in the Elysee Palace. Comforts for the enemy delegates increase as their orientalism grows more pronounced. Quarters for the German commission were cramped and stuffy. They were offered nothing better than the antiquated and second-rate Hotel des Reservoirs in

The Austrians, coming from farther East, fared better in the West. The chateau of St. Germain is prison-like, but not without imposing historic associations. A great king was born there. Other French monarchs have dwelt within its walls.

on the carte du jour.

tion's former foes. It looks as if Lissauer, with his "one hate and only one," had

> Housewives are sore as food prices soar. They are told they,

the prices, rise on economic power. But they doubt it. They give credence to the cry from Chicago that army food is stored away by those who hope to do some gouging later. And they declare that rising prices

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Enterprise of Thomas E. Mitten Had Its Counterpart in Old Trolley Line Company in This City

# By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

TF THE gentlemen who are responsible for I that "Ride With Us" sign on the trolley cars are flattering themselves that they are pulling off . new stunt they are mistaken. It isn't new.

The same thing was thought out and worked out thirty years ago. The late John Lowber Welsh, at the suggestion of Ian Jay McGarvey, then a fertile brained young newspaper reporter, used the scheme as an ducement to get people to ride on the old Fourth and Eighth streets line.

Mr. Welsh not only placarded his cars, and the line of route, but he utilized the newspapers to induce walkers to ride. The terminals of the line were at Chestaut Hill on the north and Snyder avenue on the south. The fare was ten cents.

That fare brought endless protests. Dele gations waited upon Mr. Welsh from Germantown and Nicetown. They impressed him with the idea that low fares meant more riders. He frankly told them the argu was a good one.

McGarvey expressed his views, after the delegation had left, to the effect that a woman with a market basket would spend five cents to ride oftener than if the fare were ten

A week later John Lowber Welsh anunced a reduction of fare to five cents Placards and sign announced the change The result in increased income justified his judgment.

Now along comes Thomas E. Mitten with appeals for more riders. The three, word legend on the prov of each trolley is clear-cut and distinct. The anagram. rebus, acrostic, or whatever the device over the entrance inside may be called, is a waste of good advertising space. Looking at it hastily, any effective adver-

tising must be of the kind that the reader absorbs, comprehends, interprets or understands instantly ; one does not know whether to read it vertically, horizontally or diagonally. Anyhow it is not convincing, I don't believe John Lowber Welsh would have gone hunting trolley rides with a

Chinese puzzle. This is but one of the troubles of trolley management, though.

late John B. Parsons once enter-The tained the idea of a zone fare ticket. I was in his office one day twenty years ago when the project came up. The price of an exchange ticket was to be based on the distance traveled: There were a lot of difficulties about it, one of which was the inability to tell which person was entitled, to the longest ride. He dropped it as impractical.

There are a lot of people living in West Philadelphia who would be willing, I think, to shoulder an increase in taxes under the Mitten proposition laid before the Public Commission under one condition : Service That the company install half a dozen benches on each station platform on which elderly and stout people could rest after climbing the long stairs.

TF THOMAS A. EDISON makes a new application of an old principle, or Nikola Tesla invents an electrical device which he hopes will bring Mars and the other planets into communication with us, the world knows all about it through the activity of clever press agents.

Let a surgeon, or an oculist, invent a new instrument, or an attorney discover some new kink in an old law, professional ethics prevent them from receiving the credit they deserve. It is only when a technical paper before some equally technical society reveals the fact that the world becomes acquainted with the fact.

Which leads me to observe that a Philadelphia surgeon, Dr. L. T. Ashcraft, professor of genito-urinary surgery at Hahnemann, has perfected a new surgical device. The fact was disclosed at the meeting of the State Homeopathic Medical Society in this city last week

It is something entirely new. It is designed to make poss ble radium appli



"'I HEAR YOU CALLING ME-"

# THE CHAFFING DISH

### As to Puns

HEYWOOD BROUN, a gentleman of in-sight and shrewd observation, has taken up the cudgels in behalf of the pun. "Not to like puns." he says, "is an acquired taste." Particularly he is genial toward had puns. We agree with him that a really outrageous and atrocious pun often affords a kind of ecstasy. We regard ourself as somewhat of an authority on this matter.

Beside the garden gate. The katydid her graphophone The greatest collection of puns ever struck off at one time by the mind and purpose of Keeps going long and late. The melancholy fall bug pipes From branches turning sere; heet : Great loins of ruddy beef and clove-rich man was undoubtedly Tom Hood's ballad, "Faithless Nelly Gray," and its companion piece, "Faithless Sally Brown." After hams Silver-bellied trout and the blue-scaled Thus plays the sylvan orchestra bass The dead march of the year. these one has to turn to the works of F. It might be old London now, with its nar--Minna Irving, in the New York Sun. Burnand, the famous editor of Punch, for row ways second best. The pun has never flourished And open shops-I can almost think I hear The French Chamber of De as it does it The vendors crying their immemorial calls England, we fancy. Mark Twain was not expressed appreciation of the resolution What do ye lack, my masters? What do a punster. Byron spoke of some one "hatching a pun." This was wisely said. passed by the United States House of Rep ye lack?" resentatives in recognition of July 14. Most puns do not come spinning to the sur-face, but are carefully and painfully incu-OLD MOTHER MULDOON is ladling Hands across the sea with the right grip. hominy, bated. As for the word, we have no idea White and stringy, from a tub, with The United Tenants' Protective Assowhat it comes from. It seems to be of long ciation has demonstrated that a "shoehalf-pint measure for John Dennis used it over two history. string" is the most expensive commodity on That overflows, dripping down in a pan. hundred years ago. Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "People that <sup>g</sup>make puns are like She's a jolly gay body-but tonight Her mobile lips twitch and quiver quicklythe market. wanton boys that put coppers on the railroad tracks." This is so mild a condemnation When Foch and Clemenceau come to Her only daughter died three days ago. this country every three cheers will include (for the coppers don't hurt the train and THAT little country girl, Ethel Johnson, tiger. the result amuses the boys) that we suspect the doctor didn't feel very strongly about it. Behind the mound of eggs long strictly When D'Annunzio calms down it may fresh, In fact, he committed a very lukewarm pun be possible to determine the difference be-tween the divine afflatus and a brainstorm. mself in his poem, "The Height of the Smiles with a wonderful radiance for Jack The butter-boy, has whispered loving words, Ridiculous" : And she can scarcely keep her eyes away "These to the printer," I exclaimed, Sartor Resartus? Not yet. The strike from him. And, in my humorous way, I added, (as a trifling jest) CORPORAL .JIM - that ancient-faced is still on. There'll be the devil to pay." young man Wrapping up bread-always sits on a chair What Do You Know? The Market Back of the counter-the better halves of LIGHTS-and mingled odors, and long his legs QUIZ Are buried somewhere back in the Argonne 1. What is meant by "sending a man to rows. Forest : Of high-piled counters redolent of food-Coventry"? And there he left his youthful joyousness. Jumbled green and orange, apples red, What is a counter-tenor in music? And purple giant turnips tipped with white 3. Into how many zones is the earth MOTHER MULDOON and Ethel and Corporal Jim-People jammed in wavering serpent lines, divided? White and yellow and black, and shades be 4. What are their names? And a score or two more-Schwitzer, the hot-dog man, tween-Half the city is here tonight, buying, 5. Who has been the head of the United States investigating commission in Saturday night, stocking up for Sunday, Whose son has studied symphonies in Berlin Poland? Great-bearded Isaac, guarding living fowls. Dreams of Zion while he folds his dollars. LAT baggy wives with velvet hats 6. Does ice expand or contract on being Black and bedraggle-feathered, thick in And plans a flat in the new-won city of God heated? Tony, wending peanuts piping hot, And 7. What book is accounted the master-piece of all biographies? dust, Resting wicker baskets on their paunches, Is heart and soul in olived Italy, It's a whole world, this market-place to-Waddling two by two, and gossiping ; 8. What are persiennes? Little grandmothers, Russia-born, and bent, night. J. M. BEATTY. 9. What is a retrousse nose? Their white wisped hair caught tight by 10. What is the largest city in Kansas? tawny shawl, Their swarthy cheeks hollow and toothless We are cagerly awaiting the most delicious T MORE TH odor that ever glads the nostrils of man-the scent of roasting chestnuts. In the mean lined : Answers to Saturday's Quiz -Shiny black mammies, yellow girls Canon law is a code of rules agreed to by a church and in opposition to trawhile, we solace ourself by strolling through All dolled up in lavender and spats. Old Uncle Charlie, paralytic, crippled, With his big-eyed pickaninnies on his arm. Washington Square to epjoy the fragrand ditional rules, serving as the absolute rule of faith and life. The word "canon" is Greek for "rule." of burning leaves. When they are not burn-ing leaves out in the square we have to fall back on the fume of burning leaves in our MISS PRISCILLA, prim and quite old fashioned. 2. French is the language of Haiti. pipe. The British empire, acting for all its colonies and dependencies, has one vote, in the council of the league of Trips consciously along, not unashamed Which reminds us of something we have To think that poverty should bring her here, To chaffer with the market bargainers, long meant to mention. Our objection to a curved-stem pipe is that when it gets nations. And jostle shoulders with the common mob clogged and we puff and blow in an endeavor to clean out the stem we usually waft a Giovanni da Verrazzano was an Italian navigator who explored the coast of North America from North Caro-VOU are young, you two walking toragment of nicotine-soaked tobacco into our gether, eft eye and endure ten minutes of blood lina to Newfoundland in 1524. He And married not more than a year or shot agony. Now this may be due to the discovered New York bay. fact that our favorite pipe has a very pe at most ; Daniel Webster represented Massachu-setts in the United States Senate. eye is a triffe too bright, my boy,culiar shape. It was originally a curve and your face stem implement, but one day the stem fel into a kettle of boiling water and straight-ened ont. The result is that the curve of Too pale and thin and hard-the glamour Permutation is a mathematical term is past describing variation of the order of a the pipe, smoked at the end of a straight atem, points the bowl directly at our eye. And bills must be paid-every penny counts. set of things lineally arranged or any one such arrangement. AND you, gray aged lovers, tottering, You have braved together many a storm, Anyway, we thought we would just mention it as an evidence that life is full of per-Gumbo soup is a table specialty charac-teristic of New Orleans. and still plexity. 8. The Bulgarian indemnity has been fixed SOCRATES. You ding to each other's arm, and quaver at \$450;060,000. 9. The Dead sea is a salt lake in Palest Shrink as the crowd flaunts by, unheading President Wilson has sent Preside ransa his cordial felicitations on t iversary of Mexice's independence. A sixteen miles sout It is forty-siz mil ming bird is the smallest TAT little man, dark and swars "s that a holyra note !"

suitcase, Disdaining a basket. APPLES, oranges, sweets sticky and nut-flaked nut-flaked :

Cabbages, onions, and the wine-cheeked

blood of dying summer stains

# THE DEAD MARCH IN FALL THE corn is brown, the last late rose Has dropped its velvet leaves,

Who peers through lenses thick and broadly curved, The caterpillar for itself Is the great Arabic scholar, Professor Flu-A shroud of satin weaves. ellen. The Who carries, forsooth, his leeks in a leather

The ivy on the wall And in the early morn we miss The robin's merry call.

The cricket scrapes his wolin

Public Service Corporation of New Jer-

As the courtesy thermometer rises the augury for suave times for the Turks should cheer the most easterly of civiliza-

given a tip to France.

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Versailles.

But the Bulgarians draw a prize. The Chateau de Madrid, where they are housed, faces the velvety lawns of the exquisite Bois de Boulogne. Before the war the charming gabled structure was a rendezvous of smart society. Its restaurant was one of those considerate institutions which refrained from wounding its sensitive clientele by quoting prices

#### STRESSING A LOSING ISSUE

THE average American has too much common sense to be led to affiliate himself with a political party which makes its appeal to class interest. Therefore, the project of a committee of fortyeight to call a convention in St. Louis for the purpose of organizing a new party with the farm and labor organizations as its basis is not likely to prosper. Men of all occupations and all classes are in the Republican and Democratic parties. They profess to seek the general good rather than the good of a group of citizens or the prosperity of a section of the country. This is only another way of saying that they are based on the American idea of democracy, at the bottom of which lies belief in equal rights for all and special privileges for none. Those who think that the old parties have survived their usefulness will have to find a broader issue than that of class zonsciousness on which to found a new party.

WE'LL BE GLAD TO SEE THEM THE report in Paris that Premier Clemenceau and Marshal Foch are likely to visit America in December is credib

It would not be surprising if not only they, but thousands of other Frenchmen, uld be curious enough about America make us a visit. Americans have going to Europe in great numbers ir years to see what the Old World is We have shown Europe what we n do in the way of waging war, and awakened in the Old World an inat in us which can be satisfied only personal visit.

have commercial structures to w them which are as remarkable in ir way as the finest architectural ts on the Continent, and the resof our captains of in Invorably with the palaces of the

But business. will have a hard time convincing the people of New Jersey of its virtue.

Its past has returned to haunt it -as pasts always do. greed.

The Public Service Corporation, the real issue at tomorrow's primaries, is a consolidation of all the street railway and electric and gas interests in the most populous parts of the state. It is in every sense a monopoly. It has revealed the usual aberrations of monopolies. And it was formed under auspices more or less political. Davy Baird was one of the original

geniuses of the corporation. The Public Utilities Commission, which is supposed to regulate public service in the interest of the people, is named by the governor. Naturally the service corporation has figured large in Jersey politics. The present commission has been openly acused of subserviency to the monopolistic influences. Governor Edge appointed the five commissioners who are now to be grilled by his friend and successor, Gov-

ernor Runvon. Rum was to have been the issue tomorrow, and some Republican candidates have been making desperate efforts to divert the attention of the populace to woman suffrage. They might have succeeded had it not been for the utilities commission itself, which in a misguided hour sustained the appeal of the streetcar corporation for the right to whoop trolley fares to an undreamed-of altitude in South Jersey.

That decision would have been unwise inder any circumstances. Coming immediately before an election, it was disastrous. It reminded all the users of gas and electricity of their own troubles. It revived old grudges. It looked ominous. What had happened was what has happened with every monopoly in the past. The Public Service Corporation over-

reached and brought down the house about its ears. All utilities corporations in the country will sooner or later feel the effect of the Camden trolley boycott. The immediate result of that hubbub was an organized agitation throughout all the state for an elective utilities commission. Heretofore

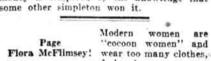
no one has seriously questioned the wisdom of laws which permit the appointment of such powerful commissions by the governor of a state. But the principle now advanced by one of the candidates for the governorship in New Jersey is sure to appeal powerfully to the

good sense of the rest of the country. Governor Runyon turned reluctantly at the last minute upon Governor Edge's commission. To Warren C. King, the inident Republican candidate, belongs tis for meeting the issue with

are not planes but dirigibles inflated by world.

When a Washington The General Escaped girl tried to kiss General Pershing and got

a stranglehold on him she might have made good if members of his staff hadn't butted The general remained unkissed and the girl lost a hundred dollars. She had wagered that amount. It was a silly stunt. Satisfaction in the thought that she lost th money is tempered by the knowledge that



declared a woman specialist in gymnastics addressing the international conference of women physicians in New York. Let her bide a wee an' dinna Reports from Paris indicate that in the near future lovely woman will be wearing next to nothing.

A sixteen - year -old New York girl has Sweet Sixteen

committed fifty burglaries during the last three months. She netted \$6000 in cash and jewelry and is now out on \$2500 bail. She says she worked on an eight-hour-a-day schedule and strictly observed the Sabbath Verily the way of the transgressor is a pathway of roses with a cell at the end.

Germany, says Henry U. S. Senate, Morgenthau, has been hardened by war while Please Note her enemies are weak

ened. The apathy and foolishness of her aforetime adversaries may encourage her to strike again. In the meantime she hustles while she waits.

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The president of the Never a Strike for French Metal Work-Greater Production ers has vision. And he has courage. He told the labor federation convention

Lyons that what organized labor needed was to get to work. Happily the world eventually gives car to John the Baptist crying in the wilderness.

A delegation of Stony Bid for Stony Stare Indians presented a wonderful headdress to the Prince of Wales and made him a chief

of their tribe. At the present price of feather bonnets the hat may be a useful thing to pawn if the new chief ever goes Stony broke.

Only 40 per cent of the food ordered by Philadelphians from Uncle Sam, retail grocer, has been delivered. Somebody ought to investigate the grocery clerk. Burleson He needs, among other things, an acceler

> most trades unionista wittens first.

to cancer of certain internal organs, notably the bladder.

Surgery is making wonderful strides right here in Philadelphia. But the Philadelphia owing to the rigidity of ethical standards, knows little about it. Dr. W

W. Keen's work in cranial surgery is known all over the outside world. Then there is Charles H. Frazier, John B. Deaver, Ernest LaPlace, John G. Clark, H. L. Northrop, R. G. Le Conte and G. A. Van Lennen whose names are familiar to the medical profession over the entire hemisphere. There is not a town of any importance in

the United States in which the name of son one of these men is not known in medical

In Mexico City and Caracas I have heard those of Keen, LaPlace and Deaver uttered hy physicians with the same familiarity as though they lived in a neighboring block.

REV. DR. R. S. SNYDER, of the First Presbyterian Church. Ocean City, was in Philadelphia the other day. It Was the first time since he arrived home from 'over there'' last July. For months Chaplain Snyder was sta-

ioned in Texas at one of the concentration camps. Then he went to France to look after the interests of our returning soldiers. For a while he was chapmin of the Eighth

Doctor Snyder is a brother-in-law Harry Davis, the widely known baseball player, scrap iron broker and politician. He is also a warm personal friend of Dr H. Croskey Allen, late major in the medical ervice, now of Norristown, and of Dr. H P. Keely, former treasurer of Montgomery county, and Dr. H. R. Loux, of Jefferson Medical College, and a lot of others that might be mentioned. Doctor Snyder was educated at Ursinu College and the Reformed Theological Semihary. He has hundreds of friends who will be glad to know that his abilities have been

recognized by the bestowal upon him of the degree of doctor of divinity. My association of his name with the above doctors is due to the fact that the trusteer and faculty of Anselmo University, California, gave him his degree while he was in France as Chaplain Snyder.

Attorney General Palmer's suggestion of a six months' industrial armistice packed too tightly with common sense to meet with general commendation. The industrial world has its mouth set for didoes

Paulsboro boasts a hen that so fa this month has laid thirteen double yoll four triple yolk eggs. A conscientious chicken this. At the present price of eggs she wants to give plenty for the money.

Camden citizens will probably find the boycott of street cars more efficacious than rioting, with the added advantage that the inw will not interfere.

When the President quotes Lodge nse of the league of nations he is sto the gentleman's blackjack to sould

