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A NEW OPEN-DOOR POLICY

The door of my office will always be open. I want publicity. There are to be no secrets in the office of the Mayor after January 4.

TT IS the Mayor-elect speaking. We can imagine the effect on every old-time grafter, buttonholer and gumshoe politician still cynically believing that some shreds of the familiar system of covert rake-offs and handouts are bound to remain in City Hall despite the new dispensation.

Publicity! Open doors! What kind of a politician is this man Moore anyway? Doing business without concealment? It sure begins to look as if the jig is up. It's almost enough to make a hardworking handy-man get a real job and go to work.

THE ROOT OF THE EVIL

COLONEL McCAIN and Carl Ackerman, who appear actually to be the first impartial investigators to look below the surface of the coal strike, are sending reports that are of peculiar value as commentaries upon recent election results in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

There seems to be little innate radicalism among the rank and file of the workers in the coal fields. But there is misapprehension and unrest traceable chiefly to the unbearable costs of living among men who usually have large families and limited pay. Add to this situation the work of shrewd, energetic and unscrupulous propagandists of violence who have fought a way to leadership in some of the trades unions and you have the cause of widespread and disastrous labor demonstrations.

The best aid to the Red agitator is the profiteer whom Attorney General Palmer discussed vesterday at Harrisburg, Profiteering, as Mr. Palmer sees it, represents the efforts of men in all classes of business to pass the burden of their income taxes and their profits down to the ultimate consumer. It is natural, if this appraisal of the situation is correct, that e burden should make fruitful fields for the radical troublemakers.

The attorney general is convinced that stened to with greater resp suggest a way by which that desirable end may be achieved.

WORK FOR NEW BROOMS

TF MR. MOORE attacks the question of congestion and inadequate housing in the tenement sections as vigorously as he discusses it in explaining his plan for a Department of Public Welfare he will deal properly with a matter that his predecessors have avoided as if it were pestilence.

Some landlords profit greatly through ill-kept and overcrowded houses. Agitation for a closer regulation of tenements is met often with a plea for the sacred rights of property.

The city itself should be concerned about the health and well-being of the humblest of its citizens. House owners have been left too free in the systematic exploitation of families that can afford only a minimum rental. The sanitary code should apply in every dwelling.

KNOX IS WRONG AGAIN

IF PERSISTENCE in a bad cause is virtuous, then Senator Knox must be eredited with the possession of unusual

He tried several months ago to get the Senate to adopt a resolution separating the league-of-nations covenant from the treaty of peace so that the two parts of the document could be considered separately.

His colleagues listened to what he had to say and then forgot all about his resolution.

The senator has now offered another resolution ratifying the treaty, so far as it relates to peace with Germany, but declaring that the United States reserves to itself complete liberty of action in all matters connected with the league just as though it were not a member of that

The resolution asserts that the United States may withdraw summarily from the league and from any commissions appointed under it and may accept or reject. any decisions of the council as though it had never been a party to the agreement. And the resolution further provides that the Allied powers must accept this form of ratification within sixty days.

Put into plain English, this means that the United States declines to become a member of the league. Senator Knox is a lawyer. He knows the nature of a contract. If a client asked him whether he should enter into an agreement with a man who insisted that he would respect the agreement only when it pleased him and disregard it when he felt like it the ator would advise his client to break off all negotiations at once.

If Mr. Knox feels that way why does

he not demand the immediate rejection of all of the treaty save that part of it relating directly to peace with Germany and reintroduce the Fall reservations, which withdrew the United States from participation in any of the commissions created by the treaty for carrying out its terms? The Senate has rejected the Fall reservations, it is true, but it has not adopted any of Knox's treaty resolutions either.

THE HIGH COST OF BAD GOVERNMENT

Every Citizen Is Likely to Pay the Penalty Next Year for Consenting to Evils This Year

A SUIT begun to test the validity of a city loan, begun primarily in the interest of the bidders for the bonds, ends in a way to affect every renter and every houseowner in the community.

The Tenants' Protective Associations, which have been fighting the rental profiteers, will have to take the Supreme Court decision into account in their future campaigns.

And here is the reason:

Part of the money to be raised by the ond issues was to be used for the repair of streets, fireboats, public buildings and such like current expenses. The new charter provides that no bonded debt may be incurred to pay current expenses. The section dealing with this matter went into effect before the bond issue was authorized. It was assumed that it did not yet apply to such a loan as was proposed. But the court has said that the city may not borrow any money to pay current expenses.

The money needed for the repair of treets and buildings must now be raised by a tax. Because Councils have declined for years to provide the amount needed for these purposes bonds have seen issued to meet the deficit in current expenses. Several millions are needed to make the repairs which have been neglected during the war. This money must be raised by tax next year.

In other words, a burden properly be longing to last year and this year will be unloaded on the city next year.

It is difficult to see how the sum can be raised without an increase in the tax rate. If the rate is raised the landlords will hand on the extra burden to their tenants and the houseowners who occupy their own property will have to pay it anyway.

The new administration is doomed to suffer for the sins of the present Councils. The time when the politicians can fool the people into believing that public business is conducted economically has come to an end.

It is no longer possible to keep the tax rate down by borrowing money to pay bills.

The charter requires the new Council to raise by tax each year all that is needed to pay the expenses of that year, save for permanent improvements. It cannot borrow for repairing streets or for repaying them. Nor can it borrow for making repairs to police stations or fire houses or fire apparatus.

The Mayor has been in consultation with the heads of departments in the hope of finding a way to prevent the dismissal of two or three hundred employes for whose payment there is now no money. But these employes are in departments spending money for permanent improvements. No suggestion has been made that there be a reduction in the force of departments where there is profiteers ought to be jailed. He will be not work enough to keep the clerks busy. one familiar with conditions in the City Hall knows that many hundred thousand dollars a year go to clerks who hold their jobs by political favor. They are not expected to do much. They are

part of the political machine. The first duty of the new Mayor will be to overhaul all the offices in the City Hall over which he has any control and weed out the dead wood and put the departments on a business basis. If he does this as thoroughly as it should be done he can reduce the burden on the taxpayer and improve the efficiency of every department. He may displease a few politicians in the process, but he will gratify the great mass of the public.

The conditions which he will inherit from the present administration will make it easy for him to introduce reforms in the City Hall. His administration will have to carry the burden of debt for current expenses left by the present administration. He can say to the men who object to his reorganizations: "Gentlemen, you have mismanaged the affairs of the city in such a way that there is nothing left for me to do but to cut expenses down to the bone. There is certain work which must be done and we must have the money with which to pay for it. There is only so much money available and we must use it first for

what is imperative." There can be no answer to such remarks save that he should raise the tax rate and let the old conditions continue That is what would have happened if there had not been an overturn in the control of the city government last Tues-

The city is expecting from Mr. Moore a radically different kind of conduct of public business from that to which the city has been accustomed. Certain abuses will be brought to an end abruptly as soon as all the provisions of the new charter go into effect. Others will disappear if Mr. Moore fulfills the expectations of those who nominated and elected him.

Current expenses will be paid out of urrent revenues because the charter enjoins it.

City Hall clerks will abandon all political activities because participation in party affairs is made a misdemeanor. Public business will no longer be delayed until two chambers of Councils can come to an agreement, for the new

Council has only one chamber. And the sinking fund is likely to be managed with greater regard for the taxpayers, and there will be set aside for it only what it really needs instead of what some one thinks it may possibly

When every family is suffering from the high cost of living is no time to increase the cost of government. Confer-

ences intended to find a way to bring down the price of meat and vegetables are all very well in their way. What the people here are expecting is a conference of the members of the new city government to bring down the cost of administration so that it may not be necessary for the Tenants' Protective Associations or any other bodies to fight the landlords who raise the rent because extravagance or incompetence in the City Hall has forced an increase in the burden of taxation.

ATTENTION, GOV. SPROUL!

WE DESIRE to call the attention of the Governor of Pennsylvania to the following letter, which was written on the official letterhead of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia and rigned by a judge of that court:

Charles L. Brown
President Judge
James E. Gorman
R. Githert Cascidy
William Gray Knowles
Eugane G. Bonnissell
Raymond MacNeille
Utley E. Crane
Charles E. Barrlett
Thomas F. McNichel

November 5, 1919

Philadelphia

Editor Evening Public Ledger,

Under the caption, "Can Jersey Be Wet?" on your editorial page today, you

"It leaves Mr. Edwards in a strange-ly ticklish position. If he keeps his promises to the people, he will have to disregard the spirit, if not the letter, of the Constitution of the United States, after January 20."

Permit me to observe that he will not be obliged to do anything of the kind. Section 2 of the Eighteenth Amendment

"The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

If the word "concurrence" means any thing, it means similar and identical. It would therefore follow that one of two propositions is correct: First, either the nation and the State may each adopt such legislation as they please, with the interminable conflict which such a variance would create; or, secondly, the Fed eral legislation must remain inoperative as relates to the State of New Jersey, as well as the State of Pennsylvania, until concurrent legislation is adopted. would also follow that "concurrent" would mean that in all the material clauses of the legislation for the purpose of this contention, the State of New Jer sey and the State of Pennsylvania would be obliged to adopt the provisions of the Volstead bill to legally enforce the penalties in either of these States.

The purpose of Section 2 of this act be construed in that unless the Supreme Court of the United States proposes to ignore this section of the Eighteenth Amendment. I say this despite the ill-considered ned untenable opinion expressed in the veto by the Gov ernor of Pennsylvania of the Ramsey act, to the effect that the Congress have al-ready decided that ,where Federal and State legislation is in conflict, the Federal legislation operates. There has been no decision of any such character constraing an amendment written into the Federal Constitution, for the very simple reason that never before has either the United States Congress or the framers of the Constitution created such an anomalous condition.

Therefore, Governor-elect Edwards is not only standing upon his legal rights when he declares that he will not aid the enforcement of the Federal statute, but he is doing his duty as an executive of a he is doing his duty as an executive of a sovereign State in protecting the liberties of the people of New Jersey against the intolerable interference of bigots and fanatics—a duty, by the way, in which the Governor of Pennsylvania has abjectly failed in this relation.

The deliberate and studied defiance President Wilson represented by the ruthless and indecent haste with which the presidential veto was overriden in relation to the Volstead act, is an example of lawlessness on the part of the law makers that can only be a source of gratification to the anarchists whom these self-same lawmakers are so eager to denounce. The war-time act itself was an net of hypocrisy. The war was done when the act was passed; yet these Pharisées, having paid a stapendous part of the war's expenses by a taxation upon liquor, dishonestly maintain that a condition of war exists, when, as a patent fact, we are not physically at war.

A deficiency in revenue means nothing to the paid, meddlesome interloper in other people's affairs. The poor have borne the taxes in their ultimate application, and the poor can continue to bear them, no matter how onerous they may be; and when they reach the breaking point there are always the militia and the regular troops, together with a government by injunction, to teach the poor how happy they ought to be.

Yours very truly, EUGENE C. BONNIWELL.

We believe this communication, which, so far as we are informed, was written and sent to this newspaper by Judge Bonniwell on his own initiative, merits serious consideration by Governor Sproul to determine whether the views it expresses are proper and reasonable in a member of the state's judiciary sworn to support the constitutions and laws of the United States and Pennsylvania. We wish especially to direct the Governor's attention to the last paragraph, with its concluding sentence, as a grave statement coming from such an official at this time of crisis and national stress. LONG LIFE AND HAPPINESS

DR. JOSIAH OLDFIELD, of London,

says the way to keep old age at bay is to partake of a daily diet of dandelion leaves, fowl's eggs, grapes, lettuce, cow's milk, watercress, honey and salads.

He goes further and declares that an old man may become young again on this food, because it will replace the old cells in his body with new cells, And, of course, he is right in every-

thing he claims. Horace Fletcher was similarly right. And Dr. Harvey Wiley. And Dr. Alfred McCann. Mr. Fletcher told us we ate too fast, and he spake truth.

Doctor Wiley told us we ate many things we ought not to eat, and he spake

Doctor McCann tells us we neglect to eat the parts of food that are beneficial to us, and he speaks truth.

Those who went down to defeat in Mas-Doctor Oldfield tells us we est too sachusetts may be accepted as Red.

much and we should restrict our diet, and he speaks truth.

may or may not be desirable.

surfeit would mean a joyous death.

A WOMAN'S REVOLUTION

dom) "I would not live alway!"

only sigh and wait and wonder.

been chosen for him by his wife.

itself the precious rights to dig coal, to

run locomotives, to fight in wars, to dig

the ditches of the world, to burrow for

iron and clean the streets and do the

general chores and worry about bills. If

Miss Paul and her associates refuse to be

happy until they can take away these

last remaining privileges of a once

mighty sex they ought by all means to

LOVE AND A GREEN ISLE

THEY have in Ireland a language that

1 includes more and lovelier terms of

endearment than any other in the world.

It is a language admittedly without an

equal for the four purposes which wise

and great men regard as being supreme

in this life-for telling stories, singing

songs, making love and bidding defiance.

The ancient wisdom and humor that

gave to the Irish tongue its subtlety and

glory must have suffered grievous confu

sion when high officers of the new repub-

lic formally warn the girls of the land

that they must not fall in love. That the

restriction is supposed to apply only

where British soldiers are concerned mat-

ters little unless we are to assume that

the bitterest punishment imaginable is

here reserved for the hated invader.

The southern Irish are, without excep-

tion, poets. That is their strength and

their weakness, as any one who ever was

in Ireland knows. Has the time come

when you have to tell poets that love

cannot be helped? Must they be in-

formed that the penalty, the cutting off

of the offending girl's hair, is altogether

without meaning? A girl whose hair

was cut off for love would feel that she

And all the world would share that

has indorsed the can

didacy of Lady Astor.

who seeks a seat in

The miners picture

their lot as one near

erators paint them as

living adjacent to a

destitution. The op-

People

was made thereby the more beautiful.

the British House of Commons,

don't trun for office" in England.

"stand for a seat." That makes any woman

who has traveled in an American street car

hed of roses. Hut the average citizen, un-

aware of their real address, merely wonders

if he'll have coal for his furnace this coming

Salad Days Extended delion leaves, eggs, grapes, lettuce, milk,

watercress, honey and salads (uncooked), a

man should live from ninety to 105 years, declares a London physician. Perhaps Neb-

uchadnezzar was not so craty as he seemed

when he went the way of all flesh and turned

The eashier of the North Penn Bank

umber of them went out of commission July

As a star campaigner, the woman as-

pirant for a seat in the British House of

Commons is a good Astor-risk.

Isn't love blind?

He Probably

Reasoned It Out

A Triangle of

Hard Lines and

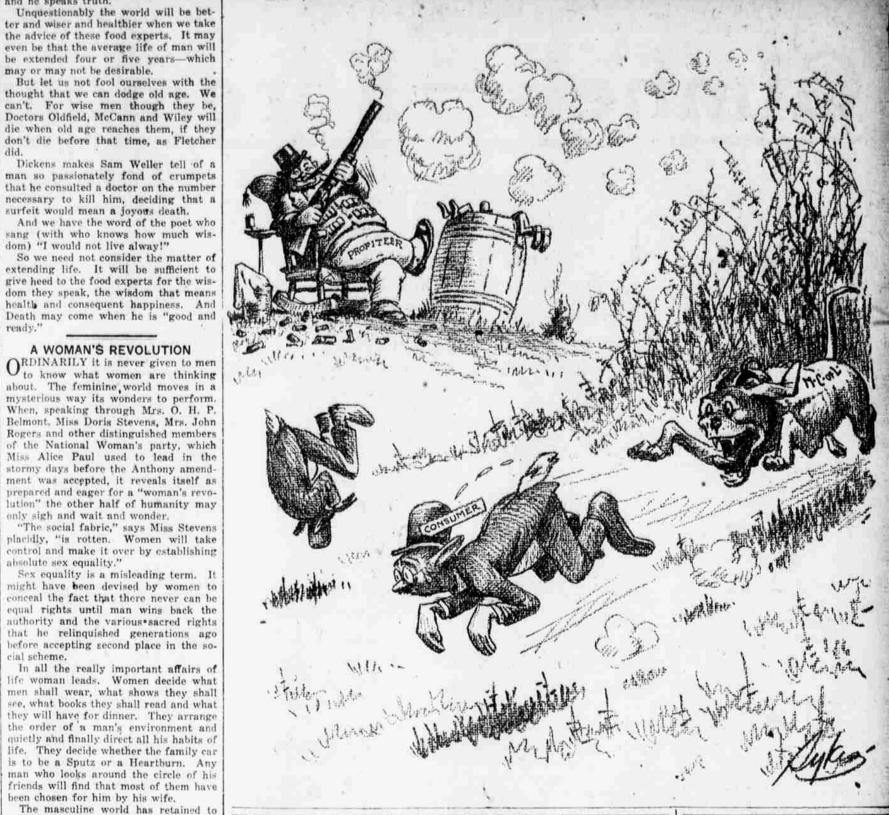
Sharp Points

be encouraged in their new campaign.

absolute sex equality."

cial scheme.

YESSIR. SMALL GAME IS PLENTIFUL THIS YEAR



THE SAUCEPAN

The Spasm of Life

The Russian Balshevists have abandoned the system of Christian names, and the members of every family will hereafter be designated by numbers. News report from Petrograd.

TELL us in specific numbers What we really want to know; For nomenclature encumbers And arithmetic's the go.

Life is figures and statistics And the grave is but the sum Of its factors. Dare the mystics Challenge our millennium?

Art is false. Imagination Is the foolishness of bards And a curse upon a nation Wedded to its index cards

In the dauntless revolution. Clearing paths before untrod; Ban the obsolete location Be a number in your squad Trust no tale of Tom or Jerry

May the dead past prate of Jack Or of Jill. Let each be merry With a digit on his back, Lives of "Six" and "Four" remind us Of a lot, and "Twelve" does more;

Of how many beans make four; Beans that are perhaps symbolic Of the way free babies thrive. "Hush," we eroon on nights of colic, Hushabye, my Twenty-five!

Ignorant ye shall not find us

Let us then be up and draining Ev'ry drop from wisdom's fount; Ever changing and arranging. Learn to index and co codi H. T. C.

By a pleasing dispensation of Providence the fire that is started by lightning is sometimes extinguished by the accompanying rain.

Commercialism The Spirit of Dreams, flitting off from myself, Flew into a hand-organ out in the street,

And, tossing the notes to the dance of young feet. Came back to a manuscript long on my shelf. And now that the urge for to sell it de-

mands That the script be typewritten, herewith I must hint That the Spirit of Dreams has been lost in the print While I tossed out the words to the dance

> FRANCIS CARLIN. Why the Saucepan?

Editor The Saucepan:
Sir An anxious and mystified world

of old hands.

would like to know why in thunder you call R. S. V. P. it The Saucepan. The name was conceived by the members of the Kitchen Club while the Chaffing Dish was temporarily out of commission and

has pleaded not guilty to a charge of con-spiracy. These who were depositors will readily recall the case. Others may rememfires of hope were burning low. It is de-rived from a Fijian word much used during missionary work in the good old days. It was in a manner onomatopoeic, "sauce" in ber it if they jog their memories sufficiently. The ruling of the state Supreme Court the soft Fijian dialect describing the sloshconcerning city loans will tie up the salaing effect of the piece de resistance dropping ries of a number of city employes. This is not the kind of a ile a man expects for a into the soup, and "pan" the effect of the clanging of the spoon on the pan itself. Anglicized, the word took on greater A government cargo carrier has just been launched at Wilmington, Del. A

strength and virility, sauce meaning not only the piquancy and savoriness imparted to a dish by some added condiment, spice or but also the pert flippancy which Evenility imparts to serious conversation. "Pan," too, grew in its new environment, and as a verb describes the rough but beneficial treatment accorded to sufferers from

There are, of course, "pans" and "pans." Frying pan describes the condition of Hamlet, for instance, who healtated to rid him.

self of the ills he knew for those he knew not of-jumping, in other words, from the frying pan into the fire. And there is the ronsting pan, which, in a sense, is tauto-logical, for who is roasted is also panned.

The Saucepan, therefore, as a receptacle for all manner of good things, allowed to simmer on the fires of good nature and then served hot to those who do not object to an occasional stew.

The Rainstorm

On stormy days, when wind and driving rain Are rampant, lashing ev'ry window pane, I cannot idle near a fireside, A fragrant call takes me to field and lane.

When ev'ry dripping bush and ev'ry field Has with refreshing odors me appealed, My mind will dwell no more on tasks

But to those calls from nature gladly yield.

No sultry heat, no dusty herbage seen, An east wind beats nod drives and washes clean.

Come out with me and have your soul washed, too. And learn what life's new secret you may glean. E. W. K.

On Going Dry

Prohibition seems to have created consid erable excitement in both town and country Within sight of the Country Life Press there is a wayside tavern conducted by one August Porrier. I have it on good authority that during the spring he decorated the mirror behind his bar with this lamentation: "The first of July will be the last of August.

Up here in the farming country cider bar rels are at a premium, but that is apparently not the only result of the edict. my cows came to learn of it I do not know for, valuing their peace of mind above all things, I keep the newspapers away from them. At any rate, they declared a general strike in June and went dry. Matilda, in fact, had gone dry some time buck, and when her calf came in June she was due to re sume production. But that calf immediately developed such an elephantine appetite that he left little or nothing for the rest of us. Then Nancy began to show signs of an approaching change and on July 1 she also I went over to Hiram Belden's to buy

milk, but his two cows were in the same lease as mine. Joel Cutler's Holstein had also obeyed the law on July 1. Hitherto an advocate of prohibition on general principles. I began to wonder whether this universal drought were not being carried too far, and I found myself quoting the poet: "What are we gaing to have to drink

When the whole darn world goes dry?" Of course, I cannot but approve of the morals of my cows, though there was a time once, in apple season, when Matilda-but that is another story.

Who ever fancied what far-reaching results this war would have? WALTER A. DYER.

The Sparrow

Bright in the ball the torches burn Whirling their flame in the wind: Singing, the saffroned minstrels for With the boar's head borne behind.

Ruddy the Yule log roars in the hall While the warriors bask around. And the beams creak loud in the timbered wall,

With a winter-boding sound. Out of the rain and sleet and snow.

In through the open door, A sparrow flying, flutters slow. Then out to the dark once more

Darkness, light, and dark again, And never the mystery dies. For out of the light to the sleet and rain, Man like the sparrow flies. J. M. BEATTY.

All Wise Old Owls are listed in Hoo's

UNDYING GODS

THE old gods died when Zeus appeared And seized the high Saturnian throne; wonder if Zeus ever feared Their ghosts, what time he reigned alone?

Pan died when Christ came down to man, But man soon came to feel and see A Devil with the form of Pan-Goat boofed and horned as be.

And I, who threw my gods away For Science, that I thought sufficed, Feel on my futile work today The tearful eyes of Christ!

-Cleveland Plain Dealer. The steamship record between Jackson-

ville and New York has been reduced two hours by use of the gyroscope compass. As a time reducer the gyroscope might be found useful by the striking miners.

Not having a doctor among its men bers, the new Council will have to worry along with an undertaker and a cemetery superintendent. There is no likelihood that the Sunday

School Association, in convention in Camden, will pass a resolution congratulatinge Mr. Edwards on the result of the election. The city solicitor has ruled that a man

may fly in the air on Sunday without vio-lating the blue laws. He is above the law, Loan authorization having been bowled

by the Supreme Court, the municipal authorities will have to set 'em up again. The assertion is confidently made that

Mr. MacLaughlin is not adviously awaiting the result of the official count.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

1. When did the Turks win possession of Constantinople? 2. Who was Albert Gallatin?

3. What are the chief exports of Hawaii? 4. The war turned sauerkraut into "lib-erty cabbage." What change did tt

make in the nomenclature of Ham-burg steak? 5. Where and when was the battle of

Crecy fought? 6. Who was President Wilson's first sec-

7. In what island are most of the scenes of the tragedy of "Othello" laid?

8. What is the southernmost city in the United States? 9. What is ratiocination?

10. What relation was Mary, Queen of, Scots, to Queen Elizabeth?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote "No ques-tion is ever settled unless it is settled

right."

 The Columbia, a New England sailing vessel, was the first American ship to-circumnavigate the globe. She started on her voyage on September 30, 1787. 4. Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in Switzerland. The name means White Mountain: Only a part of it is Swiss, the highest peak being in France.

5. John L. Lewis is acting president of the Mine Workers of America. 6. Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has been elected to the New York.

Legislature. 7. Missouri manufactures large quantities of corncob pipes.

8. Von Spee's German fleet was destroyed by the British off the Falkland Islands on December 8, 1914.

9. Von der Goltz, Von Bissing and Falken-hausen were the German governors of Belgium during the war.

10. Cardinal Mercier is sixty-eight years