

READERS' VIEWPOINT

Letters to the Editor on Current Topics

A Mother Pleads for Charity

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—I have a nice home and baby at the "Little" age. As I look at the little baby, I feel as if I must do the honest, carefully thought out opinion of several good-natured mothers as to the Spiker case. I have both "Citizen" and "Soldier" in my mind. "Reader," you are right. Mothers should have their chance, and I think Mrs. Spiker's edition is really right. Absolutely the best of the mothers of the Christian. I would not say I could do it. I feel sure my trust would be gone. I thought my husband's love could never feel certain of his wife's love—women have so much more of jealous love in their hearts than men. I feel that I might fall away again. I am afraid I would not be so broad. Mrs. Spiker is one in a million. But "Reader," why, why must it always be Woman—not Humanity—who suffers? I have always been a woman that lets a man off easily. That is where you and I disagree. I half side with "Citizen" and half with "Soldier." He is suffering really so little. All the chances in the world will be given to a man from a faithful heart, or the stain from a girl's name. He deserves little pity, though some credit for making a clean breast of it. He is a lucky man—it is up to him to spend the rest of his days paying back to his wife. As to public criticism, I guess they will have to stand it, in a way they courted it. I cannot see why they were not to be photographed and published from the start. Mrs. Spiker was young and greatly wronged. That she thought her single does not excuse her, only lessens her blame. She will always have the disgrace. If she had known of the little family over here—seen photographs of the husband and child and not knowing he cared for those at home—I wonder if it would have happened. "Citizen" is right, but you're too revengeful. You cannot have the pity or pure motherhood of a mother. I am with you in a way. I don't want to go back up and go. I don't know. I hope I wouldn't, and there you are. As to "Citizen" and myself, perhaps we need that good old verse that says: "Charity suffereth long and is kind." Philadelphia, February 12, 1920.

Feels Sorry for the Girl

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—I certainly do sympathize with that English girl for I do firmly believe that when that kind of love comes to an innocent, counting girl it is the greatest love. I remember when I was a young girl of about seventeen I met a young man a little older than myself. He was a pillar of his church and I thought at the time I loved him. In the usual way of things that he had another girl, whom he married two years after he divorced me. Yet I forgave him from the bottom of my heart. After he married I met another young man. I married him, but he died when I was a bride. My husband is buried in Greenwood. I go to his grave. My sweetheart is buried in West Laurel Hill. I go to his grave, too. I always feel sorry for any poor girl that is treated as Mrs. Spiker is.

Sharp Rebuke for the Spikers

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—The female of the species is more deadly than the male. Surely that applies to the two women who are creating such a scandal at the present time. Mrs. Spiker and Miss Knowles. Are they

absolutely heartless that they are exposing two innocent children to such publicity that will follow them as long as they live? Why was not this disgraceful affair settled in their own family and the child's father compelled to support it?

A Woman's View

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—I have read the comments in your paper on the Spiker case, and on the part of the mothers of the Christian. I would not say I could do it. I feel sure my trust would be gone. I thought my husband's love could never feel certain of his wife's love—women have so much more of jealous love in their hearts than men. I feel that I might fall away again. I am afraid I would not be so broad. Mrs. Spiker is one in a million.

Books, Bills and Bellum

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—When the Peace Conference is ended all the geographers and historians in use in the public and private schools of the United States must, as soon as possible, be revised. What does that mean? How big a job is it? What will it cost? Who will pay the bill? Well, it means new books for each of 25,000,000 school children, or 11,000,000 new books in all. Each of these books has an inch thick, that means a stack of books 20,000,000 inches high, or—well, you figure out the number of feet there are. It is 2,000,000 inches. Each of these books will cost parents \$1 each, or \$11,000,000. In some cities

and states school books are provided at public expense. In the end, every taxpayer must help foot this bill as one of the consequences of Bill Hohenzollern's war.

NAVY PROMOTES MEN

Enlisted Men From Philadelphia Are Advanced Philadelphia's navy is "getting on" in Uncle Sam's navy. Just to remind folks that good work is appreciated, Commander P. R. Naile, in charge of the local recruiting station, is making public such good news as he gets from time to time of promotions of Philadelphia.

Over There

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—Do you have space for this little verse? THE MOTHER Do you think that after the boys come home My lad will be left "over there" alone? Left buried where sun-dried poppies wave. In a shell-torn, forgotten, hillside grave? THE WORLD Through all time the valor of those that die Shall deepen the blue of the morning sky; And rich shall the red of the sunset be That is stained with blood of their loyalty. All the pure, white clouds floating over each grave Will tenderly weep for the souls they save. A star newly formed from his gift of pain Will forever watch where a lad was slain. Philadelphia. ALICE M. LING.

That Sweetheart of Uncle Sam's

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—I believe the face at the window in an old sweetheart of Uncle Sam's, and that she is unwilling to give him up because he is so rich. She followed him to the United States and is seeking information about him, which accounts for her appearance. CHIC.

DRIVE FOR BETTER ROADS Automobile Club Seeks More Members to Voice Demand

The campaign for better roads being conducted by the Keystone Automobile Club necessitates, officials say, greater membership to make the demand for improved driving conditions even more insistent than that now voiced by the

4500 motor owners forming the organization. For this reason a special committee of 500 will meet at the Adelphi Hotel Monday evening to set in motion a campaign for new members. The activities of the club embrace Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery and Bucks counties. It is already the largest automobile club in Pennsylvania and one of the largest in the eastern United States. The organization of motorists is also

working to bring about the freeing of Chester pike and the erection of new warning and direction signs in localities where this is necessary.

Lenroot Sees Agreement Jamesstown, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Senator Irvine J. Lenroot, of Wisconsin, at the annual dinner of the Norden Club last evening predicted the early agreement of the Senate upon reservations to the peace treaty that will secure its ratification.

Wild Man May Be Farm Thief Fries Hill, N. J., Feb. 13.—Farmers believe they have discovered how the "wild man," supposed to be living in the swamps of this region and reported to have been seen by some women, survived the severe winter in his outdoor habitation. There have been numerous robberies at farm houses herabouts recently. It is suspected that the "wild man" has a cozy and well-stocked retreat in the deep swamps.

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LAST call for hearts! Big hearts and little hearts, chocolate-covered mint hearts, transparent red and yellow and lavender hearts and soft cream mint heart hearts and soft cream mint heart hearts in various colors. If you are giving a valentine party you will want one of these kinds, or all of them, perhaps. I need not say that they are delicious, for they are made by Yahn & McDonnell, 1508 Chestnut street. Red satin-covered boxes, in heart shape, would make delightful valentine gifts. They come in two and three pound sizes and are filled with Yahn & McDonnell's delicious chocolates. Any kiddie would appreciate a box of the "hard candy" hearts. They are wholesome and there is no danger of their eating too many of them, for each is large enough to last quite a while. THE CHESTNUT STREET ASSOCIATION