

Evening Public Ledger

PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY
CITRUS H. K. CURTIS, President
Charles H. Linderman, Vice President
John C. Morris, Secretary and Treasurer
Philip S. Collins, Editor
John E. Williams, John J. Spurgeon, Directors

Published daily at Public Ledger Building, Independence Square, Philadelphia, Pa.
Subscription Terms
The Evening Public Ledger is served to subscribers in Philadelphia and surrounding towns at the rate of twelve (12) cents per week, payable in advance.

Member of the Associated Press
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper, and also the local news published therein.

Philadelphia, Friday, October 3, 1919

KINGS, NATIVE AND FOREIGN

ALBERT of Belgium is a king. Somewhere at home he has a crown and a scepter and royal robes and all that sort of thing. Yet he has never exercised and never aspired to the sort of absolute power that William Z. Foster is trying to grab as dictator to labor in the steel industry.

MAKING AMERICANS

THE school for Americanization of aliens being conducted by Judge Joseph Buffington in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals is one justified by existing conditions, as it doubtless will be by results.

EGGS FOR MR. REED

FEELING must have been running amazingly high in Oklahoma when an audience assembled to hear Senator Reed denounce the President and the league of nations triumphed over the middle western instinct of thrift and bombarded the gentleman with eggs worth at least a nickel each at the source of production.

TURNING THE TABLES ON THEM

CHARLES M. SCHWAB seems to have the gift of saying things. In discussing the high cost of living he remarked in Chicago that when the theory of an honest day's work for an honest day's pay was adopted here prices would come down.

LAUNCHING THE LEGION

MEN who were in the A. E. F. should know the value of free institutions of government. They stepped out of their familiar world and marched and suffered and were shot at and mauled and maimed to preserve principles that always are attacked in any sort of class war.

of every great organization of men depends very largely on leadership. Those who presided at the first assemblage of the legionaries at Harrisburg yesterday are plainly sincere in their expressed desire to keep the new organization of veterans out of politics.

MITTEN'S LATEST TROLLEY PLAN TOUCHES A VITAL NEED

Speeding Up the Lines to the Suburbs Would Be a Boon to Commuters and of Vast Benefit to the City

WHEN a trolley ride develops into a trolley journey it is reasonable to expect a swifter rate of transit. In theory the case works out beautifully. Electric transportation between towns lying without a metropolitan area is in no sense agonizing. The cars run swiftly. The frequent service relieves the patron of his worried dependence on railway time tables.

The irritations of short trolley trips in the business district of a crowded city cannot, of course, be obviated by the adoption of principles prevailing in the country. As we accept the fact of a modern metropolis, with its combined drawbacks and advantages, it is only logical to be philosophical about trolleys operated upon a fairly slow schedule and contending against inevitable delays.

It doesn't prove that Norristown is more progressive than Philadelphia because its electric cars whisk along at a speed unattainable on Chestnut street between the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers.

Aside from the theme of central city transportation leading directly to the formidable subject of subways, much of the confusion has been occasioned by rather vague and antiquated notions of what Philadelphia actually is. For years the P. R. T. management seemed to act upon the theory that because a street was solidly built up for ten or twelve miles there was justification for running cars at a Market-street pace.

But now that the town has been knitted together as London was, now that it is no longer easy to distinguish divisions between Haddington and Mantua, between Chestnut Hill and Germantown, between Darby and Pashalville, the railroads are limited in their functions.

It is Mr. Mitten's present laudable aim to provide at least a partial remedy for these conditions. His elevated and subway plans necessarily involve careful consideration by the city. There are formidable financial problems to be solved. Relief on a great scale fully commensurate with the city's needs cannot be swiftly administered.

As a prime antidote to such snail-like trolley service, the P. R. T. proposes higher speed schedules for routes that may be rated as municipal trunk lines. The cars now being remodeled expedite loading by their double set of doors. The trailers already in service on Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets testify to a new consideration—long delayed—of the public's needs.

Meanwhile, however, municipal aid in the traction company's practical plans should be freely given. The coal-wagon nuisance is now only mildly rebuked in an ordinance providing for the arrest and fining of the offending driver, but according to the magistrate no authority to collect the fine. Councils should promptly

rewrite the law so that it means something. The police have also a drastic duty to perform. Thousands of Philadelphians, wearied by slow trolley service over long routes, will be quick to rejoice if track-hugging vehicles are prevented from "dragging" the cars and if the unloading of coal wagons directly in the path is peremptorily forbidden.

If the city does its share Mr. Mitten will be on his mettle. He is hopeful that apart from the grandiose transit projects under way and under consideration, high-speed lines can be operated on certain Philadelphia streets. We have lacked them so long that the prospect of relief is rather startling.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE
IT IS not necessary to take a sentimental view of President Wilson and his work to feel that yesterday's news from the White House ought to have a sobering effect on the thought of America and that those of the President's enemies who have been doing their utmost to confuse opinion throughout the nation must have an uncomfortable awakening to a better sense of decency and a more honorable regard for the requirements of the hour.

Dr. Talcott Williams, dean of Columbia University's School of Journalism and for nearly thirty years connected with Philadelphia journalism, has the greatest private library of newspaper clippings, public documents, reports and bulletins in the United States.

WALTER STENGER has returned to Philadelphia, he tells me, to make his permanent home. He is remembered by the older newspapermen of Harrisburg and Philadelphia, where for years he was active in journalism.

JOHN N. MURRAY is the official representative of the employees of the Bureau of Water who are members of the American Federation of Labor. He is employed by the Bureau of Water as members of the federation.

WALTER STENGER has returned to Philadelphia, he tells me, to make his permanent home. He is remembered by the older newspapermen of Harrisburg and Philadelphia, where for years he was active in journalism.

One of Fate's Little Ironies
An aged New Kensington man died yesterday after he had received word that he had fallen heir to two million dollars. Think of the joyous follies he would have had a chance to commit if the money had come earlier!

Insurance men meeting in this city report a bigger business so far this year than in any previous calendar year. Another evidence that war times encouraged the habit of thrift.

T. L. HICKS, STATISTICIAN

EX-POSTMASTER CAN GIVE ELECTION DOPS FOR YEARS PAST—MEN WHO CLASSIFY NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND FIND THEM USEFUL

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
EX-POSTMASTER THOMAS L. HICKS is an unofficial computer of election figures for Philadelphia. Like Bosco, "he eats 'em alive."

DR. TALCOTT WILLIAMS, dean of Columbia University's School of Journalism and for nearly thirty years connected with Philadelphia journalism, has the greatest private library of newspaper clippings, public documents, reports and bulletins in the United States.

JOHN N. MURRAY is the official representative of the employees of the Bureau of Water who are members of the American Federation of Labor. He is employed by the Bureau of Water as members of the federation.

WALTER STENGER has returned to Philadelphia, he tells me, to make his permanent home. He is remembered by the older newspapermen of Harrisburg and Philadelphia, where for years he was active in journalism.

One of Fate's Little Ironies
An aged New Kensington man died yesterday after he had received word that he had fallen heir to two million dollars. Think of the joyous follies he would have had a chance to commit if the money had come earlier!

Insurance men meeting in this city report a bigger business so far this year than in any previous calendar year. Another evidence that war times encouraged the habit of thrift.

Insurance men meeting in this city report a bigger business so far this year than in any previous calendar year. Another evidence that war times encouraged the habit of thrift.

"YESSIR, I KNOW JUST HOW CHICAGO FEELS!"



THE CHAFFING DISH

STERN REVERSAL OF LITERARY JUDGMENTS

McFee Brands Daisy Ashford as Hoax; Barrie "Stung"?

LAUDS HERGESHEIMER (Special to The Chaffing Dish)

YES, I read the Daisy Ashford fake. Talked it over in England with two or three who write, not as I write, but for a living. The consensus of opinion was that either Barrie wrote it or had been stung.

MR. BUCKMASTER, for the defendants, submitted that the action was frivolous, vexatious and contemptible. He delivered judgment, said that the plaintiff had a passion for sporting, and the defendants had a passion for catching moths.

MR. BUCKMASTER, for the defendants, submitted that the action was frivolous, vexatious and contemptible. He delivered judgment, said that the plaintiff had a passion for sporting, and the defendants had a passion for catching moths.

MR. BUCKMASTER, for the defendants, submitted that the action was frivolous, vexatious and contemptible. He delivered judgment, said that the plaintiff had a passion for sporting, and the defendants had a passion for catching moths.

Lament of a Fair Aspirant for Political Honors

THE mornings are chilly, the skies overcast. And southward the wild geese are hurrying fast. The grasses are withered and sere in the park.

Perhaps it is unfair to expect that the league of nations should arouse as much popular enthusiasm as the world "serious."

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ
1. What is the highest peak between the Alleghanies and the Rocky mountains?
2. How many planets are there?
3. Who was Colley Cibber?
4. What is the official title of King Albert?
5. What is the origin of the expression "By jimmies"?
6. What are the three principal rivers of India?
7. In what century did St. Augustine live?
8. What is koo?
9. What is a chap-book?
10. How did cigars get their name?
Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The hoist of a flag is the division of it nearest "The Elder."
2. The federal government was free from debt in 1835.
3. The fuselage of an airplane is the limousine body for passengers.
4. King Albert is forty-four years old.
5. Mauna Loa, one of the world's celebrated volcanoes, is now in eruption. It is on the island of Hawaii.
6. "Hall Columbia" is an outgrowth from "The President's March," written to honor George Washington on his way to the inauguration in New York in 1789. Joseph Hopkinson, of Philadelphia, set his "Hall Columbia" words to the air in 1788.
7. The English surname Marjoribanks is pronounced as though it were spelled "Marshbanks."
8. There were two celebrated Roman Plinys. Caius Plinius Secundus, called "The Elder," was a naturalist. His dates are 23-79 A. D. The "Younger Pliny" (62-113 A. D.) was noted as a letter-writer.
9. The words czar and kaiser are both derived from Caesar.
10. Specific gravity is the weight of a solid or liquid compared with an equal bulk of water. For instance, the specific gravity of gold is 19.3, since it weighs nineteen and one-half times its own bulk of water.