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THE CHARMS OF STATUS QUO

SENATOR VAKE, whose interest in the adoption of the new city charter was originally of a demure inconspicuousness, has declared that he would this year back the charter submitted in any legislation benefiting Philadelphia.

THE BOARD IS THE CULPRIT

FORMER Judge Heber reveals the fact that various local public school facilities are actively engaged in lobbying candidates for the long delayed superintendent, who are sympathetic with their individual personal interests.

INVERSION IN BRIDGE PROGRESS

THE city bridge commission, which engineering students of the University of Pennsylvania are conducting for the bridge commission, in the most ambitious and important public improvement project for this community.

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principles of strict morality and pure ethics have had their opportunities to govern the actions of mankind. No conspicuously bright success relative to disarmament is recorded.

MR. HARDING BEGINS TO ACT AS PRESIDENT

And His Newspaper Notes the Demand for a Constitutional Amendment Which Will Oust a Reputed Administration as Soon as Possible After the Election

TWO important pieces of information have come out of Marion this week which seem to foreshadow a possible change in the details of governmental procedure that has been urged for years.

The first is the announcement that President Harding is to be inaugurated on March 4, 1921, at Washington, D. C.

These comments by Mr. Harding's newspaper on the anomalies of the present procedure become especially pertinent when it is recalled that last Thursday Senator Ashurst introduced a joint resolution into the Senate proposing an amendment to the constitution providing that the Congress elected in November should meet on the first Monday of January, and that the President should take office on the first Monday of January.

It is not, therefore, to do violence to the possibility to assume that the President-elect factors a change in the constitution which will permit a new President and a new Congress to assume office as soon as possible after the election.

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ment himself in it short of a great national crisis. If Mr. Harding wishes to make his administration distinguished for constructive work he will use all the prestige of his position to bring about such a change in the constitution as will put an end to the political life of a President and a Congress as soon as it is practically possible after they have been reelected at the polls.

THE CHURCH AND LABOR

THE committee of the federated churches, headed by Dr. Batten as chairman, did at least a courageous thing when, in frank and unmistakable terms, it expressed opposition to the movement that industry which the members think has been organized to weaken or cripple the American Federation of Labor.

The question at issue between the general masses of employing and employed groups is too complex to be clearly stated in any brief summary. The original committee, constituted by the church committee is one that cannot be too often stated and restated in the interest of the country and its individual citizens.

There will be ground for general complaint and a growing sense of bitterness and disillusionment in many minds if a group of citizens is permitted to claim and enjoy rights which are denied to others. If employers are to be allowed to organize in special groups they will hardly be consistent if they deny the right of organization to employees.

Employers and employees alike in special instances have manifested a disposition to use the power of their organizations ruthlessly and with little regard for the interests of the unorganized man. In any just consideration of the movement to attack labor unionism it is necessary to remember that labor men themselves have been familiar with the tactics that they now denounce.

A way to peace between employers and employees was outlined clearly by Mr. Hoover at a conference at Washington. That conference not only recognized the right of both groups to organize for collective bargaining, it actually made the employers and employees organizations the basis of a logical plan for the settlement of industrial disputes.

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AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

The Children of Europe's Christmas Tree Gives Us All Another Chance to Square Ourselves With Our Consciences

By SARAH D. LOWRIE
I am sure that many of the readers of this column were caught away from home this Christmas Sunday that has just passed and been taken unaware by the collection for the hungry children of eastern Europe.

THE EMERGENCY AID OF PENNSYLVANIA
221 South Eighteenth St.
Philadelphia, Pa.
The Children of Europe have had no Christmas. Many of them have no food, no clothes, no shelter.

Why should we invest you, my dear? They need it. They are hungry children who need it. They have been for too long hungry children who need it.

IN FACT, the reason for giving grows and grows on one, and if one has given the reason for giving more until enough is given grows on one.

Coming down through the state on a train today, every village and town I looked out on from the train was a Christmas tree with a star on the topmost twig.

NEVER before on such a terrible scale have children suffered as they have in the last four years. They are the real victims of the war, little, trapped, bewildered, and alone.

NO ONE can throw our gift back in our faces as being self-interested. Those who will receive cannot pay us back. They do not know enough to even ask us for it.

SOMETIMES I think a pure white flower is a holy sign must be. Some day, maybe, I'll gather one. And set its mark on me.

SOMETIMES I think a bitterly cold wind is a sign of a new day. Some day, maybe, I'll feel the sun. And set its mark on me.

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MURRY UP WITH THAT NEW DECK!

SHORT CUTS
The situation brightens as Furbush furberishes.
Tip to Varettes: Still there's Moore to follow.

What will Italy do with D'Annunzio when it gets him at last?
When it comes to fighting the devil with fire, the Mayor is somewhat adept.

The P. R. R. appears to have the Pullman scapulars where the hair is short.
Senator Harding is to ride a goat. It is to belong to another prominent Ohio edict.

Every city department is, in a manner of speaking, a department of transit nowadays.
Uncle Joe Cannon still has a few shakles in his locker; and he never uses automatic powder.

The suspicion persists that Germany is using communism as camouflage while its army operates.
When every road in the country is built to carry trucks, trade distribution will be considerably simplified.

Fate is apparently yet undecided whether to make an epic or a limping limrick out of D'Annunzio.
Mr. Cunningham isn't the only gentleman who has lost a pet because he believed his opponent was bluffing.

The tennis match was postponed presumably because the Davis cup deserves something better than rain water.
Didn't the Flume poet some time ago declare that he would die rather than surrender? Well, it seems to be his move.

With the price of chicken feed low that it has been for some time, just why are eggs being sold for a dollar a dozen?
There is possibility that the chief cabinet maker has finished his job while his official assistants are still hammering at the doors.

A Chicago librarian says that most girls are lowbrows. He is a brave man, but foolhardy.

If common sense can't induce the nations of the world to reduce their armaments, hard necessity will eventually turn the trick.
'Penrose Against Treasury Raids'—Headline. It being understood, however, that this has no reference to Philadelphia's city treasury.