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A STRAIGHTFORWARD RULING

YN CLOSING the cushbox formerly open at the Sanday concerts in the Academy of the Fine Arts, Mayor Moore has adhered to a safe principle. He has enforced the

The wisdom of unwisdom of the not the merit of the concerts, the difficulty of linance ing them are questions apart from that on which Mr. Moore has fixed his attention. The unpopularity of any law can never be made effective until it is enforced.

John H. Ingham, a member of the committee in charge of the concerts, is not to be doubted when he declares that the \$45 of average voluntary contributions is insufficient to finance the entertainments. A generous and cultured public spirit manifested by the promoters is unquestionably the chief

It would be deeply regretted should the enterprise he seriously crippled by the ruling. But should it be deemed necessary, the can only be applied at the root of the diffi

THE QUORUM QUANDARY

THE nation, according to Vice President Marshall, needs most of all a good fivecent cigar. Philadelphians while not in clined perhaps to dispute his assertion in the general sense, cannot but feel, if they stop to think for a moment, that a different cure is required for certain local afflictions. There is a character in Through the Looking Glass" who deployes the impossiof catching a bander-match. For bandersnatch in this community rend

That clusive instrument of progress on public works and enterprises has buffled the Board of Public Education repeatedly, Nobody could find one anywhere when the Delaware Bridge Commission tried to neet resterday

In consequence, two months, they coming to this body's employees is held in for two months and the contracts for river berings | ing impression that it isn't decent. Rich are unawarded. On three spreasive occasions the commission has falled to function through a lack of a working representation | tience, their open-heartedness and their wise

Anybody who will get an the grail of stray quorums for quorax will contribute mightly | ought to be all through the year to removing the blight attacking in many

LIBERATING THE CATHEDRAL

TAXPAYERS says and process against raised against construction of a magnificant a new Protestant Episcopei est often church nity. Observed oners only a reserve regarded course, because cultures have not forgotten somewhat in the light of the inter-sale or how to hope and believe. However out to a imingries At is ensemign norman unusis tent aga

conventional appear is supplied for the passed. Judge Standon Lie all-massed the

Fortunately the true calling is not enable. probable can well as the same and a sum of this found that they couldn't count the somest within a reasonable man. I summer than the same at the same

A WAY TO STOP STRIKES THE conference between a confiner of Permanentaria Ramon Company

representatives of the manual garage the this week was mark that the provisions at the Lat-The law process are a constraint that whall have sorted a constraint and the provides for regional super-mode up of representatives of the constraint of their representative and for an inner and of their employes, those distributions to examine into all gravances and to retain the to examine to remove those. If there is her agreement or if the award is not existence, extremely an example of the award is the general interference and may appear to the general interference that the regional of level adjustment to and or committee that the all adjustment was enthan According to the theory of the according to the theory of the according way for adjusting generaless. If the imployers and employees used to nearly a getter around a table to decrease the sixthetic, it was believed to the appear of the according to the collection of the according to the state of the entry of the according to the collection of the entry of the according to the collection of the entry of the according to the collection of the entry of tion, it was beloved that the survey of the moved, the new or the employees could be led to adjust themselves symbologic to a condition which they did not like in the hope that the difficulties might be removed in the

this conference between the difficulty of the Pennsylvania system and representatives of characterized it as care or in that it was the first time that the company had called the representatives of its men into conference Hitherto what conferences have been held have been at the solicitation of the men who wished increased wages or readjustment of

the working conditions The new plan will work out satisfactorily if both parties to it enter negotiations in good faith with a sincere desire to reach an agreement. Many labor troubles have arisen in the past because there was lack of con-Lidence between the employers and the men-

The men have thought that their employers were treating them unfairly and the em-ployers have been convinced that the men were indifferent to everything but their own private interests. If there is to be industrial prace there must be a disposition on both sides to give as well as to take. There will be no need for anti-strike legislation when this disposition is general, for then all differences can be settled amicably without interruption in business.

CHRISTMAS: A MIRACLE OF THE FORGOTTEN MORAL LAW

Once Every Year, Despite All That the World Can Do, It Knows One Day of Peace

THE Man Who Doesn't Believe in Christmas is as familiar a type, ordinarily, as the man who doesn't believe that the nations of the earth can ever be pacified and taught to live together in reason and friendliness, He can have faith in the tariff or in his political party or in his bank. But Christmas is not for him. He will tell you flercely that an ironic world, blinded and bewildered by its batreds and aching with innumerable wounds, has had to wait too long for the fulfillment of the Promise.

The mood of fron pessimism will grip him until a day or two before Christmas. Then e melts and goes forth to spend money with both hands, to buy clothes for children and food for the hungry and foolish and elegant things for his friends-and, if he be an ultra-modern among millionaires, a la vallière of precious stones for the cook. The magic housand years before Dickens tried to analyze it descends quietly upon him

It descends on everybody like a thing out of the skies. If you wish to try an interesting experiment, you will find it almost imossible to get yourself arrested today or Traffic policemen will be for hearing. Their patience will have a fine, an almost mystical quality. If you should happen to be arrested, the magistrate probably would send you home and beg you to behave-unless you were proved to be extraordinarily mean.

For a day or two the statesmen of Europe will not talk as if they had been drinking heavily. Governments will not wave their fists in the faces of other governments. Lights will shine. Family differences-and they can be as deep and dark as any of the differences that separate proud nations-will bridged. Cousins will seem tolerable or ctually charming. Limousines, all silk and silver, will trumile up and down dark alleys, and ladies and gentlemen will get out of them to climb to the places where the baked meats of charity are warmed on oil stoves, and bey will press clumps of money into the mands of astounded babes. People do not always know why they do these things once a fear. But there is a reason for it

Christmas is a lucid interval that is sent or a benediction upon an irrational world, is fixed and assured by the calendar, by most deeply cherished traditions of civization and by hopes and resolutions that ever are absent from the human mind, though they are often absoured under neumulated debris.

It is in the light of the unplication of ase days that things done and left undone y men and states always will be finally assessed and judged. The standards are fixed and they are permanent, and once a year we have to sit down and consider and accept them. So people hurl money around us if they were unde suddenly aware of its comparative uselessness. Politicians stop lying about each other. They have a fleet men sit down with the poor and go away wondering whether the poor, with their pa

tenderness, are not, after all, the rich Life becomes for a little while what it

There are many Wise Men still in the world, and they are not afraid to centure after the signs and omens recented to them having to obtain food to save the lives of about 3 mm,000 children in lands virtually outlanded by the larger part of the world, he

Constants is a time for Hildren how to hope and believe. However put up a great tree, and on the tree he had many herisands of small electric lumps fixed, and which the crowds guillered to see what they countd see all those Brune were suddenly thirteen such tions, in strong closes of a lighted so that the heavy green branches familiar and perufogging variety with the secured suddenly powdered with white and been filed against the assumentation of the project. The sharter for the carneging has lighted so that the heavy green branches and given their damey were fold that each a young life that find been saved from extinguishment by ranger. People who saw not the found that they couldn't count the

The 1 grades of many who went to see House of Corstanes tree lines leaped up a unit in the same of the last of the same leaped up a line of the same of the same of the same and the same of the same of the same and the same of the same There's the same recent respecting read in the state of something read in the state of times before Mr. Shaw and the higher criticism it was about a could man who did to see the state of the same than the same of the same

read to Primineria, and a great light substimi may, seems to belong as much To future as to the past, and to have and as of the Man who came to lead men n the way that they should go. Saul, who persecuted then me?"
Why, indeed? While the little camps

crited crimindativity rate people who could est count them realized that enough people mad been killed that there had been enough affering among the innovent. The road to people are traveling I today - in limousing and on foot It is traveled by lonesome men with gods on their shoulders. It will be news to a good many Americans to know seen giving up their pay to make Christmas larger for the furiorn little children whose farmers once used to try to kill them.

The reads great men of this world believe a Caractume. They do a great deal more They try to live and art as if the moods and obligations of this particular season were the only ones worthy of respect at all times. Like Paul, they never weary of turning out their hands to the hurrying and heedless and districted multitudes even when the multi-tudes disdain them. They, too, are ambassadors in chains. The chains that weigh heavily upon them are landmered out by the people in whose behalf they cheerfully endure ignorately missinderstanding, loneliness

Their Christmases are not always merry But you need test wish them a happy new year. All their years are happy;

In a little time the bright miracle will have passed. Money will seem very valuable again. The Man Who Doesn't Believe in Christmas will feel that he was right in refusing to believe in it. The clamor will be resumed in the capitals of the world at the point where it ended yesterday. Limousines will stick to the asphalt and it will be easy to get arrested and ministers of state will bellow angrily at each other across mountains and occans and the world will again grumble about its wounds, its debts and its heavy burdens and wonder why all

these things should be. It will not remember, of course, that the answer to all its questionings was plainly stated two thousand years ago and that it still stubbornly refuses to try the one method that could bring the peace it seeks. Nor will it remember that it has just witnessed recurrence of the annual miracle that seems to be willed as proof that war and peace are alike made, not by governments, but in the hearts of men.

There is peace now. You will find it everywhere - gren between bitter enemies Because it is the sort of peace that confermees of statesmen cannot make, people in desolated lands will hope again and have courage. Forsaken homes will be revisited after long journeys. Little houses in the New England snows or far from all familiar reads will show their lights to guide the wanderers back again. All life falls sudlenly into forms which reveal the fine slmplicity and wholesomeness of human nature elieved momentarily from the press of false cliefs and foolish desires.

The rule of existence that can so comfort whole world is no secret. It is uttered a thousand times a day by men who cannot get others to listen to them. It has been translated into every language. Yet there is only one day in every year when all people accept it wholly and without question.

BRAZILIAN BOUQUETS THE cordiality with which Secretary Colby l has been received in Rio de Janeiro was to have been expected. For nearly a hundred years the United States has had no stancher friend in South America than Brazil, and none of her sister republics has accepted the explicit meaning of the Monroe Doctrine with less criticism and with more men favor.

It is perhaps typical of human nature that he chief beneficiaries of the Monroe Dectrine have sometimes betrayed a tendency to question its validity and to misconceive its simple significance.

The theory of America (in the governmental sense) for Americans, which is the basis of the principles enunciated by James Monroe in his presidential message of 1823. was primarily expressed as a warning to the Holy Alliance of Russia, Austria and Prussia. These nations, banded together in a lengue against liberalism, viewed with exreme disfavor the success of the Spanish possessions in America in their wars of inependence. It was first of all to safeguard e new republies that the most celebrated of American foreign policies was formulated.

The case, save rather indirectly, did not nvolve Brazil. The origin of that nation is inique, since it presents the only instance on record of a colony becoming the head of its own mother country. This in effect was what happened when the conquests of Na poleon drove the Portuguese royal family to Brazil in 1807.

Dynastic and other quarrels culminated in the very year of the publication of the Monroe Destrine in the independence of the largest South American nation under an emperor of that same house of Braganza which possessed the Portuguese crown.

Since it was not so much to protect Spain as to check the progress of democracy that the Holy Alliance was formed. Europe on the whole adopted a noninterference policy concerning Brazilian-Portuguese disputes. Old World reactionaries were not seriously disturbed by the creation of an independent mpire on the American continent. In fact, desire for something more of the same thing ed to the disastrous attempt to maintain the Hapsburg Maximilian upon a Mexican

When Brazil turned republican bloodlessly and effectively, in 1889, the nation was sufficiently developed and sufficiently power-

The compliments paid by Senator Alfrede Ellis to the Monroe Doctrine when Mr. Calby landed on Brazilian soil the other day were therefore conceived in a spirit of dispassionate detachment. Of Brazilian sin there can be no question. But Mon roe Doctrine enthusiasm in Rio de Janeiro a not in any sense payment for past favors The sensitiveness of men or nations from

om grafitude is due is usually extreme This explains in part the necessity for applying the utmost delicacy in our relations. with the Spanish-speaking countries of this semisphere. Several of them, moreover, are now well beyond the stage in which the proto tion of a great neighbor cap be called Decressit

The friendship which Mr. Colby's travels are intended to foster must be free from the least hint of condescension to be fruitful The path of diplomatic roses trod at Ric is not an accurate indication of the complexities involved in the rest of his mission.

WHAT KNOX TALK MEANS

WE ARE indebted to the New York Herald for the report that Governor Sproul, while he was in Marion, urged the President elect to appoint Senator Knox to the Who ther the report has any basis in fact

we do not know, but it is not difficult to believe that the Governor would like to have an opportunity to appoint a successor to Mr. Knex in the Senate at the beginning of a Republican administration in Wash agion Senator Knox does not trouble him of with the affairs of practical politics, He leaves all that to Senator Penrose, long as Mr. Knox remains in the Senate Mr. Penrose will be the chief, if not the only distributor of national patronage in this

If Mr. Knox should enter the cabinet it is generally believed that the Governor would appoint as his successor in the Senate Wiliam E. Crow, of Uniontown, chairman of the Republican state committee. Now Mr. Crow is a practical politician who has amhitions of his own to be something more than an echo of the senior senator. should go to Washington he would insist on his share of federal patronage and Mr. Penrose would not have everything his own

Those who keep the local political situation in mind will be able to give to Marion reports about Senator Knox and the subject such weight as they deserve.

THE FARCE GOES ON

FPHE Fordney emergency tariff bill, which I was introduced in the House on Monday, was passed on Wednesday by a majority of 110. The vote was 196 to 86, And yet the House complains of senstorial trespass on its constitutional prerogative to frame revenue bills! The passage of a tariff bill levying duties on a score or more of agricultural products with only three days between its introduction and its adop tion is a surrender to the Senate of the function of tariff making.

The bill is a political sop to the farmers. The ways were greased for it. Now that the House has done its part it can tell the farmers that pressure of other business in the Senate unde it difficult if not impossible to bring the bill to a vote there. It is improbable that the Senate will take the measure seriously. There may be some attempt to play politics with it, but it is unthinkable that the senators will bring it to a vote. What financial legislation is passed must be the result of careful study of the situation and a detailed discussion of the merits of each specific proposition. The real work will begin after March 4, when there is a man in the White House in sympathy with the plans of the majority & Congress.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

How the Boss of the Limousines Lords It Over Those Who Occupy the Seats of the Mighty

By SARAH D. LOWRIE I DO not ordinarily sit in the "seats of the mighty"—boxes or parquet—when I go

to the opera, nor do I generally belong to the "carriage folk," but the other night for "Mefistofele" I did both, being a guest.

I was aware for the first time how well I was aware for the first time now went the applause sounds to a sitter in the parquet from the two upper galleries. It sounds so discriminating, for it comes quite irrespective of the applause from the parquet and for quite other artists.

I was interested at the grumbling over the discomfort of the seats in the parquet. do not know whether there is really less I do not know whether there is really less space per person there than in the uppermost galleries, but it is decidedly cooler and has no pitch, and I think the space for a long-legged person is probably just as cramped. As there is less "visiting" in the upper galleries, there is, of course, also less scraping in and out past the end persons, who late to rise sons, who hate to rise.

Why do end persons hate to rise? They must know when they choose their sents that they will have to!

they will have to!
On the whole the gallery seats are not nearly so comfortable, but no one grumbles about discomfort. It is only when a thing is badly done on the stage that there is real grumbling. Then it sounds like the parquet. But it is the getting away from the opera when you are "carriage folk"—i. e., limousine folk—that is the real adventure. I never could have had that experience if I had not been a guest in the "seats of the had not been a guest in the "seats of the mighty." The first and second opera, when I was there in the usual way, when I wanted to go home I just walked out! But that is not the way it is done by the parquet and boxes. and boxes. Let me tell you how the high ceremony

of leaving by a limousine is managed IN A REMOTE corner of the entrance hall of the Academy there is arranged a sort of platform, upon which stands the god of the limousines. He is a very tall, broad African, with a face that has some significant marking upon the nose, forehead and

Attached to his left ear is a metal phone and to his lips an adjustable speaking tube. In his right hand he holds a very bent

megaphone.

Proud men and beautiful ladies press about his throne and adjure him—he does not even glance at them. Trembling oldish ladies hold out little white disks for him to glance at. He does not remove his eyes from the unseen distance. Aged clubmen whisper their would be lucky numbers into his ear by climbing up a step or two of the broad stairway and leaning over his stalwart back. He makes no sign. Moments pass: the crowd presses prayerfully about him, beautiful perfumes rise from the press, lovely combinations of color surge up in lovely combinations of color surge up is waves, perfectly arranged coffures mass and confront him, he mutters into his tube in a low, continuous murmur, as though he were alone by the sea communing with nature.

TEN minutes pass. Fifteen. To any one TEN minutes pass. Fifteen. To any one entering that stately hall and seeing that raised African figure with its immovable sinister face and moving, inarticulate lips, fawned upon by a swaying crowd of worried, immaculately dressed, beseching men and women, the sight could only admit of one explanation, a new religious cult at worship! Then suddenly without warning he began to emit numbers. At first haltingly and far apart, like an unwilling outja board, and then with fewer intervals of dreariness.

As each number was called one or another darted from the assemblage out into the night.

night.

When our own number was called—"326 Sta—chon 4 Brod Strit"—I discovered the meaning of the darting motion. If you did not get to Station 4, Broad street, by a flying leap your limeusine would have come and gone. For, though the street was a new porter, the police waved empty as a new pocket, the police waved all ownerless motors out of their sight withmercy or stay.

I was on the stair a little out of the wind when that No. 326 was bawled by the god on the platform. My hostess had a twenty-foot start on me. I caught up with her ar the door. But I did it by treading on a Biddle, and jostling against a Cadwalader, and sprending have among less-storied urns. More than one of them gave me what night be called "one look."

But I judge that all but the last dozen made just such exits from that sanctuary

A PART from the satisfaction of seeing Broad street swept and garnished like a

billiard table, empty as a church between services. I do not know what there is in it for the police force except, of course, a sense of power. But for that colored man with the battered meganhone, it is indigment day anticipated! It is one wild nightmare of power come true! Any white man would go delirious under the intoxicating dreft of heady notency. Not so the African! His is the dignity of one

Hounds at Master's Funeral

A novel ceremony was performed at the funeral of the late William Selby-Lowndes, who for twenty five years was master of the Whaddon Chase Hunt. During the service twenty-one couples of the original pack of bounds stood at the churchyand gate, and hounds stood at the churchyard gate, and when the ensket containing their late mas-ter's ashes had been lowered into their last resting place the dogs filed past the flower

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

Where and what is the Leonine City What is the meaning of the Scotch word Name three generals prominent in the War of 1812

Who created the character of Sir Giles Overreach?

5. In what century did Sir Isaac Newton, 6. Who wrote the music of the opera

7 What part of a ship is the forecastle? Who was the only President of the United States who was elected, then de-feated four years later, and then, after four more years, re-elected.

s When did the Russo-Japanese war break to What is the name given to the sung apparent path among the stars

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

on dest ye, merry gentlemen, is the common form of the opening of the well-known Christmas carol. It is asserted by some, however, that the line should be punctuated as follows. "God lest you merry, gentlemen." This contention is based on the fact that "God rest ye merry" was an established old English phrase.

Tamerlane or Timur was a Tartar ruler who conquered Persia, central Asia and a great part of India. His capital was Samarcand in Turkestan. His dates are 1333-1405.

The sea was the dominion of the Greek no ser was the dominion of the Greek god Poseldon. A similar delty was called Neptune by the Romans In the famous engagement in the American Revolution between his ship the Bonhomme Richard and the British wasse Serapis, John Paul Jones, when alied upon to currender, cried out "We have only just begun to fight." Only one king of England was named John. He ruled from 1199 to 1216,

6 The "Ningara of Brazil" is the great at-aract of Paulo Affonso on the Sao Francisco river. he gospels of Matthew and John are attributed to original disciples of Jesus. "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore," "La Travi-ata" and "Aida" are operas by Verdi. The middle Atlantic region was the first to express official approval of the United States Constitution. The first state Jo-ratify was Delaware, followed by Penn-vania and New Jersey.

10. The Rubleon is a small river in Italy near



sult that he is getting more for his money than he did.

Americans Are Resourceful

"The people of this country are fairly resourceful and adaptable to changing conditions. Finding that they cannot have everything they want, they simply do without them, and do so without seeming to upset their emilibries."

The country has reached a point where is overindustrialized. We produce more

than we can possibly consume or find a market for. This has resulted periodically

in business depressions. So if the ultimate

he can bring about an adjustment that will

make the country better balanced in the

would not spell rain for our industrial con-cerns either, as they have from time to time shown remarkable adaptability in fitting

their productive resources to meet changing conditions. Thus have I known many con-

usiness on occasion without materially af

ecting their progress or their effectiveness

Similarly, the American worker has shown a similar intelligence and adaptability to

Christmas Giving

For every joy the months have brought,

Give, and through giving comfort and,

Courage of heart and peace of mind :

And for each bend in sad, or sweet,

Or poignant memory)
Give, in the little Christ-child's name,

Who loy to bring all children came! - Mazie V. Caruthers, in N. Y. Times

With five charges against him, a young

With five charges against him, a young main in a New York count said he'd "draw a card" and plead guilty to the indictment on it. One can understand his point of view, the point of view of a reckless, bitter mind. But it is somewhat more difficult to reconcile oneself to the mental attitude of the district attorney who fell in with the

the district attorney who fell in with the suggestion and permitted him to "draw one"—which proved to be the most severe

of the five and meant ten years in prison

Doubtless the attorney thought he was doing the sporty thing. Perhaps he was. But it will be hard to convince that boy that he is

As he will see it, he was simply taking

nance and lost out. That, too, is "sporty,

A young man said to have several alliases has been arrested for trying to sell a revolver to a pawnbroker. This, of course, is as it should be. A young man with several aliases should be forced to keep any

gun he happens to have in his possession. He never can tell when he may need it, with so many honest people wandering around with money in their pockets. But the

chances are that the young man with several

llinses is not a bandit. An honest-to-good-

ness bandit is never without his gat-and if

he wants to buy one from a pawnbroker not

A lady has written to Mr. Harding pointing out that "Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson had clean records," and urging him to cut out tobacco. "Is this not," che asks, "a matter of grave importance?" Perhaps, perhaps, and then again it may be just plain

A lady has written to Mr. Harding

The information that mermaid sleuths

are to capture mashers at Atlantic City next

season confirms the conviction that press

The vote on the tariff bill afforded another instance of the fact that self-interest

and political exigencies are erasers that wipe out party lines.

agents never take any vacation.

a copper in the world will say him may.

only selling one that is dangerous

ing justly punished for breaking the law.

A young mun said to have several

For love and home and family, For life's fair primrose way

If sorrow holds its bitter cup Your shrinking lips to press,

Or fear, or loneliness-

Your Christmas rosary-

If grief walks near for company

Make then of sorrow and of joy

In thanks for happiness and ease

erns to completely change their line

productive field and make these periods depression less frequent and severe. T

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market for.

NO HOLD-UP HERE

NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

By GEORGE E. LLOYD

On Trend of Thrift WITHIN the year there has been a striking increase in saving, according to George Lloyd, director of the savings department

of the Federal Reserve Bank for the Third This has been manifested both in the great volume of money that has come into the various banks of the state, says Mr. Lloyd, and in the enormous number of new de-

"Since last year," Mr. Lloyd said, "there has been an increase of 70 per cent in de-posits in savings banks throughout the state. The amount of money in dollars and cents would tun up to many millions of dollars.
"One of the most striking features of the movement has been the indication, in many movement has been the inhermion, in none, ways, that it is likely to be an increasingly permanent one. As an example, most of the banks and many other institutions for the banks and many other limits. tered by the Federal Reserve Bank lanugurated during the year Christmas savings funds. The significant fact remains that within the district fully 35 per cent of the funds which matured out this season of the year were not used for Christmas shopping or other expenditures, but were immediately

transferred to some other permanent form of saving or investment. Thus many who had never saved before got their first taste of the fruits of thrift at this time, and have liked t so well that they are making it a permanent habit. Manifested in Other Ways "In many other ways the threst liabit is manifesting itself in a general way. The

various war savings movements are still going on. Banks finding that encouragement of the habit has brought results in greatly in creased deposits, are fostering all sorts of savings propositions. Individually and col

lectively many groups have grown rapidly and progressed a long way. There are sev-eral thousand savings clubs or their equivalent in the district at present.

As a sign that this movement is going to be extended into the next generation, the school savings plan less attained great momentum and augurs well for years to ron

People generally are coming to realize more and more that it lies within their power is become potential capitalists. "Although the thrift movement had its in ception during the stress of war, when Lib-erty Bonds and thrift straips were sold to help the cause, the full force of the move-ment has only began to make their apparen-

during the last six months a In the period of false presperity that followed our entry into the war and during the year and a half that follo as is generally known, a period of great ex-travagame. During that time a thrift move-ment could make but little headway. But when this period of inflation had run its course and dellation became the order of the day, the state of the public mind was ready for thrift.

Strike Against High Prices

This made itself manifest in the silent strike against high prices that started them tobogganing and is still forcing them down ward. Of course, when this deflation period is completed and conditions come back to normal it goes without saying that there will be a readjustment. Just what form that will take is the question.

But one thing is more char. As the

ordinary man is the one that all imately pays the bills, and he numbers the great majority of the people of the country, it would seem that he has it in his power to say just what the coming readjustment shall to His effect on the present price situation has been demonstrated most impressively during the last year. This naturally leadthought that he similarly has it within his power to bring about a business adjustment that will work the greatest good to the The simple remedy would even to be

the universal practice of thrift N. would the ultimate consumer be Saving money by limiting his expenditures to necessities, but he would put into operation mighty machinery that would be more effective. tive than any laws or dictains or sollectly, manipulations that could be deviced. This is precisely what has happened so far, and it seems almost axiomatic that it would con-tinue to work.

This principle has worked both ways.

People generally have awakened from the period of ea-y money and extravagance durperiod of ca-y money and extravagance during the war and are beginning to face stern
realities. The worker finding money harder
to get than it was, and seeing ahead uncertainty and possibly hard times, has decided
to save for that rainy day. The result of
this is already apparent. The employer, on
the other hand, determined to get value for
the money in the shape of production, has
taken equally drastic methods, with the re-

Herry Christmas! Aren't Borah and Bryan the busy B's?

The heartless exploiter builds his business tear on tear.

visible guest this year.

Jersey justice isn't always as speedy as Jersey lightning. The spirit of Christmas demands an in-

The trouble with so many reformers is that they don't stay put.

"Hum, hum!" said Senator Penrose. The ex-kaiser isn't worrying about in

demnities due the allies. He's getting his. No crook loves publicity. This may account for much of the criticism of news-

When Santa Claus puts candles on Christmas tree his other name is Jesse Starving children will haunt your board

tomorrow unless you have done something to help the needy. The fact is now generally admitted that an excess-profits tax means excessive loss to the consumer.

The thrift movement, then, if it con-tinues the way it has started, may yet be the With some who declare that universal means of putting the country on a firmer and more satisfactory basis for all conlisarmament is an impossibility the wish is father to the thought.

Every time a Philadelphian hears of local hold-ups he should read the New York papers and be comforted. In the municipal poker game the Mayor

Some of the sitters-in are

has openers. Some of the si going to find them can openers.

John Q. Quorum is still dedging the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission meeting. Perhaps he is lost in some tunnel

There are enough honest men in town to run the political machine—but ever so many of them, unfortunately, don't care for machinery. The foundations having been laid by the hest minds in Marion, we may look

more or less confidence to the erection of a temple of world peace. Chicago's county clerk thinks marriage licenses ought to cost as much as dog licenses. What ails the man? Isn't sunshine the cheapest thing there is?

Judge Brown quoted "Honi soit qui mal y pense" at the close of his "victors" statement the other day. Is that a slogen for the Order of the Barter?

Mr. Wilson will ride with Mr. Harding on inauguration day and will entertain him at luncheon. There is always pleasure in recording the fact when two courteous gen-

Despite plans made for their capture and heavy sentences handed out to those who have been captured, hold-ups continue numerous. Perhaps these fellows don't read the newspapers.

It would be unjust to Governor Sproud to say that he has an ax to grind in urging Senator Knox for a cabinet position; when, as a matter of fact, if he succeeds he will That sentimental burglar who is di-

verted from his nefarious plans by the in-nocent prattle of a child has bobbed up again, this time in Chicago. Wonder what that guy does in the good old summer time? Since the weather man says it won't be

Since the weather man saxs h won't a white Christmas, and the police will see to it that it won't be a Red Christmas, and common sense demands that it be not a blue Christmas, let us, like good Americans. compromise by making it a Red, White and Houch, we are informed, comes from

Hoochingo, a distilled liquor made by In-dians. It may be assumed, therefore, that though there are those who put their tea, there is no justification for their putting "t" in their booch.

New York has a noticeable number of cases of hiccough, which is now epidemic in Paris, but the complaint (competent au-It will interest Mr. Harding to note that the editors of the country are still engaged in choosing a secretary of state. thority declares) has nothing to do with hooch. This last piece of information will a severe blow to prohibition enforcement