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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA

Things on which the people expect he new administration to concen-rate its attention:

The Delaware river bridge. A drydock big enough to accommo-date the largest ships. Development of the rapid transit sys-

tem. t convention hall. building for the Free Library. In Art Museum. Inlargement of the water supply. Tames to accommodate the popula-tion.

A CALIFORNIA PARALLEL

GOOD losers are rare. Good winners pears to be neither.

turns from the California primaries because of insufficient proof of guilt. were counted. Hoover and the Johnson mind and More large-scale round-ups followed. HOOVER

JOHNSON "The people of "In the most in-

ally. He made state from vicious any sities." than than conducted in

ties. But he can teach Senator John-

carning between \$4000 and \$5000 is conclusion is by a jury trial. Until a only 185,000, and only 106,000 earn return to this practice is instituted the between \$5000 and \$6000. There are public will be menaced by a tendency public will be menaced by a tendency 179 persons with incomes between more fundamentally disastrous to the \$400,000 and \$500,000 and 225 who re-United States as a whole than the most ceive every year between \$500,000 and violent threats of a crack-brained revo-\$750,000. Iutionist.

SNAP RULINGS ON 'RADICALS' Goldman were such. They were for-IMPERIL PUBLIC'S RIGHTS

t is Neither in Soft W. B. Wilson Nor Stern Mitchell Palmer, but in Trials by Jury, That Re-

emotion. The SUBSCRIPTION RATES SUBSCRIPTION RATES The Events of Public Lenown is served to make pathic the carrier. The mail to points outside of Philadelphia the secretary of labor and the at-torney general regarding the treatment of alleged radicals and "revolution-ists" raises a deeper and more vital question than any on which either of these two cabinet officials has touched. William B. Wilson, commenting on the test case of one Carl Miller, of the The time for a reckoning on same normal principles is here. When the public, a victim as usual, receives something like its deserts, it can afford to smile at the spectacle of two members of the same cabinet each engaged in determining cases which lie without their own legitimate provinces. They the test case of one Carl Miller, of the have both forgotten the one true and

fixed safeguard of our individual liberpains to distinguish between spokesmen ties-the courts of law-and justice. lence and those who confine their efforts to teaching, propaganda and a

the recent adventure.

suffering.

can blame them?

frank expression of views. "If the American people," declares the secretary of labor, "are left free to discuss and decide the questions presenting themselves for consideration ited to it or not otherwise credited from day to day, uninfluenced by the being swiftly forgotten.

any false philosophies, wild-eyed revolutions or dictatorships of any kind."

This is a viewpoint with which most Americans used to be in complete sympathy. It is not, however, a complete rebuttal of Mr. Palmer's arguments, since the attorney general has the babit of maintaining by his actions that the nation is in dire peril from its radicals and that wholesale deportations and arrests are the only guarantees of

safety. The public, which in mass formation is not good at analysis, is limited in its opportunities of discovering authoritatively whether some "revolutionists" are mild and in effect harmless, as Mr. Wilson asserts, or whether all of them

are really the desperate demons pictured by Mr. Palmer. In consequence the energies of the Department of Justice have met with a mixed reception.

For a while it was unquestionably

are rarer. A man who aspires to casy for the attorney general to pose as the presidency ought to be one or the the protector of "American instituother-or both. Senator Johnson ap- tions." The federal dragnet was spread. Thousands of persons, a considerable More interesting even than the re- number of whom were later released were the statements issued by Mr. were arrested and thrown into prisons. Johnson and Mr. Hoover after the votes A "Red" ship, crowded with exiled A single parallel will radicals, left our shores. "Good ridstrate the difference between the dance" was a fairly general sentiment. more seizures without warrants and

terms the horrors of a coming May Day. a return of the nightmare that they are tion. rirulent campaign been torn between continued to brood. The result was conducted in their loyalty and fallfornia I have friendship to the on. Hoover senator for his we have traveled I to the torn. won. Hoover senator in we have traveled. Balmer to frighten the difficult for Mr. Palmer to frighten to the difficult for Mr. Palmer to frighten to the senator to the difficult for Mr. fight of greater corporation control again many Americans, who, while by no means to be-classed as bigoted reand more lavish vision of our in-actionaries, have at the same time an how or where to get the money. and practices calculated to subvert the principles of our government. Yet if these ordinary citizens, averse

Hoover may not know or care to both to hard-boiled toryism and exnow a great deal about partisan tac- travagant social nostrums, turn to Secretary Wilson they will not find their him. The congressmen seeking re-elecson a great deal about national and case pleaded in the way that most inti- tion are afraid of this plan. international affairs, about the funda- mately concerns them. The two cabinet interplational affairs, about the funda-mentals of good sportsmanship and good officers have each arrogated to himself they can always be counted on to favor. It is no more justices the pression officers have each arrogated to himself they can always be counted on to favor. See the pression of the pr about the value and dig-tifiable for Mr. Wilson on his own ent time. initiative or his extremely active, not

Abhors Frills, Is an Author-

There can, of course, be no toleration criminals. Berkman and Emma IN 1906, when Joseph G. Cannon was running for Congress for the eight-centh time, he went to Danville, 11., to address railroad men. Outside the mally tried. The charges raised against them were proved. Their fate can start no tears in any sincere believer in the American system of government and the

"You see." he cried. "how an old man would do it. Now I'll show you over the suspension of court procedure and the stoppage of a traditional method

> He descended, walked ten or twelve paces, swung on his heel, pranced and jumped to the middle of the platform. Which wasn't half bad for a septuagenarian.

"UNCLE JOE" is eighty-four years old today. The only evidence that he lacks any of the "pep" that aforetime distinguished him is that he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination, as he was in 1908 If he were, it would make the pres

ent campaign even more unusual than it is. There are three men of Quaker

ECHOES OF ARMAGEDDON stock who are presidential possibilities -Hoover, Sproul and Palmer. Cannon

reform.

It was one outburst of profanity that of war debts is still in the future, and it doesn't appear to figure greatly in the congress from 1873 to the present time. calculations of people who are willing In 1890 during a debate on the subject of "compound lard" William McAdoo, to dismiss all hopes of a permanent peace. But the report of Dr. C. W. New Jersey, said something to annoy Rucker, chief medical adviser of the him, and Cannon, laboring apparently under much excitement, fired a coarse bureau of war-risk insurance, is one of the echoes of war which ought to joke at him. The incident was enough to defeat

understanding of the greater costs of him; but at the next election he came back.

Why? The government is caring for 641,900 Well, principally because whatever clse he is. Uncle Joe is a man. Un-afflicted with ideals, he is courageous and straightforward and eminently likable. smallest part of the matter. The larger

Rucker's survey has shown, is in human back

than 12,000 returned insane. clear in the morning as though he were The people of Europe who suffered a younker and had gone to roost with the birdies? the full force of the shock are now lis-

know what war is. And it is largely from any mind-picture of Cannon, has finally Mr. Palmer painted in flaming because they prefer any alternative to become more or less a badge of affec-

> turbulent and hard to control. Who CANNON is still with us, but Can-nonism died in 1910.

THE BONUS DILEMMA

CONGRESS is anxious to pay bonuses to the men who wore the uniform during the war, but it does not know the quorum-counting rules and others The suggestion of a tax on retail sales, which would produce more than

bought anything would be reminded of the tax that Congress had levied on mittee and stripped of power.

JOE CANNON AT 84

Plain Man of Plain People, Who

ity on Profanity.

shops there was a platform. Four high steps led to it and he climbed them American social order. But tears shed

of justice would not bespeak a causeless how a young man does it.

TT IS only necessary to listen to the a campaign speeches of the hour and to view the drift of political thinking in California, in Massachusetts, in California, in Massachusetts, in Gurney. Washington and elsewhere to know that the war and all its terrible lessons are

MR. CANNON is an authority on profanity. He has ever regarded himself as a plain man of the plain people and abhors "frills." In Can-notism "frills" includes everything For most people Armageddon is a losed incident. They were not there. There seems to be a general comfortable conviction that "the thing is over cultural, from architecture to political and done with." The looming question

men who were permanently disabled in Europe. The care of these youthful veterans will require an annual outlay of \$325,000,000. The money is the

cost of modern warfare, as Doctor

New and strange diseases, not men-tioned in the record of other wars, vis-ited themselves on those who had to endure the strain and horrors of trench scout who, at an age when many men fighting, gas and heavy artillery. More are thinking of dying, makes a speech thab 76,000 men returned to America with shattered nervous systems. More than 12,000 returned inserve. More

Even the inevitable cigar, inseparable tening to talk of "the next war." They

Uncle Joe succeeded Thomas Brackett

which made the speaker all-powerful. Murmurs of rebellion had been rife for years against his autocratic power, and in February they became vocal. \$1,000,000,000, is unpopular with them for the reason that every person who

It may even be that this is the Can-

onism that has enabled him to live for

eighty-four years and to be generally

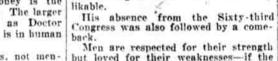
terest accruing would be earned by the ships. Speaking offhand, we should

swifter

ion are afraid of this plan. Then the plan to tax the rich, which JOSEPH G. CANNON was born in Guilford, N. C. When he was four







nity of simple truth.

WEATHER AND THINGS

ANY man who, like Mr. Bliss, the Palmer and his department to sentence been largely absorbed by the government and there is little left for the normal in the contemplation of elemental forces and in more or less successful efforts to read the inner meanings of clouds, rains there lies a majestic, an effective and a and winds, wild or gentle, will quite naturally acquire a large, impersonal view of life and a screnity of mind that cannot be disturbed by such trivial things as unrealized human desires. Since this is the season in which people expect warm weather, observes Mr. Bliss evenly, the cold, which is not cold at all, seems much colder than it really is. And there you are.

If we could all be weather men existe might really seem less complipauses to remember that there is no to flout the law with a gesture of mildcated and more promising. When one In nit to which the imagination of a ness and tolerance as it is to defy it by profiteer might not carry prices, it is sible to believe for a delirious interval that the cost of living is almost to confusion and an abrogation of the General Wood's talk of "a small lieve that we were fighting in the last over black anarchists and white, good of the great wars.

All things are relative. But every high. . The candidates are a disappoint. easier for them to realize what Mr. ask any man who has just invested of the thousands indiscriminately arhis all in a new straw bat.

IS COOLIDGE DRY?

THE veto by Governor Coolidge, of Massachusetts, of the bill legalizing the sale of beverages containing 2.75 per cent of alcohol at once raises the stion whether Coolidge has aligned olf with the drys.

e answer cannot be found in the re fact of the veto. The Volstead t forbids the sale of beverages conining more than 1 per cent of alcohol. It may be that Coolidge holds that the have no right to pass any law that conflicts with the act of Congress, and that his veto is based on a legaltie argument and not on any sympathy with either the wets or the drys.

PREVAILING INCOMES

EVERY man is curious to know how ceturus were analyzed it we not posside for any one to discover with any of accuracy whether his income ne-tax returns will not give him all year arranged in groups.

presentative Griffin, of New York, washed later on? cited them in a speech in the House of Representatives. fis tables showed called extremists is as simple as it there were 1,832,000 income-tax is imperative. Blanket indictments. myers, and that of these 1.213,000 had blanket extenuations, pronouncements us of \$4000 or less. There were upon the innocence of one radical group 000 who received between \$2000 and or the foulness of another will not suf-358,000 who received between fice. Each specific case should be duly, and \$3000 and 375,000 who formally and straightforwardly considsectors between \$30.00 and \$4000. Then even upon its facts. Senator Hiram may be said to have a hig signer, for the number. The normal method for reaching a the disaffection of the country.

to acquit the radicals than it is for Mr. of new capital created each year has

Somewhere between these procedures poration goes into the market for money fundamental machine which has been And the business man who has been in flagrantly overlooked. This instrument is the law involving such agencies as arrest by warrant, habeas corpus, trial by jury, acquittal or conviction. Mr. Wilson did not by implication inform the internal revenue collector. If the Mr. Palmer that he had violated the elementary principles of jurisprudence. Nor have the complaints lately expressed by the Department of Justice disappear.

officials accused Mr. Wilson of presuming to decide a case before it is tried. principle it is as reprehensible acts of oppression and tyranny.

Either method must lead inevitably basic rights of the people as a wholerights of vastly more concern to the Communists and bad.

As the American people recover their one cannot be a weather man with a balance - and restorative progress is weather man's philosophy. Prices are encouragingly swift just now - it is And if Mr. Bliss wants to know Palmer's tactics mean. It is said that whether it is cold or not he has only of the first 1400 "Reds" examined out rested by the Department of Justice

officers, 1000 men were eventually released because no valid charges against them could be found. The jails are still crowded. Imprisonment without trial a no longer a theory, but a condition.

Mr. Palmer's agents have been compared to the secret police of the former Russian empire. If the immigration laws, at once

sweeping in their provisions and yet vaguely and deceptively framed, give a certain color of authority to all this high-handedness, the attorney general is still guilty of the most despotie sophistries employed with the recklessness of a demagogue.

Sympathy such as Mr. Wilson expresses for the immediate victims may or may not be justified in whole or in Sentiment, however well-intenpart. tioned, is prone to obscure many an important issue, and here it diverts atten-

tion from the great majority of the his income compares with that of sufferers-the mass of the citizenry of his neighbors. Until the income-tax this republic. The abrogation of the right of trial by jury, adopted in one instance, is susceptible of the most dangerous expansion. It is not for Mr. was larger or smaller than that of the Paimer to decide that subscription to age of men in his social group. The principles of a Communist party constitutes conviction of a crime, nor for data that he needs, but they will Mr. Wilson to declare that the avowal him, for they show the number of is merely faplish but involving no turwith incomes in excess of \$2000 pitude. Are the Republican and Democratic parties to be proscribed or white-

about The course to be taken with the sooverlooked

The rich have been taxed so heavily The elder Cannon was a doctor and a to say able coadjutor. Louis F. Post, by the present laws that the great mass teacher. He was drowned in a swollen branch of the Wabash while endeavoring to cross to visit a patient.

Joe at this time had sufficiently grown to become the support of the expansion of business. When a cor-He cut plug tobacco and measfamily. ured calico in the general store, and at it cannot find it because it is not there. seventeen became deputy postmaster in the little village-his first public office. He studied law in Cincinnati and then moved to Illinois, where he cast the habit of expanding his plant by the expenditure of his surplus profits is first presidential vote for Lincoln forced to get along with his old plant. his in 1860 for his surplus profits have been paid to

When he entered Congress he made his first fight on a bill to reform the postal laws, and he became instrumentaxes were made still heavier it would be a matter only of months before the tal in enacting a low rate for seconderash would come and all profits would class mail. As a member of the committee on appropriations he became known as "the watchdog of the treas-ury" because of his stand against cer-This is dawning upon a few congress-

ships

men and they are up in the air. It begins to look as if the bonus bill would tain expenditures which he denounced as extravagant fads and fancies. But remain up there with them. that he was not lacking in vision he proved in a humorous speech made in the House on April 16, 1916. Here he

WOOD'S TWO JOBS

GENERAL WOOD, on a flying visit recited his experience with Professor Langley years before, when he risked the ridicule of the newspapers by grant. ing him an appropriation for experichilling only because we were led to social health of the nation than debates engaged in a special effort to stop the ments with flying machines and for an engaged in a special energy to stop with a strophysical laboratory. "I had been row among his managers. That row is a serious one. Plainly, it ought to be stopped if the Wood boom is to get any." I rather liked it, because it gave me a I rather liked it, because it gave me a where. Yet it is easy to perceive that notoriety for profanity and wickedthe general is not trying to stop it. ness.

He hasn't time. He needs to conserve PERHAPS here we have a clue to an tinner Cannonism. all his energies to stop Hi Johnson.

BENSON ADMITS IT

THERE can be no longer any doubt I of the identity of the man who told liked despite the shortcomings he as Admiral Sims not to let the British pull the wool over his eyes and that the United States would as soon fight Eng-

miral Sims. But he said he made it in the course of a confidential conversation, and he explained that his reference to England and Germany was "a mere figure of speech.'

say it would "go" as surely as the ship with the paddlewheels in a tube The remark, confidential or other- say it wise, was idiotle coming from a rerunning fore and aft in the hull. The water rushing through the hull turned sponsible executive of the Navy Department presumably having authority. paddlewheels which propelled the as chief of naval operations, to transship, so, naturally, the mit grave matters of policy to subordi - went, why, the faster she'd go. nates. It should not have been made. Madame Maeterlinck, wife of the and probably Admiral Benson realizes

Madame Macterines, whe of the Belgian poet, fought two fistic battles in mid-Atlantic, winning one and drawing one. But she can hardly be called a novice as she won a k. o. title over the first Mrs. Maeterlinek in a perfectly friendly bout some months that fact most of all. Now that he has 'fessed up'' and the truth is known, surely the Senate committee can devote its attention to more important affairs. us, for example, whether the management of naval operations was compeage tent, as Secretary Daniels avers, or incompetent, as charged by Sims.

There is not that co-ordination between the heads of the Department of Labor and the Department of Justice Senator Martin says he knows that one would expect from cabinet enough about the election laws to be at his city residence sixty days before election. This, we take it, is a mild members whose minds run along approved channels protest against Johnny McLean's sup-

We gather from dispatches from posing that there are one or two things Silesia that the Koos do not proceed the election law that he has from the dove of peace. Judging by the floods of campaign

The attempt to shake down Mr. Schmidt was of course sub-Rosenbach. oratory, ever so many candidates ex-pect to swim into office on a tide of light wine and beer.

Naturally a Rosenbacher by any other name would be as unsavory.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has given \$1,000,000 to the new world fund being raised by the Northern Baptists. Oil on the troubled waters, as it were.

Imagine some woman with an appe-tite for living (Georges Sand, for ex-



suredly takes no trouble to hide. 4t is suggested by the commander land as Germany. Admiral Benson confessed before the Legion that the government finance the Louisville post of the American soldiers' bonus by issuing shipping board shin bonds in \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1000 denominations, to be given Senate investigating committee yesterday that he made the remark to Adto the veterans according to their length of service. He says it would mean no additional taxation, as all in-