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A SOLDIER WANTED
The announcement by Governor Spraul that he and Senator Penrose were in the "perfect accord" on the matter of candidates for the State ticket to be nominated next year...

HELP FOR PRISONERS
DIRECTOR TUSTIN made a wise move when he asked the best known clerical men in Philadelphia to conduct the services at the House of Correction during the coming year...

TAKING TAFT'S ADVICE
CHIEF JUSTICE TAFT urged Congress a few months ago to provide for the appointment of twenty-two additional Federal District Courts...

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION
THE organization of a Philadelphia branch of the English-Speaking Union will be gratifying to that large number of persons who believe that there should be more intimate relations between the nations using a common language.

THE CAPE COD CANAL
THE purchase of the Cape Cod Canal from the private corporation which owns it has just been recommended to Congress by the Secretary of War, Navy and Commerce...

THINGS TO REMEMBER
AMONG the candidates for the gubernatorial nomination next year is Judge Wither of Sumner, who presides over the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

WRECKING THE ARSENAL
THE folly of dismantling the Frankford Arsenal is so easily susceptible of proof that the impatience of the War Department is quite inexcusable.

THE NUMMERS
THE annual Mummers' New Year's parade is less than three weeks away and preparations are under way to make it more elaborate than any previous parade for five years.

It is evident that the merry-making spirit which was in abeyance during the war, and properly so, is resurfacing itself. The parade is in its essence a jollification.

AN INEXTINGUISHABLE IDEA DOMINATES THE NEW TREATY

Spirit of International Co-operation, Grounded in Mutual Responsibilities, Is the Vital Force Behind the Washington Settlements

LIKE the giant Antaeus of fable, great principles in a world of fact are invariably invigorated by contact with earth.

It was a comprehensive view of them which prompted the Conference call. It was the practical necessity for international co-operation which rendered a treaty of co-operation indispensable.

But the technicality triflers have been ingeniously disarmed by the omission of the supposedly significant word "preserve" in the pledge regarding mutual respect for the integrity of Pacific possessions.

At once gracious and adroit was the management which resulted in the presentation of the Pacific treaty by Henry Cabot Lodge, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. Hitchcock, senatorial leader of Mr. Wilson's fight for the Versailles Treaty, has admitted that he can see no reason for opposing the new accommodation.

It is apparent that senatorial opposition must eventually be narrowed down to the chronic irreconcilables of both parties, insufficiently numerous to block the attainment of the requisite two-thirds vote.

The settlement of the Yap dispute by another treaty, upon the terms of which the American and Japanese Commissions have just agreed, still further depletes the ammunition of the obstructionists.

By the close of the Conference the United States will be in a fair way to recover that international prestige and respect which can only be gained by participation in world affairs and practical acknowledgment of high responsibilities.

The co-operation established in the Pacific region cannot fail to exert a powerful influence upon our relations with Europe, in every sense our closer neighbor.

It matters little whether the international associations now being formed can be technically reconciled with every detail of the League Covenant. It is the spiritual force of the settlements in which a momentous resemblance can be traced, a kinship which promises an end of a painful period of chaos and the restoration of world stability.

The Administration in Washington has been working toward this ideal with a consistency visible in each new development and an appreciation of political factors and of the reality of the international points in position warranting the highest praise.

After all it is the touch of earth which has brought refreshment to an inextinguishable idea.

THE DELAWARE AND HERRIN CANAL MUST ultimately come into Government control also and must be enlarged so as to accommodate boats of the same size as those which pass through the Cape Cod Canal.

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work of its practical utility, and the work of transferring important equipment to Pictinny, N. J., a village with the meagerst railway facilities and devoid of an adequate industrial population, has been temporarily halted.

A delegation from Frankford will meet Assistant Secretary of War Wainwright on Thursday, with a view to discussing the problem in some rational light.

It may be taken for granted that the comparatively modest, yet important, concessions sought by the United States have been granted in the new agreement.

It is plain that the Conference is endeavoring to clarify every question of sovereignty or special rights in the Pacific.

THE work is constructive and eminently practical. In its completion should clear the way not only for senatorial approval of the minor points regarding the loose ends of the Versailles Treaty, but for ratification of the four-power agreement based on a definite apportionment of responsibilities in Far Eastern and mid-Pacific waters.

THE Secretary of War originally had charge of both the army and the navy. It was not till 1798 that a separate Department of the Navy was set up.

Yet sound theoretical reasons can be advanced in support of the proposition that the functions of national defense should be managed by a single department.

THE National Woman's Party is still seeking an amendment to the Constitution "to cover all political, civil and legal discriminations against women."

THE National Women's Trade Union League declares such an amendment is essential to the existence of all State legislation for the protection of women.

THE one right the extreme feminists apparently do not desire to possess, is the right to be protected.

Eugene Debs probably read with interest the account of the freeing of Irish political prisoners by John Bull.

THE Postal Telegraph and Cable Company says that the last couple of days the Guan-Yap cable has been sealed at some point unknown by some agency unknown.

THE atmosphere air we breathe is changed by mechanical processes into a liquid.

THE oxygen gas of commerce produced in this manufacture is used in the oxy-acetylene metal-cutting process.

THE latter in itself is one of the recent mechanical triumphs of the age.

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THE BRYN ATHYN HORROR

May Smash Some Railroad Statistics for 1921—One of the Coldest of Earth's Products, Once a Curiosity of Science, Now Manufactured Here

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
THE Bryn Athyn may markedly affect railroad statistics for 1921.

It is a moment which knocked a great hole in the fine statistical record of gradually declining railroad accidents over a period of years.

Railroad managers have prided themselves over the increased efficiency in operation which was lessening the number of fatalities to passengers.

It is pretty nearly equivalent to the population of Philadelphia going traveling by train without a single fatality occurring.

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. COURTLAND Y. WHITE
On Bacteriology

BACTERIOLOGY is a small, minute world to itself which is little known by the public at large.

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