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RAILROADS HAMSTRUNG BY CONGRESSIONAL BOLSHEVICKS
There is No Hope for Business Until the Old Hostility to Capital Invested in Transportation is Abandoned

THE solution of the whole railroad problem centers around the protection of the right of the public to continuous and efficient service from the transportation corporations.

Railroads are not private corporations in the sense that a corporation manufacturing shoes or hats or clothing or typewriters is private.

SUBBING FOR THE SALOON
WITH a confidence that seems born of inspiration, Ernest L. Tustin, the new director of public welfare, enters the long list of zealous people who believe that they have found or can find a substitute for the saloon.

POSTAL EFFICIENCY
AN UNPRECEDENTED burden was put upon the postal organization in this city in the week preceding Christmas.

HIGH SEAS AND HIGH BALLS
AN AWFUL picture of a ship with an unsuspected main-brace accompanies the announcement that the shipping board is considering disposing of all its vessels to private American ownership.

THE WILD EAST
BANDITRY of the sort that was supposed to have passed forever with the stage coach is having an astonishing revival along the line of the Lincoln Highway between this city and New York.

THE TREATY SCAPEGOATS
REVIEWING his dark and disturbing impressions of his recent trip through Europe, William Potter deplors the fact that the peace treaty was ever made a political issue.

AN OBJECT LESSON IN FRANCE
THE oversubscription of the new French loan on the first day that it was offered is more than an index of patriotism and an optimistic view of the future.

AS TO FAIR PRICES
The fair-price board may get what it aims for—fair prices; but fair prices are not necessarily low prices.

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MAYOR-ELECT MOORE'S LETTER
Up-State Politicians Have Yet to Learn That Philadelphia Admiration Will Not Recognize Facts

POLITICIANS are watching with curious interest the checkboard as the game may be played hereafter from Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

PRESIDENT CALWELL, of the Corn Exchange Bank, who ties up pretty close to agriculture, has discovered that blooded stock is hard to get and that when cattle are offered for sale, which is now rare, the pedigree stock is quickly bought up.

C. B. CARTER, secretary of the National Association of Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers, asks for a large hall suitable for the sixteenth annual convention and exhibition of that body.

THE State Highway Department has a way of filling up odd automobile numbers by assigning them to persons more or less prominent in public affairs.

THERE is much complaining up in the vicinity of Park avenue and Olney avenue, forty-second ward, concerning street improvements.

THE Northern Liberties Welfare Workers' Association is catering for a playground in the vicinity of Fifth street and Fairmount avenue.

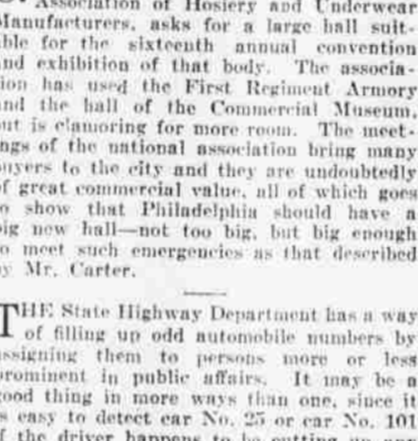
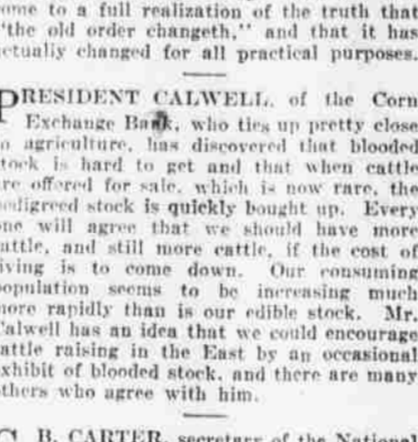
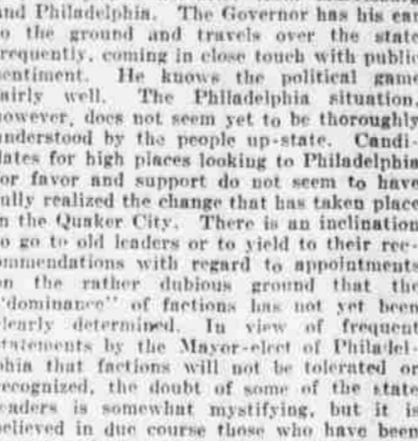
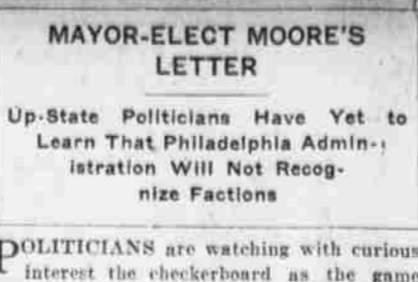
CHARLES J. WEBB, the big wool factor, is as well known in Wyoming as he is in Philadelphia, and in Australia as he is in Wyoming.

THE president of the Pennsylvania Lumbermen's Association this year is Henry J. Myers, of Bethlehem.

FORREST H. RIORDAN, chairman of the South Sixth Street Improvement Association, has let it be known that that association is in favor of the incoming administration and expects to co-operate with it.

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THE real sweetness of sugar is with the seller rather than with the buyer.



THE CHAFFING DISH
To His Brown-Eyed Mistress
Who Rallied Him for Praising Blue Eyes in His Verses

IF SOMETIMES, in a random phrase (For variation in my ditty), I chance blue eyes, or gray, to praise And seem to intimate them pretty—

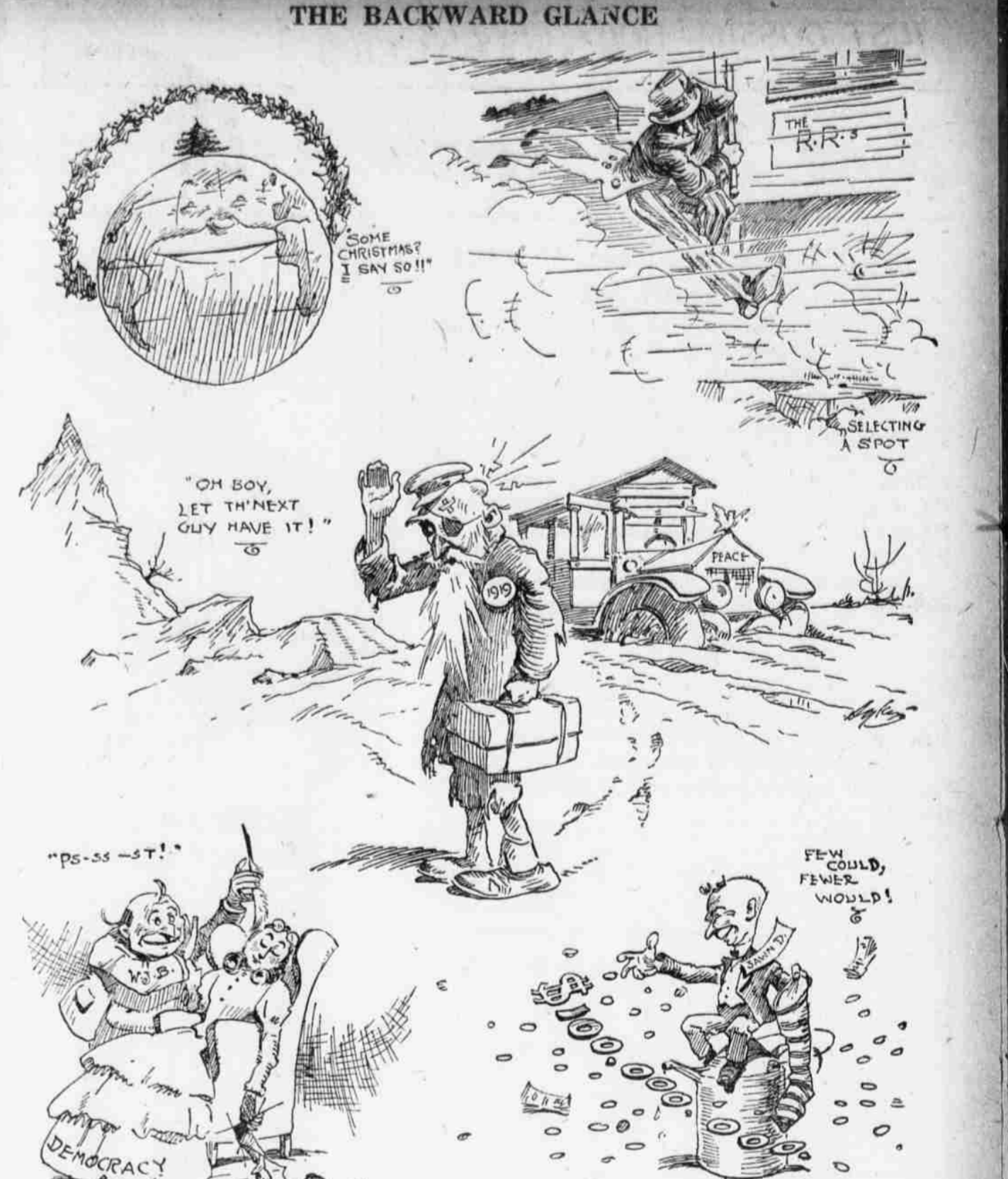
IT IS because I do not dare With too unimpaired reiteration To sing the browner eyes and hair That are my true intoxication.

I KNOW, then, that I consider brown For ladies' eyes, the only color; And deem all other orbs in town (Compared to yours), opaque, duller.

I PRAY, perpend, my dearest dear: While blue-eyed maids the praise were drizzling How insubstantial was their cheer— It was of yours that I was thinking!

It seems to us perfectly natural and creditable that the retiring councilmen should be eager to take their mahogany desks with them.

THE Rev. Robert Norwood is a keen admirer of the Gumps.



THE WELL
WITH osiers straight and long We stir the water That slips away So quietly: Let us play That we are fisherfolk And this the Well of Song. Beneath the Scarlet Hazels, In its shadowed depths, Faintly the Salmon sleeps Like a bright-plummed bird: He will wake, he will rise At a whispered word, And we may snare him Tangled in a net. Cunningly stalked and set And leave the world for prize, Or better, cease to care For any kingdom there, Both grown so wise. —Ella Young, in the Nation.

What Do You Know?
QUIZ
1. When is it proposed to return the railroads to the government?
2. What is the fliche of a church?
3. What is the origin of the word chore?
4. Why was the Bridge of Sighs so called and where is it?
5. What is the literal meaning of the word "gee" attached to the name of a married woman, as "Mrs. Mary Smith, nee Jones"?
6. Where are the Canary islands?
7. Who is the premier of Japan?
8. What is the mean heat of the human body?
9. What was the battle of Bennington and what state celebrates its anniversary as a legal holiday?
10. What President of the United States was the longest lived?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" was written for the Christmas of 1843.
2. The salary of the Vice President is \$12,000 a year.
3. Unalaska is one of the largest of the Aleutian islands, which extend in a chain from the southwest extremity of Alaska. Its seaport is also called Unalaska.
4. "The Physiology of Taste" ("La Physiologie du Gout") was written by Brillat-Savarin, a noted French epicure and gastronomist, who was also a writer on other subjects and a jurist of some repute. His dates are 1753-1826.
5. New Orleans was under French domination for forty-eight years and under Spanish for thirty-seven.
6. The Republican Presidents were Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft.
7. The great fire of Rome occurred in the reign of the Emperor Nero.
8. General Pershing spent his boyhood in the town of Laclede, Mo.
9. The word arctic is derived from the Greek "arktikos," bear, in allusion to "Ursa Major," the Great Bear, the brightest constellation of the northern heavens.
10. Because Lady Astor holds a seat in Parliament, King George broke precedent in opening his speech to that body. The old form of address was "My lords and gentlemen of the House of Commons." The new revised version was "My lords and members of the House of Commons."

Terms Strictly Cash.
To trust is to bust; to bust is Hell. No trust, no bust, no Hell.
Another client says that at the time of the Centennial, Philadelphia was the birthplace of a book no less unconsciously amusing than the "Balsam Groves." It was called "The Maple Dell of '76," and our client sighs to see it again. Does any one know of a copy?

ROY HELTON is at work on a poem for the Dish.
Tomorrow being President Wilson's birthday, the Dish has sent him a present, but we doubt whether he will read it.
If the back-page Beauty Corner can hold out for about eighteen years longer we have a daughter who will knock them cold.

A. Edward Newton has collaborated with James Boswell in writing a little book about the late Samuel Johnson. The lucky publisher of such a pair of sprightly writers is Mr. R. B. Adam, of Buffalo.