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FERRIES FOR SALE

THERE is nothing cheap about A. J. County, the efficient vice president of and Pennsylvania purchase the existing ferry systems and give free rides to all comers has a dazzling candor that should compel solemn admiration rather than them mirth or rage in the multipule. Hereindeed, is a vision of Utopia.

For years innumerable the Delaware ferries have been returning dividends at goodly rates. Every day will not be like Christmas on the bouts when the Delaware bridge is finally built. If it is ever possible to travel from this city to Camden and beyond in trollers or comfortable electric trains, only those who cultivate antiquer an interest will be caught on the ferryboats.

The directors of the ferry corporations always have been good business men. They are good business men still. Their sudden revelation of collective idealism. is pretty good proof that a bridge will sary, will do so again. be up before many years.

What would Senator Edge say to Mr. private enterprise.

Of course, the two states will not buy the ferries. If they did they would have to buy all our old clothes, our old hats and whatever else we have outlived or forever be open to charges of wild inconsistency.

AIR POLICE AND OTHERS

MEMORIES of the war, its causes and its terrors may fade. Indeed, they are fading already. But about the men who did the skyfighting, the novel breed of warriors who went a-wing, there will always be an air of wonderment. They were the nearest to danger. They were incredible.

And so when about 300 fliers met yesterday with Commander Westervelt, of the naval aircraft factory, and Colonel Robert Glendinning to organize themselves as air police for this city they throw out suggestions of a sort that appeal powerfully to the imagination. ing that will serve to keen Amer can fliers in trim ought to be encouraged at a time when Congress is doing its hest to starve the military air service to death.

About the immediate need for air police there may be differences of opinion. especially in a time when thugs and yeggmen and amateur bandits are an increasing multitude upon the ground. The existing police service needs something new and the organization of the airmen suggested what that something may be. It is gasoline and some fast automobiles.

The mounted squad that does service in the central sections of the city is too efficient and too picturesque ever to be displaced. But elsewhere in the city and especially in the regions now sparsely policed amateur bandits are depending more and more on automobiles. have to fight the devil with fire. Horse patrols in the outlying sections will have to go. Half a dozen small and fast motorcars efficiently driven would give the police an even chance with the thugs who continue to be a nuisance and a growing danger.

WIPE OUT THE T. B. ARMY

OLD T. B. has an army bigger than anything the Huns ever mustered. an army more efficient and more ruthless. It is a horribly successful army; its tolls of lives wiped out are greater than any other army ever dreamed of. It knows no rule save to destroy. It spares neither women nor children; indeed, it kills them even more cheerfully than it kills men.

This enemy is not at our doors ready to invade us. It is within the doors and the butchery is already under way. If ft were a terrorist army we should have first feared it and then annihilated it. and done both long ago. But it is a quiet army that creeps stealthily and kills from cover. It hides itself in the food we cat and the air we breathe and poisons everything within reach.

To slay this maleficent army a beneficent army has been organized, the army of the Red Cross Seals. The seals themselves are not really the soldiers of the army. They are symbols; yet something more than symbols. They are vicarious sacrifices. Every time you lick one you kill a company of tuberculosis troops. And after they have been licked the scals become propagandists, members of the Intelligence Department, carrying through the mails the story of good work done, and forever setting a good

Back of the seals are the pennies that hought them, and these are the real soldiers, the first-line soldiers who go into the trenches. These are the warriors

intrenched enemy that is forever sending out its devilish cohorts and sneaking snipers to assassinate our loved ones; these are our champions who are attacking the citadel of ignorance and sin and disease with wisdom and righteousness and clean and wholesome living.

Put your pennies in the draft and let them fight! WAVERING ON THE LEAGUE

Lloyd George and Clemenceau Are Said to Be Whispering Again and Discredited Diplomacy Is Reviving While Pact Is Held Up

FAVORS SOME OLD TRICKS

PHE announcement that Georges Clemencean has hastened to London to alk over international affairs with David Lloyd George provokes a shudder.

Signer Scialois, the new Italian for sign minister, has recently had a confidential ression with the British premier. Painful qualms press upon consideration of that incident.

In the correlation of these events there are ingredients for a case of the horrors. Europe is plotting once more! Professional diplomatists are peering through keyholes, confubbing in sinister inglenocks, framing up new "jobs" of which humanity must pay the tragic cost!

The Old World is eld in sin. Why should America accompany if on the road to perdition." Why shouldn't we clear out? Way shouldn't we proudly wrap ourselves in the mantle of scalusion, disthe Delaware river ferry companies. H's dain the loatnsome foreign caldron, suggestion that the states of New Jersey | set bubbling knew, and feel at once virtuous and downright disgusted? The diseased ancient states, the new upstart nations have betrayed us. Enough of

> Reasoning thus, there can be no quesion about the course to pursue. The fog of idealism vices before the clear light of reality. Aloof we will of course prepare ourselves for our part. We shall have a navy second to none, an army trained to magnificence both of size and efficiency. We shall have taxes. What of that? We have wealth, and wealth, co-operating with brains and patriotism, is power. If Europe misbehaves and her misconduct affects us, our course is plain. We shall strike, strike hard. Americans have not shrunk from wars. They have spiiled their blood with prodigality and, if neces-

There is a thrill in the picture. There is one in every conception which minis-County? Mr. Edge has just expressed a ters to national vanity. Somewhere in violent loathing of governmental partic. | such heated fancy there is also a lie. In ipation in fields commonly dedicated to the present instance the alleged necessity of repudiating Europe, and hence our share in the great war, is grounded in a false premise.

> To suggest that the recersion of foreign statesmen to fell courses constitutes an exoneration of our own course to pile hypocrisy on egoism.

> The plain truth is that America proposed a policy in restraint of armaments and war tendencies and then wavered. Is it any wonder that our late allies are slipping back into discredited ways or that directors of British, French and Italian policy begin whispering and indulging in the old dark hugger-mugger the minute the United States peace delegation quits Paris?

Europe as a whole did not want the league of nations. Clemenceau, in clearcut, characteristic French style, made no secret of his attitude. He saw his nation exalted once more to a dominating anthracite strike. They have a deeper role in continental Europe. He remember and a different origin. More tact, more bered that the balance of power was rebably not only an agency of peace for several decades, but that, if one end of the seesaw was just a trifle overweighted national aggrandizement without strife was enticingly possible.

Under this system Germany had her way for a long and prosperous period. Britain was in a somewhat similar position after the Congress of Vienna By a pooling of interests and an adjudication of conflicting claims it was evident that the victors in the war could control at least Europe, Asia and Africa for some time.

The British premier was less outspoken, but even his warmest admirers have not denied that he has a method of making a shifty program pay. Far-seeing men like Lord Robert Cecil and General Smuts had their own troubles at the peace table. Italy gave imperialistle manifestations almost from the start. They have subsequently perilously multiplied.

The one slogan upon which every European and Asiatic nation at the conference could agree at the outset was the famous cry of Oliver Twist. Every country wanted more. Greece, Belgium, Portugal, Serbia, Rumania, Czecho-Sloakia, Polond, Japan ranked among the minor nationalities. They were, however, no less vehement in their claims, usually advanced at the expense of some neighbor. There was nothing extraordinary in all this. There was much that was intensely human.

No special perspicacity was therefore required to see that the most memorable congress ever assembled was likely, if uninformed by some hitherto untried standards of conduct, either to break up in chaos or to proceed upon the antique lines of selfishness and national vanity that make eventually for the shambles of the battlefield.

My. Taft realized this. So did the President. Millions of Americans held similar views. In theory the idea was without novelty, just as Christianity is. But a league of peace, conducted on principles of decency and illuminating candor, had never been put into practice. Apart from party affiliations, Mr. Wilson was undoubtedly the spokesman for the vast majority of his countrymen when he went to Paris determined to work for the creation of a compact which might minimize the chance of future wars. The American notion was that, as nothing could be worse than the old order, something different was worth a trial. The power and wealth of the United States made this country, for the first time, a signal factor in world

affairs. The European nations, flushed with victory, were not precisely in a mood to who, under the direction of able gen- consider a code of restraint. But they

reasons; first, because without league guarantees promising the intent of fair ness in the disposition of knotty problems, it would have been impossible to draw many of the new houndary lines. and secondly, because America, although not without a struggle, was in a position to have her wishes respected. Acceptance of the league was in many instances grudging, but it was given.

And then the politicians of both parties at home went on their cynical spree. Unaware, or pretending to be unaware, that American sentiment was not expressed in these orgies, the most influential of the victorious powers are enabled to disdain the spirit of their new obligations. If America, which espoused the league, is doubt about it, why should it not be converted into an alliance in which every old line European diplomatist whose nation is benefited can rejoice?

Nobody knows what Lloyd George has o say to Clemenceau or what the British prime minister may have said to the Italian legate, but it is at least conceivable that they feel a slackening of restraint.

A conference on Turkey is soon to be held in London. The United States is officially to have no share in it. Will be mindful of fundamental principles justice or will it continue the policy of parceling out slices of the Ottoman Emplie to the most powerful bidder-a course that has been the basis of so many European wars, not excepting the late Armagedden? Special clairvoyance is unnecessary to forecast the outcome, untess present conditions are changed.

America can change them. It cannot do so merely by adopting a holier-thanthou attitude and exhibiting a Pecksniffian loathing of "wicked" prime ministers, alert to capitalize the national interests.

The league pact compels the publication of all treaties and the reconsideration of those which have become inapplicable or "might endanger the peace of the world."

It may fail, of course, just as have many for programs. But it we desert the child of our own

political brain we must all goosestep. On that score there can be no doubt. Europe will conspire and sow was germs. If we do not eventually fight the monsters which will spring from them we shall have the choice of inactivity and

sham virtuous horror. It is not an engaging prospect for a manly nation.

THE COAL COMMISSION

TO EASY task awaits the commission which the President will appoint to arrange for a permanent peace in the coal industry. It is impossible to contemplate this never plan without remembering the dreary failure of Mr. Wilson's industrial commission and the drearier record of the international labor congress in attempts to grapple with the exact sort of issues that were fundamental in the soft coal strike. It is the informal nature of the arrangement that makes fixed agreements seem a bit improbable.

Properly the coal commission might have been called into session under authority of Congress with power to make its decisions official and enforceable within reasonable limits. The questions between the soft coal men, the operators and the government are larger and far more complicated than those which confronted the Roosevelt commission in the wisdom and a wider technical knowledge han were required of the Roosevelt commission will be required of those who try to eliminate the causes of the soft coal strike without doing damage to the legitimate rights of the operators

There is no certainty that one side or the other may not refuse to accept the verdicts of the new commission. In that case the country would be where it was at the beginning of the deadlock last November. When irritation, hardship, danger and discomfort spread from the coal regions to the entire country, however, the coal industry ceases to be a matter of exclusive concern to either the miners or the operators.

One thing the President's commission an do, therefore, is to make an investigation that will clearly reveal the factors involved at the bottom of the bituminous strike. It can invite the fullest publicity for all its findings. It can make its appeal to the collective conscience of the country and be assured that the force of common opinion will, in the end, drive Congress to its aid.

It is not the business of the government to fix wages. The government might properly fix wages if it could fix all the conditions of life that are in constant change to make wage scales adequate or inadequate in different communities and different callings. But through some future industrial code or industrial tribunal the government will and should have the right to see to it that bullying and terrorism of all sorts are eliminated from the industrial life

of the country. Pending the establishment of the industrial court to which we are tending with commissions like the one now to be named, the government will be justified in using all its moral influence to prevent ignorant and destructive attacks on established industrial organizations. Similarly it will fail if it is less energetic in the determination to compel a complete reorganization in any basic industry that can prosper only by the creation of a vast, frightened, servile and defenseless class of workers.

If it is animated by such convictions, the coal commission can safely make its appeal to public opinion in the interest of the nation and society at large.

The meeting of the Has Looped the members of the new Oratorical Loop Philadelphia air police force was addressed. we are told, by "noted aviators." ing City Statistician Cattell." excellent thing in an aviator and Mr. Cattell has plenty of it. Which is precisely the reason why we find it hard to believe that was ever "up to the air.

fact that the Midvale Steel Co. nade \$3,158,248.91 net profits on munitions would seem to indicate that Midvale is not

MAYOR-ELECT MOORE'S

Father of Ten Thousand Sturdy Young Fellows Is Dr. Edgar F. Smith, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania

WHAT a fine thing it is to be "the father" of more than 10,000 sturdy young fellows who are going to take part the world's affairs! That is figuratively he proud position of Dr. Edger F. Smith. wavest of the University of Pennsylvania. But as a dutiful son, what a fine example that "father" presents to all the boys who come under his care! Provost Smith has a big family, but be

also has the kindly oversight and tender sympaths of a mother living in York, who one reached the age of ninety-one and who still takes an active interest in the welfare but some. In the good old days when the eforated mottoes "Love Your Mother" and God Bless Our Home hung conspicuously on the wall we were taught to revere our parents and we hope the lesson has not been forgotten in these profit-taking days and Provos: Smith with all the dignity of his high office has not forgotten. The dear old mother at York messages her affection to the son and the son sends back his weekly letter and occasionally takes the train to visit mother. The 10,000 boys under the provost's care at the University are foud of the proxont, and the story just told for nishes a sufficient reason for their regard.

SENATOR NEWBERRY, of Michigan, when secretary of the navy for a brief period, had put up to him the suggestion that ertain torpedoboats which the navy intended o move from New York Navy Yard to Nor olk should be sent through the inside water was. Those putting the proposal up to the secretary wanted to establish the fact that the inside channels were not wholly adequate for larger vessels, if that should be the fact on inquiry by the secretary. Mr. New berry did make inquiry and found that the small bonts drew more water than they could find to accommodate them in the Delaware and Raritan canal and also in the somewhat deeper Chesapeake and Delaware canal. He therefore ordered the vessels to sep. Now it happened that neither the secretary nor any officer of the navy forsaw that a storm was brewing, but one did suddenly arise, and when the small craft were about to make into the harbor of Hampton Roads they were struck good and hard. Some of them were driver to sea and one or two were partly damaged. some of the crew being injured. The New berry test thus proved up the case of the waterways advocates; also belped to make the western people better understand the enstern waterways situation.

Ti 18 not generally known, but it is true nevertheless, that ex Governor Edwin S. Smart, former Mayor of Philadelphia, was directly approached on the subject of the mayoralty and that he asked some questions. The Governor, of course, would have made a good Mayor. He knew the ropes, having been through them, but the ex-Governor has large business interests, is president of the Union League, which is a bighty desiruble position, and gets almost as frequent opportunity for pleasure and speech making as if he were Mayor.

ELLWOOD R. CHAPMAN is figuring in of the Chestnut Street Business Men's Association, an organization made up o merchants who stand for a greater Philadel. phia. Mr. Chapman knows a good deal bout the candy business and has been heard in . Washington on the subject of the candy tax, which he thinks is excessive, Philadelphia he has been attending Rupid Transit conferences and recently has blossomed out as a real student of waterways

SERIOUS problem in some south-A SERIOUS problem to the lack of labor. The South has depended largely upon the negro and struggled hard to hold him in the col were demanded for the Paname canal. The war in Europe then took many of the cotton field laborers into the service, and increased wages for nose who remained permitted them to travel, many of them coming to the northern states. The departure of many negroes and the general increase in wages and the cost of living have given the southern tier of states much food for thought and have no qually delayed a number of large enterprises, It is a curious fact in this connection that land values have been rising along the line of contemplated waterway improvements in the South and that this is partly due to the reration of crops, a practice long postponed by southern farmers because of their complete reliance upon the yield of cottor.

OUIS N. GOLDSMITH, exalted ruler of Philadelphia Lodge No. 2, does not let may other Elk get away with the notion that e belongs to a lodge older than No. 'Philadelphia Lodge," he says, est lodge in Elkdom, notwithstanding it is Big class work is being done in the lodge and the headquarters at Arch and Juniper streets are mighty attractive to the J. HAMPTON MOORE.

The announcement that Senstor Lodge ill nominate Governor Coolidge for President at the Republican National Convention is somewhat calculated to dumpen enthus; But, after all, Senstor Lodge won't like it any more than the rest of the country.

A lone Penn freshman procured the only vacant seat in a car reserved by two dozen Ogontz schoolgirls for the trip home for the Christmas vacation. And yet there are some silly persons who contend that there is no such thing as luck.

No Nobel peace prizes are to be awarded for 1918 and 1919. The news from Chris riania suggests the thought that if somebody had ever suggested an Ignoble war prize the hermit of Amerongen would be everybody'

Politicians are already reserving rooms in Chicago hotels for the Republican Na-tional Convention. This is not merely taking time by the forelook; it is snatching the old If Mayor elect Moore always has ad-

he will bring home the bacon as readily ar he brought home the canvasbacks The manimity with which platform makers indorse woman suffrage is an excel-

lent illustration of making a virtue of cessity. "Constitution Commission Opposed to

Convention." says a newspaper headline. "Blave to it," is our suggested amendment. When we are very low in our mind we The end of the coal strike insures plenty leather coats. f light for Santa Claus when he makes his

well-advertised journey. Mr. Lansing rubber-stamps the rumer that hade to resign as absurd.



THE CHAFFING DISH

THE first use of "some" in its modern slang application, so far as we are aware. in Acts viii. 9, where we read:

There was a certain man named Simon, which beforelime in the same city used surveys, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some

thristmas no contribution will be printed in the Dish unless the envelope bringing it The demijohn of Missouri eider having

ome to an end, there is nothing to look for

We beg to autounce that from now until

ward to until the New Year resolutions. And nost of those were already pledged on the forenoon of July first. Several of our always helpful clients have hastened to inform us that Miss Dorothy Gish has been adorning the screen this week

at Broad and Rockland and at Twenty-ninth and Dauphin. These palaces are a little off our regular heat, but we will try hard to make pilgrimage to one or the other. will help to keep our mind off Mr. Lederer or the next few days.

> Post-War Problems AM OVER BENCHTON

And love them both.

A Her lithe young boyish figure Striding along with me O'er toads acrisp with autumn's confett. Talking ther grave grave eyes asparkte) problems Which vex this complex world of ours; Canning how mun May hasten on his journey Toward the millennium is a tonic to my soul Cleansing and bracing As the mountain air.

is bewitching tier let black hat Fanning my check As we dance together is as wine to my blood. ook into her laughing even is ideleted by Socrates in conclous moud! Were Paradise enow.

A Might stop my kisses To ponder On the possible effect

RITA Thinks a Soviet is some new Russian dance And objects to the Democratic administra-Because it abolished

POLYGAMY P is not considered good form. And if it were nd have to have to introduce

WHAT'S the answer? LAGINT

Our advice to Lieut, is to ponder the famous poem by our friend McAroni: "I gotta love for Augela. I love Carlotta too." Mr. Hitchcock's friends, says Old Clint

Gilbert, think that Mr. H. is the greatest political manipulator in America, and that he alone nominated Mr. Hughes in 1916. But what does Mr. Hughes think about it? visers as competent as Colonel Bill Dougias

A Sentimental Journey, or Daniel in the Den of Lionesses Mr. Daniel D. Lane, a Penn freshman.

he the only member of the weaker sea to ride in the special car of the Ogontz girls going to Chicago next week. The Chaffing always enterprising, offers space to an exclusive disputch describing his adventures.

are wont to console ourself by thinking that at any rate we don't wear one of those

Continually mindful of the interests of our adorable clients, we went to New York the other day to see William McFee, the author of 'Casuais of the See' and other novels and the most distinguished contributes on the

rester of the Dish. Mr. McFee is now chief engineer of a United Fruit Co. steamship. running on the New York-Havana-Colon route, and gets back to New York once a nonth for a few days. We are glad to state that he has promised the Dish some more of his racy dispatches. In spite of hot competition on the part of the Atlantic Monthly, the New Republic and other distinguished journals, the Dish will continue to print the very cream of Mac's musings.

We have no hesitation in saying that if our contribs do ever hold that dinner some of them are talking about we shall reserve the right to insist that competent proof of having read Mr. McFee's novels will be required of all present before visuals are passed around. This will be considered as the intellectual wedding garment, and guests who do not qualify will be east out, wailing and gnashing.

A client has sent us a long poem anent the perils of immigration. He says:

From China. Japan. Russia and Rome. The host of invaders continues to come. Transformed from their fathers in fullest

These pretending countrymen of you and

Conformity, truth, good will and ambition Are replaced by rebellion, Bolskevism, erime and sedition.

He rushly asks us to criticize the poem. We might say a good deal, but will content ourself by remarking that he is unduly

An ancient crime, one that still rankles in our mind, was recalled to us as we were browsing in a second-hand bookstore yesterday, In 1888 John C. Van Dyke, the well known art critic, published a book called How to Judge of a Picture. title of this volume was "Familiar Talks in the Gallery With Uncritical Lovers of Art They must have been very uncritical or they would never have permitted the professor to get away with a title like that.

In ADVERTISEMENTS rosy glow a chiffon-sheathed gazelle Hangs o'er the boxed mahogany, bright with

"Patrician's" spell.
The "Fairfax," or the "Chillern" mould delight title sweet sik-stocking.
(Coles Phillips limps such lifelike sheen or ankles wrought with clocking)

But no one pictures forth the brand that feeds nine-tenths the pation. The spoons that victual trencher-men in city

Democracy sets forth its board a table far from siattern With butter, spreader, fork and knife cast in the "Woolworth" pattern.

Well, the happiest day of the year is only thirteen days away, but most of as won' hegin to get really miserable about it until next week.

Motor bandits steal \$90 worth of ham and eggs, says a headline. Why didn't they take enough to make a square meal?

It's an odd thing that somewhere in These States there's a perfectly virtuous, shrewd decept and commonplace man walking around who will be elected President a year hence. and will then become a Political Figure head, so Impractical Idealist, a Tool of the

We have decided to stop taking a cold shower bath in the mornings. It only causes us to make a lot of virile resolutions about the number of letters we are going to write during the day, the jovial little essays we are going to seine up from the vasty neep our nice minded Dishfans, and promptitude with which we will attack our Christmas shopping. Starting the day in this high-minded and

zealous fashion only makes the disillusion of 5 p. m. all the more ghastly.

There is no truth in the assertion that Obicago is called the Windy City because of the number of political conventions held

Speaking of cold waves, the Bibutous One declares that the coldest he knows of is that distributed by the water wages.

THE PEDDLER

FINE knacks for ladies, cheape, choise, brave, and new, Good penniworths, but mony cannot

I keepe a faier, but for the taler to view A beggar may bee liberall of love, Though all my wares be trash the bart in

true. Great gifts are guiles, and looke for gifts againe :

My trifles come, as treasures from my minde: It is a precious jewell to bee plaine: s a precious jewell to bee plaine.

Of others take a sheafe, of mee a graine. Within this packe, pinnes, points, laces, and gloves.

finde

And divers toics, fitting a country faier: But my hart, where duety serves and loves. Turtels and twins, courts brood, heavenly paier. Happy the hart that thincks of no removes.

Songs or Ayres, ' 1600.) The bumps President Wilson has rereived are those that may be expected by

one who hitches his wagon to a star.

From John Dowland's "Second Booke of

Germany, believing that delays are dongerous for the Allies, is gumming up the game as much as possible

This is the season of the year whent Santa Claus popularizes the whiskers Carranza has brought into disrepute.

Paterfamilias is of the opinion that the original motor bandit is Santa Claus.

Only half the truth in the world is believed, and half of that is misconstrued.

If the administration ever had a Mexican policy it has probably lapsed.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

1. How did hansom cabs get their name? 2. Name three cities in Alaska. 3. Who was the last chancellor of Ger-

many under the menarchy? 4. What is an odalisque? 5. What is a seismograph?

6. When did Roosevelt settle the great anthracite strike? 7. What were the hanging gardens of

Babylon? 8. What was the Novum Organum? 9. Why does the number forty occur so frequently in the Old Testament?

10. Distinguish between Frank H. Hitchcock and Gilbert M. Hitchcock

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. The Republican National Convention is to be held in Chicago on June 8.

2. Four Republicans mentioned as possible

candidates for the presidency are General Wood, Governor Lowden, Calvin Coolidge and Senator Harding, 3. The word coupon should be pronounced as though it were spelled "coopen."

4. Demosthenes, the famous Greek orator, lived in the fourth century B. C.

5. The colors of the flag of Japan are red The declaration of Bordeaux was made French Alsatians and Lorrainers in 1871. It denounced the cession of

in 1871. It denounced the Aleace Lorraine to Germany and pro-The shortest day in the year is sometimes December 21 and sometimes December 22.

An equerry is an officer of a prince or noble intrusted with the care of the horses. It is also an office of the British royal household.

9. Starlings can sometimes be trained to

10. The War of 1812, the Mexican War

and the world war were conducted under Democratic administrations in the United States.