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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA
Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention:

THE LID
The lid upon which Director Cortelyou promised yesterday to lift hides strange things, as any one knows who ever had an opportunity to glance behind the scenes in the police department or below the squalid surfaces of ward politics as it existed under the old regime.

COX AND WILSON
STUDENTS of national politics and those who have money to bet in November would give a great deal for the privilege of sitting on the famous south porch of the White House during the conference which Mr. Cox is to have with President Wilson.

GIVE A THOUGHT TO FRANCE
Two years ago Bastille Day in this city was accorded something like official recognition.

VOTES IN NIPPON
JAPAN is far away. But the fight which the masses in Nippon have been waging for the right of franchise—

millitant tendency and an ambition to carry a policy of aggressive expansion into Siberia. The movement for the vote was inspired to a large extent by the younger men who have been educated in the United States and England.

United with the desire for the vote was popular resentment against a governmental policy which has inflicted extraordinary burdens of taxation on the people to sustain an enormously expanded military program.

The party now governing in Japan may be Prussian in heart. But it is not by any means sure of its own safety. That ought to mean much in a country that is being told that its next war will be with the Japanese.

RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR SAY

The Issue Raised by Governor Clement in His Refusal to Help the Suffragists

THE disappointment of the women suffragists with the action of Governor Clement, of Vermont, is natural. The members of the Legislature, elected in 1918, are said to be in favor of the ratification of the suffrage amendment to the federal constitution.

They were elected, however, several months before Congress decided to submit the amendment to the states. It was on June 12 of last year that the act of secretary of state sent a certified copy of it to the governors of the forty-eight states.

Governor Clement, in spite of the fact that he has been urged, "as a matter of party expediency," to summon the Legislature in extra session, sets forth his reasons for refusing to ratify the amendment.

Governor Clement's reasons for his course deserve the serious consideration of all those interested in the preservation of American institutions. The decision of the Supreme Court in the prohibitory amendment case has set men to thinking about the dangers that lie in the custody of the state.

The Legislatures have not always regarded the expressed will of the people. In Ohio, after a prohibitory amendment to the state constitution had been rejected by popular vote, the Legislature passed a prohibitory amendment to the federal constitution.

The constitution of Tennessee has a provision forbidding a vote on any amendment to the federal constitution by a Legislature the members of which had not been elected after the amendment had been submitted to the state.

It is not necessary to take seriously the plea that the proposed federal amendment would change the state constitution. He said that if carried to its logical conclusion it would lead to objection to every federal amendment which in any way conflicted with state laws.

The constitution provides for two methods of ratification. One is by submission to the Legislatures of the several states and the other is by submission to conventions called in the several states. The convention method has never been used. It is costly and cumbersome, especially when we already have the Legislatures qualified to act.

MEN AND MARCHING CLUBS

The Next Auditor General of Pennsylvania—W. T. Tilden and His Boys—Marching Clubs Out of Date

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN
CANDIDATE S. S. LEWIS, as those on the inside are aware, had a regular pull-Dick-pull-Devil time of it with some of the Republican leaders before he secured the nomination for the auditor-generalship this spring.

Mr. Lewis, who is a York county lawyer, was little known outside his county until within the last six months. He was merely one of the assistant chief clerks in the auditor general's department; an exceedingly important position because of its intimate connection with the great corporate interests of the state.

Had the fates which hold the years and destinies of men in their fingers but decreed that William T. Tilden could have lived until this midsummer of the year of Our Lord A. D. 1920, he would have placed the crown of rejoicing upon all the years of his successful life.

And it would have come to him on the day that the cable carried the news that his son William T. Tilden, Jr., had captured the world's tennis championship.

The elder Tilden was devoted to his boys. When the present champion was in knickerbockers, and William T. Sr. was interesting himself quietly but efficiently in the later 90s, any reference to anybody else's children brought invariably from him a modest burst of praise for his own sons.

When a school can benefit by the services of a mind made wise by long contacts with life and matured by contemplation of the sort of truths that provide all the light we have in any real emergency, it must be considered fortunate. That such an influence should be pushed aside and rejected, out of a pious respect for routine and in deference to the habits of "practical minds," is a tragedy. It is for that reason that the plan to force the retirement of Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson from the Central High School has inspired instinctive opposition in so many unexpected places.

Doctor Thompson gave his life to the public schools. Philadelphia is full of men whose lives he helped to shape. The venerable president of the Central High School brought to his work a quality of mind and thought that always has been a conspicuous need of the school system, not only here but in all other American cities. He is one of the few men who can see over the heads of the crowd. He can see life whole, and he has never been afraid to tell of what he has seen and felt. For forty years he has been a humane educator who has a regard that increases steadily with the years, which some of the members of the Board of Education are pleased to call a detriment. A teacher by instinct, a man who gains by giving and who is content to find the reward of his labor in the memory of his pupils, he is an extremely rare phenomenon in these lively times.

No rules of routine should be permitted to force the retirement of such a man from his place in the public school system of this city. If rules made by the state Legislature are so inflexible as to make such an error possible, they should be fought by the Board of Education. Doctor Thompson might be retained in his present office. He might be made president emeritus of his school. He would be invaluable if he did not move than talk to the teaching staff now and then, and it is conceivable that the Board of Education itself would not be the worse for listening to an occasional lecture of his on any matter of contemporary interest. The schools and universities of America would be more closely in touch with their times if each had its own staff of professorial largesse, such as Doctor Thompson is qualified to talk occasionally to students and faculty of the issues which loom and vanish so swiftly nowadays as to dazzle and stagger minds not balanced by years and ardent experience with ancient and unchangeable truths. Teaching is not a profession in which any one can grow rich. For all his work Doctor Thompson is to be rewarded by dismissal if the retirement plan is carried out. Are we to suppose that such an example will serve to bring other gifted minds to the service of an institution that has grown almost hopelessly formal and uninspired because of a lack of them?

It having been demonstrated that after milk wagon tires delay half the time that some of the cans, nothing remains but to work like sixty till the cows come home. "All we have to do," shouts P. R. Hanging R. conductor to a group of "vacationists," "is to hang on until the 20th, when the days will bloom in their true light. 'Dark days, dark days.' Nothing to mix but metaphors!" A White Star steamship is being held in quarantine in Boston because the crew is not to be washed for inspection. Perhaps the fact that the saloon passengers were allowed to go ashore unwashed has something to do with it.

SHORT CUTS

Anthracite ought to be hard enough to stand pitiless publicity. It isn't so thundering hot at that when you don't think about it. The City Hall Guide will now have to content himself with being a philosopher. Director Tustin's report seems to indicate that the recreation centers are used exclusively by Germans. The ex-crown prince of Germany says he would like to live in America. Yeh, but how would America like it? Apparently anything can get a cheer in the third party convention but the constitution of the United States. One comforting thing about the third party platform is that nobody will have to live up to it—or down to it. Assiduous chroniclers of European events pause a while to discover whether the Pollard drive was ill-advised or a vision justified. The fact that Director Cortelyou thoroughly knows the job ahead of him is going to make things very disagreeable for those who offend or interfere. There is every evidence that the P. T. is doing more worrying than the Mayor, a circus which is not causing the general public any great amount of grief. If there were not already more laws than are good for us it might be well to have one providing that no person who lacks the ability to swim be permitted to step into a canoe. With the Republican governor of Vermont sticking up for state rights and the Democratic governor of Tennessee letting things go by the board, things political this year are assuredly topsy-turvy. Scant attention will be paid in this country to the fact that 8,000,000 bottles of wine are to be sold at one time in Paris. Those who are not not canals are foxes, with the traditional opinion concerning grapes. Meat in 100-pound lots is more than a cent a pound cheaper than in June, 1918, says a local packing official. And the Department of Agriculture says that the level of prices paid farmers for the crop increased 7.7 per cent during June. Now let somebody mention the facts to the butcher and the green grocer. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt fears there is a sinister influence back of Governor Clement's refusal to call a special session of the Vermont Legislature to ratify the suffrage amendment. If Mrs. Catt has any inside information giving grounds for such fears she ought to let them out. On the other hand, if Governor Clement gave a clear-cut and logical reason for his refusal, that, at least, must be conceded by fair-minded opponents. Kansas City has been conducting a health survey of its school and experimental work with a group of them, one of which had the greatest percentage of children 10 per cent under weight. Clinical and dental service was provided, health instruction given, and pure food being distributed to the individual needs of the children. Results surpassed expectations. In spite of adverse conditions and handicaps unremoved, Dr. Tilden made a gain of 18 per cent (the normal gain being 100 per cent). From which it would appear that not all the children needing our aid are in Europe. It may be that there are some right here in Philadelphia. We refuse to grow excited over the fact that a Wilmington landlord has served notice on a couple to vacate an apartment because a baby has been born here. We decline to believe that he is a callous product of a heartless commercial system that is undermining the social structure by putting the profit before the welfare of the individual. We are not sure that he is discouraging the growth of large families necessary to the well-being of re-blooded Americanism; that he is a fosterer of the cancer, race suicide, that is eating the heart out of our constitution. No sir! That landlord is nothing of the kind. He is at once a kindly philosopher, a wise political economist, a shrewd student of sociology. All he is doing is to set forth in terms all may understand that a flat is no place for a baby; that what a baby needs is a habitation large enough to permit him to grow; that he should be permitted to leave the whole world of out-of-doors to play in. Our landlord, therefore, is nothing more or less than a diagnostician who points out just what ails us. That he points out what is a painful one and one fraught with problems difficult for us to solve in no way discounts the value of the lesson he is teaching a careless civilization.

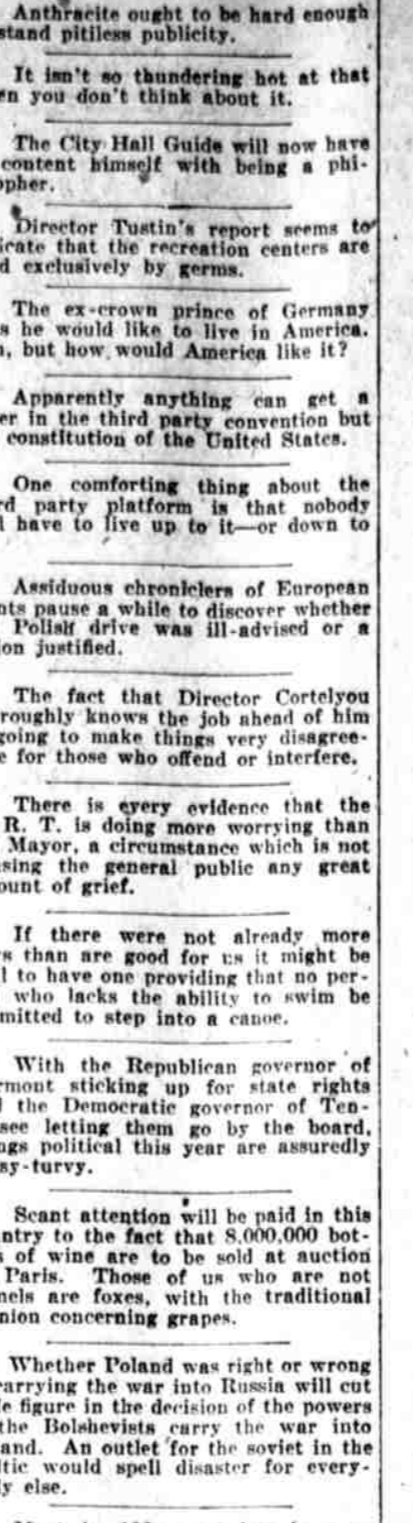
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Other cities have learned the same lesson. Tammany preserves intact its efficient organization, but has abolished very largely its marching legions and streamer bands. Clubs of the less elaborate sort are maintained, but merely as political meeting places. Just as the old volunteer fire engine houses, once the focal point of community politics, have gone down the long road, so the old-time leaders' clubs have followed them. Not that politics has grown less practical, but rather that prohibition has become more potent as one of the agencies of their destruction.

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Vocational Education has issued a call for city boys to work on farms during their school vacation. It is a chance for youngsters to do the patriotic and beautiful thing and to make money while so engaged.

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COURT OF APPEALS FOR TAXES URGED

Revision of War Revenue Acts Proposed at Convention of Kentucky Bar

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Henderson, Ky., July 14.—A circuit court of appeals for taxes should be established to meet needs for prompt judicial determination of the validity and effect of tax regulations of the Department of Internal Revenue, Robert N. Miller, former solicitor of internal revenue, declared in an address at the annual meeting of the Kentucky State Bar Association here today.

Revision of federal war revenue acts is needed to remove impositions on the taxpayer of unreasonable burdens, Mr. Miller said. "Beginning with the things which must be done, two propositions are clear," he added. "They are that retroactive tax legislation, however necessary in the war emergency, must utterly be abandoned, and that the tax burden must be distributed more equitably to remove an unfair stress on particular groups."

Doctors See New Device
Instrument for Treating Gall Bladder Diseases Demonstrated
Chicago, July 14.—(By A. P.)—A painless method of treating diseases of the gall bladder, which it was claimed would eliminate surgical operations in more than 50 per cent of such cases, has been perfected by Dr. Frank Smithies, associate professor of medicine in the University of Illinois. This announcement was made yesterday at the Augustana Hospital clinic, where Doctor Smithies demonstrated his new device.

Relief Work to Go On
Americans in Poland Instructed to Remain at Their Posts
Palo Alto, Calif., July 14.—(By A. P.)—Herbert C. Hoover has called Americans in charge of the relief campaign to remain at their posts in all those parts of Poland which the Bolsheviks may invade.

Great Destinies Seen
Japan is destined to be one of the great democratic nations of the world, with a government probably not unlike that of Great Britain, Doctor Schurman said. "She has no ambition in Asia which need alienate our friendship."

Consortium for China
Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., said that the Far Eastern consortium, extant for years, has been advanced at least "one stage nearer solution by reason of the assured formation of the consortium for China, with Japan entering into it on precisely the same terms as England, America and France. A better understanding of the question will be given the government themselves as well as to the banking houses entering into the consortium."

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