

Evening Public Ledger
PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY
Office: 12th and Arch Sts., Philadelphia

are railroads, however, have gone direct to the high tribunals with their requests. They seek to justify this informal procedure by describing a state of affairs that really requires quick action. Meanwhile, however, railway workers are given fresh causes for complaint and fresh grounds for the suspicion that the machinery of federal arbitration may be used to their disadvantage.

It is pretty certain that wage reductions ordered by a federal board which has had no detailed evidence presented to it would cause ill feeling and bitterness among the railroad men. New strikes would probably result. Even though wage readjustments may be needed and even though the plight of the railroads is obviously very serious and trying, authority such as the managers now seek from the federal board should be granted only after the regional surveys and reports, which were outlined and ordered by the new railway act as the very foundation of a scheme of arbitration intended to leave initiative and responsibility with the government rather than with the unions or the railway owners.

WHO CARES WHAT SORT OF A COURTHOUSE IS BUILT?

The People Who Must Pay for It Seem to Be Indifferent to the Cost of the Projected Structure

IF PRESENT plans for a municipal courthouse carry there will be no sarcasm in the tone of the people who ask the Claude Mellone of the court, "Is this thy palace by the Lake of Como where the perfumed lights gleam through the mist of alabaster lamps and all the air is heavy with the sigh of orange groves?"

CIVIC CHARM AND PROGRESS

IT'S longed for what has been described as "a new and classic home" upon the Parkway, the most ancient scientific organization in the United States, the American Philosophical Society, rejects with the most modern energy its claims of tradition, local color and sentiment.

There is something to be said for this attitude. If the proposal to exchange the old site for the new one is accepted by the city, desirable security will be obtained for the records of the society and its scientific collections. Efficiency systems and all the delights of cross-indexing and double-entry cataloging may flourish amid sanitary, well-lighted, conventionally comfortable surroundings. The Parkway will be adorned by another stately monument, one of the women who gave out business cards at an afternoon tea, ignorance of the obligations of a guest could not be pleaded; they were both ignorant of the uses of the word "patron" with a thick-skinnedness which they mistook for citizenship but many citizens who miss their rights as citizens.

THE NEW CUBISM

SIGNIFICANT news comes from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where, at the opening of the great annual exhibition, it has been found that the cubists, the vorticists and all the other believers of the world of art have either reformed or stopped work. They were folk who disdained form in painting. They were laws unto themselves, and their pictures and their pictures were about or what they were drawing at. There is drawing in almost every picture now shown for the first time at the Academy. The violent mania that afflicted the studios for a number of years has passed. Where has it gone? We think we know.

POLITICS REALLY MATTERS

PEOPLE in this country are hardened to tales of political corruption seriously involving municipal police. But a community like Erie, in which the police have virtually ceased functioning because of the influence of corruptorists gone half mad, is still an arresting spectacle. It is not often that the state police have to be called to any American city to deal with lawlessness created not by petty criminals, but by the police authorities themselves. If rumors mean anything, the police scandal that is about to break in New York may startle even Broadway and a population that long ago surrendered itself to Tammany.

STONY ROADS TO PEACE

IF the world conference for disarmament which Mr. Harding is said to be preparing for can lead to a flat statement of aims by all the existing powers, if the various governments are willing to say just what they are seeking to obtain out of the present international confusion, if the consent that constructive work in the interest of fixed peace might be taken up where it was dropped at Paris.

NEWS OUT OF RUSSIA

THE difficulty of getting authentic information from Russia is so great that prediction day after day concerning anything save the general conditions known to prevail there. The specific reports that come one week are likely to be denied the next, and something very different is likely to be telegraphed the week after.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

The Citizenship We Do Not Always Altogether Appreciate at Its True Worth Suggests a Reading of Some of Our Laws

By SARAH D. LOWRIE
I BELIEVE we can be as much surprised by ourselves as by other folk. The unexpected acts of anger we sometimes exhibit, the sudden waves of feeling against us or for something probably do not astonish the bystanders, because of a host of reasons.

I once came out of a political science meeting at the Bellevue-Stratford several years ago to find one of the casual invited guests sitting at a table with a group of lobby of the ballroom. The photographs were portraits of a man who had been convicted and imprisoned on the charge of treason.

I WAS reading the oath of allegiance required of a new citizen of the United States last night and it occurred to me that it would be well if each citizen on coming to the office of either the native-born or the alien should take such an oath before appointed witnesses in order to register to his own mind as well as to his limited public fact that he understands the obligations of citizenship.

THERE are persons who believe that they are free to ignore or to flout the laws of the community in which they find themselves just as a group of college students feel they are free to break up a dull play, or that the youth of today are free to ignore the duties of citizenship, but many citizens who miss their rights as citizens.

A DOSE of responsibility in citizenship is a very curative of certain forms of lawlessness. The importance of the citizenship laws generally turns radical employees into liberal-minded ones.

Taking the course of preparation for citizenship as required in the minimum required of a native-born citizen before he becomes a voter, one has quite enough to stabilize him both as regards his private life and his public life.

"N-NOW, DON'T OVERDO IT!"



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

LT. COM. RALPH W. DEMPWOLF On the United States Merchant Marine

THE advantages and opportunities for young men entering the United States merchant marine are greater today and the romance and call of the sea is just as strong as it ever was.

THE opportunities for young men are greater today than ever before in the merchant marine. We have a fine fleet and there are many openings in the ranks.

ALIENS Commanded Ships in War

"During the war our vessels were built so fast that officers, especially United States citizens, were not numerous enough to man the vessels."

SHIPS Must Not Lie Idle

"I feel certain that Congress will not overlook our commercial opportunities. Excessive cost of operation of American ships is being adjusted now; crews will accept lower wages in the same good spirit as men during the war cost a great deal, but so did everything else."

WHAT Do You Know? QUIZ

- 1. What is a meter?
2. When was the battle of Marston fought, and who were the contestants?
3. What is a clamshell?
4. How did the Roman emperor Nero die?
5. What is a palimpsest?
6. Why is a cabbage on a railway train so called?
7. What is the significance of the word "bourbon" as applied to an American politician?
8. Who was the Roman goddess of health and home?
9. What is a palimpsest?
10. What is the correct pronunciation of "Uruguay"?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz
1. Mangrove are trees and shrubs, tropical and natives of swamps. They have all sorts of uses. For example, they provide the plants emit a substance which is highly inflammable and is used for fuel.

Answers to Saturday's Quiz (cont.)
3. A clamshell is a shell from a clam. It is used for making buttons.
4. Nero was strangled by his own soldiers in the Nymphaeum.

Answers to Saturday's Quiz (cont.)
6. A palimpsest is a book of parchment on which the text has been written several times.
7. A cabbage on a railway train is so called because it is so round and so green that it looks like a cabbage.

Answers to Saturday's Quiz (cont.)
8. The Roman goddess of health and home was Hygieia.
9. A palimpsest is a book of parchment on which the text has been written several times.

FEBRUARY

CRUISE ship wishing to be born.
Looking for a natal home.
Better choose some other date.

CRUISE ship wishing to be born.
Looking for a natal home.
Better choose some other date.

CRUISE ship wishing to be born.
Looking for a natal home.
Better choose some other date.

CRUISE ship wishing to be born.
Looking for a natal home.
Better choose some other date.

SHORT CUTS

It must be admitted that Mr. Davies provided Marjar with a lively running mate. So phenomenal is the weather that parrots are growing lonely for the squirrels.

The thieves who broke into a defence bank in Molino, Fla., found a rift in the loot.

It may be that the Armenian mandat would not go a-begging if Armenia had the oil wells of Mesopotamia.

As nobody has yet suggested Mr. Hoover for the shipping board, the nomination is here and now made.

Great Britain's abandonment of the express profits tax is another indication that it hasn't a friend in the world.

Viewing the art of politics from different angles, the student may make the dominant note in his picture either Brown or Grey.

The Utah State Senate has passed a bill prohibiting smoking in public places. We gather from this that the senators prefer chewing.

Let it not be forgotten that Philadelphia already possesses, in Washington Square, a monument for the unknown dead killed in battle.

As one after another "strange animal" hoas up in the news from New Jersey, wonders if they are not, one and all, different varieties of the looch bear.

A dispatch from Florida sets forth that President-elect Harding played golf in a chill, driving rain. We could have done better for him than that here in Philadelphia.

No man with a heart that beats responsive to the woes of others can remain unaffected by the agonized waiting of those in need for a disclosure of the personnel of the Harding cabinet.

The news of the day—railroads, armaments, German reparations and the like—simply serves to demonstrate that night few controversialists ever appreciate the virtue of understatement.

It is a good man who can rise to an emergency, and the local policeman who has a sleeping family in a burning house by throwing his big-jack through their bedroom window deserves that classification.

There is nothing lacking in the Versailles Treaty," says Premier Briand, "but it is not actual. If the treaty really lacks the essential qualities of a peace treaty, it is a bull. But, of course, it may be that an epigram was spoiled in the translation.

It speaks well for the strong common sense of the American farmer that, while facing two very serious problems, credits and marketing, the answer to each of which might very easily be disaster, he has, for the most part, kept his head cool and his feet on the ground.

The fact that the Danville, Ill., woman who fasted forty-eight days in order to make her husband join her church has given it up as a bad job interests us solely because of the possibility that the gentleman with backbone may now also get a square meal in his own home.

Unfortunately, the mental attitude of the policeman who refused to chase the fleeing Mr. Ireland's criticism is less a paradox than a bull. But, of course, it may be that an epigram was spoiled in the translation.

It speaks well for the strong common sense of the American farmer that, while facing two very serious problems, credits and marketing, the answer to each of which might very easily be disaster, he has, for the most part, kept his head cool and his feet on the ground.

The fact that the Danville, Ill., woman who fasted forty-eight days in order to make her husband join her church has given it up as a bad job interests us solely because of the possibility that the gentleman with backbone may now also get a square meal in his own home.

Unfortunately, the mental attitude of the policeman who refused to chase the fleeing Mr. Ireland's criticism is less a paradox than a bull. But, of course, it may be that an epigram was spoiled in the translation.

It speaks well for the strong common sense of the American farmer that, while facing two very serious problems, credits and marketing, the answer to each of which might very easily be disaster, he has, for the most part, kept his head cool and his feet on the ground.

The fact that the Danville, Ill., woman who fasted forty-eight days in order to make her husband join her church has given it up as a bad job interests us solely because of the possibility that the gentleman with backbone may now also get a square meal in his own home.

Unfortunately, the mental attitude of the policeman who refused to chase the fleeing Mr. Ireland's criticism is less a paradox than a bull. But, of course, it may be that an epigram was spoiled in the translation.