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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA
Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention:
The Delaware river bridge
A drydock big enough to accommodate the largest ship
Development of the rapid transit system

MORE ABOUT TROLLEYS
POLITICS and high finance make a dangerous combination.
When a politician becomes a financier you have the sort of deals that put the streets of Philadelphia under the control of men who have grown rich by taxing the public through the medium of trolley franchises for the privilege of riding in street cars.

PLIGHT OF THE TEACHERS
FRUSTRATED hopes are sometimes more painful than the bitterest realities. The failure of the Board of Education to float a loan enabling it to increase the pay of school teachers at this time is not merely a financial disappointment. The psychological effect is particularly unfortunate, since the underpaid educators of this city have for months been encouraged to believe that provision would be made for increased salaries.

GUERRILLA POLITICS
SO LONG as "thinkers and near-thinkers who like to call themselves advanced or liberal or progressive continue to scatter their fire and aim for the most part at one another, politics in the United States will properly be a business for conservatives.

A NEW PACE?
WARSAW, August 22.—The world that the morale of the Russian armies is poor, proves again that old habits of thought die hardest in central Europe. The day has passed when the test of a country was the morale of its armies. The morale of statesmen is what concerns the civilized world now.

of the allied councils. Only a true and lasting peace between the two peoples now in a costly and dangerous war will eliminate the possibility of intrigues between unregenerate elements in Russia and Germany.

HARDING PROMISES TO END ONE-MAN RULE
But His Declaration on the League of Nations is as Indefinite as That of the Platform

IT WILL be difficult for any believer in the League of Nations to find much comfort in Senator Harding's speech of acceptance. It is an unsatisfactory as the platform.
The senator voted consistently for the treaty with the Lodge reservations to the covenant, but he does not say that those reservations or that it ought to be ratified at all.

Does this mean that he would make a separate peace with Germany or does it mean the ratification of the Versailles treaty made in conjunction with the nations by the side of which we fought the war?
When read in conjunction with an earlier statement, the inference is fair that it means a separate peace as a preliminary to the consideration of other matters. Here is what he says on this:

There is no doubt that he will be called upon as the campaign progresses to explain himself at length and to make his position so clear that no one can be left in any uncertainty about it. He will er gravely unless he does tell us exactly where he stands.

As to the Wilson autocracy, Senator Harding was right. We have had one-man government ever since Mr. Wilson has been in Washington. Mr. Wilson has been the Democratic party. He had to be for anything was to be done, for the party left to itself could have accomplished nothing. It was divided in its views and was deficient in leadership. Mr. Wilson took it by the scruff of the neck, saying it a talking to and commanded it to obey orders. And it was meek enough to do as it was told.

He discussed many other matters in more or less detail, such as the enforcement of the prohibition laws, federal aid in restoring the railroads, col-

lective bargaining for farmers, fair pay for railroad workers and the high cost of living. In connection with the present high costs he wisely urged deflation of the currency in order that the dollar might regain its old purchasing power.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD IS HANDLING more baggage this summer than ever before in its history.

WATERWAY POSSIBILITIES
THERE is something more than mere rhetoric in the forecast by Senator Townsend, of Michigan, to the effect that "future historians will give the builders of a waterway connecting Great Lakes to the Atlantic an equal place in history with the inventors of steam railroads and steamboats."

UNBELIEF AND THE LAW
ANDREW J. VOLSTEAD, of Grand Rapids, has been called a variety of names by certain classes in the nation, but it appears, in Minnesota at least, that there is at least one ascription with which he cannot be weighted.

A BUMPER HOME CROP
A NOTE of cheer at a time when heartening realities gleam with the fitful flicker of "a good deed in a naughty world" is sounded by Doctor Rasmussen, the state secretary of agriculture, who forecasts that the field crops of Pennsylvania this summer will be impressively bounteous. Estimates based on reports up to July 1 suggest that the yield of corn and wheat will decidedly exceed the averages maintained for the last five years.

THE TIME IS OUT OF JOINT
A Nautical Jingle
THE ship stood on the burning deck. The feat was not sublime. Because he knew that he'd pull through with the corrected time.

IT is that of frequent comment on the filling of physicians' prescriptions by putting in anything that the business of a modern drug store. They are in reality, department stores in which stationery, tobacco and cigars, sewing machines, electrical goods, glass and chinaware, pictures, engravings and other articles are offered for sale.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN
In Baggage Handled by the Pennsylvania Railroad—Efficiency the Watchword Everywhere.

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN
The Pennsylvania Railroad is handling more baggage this summer than ever before in its history. W. F. McPhail, general baggage agent, tells me that at Broad Street Station the incoming and outgoing personal baggage, meaning that which is handled in connection with passengers, averages daily between 4000 and 5000 tons. New York these figures are doubled.

MR. McPHAIL has a record of forty years' service with the company. He is thoroughly familiar with the detail and history of the department under his charge. The improved condition in baggage handling, he says, is due to the esprit de corps of the employees. Many of the experienced men who entered the service have returned to their old positions, replacing those temporarily employed who were more or less unfamiliar with the work.

WELL-MANAGED railroads today are guided by two great principles—safety first and efficiency. They are really interlocking in their practical application. Efficiency is the keynote of corporate management.

THEIR includes devices and schemes for protection against loss by fraud or carelessness. Nowhere is this becoming more general than in banking institutions, and as a result the opportunities of the crook and swindler are being proportionately circumscribed.

How Clever "Why," said the "Buffeur," "is Governor Cox like an April day?" And the man who was working the gasoline pump answered with a tremor and averred that Governor Cox is like an April day because you never can tell from one minute to another whether he will be wet or dry.

SHORT CUTS
Wonder how Erwin likes army life as far as he's got?

The Park trolley evidently don't share Mr. Mitten's passionate fondness for a five-cent fare. Those who know exactly how it happened will now proceed to strain their throats hysterically.

THE more we know we've got to pay that \$600,000,000, perhaps it would be well for the Interstate Commerce Commission to let us know the worst at once. Enormous hay and fodder crops have been raised in the West. With adequate transportation facilities, old High Cost of Living would soon get his deathblow.

THE New York Sun speaks of the covenant in the League of Nations as an empty jest. Another eminent satirist once spoke of a solemn treaty as a scrap of paper. The world has long ago decided its verdict on the characterization.

THEIR is a tempting field. It is hard to get away from the league and Palmer. It is going to be hard for Cox to make an appeal to progressive voters without disavowing Palmer, the most reactionary attorney general the country ever had.

AND Palmer is something more than a reactionary. The Kenyon committee of the Senate, investigating campaign funds, barely touched the Palmer campaign before it raised a scandal—the relation of Palmer's campaign manager, Carlin, to persons who might be prosecuted by the attorney general for attempts to defraud the government.

WHEN THEY MIGHT BE GETTING SOMEWHERE



HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

THE Republicans are going to devote all their energies to keeping Wilsonism before the country as the issue. Governor Cox and his board of political strategy will expend all their political ingenuity in getting away from the Wilson issue and moving the mind of the voters to other questions, in spite of the fact that his own platform ties him to the Wilson administration and in spite of the danger of offending the President and his followers.

THE country would have the daily spectacle of Wilson's relations with Congress. It would have the daily reminder of Wilson's obstinacy on the treaty.

THE question is whether he can, whether the stimulus of his big opportunity will lift this local politician up to the point where he can transcend the imagination of the whole country.

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THE present owner of the Venus of Milo is the French Government. The famous statue is one of the treasures of the Louvre Museum in Paris.

The Miller of the Dees

THERE dwelt a miller, hale and bold, Beside the River Dees; He wrought and sang from morn till night, No lark more blithe than he; "I envy no man, no, not I, And no one envies me!" "Thou'rt wrong, my friend!" said old King Hal, "As wrong as wrong can be; For could my heart be light as thine, I'd gladly change with thee. And tell me now what makes thee sing, With voice so loud and free, While I am sad though I am king, Beside the River Dees?"

THE MILLER smiled and doffed his cap: "I love my wife, I love my friend, I love my children three, I owe no one I cannot pay, I thank the River Dees for that, That turns the mill that grinds a corn To feed my babes and me."

THE PALMER 1214 MARKET STREET 10 A. M. TO 11 P. M. CONSTANCE TALMADGE "IN SEARCH OF A SINNER" N. W. - D. W. Grimm's "IDOL DANCER"

THE COURAGE OF MARGE O'DOONE By JAMES HENRY AND STIMPSON Next Week—CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG "FOR THE SOUL OF RAFAEL"

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CROSS KEYS BOTH A MARKET "WHOSE 'BUDDS OF 1920'" BROADWAY Broad & Snyder A. 2:30, 6:45 & 9 P. M. "THE LOVE NOTE" MILDRED COMBER CHESTNUT ST. OPERA HOUSE DAILY, 2:30, 7 & 9 P. M. prices, Mat., 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00

THE FORTUNE TELLER STARTING TONIGHT MARJORIE RAMBEAU Beg. Monday "The Love Story of the Day" AUG. 2nd "RAMONA" By Helen Hunt Jackson

EATH'S HARRY FOX and Five Fascinating Belles Guiran & Marguerite in a New Dance Revue Marcella Monaghan, J. Raymond Johnson & Co., Dillan & Parker, Others

WILLOW GROVE PARK LAST TWO DAYS TODAY: Four Superb Musical Programs Dine at the Casino between Afternoon and Evening Concerts Tomorrow—KNIGHTS' TEMPLAR Day—Jazz Sports—COLUMBIAN Day—Jazz Concert by Columbia Day

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. For how many years was Eugenie empress of the French? 2. What is cobalt? 3. Where is Mandalay? 4. What are the two main divisions of the human brain? 5. How high is the rock of Gibraltar? 6. Name a great republic which disposes with a vice president? 7. What is the pronunciation of the word "sough" and what does it mean? 8. Who defaced the statue of the Centennial Army in the American Museum of Natural History? 9. What is the capital of the new republic of Czechoslovakia? 10. What is the capital of the new republic of Czechoslovakia?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. The full name of Volstead, after whom the prohibition enforcement act is named, is Andrew. He comes from Granite Falls, Minn. 2. Railroad construction in America may be said to have begun in the year 1825. 3. The present owner of the Venus of Milo is the French Government. The famous statue is one of the treasures of the Louvre Museum in Paris. 4. William T. Hilt, of Philadelphia, is the holder of the world's championship title for tennis. 5. Elias Howe invented the sewing machine. 6. "Eugie" in such names as Fitzjames and Fitzpatrick, is of Fitzjames French for "the son of James." Fitzjames means literally the son of James. 7. A triangle is a certain rod, a supporting rod for a canopy or bedstead. 8. The musical term "allegro" means lively, gay. 9. An American citizen must be thirty years of age before he can be elected a United States senator. 10. Five Presidents of the United States were elected from New York. They were Martin Van Buren, Millard Fillmore, Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland and Theodore Roosevelt.