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

COAL AND VACATIONS
DISPATCHES from the anthracite regions today indicate that the demonstration of miners which some people called a vacation and which the men themselves described as a strike is coming to a peaceful end.

THE SHERIFF KNOWS
IT WAS odd but inevitable that the first official suggestion for a special session of the state Legislature to deal with the general problem of the house shortage should come from Sheriff Lambertson.

NOW CLEAN THE STREETS
WITH the approval of the Mayor of a new plan of street cleaning in which the well-being of contractors is not the first consideration, the time seems to have arrived when this branch of the municipal service may be viewed in a rational light.

NEMESIS
"Murder, though it 'tish no tongue, Will speak with most miraculous organs"

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either hide his identity or eliminate all traces of his guilt. A thousand unconsidered things blind him to the place and the crime. What yesterday was a bit of noise or a scrap of paper at the wind today becomes a shout of accusation in the ears of the community.

IS A NEW ORDER EVOLVING FROM A QUIETER EUROPE?
Evidences of Material Recovery and the Failure of Bolshevism Suggest, Without Definitely Defining, the Upward Drive

EUROPE is puzzling to the professional prophets. Aside from the relief to less assertive human specimens—happily in the majority—the situation is wholesome for what it lacks.

As every aftermath of armed conflict has been throughout history, the period which may be roughly dated from November, 1918, to August, 1920, was one largely of fever in thought and paralysis of action.

But if, for the time being, war in its subjective aspect is simply peace in all but an overwhelmingly complicated, it was an ancient and enduring misconception of its nature which provoked the anguish of disillusionment over the nonfulfillment of theoretically estimable ideals.

It is, however, the height of fallacy to derive from this series of disillusionments but in economic, social or political stagnation. When the Napoleonic wars ended there were in Europe momentarily powerful forces which openly championed the status quo of a preceding generation.

After a quarter of a century of nearly continuous strife there was naturally deep prostration of spirit among European peoples. Self-constituted clairvoyants dismally refused to proffer forecasts of recovery.

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Factories have been reopened, commerce has revived. There is employment for a large and compact industrial population.

THE REAWAKENING of industrial and commercial enterprise followed the armistice in Great Britain more swiftly than in any other European nation. It is her competition rather than her trials which is now of particular interest to outsiders.

IN material affairs, therefore, it may be said without undue optimism that Europe is regaining health. It is the political and social movements, however, upon which American attention has been largely focused and upon which some judgment based on facts can at last be passed.

BOLEHEVISM as a world code has undoubtedly failed. With the best of intentions to see its bright side the British labor delegation, after the most exceptional opportunities for observation, is forced in its official report to the conclusion that "personal freedom together with freedom of speech is severely repressed."

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THE YEARS OF LIFE

The Chances for a Green Old Age for Most Men—Fitzhugh Lee's Last Public Utterance Was to a Pennsylvanian

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
COLONEL EDWIN C. COLE, of Pottsville, like most statisticians who have to do with mortality tables, tentatively expresses the opinion that the average of human life is growing longer.

Advancements in the modern practice of medicine, the vast strides in hygiene and the infinite number of preventive measures that have been designed to ward off disease and prolong human life are responsible, Colonel Cole believes, for the increased longevity of the highly civilized human.

"The average person would be astounded to know how many individuals reach and pass the three-score mark," said Colonel Cole, "although it is a fact that after the tenth year the rate of mortality is constantly increasing."

At this point Colonel Cole delivers a prodigious wallop at an age-old and popular superstition, he says. "There has long been a popular idea that there was a dangerous age, somewhere around forty-five, and if this was once passed one was likely to live at least into the sixties."

THE question of the average duration of human life is no longer surmise. It is a science. More than that; it is an exact science on the basis of whose established billions of dollars are invested.

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ON THE TRAIL OF THE SNAKE



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

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SHORT CUTS

Hay feverites have their Thanksgiving in October. The only hyphenated Americans worth while are the submarine boats. Add Valuable Crops—That of the Davenport, Ia., chicken that swallowed a \$800 diamond. Let us hope the school teachers will have the extra money in time to justify Thanksgiving. In the matter of the pension fund, it is up to the public to help the police who may not help themselves. What is needed now to save the face of the inequitable is a campaign for the wearing of last year's overcoat. Prices are dropping, says Washington. The nature of the road reaction depends on whether he buys or sells. Nicknames help, of course, but the governor of Ohio cannot seriously expect to jimmy his way into the White House. The trouble with most Reds is that it is up to the public to help the police who may not help themselves. One scriptural injunction Governor Cot follows. Whenever he views Republican campaign figures he increases and multiplies. The poet Longfellow, perhaps, had been scanning an "amicable ejection" when he wrote "things are not always what they seem." The more skeptical will be willing to admit that a horseshoe is lucky if it gives a clue to the identity of the Wall street bomb fiend. Wonder if some of the candidates haven't been taking too seriously the street-car adjudication, "Don't Stand Upon the Platform"? A Los Angeles man has paid \$750 for a Sioux City goat. But one may get a Los Angeles man's goat any time by simply mentioning earthquakes. Sheriff Lambertson's board is designed to let landlors know what they think of each other without actually becoming discourteous. The auto bandits who robbed two Osh Lane men of \$420 and then gave one of them a penny had queer ideas of what constitutes "discount for cash." Secretary Baker's speech in Waterloo, Ia., serves to suggest to us that Mr. Wilson may be known to posterity as the heavy-weight President with a lightweight cabinet. Chief Flynn is presumably satisfied that the warning "printed in red ink on rough paper" has an anarchistic source and is not a clumsy frame-up by some sensation-monger. One of the problems with which the Mayor has to deal is the possibility or otherwise of turning a den of iniquity into a respectable dwelling; and the fate of some city property hinges on the answer. Investigators will proceed on the hypothesis that if Flicher can gather out the other, by a wireless of his own, information foretelling a disaster it isn't too much to expect that he will collect, by the same route, some data concerning the identity of the authors. How little the memory is to be depended upon, and how scant the powers of observation of the average citizen, are evidenced by the results of the efforts of the New York police to get a description of the car supposed to have held the bomb that tore up Wall street. Six warnings of what was going to happen to Wall street were received and acted upon. Before mounting over the fact and giving way to criticism, let us remember that the nuts we have always with us and that if all their communications were used nobody would have any time for anything else.