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THE STRANDED CITY COMMITTEE

ALL that was political in Philadelphia formerly revolved about the Republican City Committee, in which Senator Vare was czar. The committee was a tail that wagged an elephant. Mr. Moore's snub of yesterday and his apparent intention to annul the present committee from a rehabilitated Republican organization are political omens of the first magnitude.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES

WHEN the millennium arrives in America the utilities and public service commissions of the various states will display initiative of their own. They will not have to be wheedled and prodded to action by an angry or dissatisfied public whose interests they are supposed to guard.

A HOME FOR THE LEGION

THE probability that the Philadelphia posts of the American Legion will accept the offer of the picturesque Jayne mansion as a clubhouse has two attractive aspects.

A NEW KIND OF JUBILEE

THE chief reason why the elaborate and expensive victory jubilee originally suggested for this autumn will not take place is that the public really didn't want it.

GUIDING THE CITY'S GROWTH

MAYOR SMITH'S disinclination to speed the city planning, the machinery for which is authorized by the new charter, relegates a municipal topic of prime importance to the incoming administration.

MR. WILSON IMPROVES

HAPPILY for himself and for the country, Vice President Marshall's long period of rest is not likely to be interrupted by any serious consequences of Mr. Wilson's breakdown.

THE OTHER SIDE

ONE automobile owner who insists that he drives with a due regard for the rules of decency and good manners raises a plaintive voice in a letter to this newspaper and insists that, while every one talks of the rights of pedestrians, no one ever utters even a whisper about the rights of the man who has to steer a motor through traffic.

WHEN LAWYERS DISAGREE

FORMER Justice Hughes says that Congress has no constitutional power to take the earnings of a railroad company in excess of a reasonable return on the investment and give them to railroads which have not earned a reasonable sum.

MORE SECRET DIPLOMACY?

UNDER the rule of procedure adopted with the consent of labor leaders and industrial leaders on the first day of the industrial conference, all questions of importance will be discussed in private by the interested groups before a vote is taken in public.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

British Censorship Comes in for as Much Criticism as the Burleson Administration in the Matter of Holding Up Mail

Washington, Oct. 8. MUCH complaint reaches Washington with regard to delayed mails. The Burleson administration has come in for much criticism, but recently many specific grievances have been filed with respect to British censorship.

ITALY HAS FAITH

THE report that Italy by royal decree has ratified the treaty with Germany is not surprising. The news, however, is accompanied with the statement that Victor Emmanuel also affixed his signature to the Austrian pact, so many features of which concern territorial settlements in which his kingdom is deeply interested.

WHO GOT GENERAL WOOD?

ONE cannot look toward Gary, Ind., today without realizing that the Fates or the half-gods of politics or the instruments of destiny who assist Mr. Baker in the War Department have deftly put a sudden end to General Wood's presidential boom.

RAILROAD MEN

RAILROAD men, like newspaper men, have a habit of turning up in strange places. George J. Lincoln, prior to the United States railroad strike, was pretty well known along Chestnut street and around the clubs.

DAVID BAIRD

DAVID BAIRD, who held down the United States senatorship from New Jersey until Governor E. Edwards and Sergeant Upton H. Jeffers have been too busy with political affairs recently to note all the doings of Admiral H. B. Wilson, U. S. N., the distinguished Commodore who recently returned in parade to the United States.

THE TIGHT BRIGADE

Since July 1 the House of Correction, at Holmesburg, has lost popularity as a retreat. The number of inmates has dropped from 600 to 182. Half a league, half a league, half a league onward! That's what prohibition has done to a thirsty 600.

WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Women in uniform are coming in for criticism in England, the opinion being that while it was noble of her to get into it she ought to get out of it now. But with the high cost of clothes before her, it may be something more than vanity that keeps her from "leaving."

REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON'S MEASURE

Representative Johnson's measure to restrict the influx of undesirable aliens is worthy of serious consideration at this time; and he deserves thanks for the distinction drawn between a peaceful melting pot and a hell's caldron.

REASONS FOR OBJECTION

Reasons for such objection are plain. The first purpose of the conference was to bring mooted issues out into the daylight, where the country at large could scrutinize them in detail. To debate in secrecy the questions which the conference is expected to settle is like trying

THE CHAFFING DISH

"The Balsam Groves of Grandfather Mountain"

ONE never knows when something delightful is going to happen. We came back from lunch in a mood of indolent depression, perhaps due to the shrimp salad, or else the jelly roll and tutti-frutti ice cream.

ON WAITING FOR THE CURTAIN TO GO UP

WE OFTEN wonder whether people are really as human as they appear, or is it only our imagination? Everybody we suggest, thinks of others as being excessively human, with all the frailties and crochets appertaining to that curious condition.

OUR CLIENTS WILL UNDERSTAND THAT

OUR clients will understand that, having read the above, we could not rest until we had striven to find the whole story. Long and patiently we pursued various trails, but unavailingly. Then, yesterday, on the heels of the shrimp salad and tutti-frutti, we were privileged to meet a gentleman who has the complete story in his possession, and has promised to lend it to us.

WE WOULD WE COULD GIVE THE NAME OF THIS

WE would we could give the name of this delightful person, but we feel it advisable to preserve a meed of discretion, for this reason. The gentleman we refer to, well known in this city, discovered the story during a journey to the mountains of North Carolina in 1898. It had been written by a Carolina mountaineer, and its title was "The Balsam Groves of Grandfather Mountain."

GENERAL WOOD'S DEPARTURE

General Wood's departure from Philadelphia to take command of the 1st Army Corps, is a significant event in the military history of the city. The general, who served with distinction in the World War, is being honored as he departs for his new assignment.

THE PHILADELPHIA NAVAL YARD

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JAPAN

I AM, the newer man. I aside are thrown the kimono and fan; The arts I learned from China (ere the seas) Of other words brought Western strength (That beat me to my knees) Are laid aside. The power that bent me underneath its weight, And left me gasping, "Wait . . . ah, wait!" Is scattered wide.

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

QUIZ

- 1. Of what state is General Wood a native?
2. By what procedure did Italy ratify the peace treaty?
3. Who is assigned to deliver the death blow to the bull in a Spanish bullfight?
4. Who invented the sewing machine?
5. What is the meaning of the French phrase "beaux arts"?
6. What is an ohm?
7. What were samplers?
8. What is a tocanca?
9. Who was the Great Elector?
10. For how many days did the battle of Gettysburg continue?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- 1. "Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome," is a quotation from Dr. Samuel Johnson's "Rasselas."
2. Cavour was a celebrated Italian statesman, particularly known for the dominant role he played in the unification of modern Italy. His dates are 1810-1861.
3. A sreen is a kind of loek.
4. Atlanta is the largest city in Georgia.
5. Neurology is the branch of science that treats of the nervous system.
6. Isothermal lines are imaginary lines connecting places having the same mean annual temperature.
7. A male lamb as distinguished from a ewe lamb is called a tup lamb.
8. Gibraltar is known as the key of the Mediterranean.
9. Frederic Cuvier was a distinguished French zoologist. His dates are 1773-1858.
10. Vermont was the fourteenth state in the order of admission into the Union.

APRES LE GARY

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