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EDUCATION AND MISS TAFT
IF ALL college girls and women will do as Miss Helen Taft did yesterday in her debate with Dr. W. G. Chambers...

THE COST
PHILOSOPHICAL observers continue to insist that there cannot be another war of conquest in Europe for at least a hundred years.

YANISHING RADICALISM
IN EVERY European country the first elections after the armistice seem always to be expressions of thankfulness for victory.

RETRIBUTION AND PUSSYFOOT SYMPATHY
"PUSSYFOOT" Johnson, admiration of him or even hatred and detestation of all his works cannot settle the various questions that rise naturally because of his presence in England as a propagandist of the American theory of prohibition.

ought to know it. American devotees of the "dry" principle have the appearance of assuming that the British need to be guided, led about and forcibly reformed. It is largely because of this attitude that Mr. Johnson was raised and hazed. And yet it may be that Pussyfoot is, in this instance, retribution's other name.

PROPAGANDA CAN'T RIPEN APPLES OUT OF DUE TIME

The World is Moving Forward According to Program in Spite of Efforts to Hasten or Retard It
THE friends of the peace treaty, the men who have been trying to bring about a better understanding between the workers and those who pay their wages, and the advocates of all kinds of social and political reform have been handicapped in their efforts by denunciation of them as propagandists by those who disagree with them.

Since 1911 the word propaganda has had a sinister meaning. The world was filled with German propaganda—that is, with a concerted effort to conceal the truth and to lead men and women into support of an indefensible cause. Propaganda is a perfectly innocent word. It was originally used to designate a society of cardinals instituted in Rome in 1621 to look after the care and oversight of foreign missions.

Germany, as already indicated, was seeking by her propaganda to persuade the world to believe about her what she wished it to believe, just as for years she had been engaged in persuading the German people to believe what the military caste wished them to think was true. The German press was controlled. It printed only what the government wished it to print and it refrained from printing what the government was unwilling that the people should know.

We are now in America the witnesses of an orgy of propaganda in the bad sense. Agents of special interests are active in Washington trying to convince the congressmen that what they advocate should be supported and doing their best to debauch the newspaper correspondents so that they can be used for the same sinister ends. Capital has its propagandists and so has labor. And each thinks that it can fool the public.

But, as George Ade would say, the public is wise to them. It reads between the lines of that which gets printed and discounts by about 90 per cent every statement made. Many of Judge Gary's statements about the steel strike did not convince any one save those who wished to be convinced. Foster's reply to Gary was equally futile.

We all knew that both were vitiated by special pleading and that neither was seeking for a fair and equitable settlement of the dispute. Each was fighting for his special interests. The comparative futility of it, however, will not prevent a continuance of this sort of thing, because the occasional success of an effort to fool the people leads each propagandist to hope that he may be able to put his schemes across before he is found out.

Experience has proved that selfish propaganda can have only a temporary success, when it succeeds at all, in a country where there is free speech and a free press. It succeeded in Germany, where the government dictated what the newspapers should print, but it took more than forty years to put the thing across within the confines of the German empire. When the attempt was made to put it over by force upon the rest of the world the whole thing tumbled to the ground like a house of cards.

Even unselfish propaganda does not accomplish very much. One has only to take a casual glance over the course of history to reach this conclusion. Martin Luther would be said to have propagated the Protestant Reformation, but Luther could have done nothing if Europe had not been ready for what happened. The time was ripe and Luther did little more than reach out his hand to pick the fruit which had been mellowing for generations. He did not hasten the movement. He merely led it.

Garrison and Phillips thought they did much toward the abolition of slavery, but slavery was doomed as soon as the Missouri compromise was adopted, early in the nineteenth century. It took about forty years for the issue to become acute enough to provoke the war which brought slavery to an end. And it would have been abolished anyway whether the Garrison and Phillips had talked or not. It was an institution which could not exist in a free country.

The same truth applies to the prohibition issue. The temperance advocates have been active but industrial conditions have been more effective in abolishing the liquor traffic than all the prohibitions.

biton orators from Neal Dow to Bryan. We were discovering that it did not pay to become fuddled with drink. Competition was so fierce that a man who wished to get on needed to have all his senses about him, and he deliberately cut out drink. Employers who had to conduct their business with the greatest possible efficiency refused to hire habitual drinkers. A man could not get a job, or if he got it he could not hold it, if he went to the worse for liquor.

The abuses of drink were curing themselves and the nation was convinced that drink could be abolished with profit to every one concerned. When it reached this stage the passage of the prohibitory constitutional amendment was comparatively easy. All this means nothing more than that great reforms are made slowly as fruit ripens on a tree. One may fret or fume about the greenness of apples in the orchard in June. One may engage in an active propaganda in favor of ripe apples all summer. In the autumn one may point to the trees laden with fruit ready to be picked as evidence of the success of the propaganda. But as a matter of fact the fruit would have ripened anyway in the season.

The world is moving forward toward a goal the exact nature of which no one knows, but which forces the workings of which are little comprehended. Yet there are men who buzz about like a fly on the driving wheel of a locomotive and think that they are the power which moves the machine. If the world is ready for the league of nations provided for in the peace treaty the league will succeed. If it is not ready for it not all the denunciation of the senators opposing it nor all the praise of the men who drafted the covenant will make it succeed, for propaganda cannot ripen an apple before its time.

OUR TIME IS OUT OF JOINT

ARDENT millenniumists may be annoyed, but the ordinary, every-day mortal can hardly fail to derive a kind of back-lashed cheer from Professor Doolittle's expressed conviction that not only is the time out of joint, but it can never be repaired. And so if the league of nations is not perfect, or we flunk on a mental efficiency test, or discover a flaw in the constitution, or an imperfection in our household, or the dollar table d'hôte is now a dollar ten, or there are more rainy Sundays than any other day, or we only get half our promised raise, well there's the calendar. It's a failure, too.

Professor Doolittle declares that the Italian scientist who claims to have discovered a calendar that will last forever without revision is toying with the impossible. The trouble is that we swing around the sun in "an indivisible number of days." The fraction which trails after 365 is endless. The Mohammedans gave up worrying about it, with the result that their New Year's day has sometimes arrived in January and at others in June. The French revolutionists coined a batch of fancy names like Vendémiaire and Nivose, but didn't solve the riddle.

We fret along under the Gregorian, but we can't devise a calendar that will check off days forever without occasional rectification and adjustment. Nature made the middle and there is refreshment in that knowledge. When nature nods there is excuse for all of us. And There Are Americans Abroad Judge McNevel scored a man who asked to be excused from jury duty because he was not a citizen. He told the man he ought to be ashamed of himself for living in this country for years without taking out his papers. Wherein it would seem the court erred. We have the right to deport aliens but no right to award them for mildly protesting that they do not wish to break the law.

Educational opportunities in the army and navy are thought to be responsible for the fact that more young men enlisted last year in this city than in any other city. It may easily be that the advantages of education are particularly patent in this city; and most certain it is not lack of employment that drove them into service. Casting aside his coat A Thrilling Incident "Casting aside his coat" John Q. Compromise boldly plunged into the sea of controversy and rescued the peace treaty as he was sinking for the last time. "Extract from a forthcoming installment of the thrilling serial now appearing in the Congressional Record."

Give and Take Peace Will Make If operators and union leaders are willing to give as well as take, agreement may be reached; after which the miners, even as they did after the strike had officially been declared off, may or may not return to work, being governed by their desires or the demands of their pockets. Clean-up Day Needed American Legion has passed a resolution deploring the condition of the old Supreme Court building in Independence Square and has sent copies to the newly elected members of Council. With sweeping changes to be made, they put their faith in new brooms.

New Orleans news: Chance for Kickers papers have increased their street price from two cents to three cents because of the increased cost of white paper. And the reader who cheerfully pays a dollar and a half for a book read in an hour and a half will doubtless kick like a steer. Turkish Mixtures T. U., in convention in St. Louis, desires momentarily from its war on cigarettes to assist in the cause of 100,000 Armenian women said to be enslaved in Turkish harems. They doubtless consider both as campaigns against slavery.

Federal authorities have seized two boats, alleged to be bootleggers, plying between Florida ports and the Bahamas. These boats presumably carried sea legs. Ten million dollars has been paid by the American Sugar Refining Company for a sugar beet plantation in Cuba. But the fact, during the present shortage, adds nothing of sweetness to our cup.

MAYOR-ELECT MOORE'S LETTER

Gossip About the Deep Waterways Convention—Warner Hargrove's Snake Story

JUST before New Year's forty years ago, H. B. Vansiver, a lad who had grown up in the Fifth ward, took a minor position with the Philadelphia and Boston Steamship Company, commonly known as the Winsor Line. The founder of that line was Henry Winsor, a Philadelphian, and he is reputed to have made a great deal of money as a pioneer in the New England Delaware river trade. Henry Winsor had two sons, James D. and William D., who took as active an interest in the business as their father, and who were equally successful. They were big figures along the river, and when Joseph Cook, William R. Tucker, Christian K. Ross and Jonathan May were young fellows in the shipping world. In the course of time the Winsor Line was absorbed by the Merchants and Miners Transportation Co., a much larger concern, having extensive interests north and south, but the major carried Vansiver along with it and today he is the superintendent of the consolidated company. On the recent trip of the steamship Howard to Savannah, for the twelfth annual convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association, Vansiver, as a prophetic fortieth anniversary in the steamboat business was commemorated, and it is just possible George F. Sprule, John Virdin, Albert L. Brown and William E. Bernard may take occasion to celebrate the event during the Christmas holidays.

WILLIAM T. BLIDD, whose long experience with the Harlan & Hollingsworth people brought him an exceptional knowledge of ships and shipping, is now secretary of the Wilmington Board of Trade and as such is a member of the Delaware city. Mr. Blidd has looked over Mayor Downer's greater plans at Trenton, is keeping in touch with Mayor Ellis' activities in Camden and has an eye on Chester's new Mayor Ramsey, who is about to join the waterfront contingent. John Meigs, at one time Director of Wharves, Docks and Terminals of Philadelphia, devised the plan for Wilmington. Mr. Blidd has in mind. They contemplate a business union of the Delaware and Christian with great wharves extending along both rivers, and industries behind utilizing the vacant space back to the Pennsylvania Railroad. Persons who observe Wilmington's situation on the high land, with its waterfront except for the Christian almost waste, have often wondered why the city has not been built down to the greater stream. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce plan contemplates that very thing.

WARNER HARGROVE continues to put Brown-Mills in the line on the map. According to Warner, who has been in the public office of Brown-Mills in the Pines, so many things are going on in that vicinity that even Doctor Keely of the Art Club and William H. Penrose, leading summer residents, are beginning to perk up a little. Hargrove is collecting agency, and up to date he says it has been measurably profitable except in one instance. And this is how he tells it: "I went out into the Pines one day to look for snakes and found two big fellows fighting. Now a snake fight is worth witnessing and I stopped to act as umpire, but this is what happened. After sparring a little, one of those snakes grabbed the other by the tail and began to swallow him. When the second snake observed what was happening he grabbed the tail of the first snake and also began to swallow. And those two snakes kept on swallowing each other until there was no snake." Hargrove says this is the funniest snake fight he ever saw.

E. C. HILL, of Trenton, put in an appearance at the Charleston convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association with a report of the National Board of Trade proceedings of 1919. In those proceedings were contained a geographical record of the port of the board concerning the intracoastal waterway, and a new undertaking and generally approved. A number of Philadelphians participated in that meeting of the national board and were not altogether in favor of treating the project as anything more than local. It was about this time that the committee on a committee to obtain a survey across the state of New Jersey with a view of connecting New York and Philadelphia by water. The report of this committee came to be known as the Martindale report. Professor E. C. Haupt had much to do with its preparation, but the project was not carried out. It was held in abeyance until the Philadelphia convention of 1907. Now the project across the state of New Jersey is regarded as national, since it is the one connecting link between the waterways leading up from the South and those running on to New England.

ELISHA WEBB, Jr., who gathered his friends around him for the celebration in Charleston of his twenty-fourth wedding anniversary, is not only a live steamboat man, but an exceptionally fair comedian. In order to make up a "Chinaman" for a manuscript on board ship, it was necessary for Elisha to shave his Edgar Poe mustache. The deception was so perfect for the purposes of entertainment that it is said to have occasioned some embarrassment when the boss returned to the Webb establishment on South Front street. Faithful employees are not prone to take orders from men they do not know.

THE REV. DR. H. A. E. HOYT, of Cinyd, whose work as an army chaplain made him a favorite with the boys of the old national guard, has taken to water. The doctor goes aboard ship and cats three meals regularly like a veteran mariner. Moreover, the doctor mixes. He likes people and is not afraid to talk to them. It is not altogether idle to suggest that the mixing habit properly cultivated materially assists the minister in his work.

SOUTHERN towns are increasing their business with Philadelphia. Some of them now are more active than they have ever been and they are bringing out for increased transportation facilities—more railroads and more ships. The southern towns are also beginning to understand some of the perplexities of large industrial communities. Take Savannah. The chief of police reported to Mayor Stewart that a troublemaker had come to town. He organized a navy and had some men on board for the agitator and told him his presence was not desirable. The man threatened to make trouble, but about the time the legality of proceedings against him was being determined, information reached headquarters that he had brought with him a grip with a bottle of whisky. There was sufficient evidence for the police and settled the hash of that particular agitator.

A dispatch from Paris sets forth the fact that Frenchmen believe that the United States will not be able to fulfill the treaty. Which is as it may be. It will not be denied, however, that the United States Senate can do much to gum up the proceedings.

When Mrs. W. has an absentmindedness, a sweet unconsciousness, about her that sometimes makes a remark of mere politeness as cutting as studied sarcasm. She was examining a string of pearls in a

THE CONVALESCENTS



THE CHAFFING DISH

The Great Pharmacist
GOD—however you choose to name Him—
Blended a potion maddening strong:
Gave it to man, and you blame him
If he cry with a fevered song?
If the cry with a fevered song?
Tint of dusk on the tawny bill.
Crystalline fogs of air mibbling.
Cold wet checks where the rain-cloud
pelted.
SONG made him shiver, and windy spaces
Sounded his heart to a wordless flame—
Haunted and struck by golden faces,
Through the tumultuous years he came.
Dream and doubt and folly and passion,
Each he grasped, assured of Truth;
Dreined or tasted, after his fashion.
This, the cleric that men call Youth.
GOD—however your praise doxie Him—
Blended a magic wild and new:
Gave it to man, and thus He tries him
Whether his fiber is false or true.
Trembling looms, and his heart is shaken—
Lo, the answer of all distress!
Endrained paradise swollen—
A tended flame to halt fierce figs.
EYES that had scanned the world's far
turning.
Enter glad through a homely door.
With sudden and painful yearning.
Childish joys can never be lonely.
But unguessed pangs in his breast will
move—
Such is the riddle he meets, he only
This is the magic that men call Love.
GOD—however your creed defines Him—
And, as a tonic to man, assigns him
This new draught for the passing year.
Gives him peace, and relief from doubting.
Practiced eye and the word well-weighted;
Quiet hearth-fires apart from shouting.
Sunset light as the victus fade.
YET is his mind all quick to ponder.
Hot to grapple the problem shrewd.
Watching, as he grows softer, fonder.
Youth with its lusty hunger crude.
He, with an infinite affection.
Watches the torment, stage by stage.
Knowing no goal, he points direction:
This is the strap that men call Age.

The Poet Discovers Chicago

O CITY of beauty,
They have spoken without understand-
ing;
They have called you evil!
"O city of beauty,
Maybe it is only my heart you have shaken
With your sadness of rose evenings,
And the shadows falling
In the misty evening
Under the bridges.
Your avenues are velvet and symmetrical,
As speech slow moving.
O city of beauty,
I come not with vain enumeration!
For in the untrod night
I have looked upon your rapt
Presence.
There was a whiteness as of wings stirring,
—Mark Turbfill, in Poetry: A Magazine of
Literature.

Days That Are Gone
DAYS that are gone! Shall we recall
The happy hours spent in all
Youth's laughing grace? A pleasant haze
Has fallen over those other days;
Dare we respond to Memory's call?
THE answer sounds through time's dim
hall;
Remember? Yes, and in the fall
Of life, bring forth a hymn to praise
Days that are gone.

ASIDE tear Nature's breeding shawl
That cloaks the past; the somber pall
But hides the sweetly pleasant maze
Of memories. Then let us raise
A banner, that it may recall
Days that are gone.
ROBERT L. BELLEM.

Threadbare?
Life is like the pattern
Of an old-time Paisley shawl,
With myriad colors woven in the days
And nights and all;
And though, sometimes, I wonder
What it is all about—
Life may find me worn down a bit,
But NEVER wear out.
FLOID MEREDITH.

The Morning After
O STARS that slowly fade away,
Before the withering glance of day;
Some glances wither, some delight—
I met the only girl last night!
O SUN, that daily new is born,
Come herald in the eager morn;
Blaze all your splendor, all your light—
I met the only girl last night.
O EASTERN sky of fairy hues,
O newly fallen, glistening dew,
O gleams and shades, my heart is light—
I met the only girl last night!
M. BUCHBINDER.

"Some Hair!"
Dear Sir:
From our own dear paper of recent date:
Unbreakable Dolls With Hair
14 Inches High
SPECIAL \$3.50
HUGHEY.

We are told that one of the reasons why the price was so eager to get to New York was to see the evening rush hour on the Interborough subway. Having been through the war, we are surprised that Eddie is still interested in such scenes of carnage. SOCRATES.

Neither the Lodge reservations—them-
selves nor the President's opinion of them
may be considered mild.
While admitting that the best is not too
good for the children of Philadelphia, it is
grievous to learn from a local architect that
what they get in the matter of playgrounds is
the worst.

Senator Reed has to date spoken 983
minutes of the Congressional Record on the
peace treaty. Isn't it about time somebody
called "Fend inchin'!"
The Pusey & Jones riveters who stoned
Camden trolleys probably had no specific
grievance, but merely acted on general lack
of principles.

*What Do You Know?
QUIZ
1. Two ex-premiers were returned to the
French parliament in the recent elec-
tions. Who were they?
2. What are fasces?
3. What noted American novelist wrote
the campaign life of Franklin Pierce?
4. What two cities claim to possess the
remains of Christopher Columbus?
5. What is a hoptoad?
6. What Prince of Wales was the intimate
of Beau Brummell?
7. Where is Donnybrook, famous for pug-
nacity and annual fairs?
8. What is a malagueza?
9. What planet in the solar system is
farthest from the sun?
10. How did Charles Frohman meet his
death?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Caster H. Glass has been appointed
senator from Virginia to fill the
vacancy caused by the death of Senator
Martin.
2. The Euphrates and the Tigris are the
two great rivers of Mesopotamia.
3. Ahmed Mirza is the shah of Persia.
4. Nineteen states have ratified the woman
suffrage amendment. They are Wis-
consin, Michigan, Kansas, Ohio, New
York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massa-
chusetts, Texas, Iowa, Missouri, Ar-
kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Minne-
sota, New Hampshire, Utah, Califor-
nia and Maine.
5. John Drinkwater is a young English
poet, now in America. He has re-
cently commanded attention for his
play "Abraham Lincoln."
6. Ontology is the department of meta-
physics concerned with the essence of
things of beings in the abstract.
7. A philter is a love potion.
8. Thor was the Scandinavian god of
thunder, agriculture and war.
9. Jupiter is the largest planet.
10. A horologist is a clock expert.