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AN IMMEDIATE BRIDGE NEED

THE submission of a number of bids well within the sum available for constructing a new bridge across the Schuylkill at South street affords senut evense for a countcilmante policy of delay. Contract awards were deferred last spring:

but at that time the old structure, insecure though it was, remained open for traffic. The present closing of the bridge to all but pedestrians constitutes a serious public in-

The fund in hand for the new work is \$950,000. The lowest bid submitted for a handsome modern bridge of the busenie or raised draw type is \$644,000. None of the estimates would exhaust the complete financial resources earmarked for the project. The city's claus were prepared before the

Council should expedite the undertaking with speedy confirmatory action, enabling the work to be started early in the new year. The South street bridge was long a disgrace. A new structure is a pressing

MR. RITER'S ELECTION

THE new chairman of the Voters' League, Frank M. Riter will being to the office not only the necessary qualifications of good citizenship, but also a knowledge of the practical side of politics, which is absolutely essential to leadership in such a movement as the League represents

Too many organizations dedicated to politjeal reform have made the error of the for their leaders men of the highest ideals. but with a lack of detailed knowledge of the machinery of practical polities.

Mr. Riter's legislative experience in City Councils and the State Legislature, and his practical work as Director of Public Safety. Assistant City Solicitor and president of the Civil Service Commission, will stand him in good stead in his new work.

IRELAND'S DAY

HISTORIC tables are indeed turned when the prospects for Irish autonomy are bright in the British Parliament and are darkened by clouds of protest in Dublin. The piquancy of the situation is entirely secondary to its momentous character.

Irish treaty is destined to prove epochal. As is the case in politics the world over minorities are noisy. Opponents of the new compact are, it appears, less inclined now to analyze its merits or defects than to raise

the somewhat scholastic point of the authorit, of the Irish signatories, Mr. de Valera maintains that the plenipotentiaries had no power to make a binding

agreement. Considering that the vote of the Dail is still necessary to give the contract sanction, it is somewhat difficult to imagine how Messrs, Griffith, Collins and their associates could have actually exceeded their prerogatives. Prolongation of this argumentative and

technical phase of the case smacks of futility. which must and today with the great decision. The overwhelming mass of public epinion throughout the world and, according to estimates, the vast majority of the Irish people hope for a ratification of the London agreement making for an honorable peace,

THE READING WAKES UP THE new steel conches for the Reading

A Railway are said to have been ordered prior to the terrible disaster on the Newtown division. It is perhaps discreet to refrain from inquiring too closely into the company's reticence on this subject at the What is a matter of satisfaction now is the

news that an attempt to bring the equipment of the road up to date is definitely under

The lessen of the entastrophe was cruelly clear. Inflammable wooden conches were the cause of the appalling extent of the tragedy. Archaic rolling stock constitutes a slack-ing and indefensible menace to the safety of the traveling public. The Reading and all other railroads serving populous communities are under a pressing obligation to replace their ancient frame cars with conches as nearly fireproof as possible.

The expense of such an undertaking, considerable though it may be, is incommensurate with the profound moral responsi-

MR. HOOVER'S SAVING

SECRETARY HOOVER'S report, coveristration of the Department of Commerce and stating that the first year will show an expenditure of more than \$4,000,000 less than the available appropriation, will go far to convince the public of the sincerity of the Harding Administration in its expressed intention to enforce the utmost economy compatible with efficiency.

The idea of administering the Government upon strict business lines is one which has been gaining favor with the people of the country for years, but it has remained for the Harding Administration, first through Mr. Dawes and now through Mr. Hoover, to give the initial practical demonstrations This, carried to its logical conclusion, means a reduction in the national taxes, as Gov-

ernment expenditures are decreased. That there has been no loss of efficiency through this reduction in cost of adminis tration is shown by the rest of Mr. Hoover's eport. The demand by business men upon department for help has reached a total more than half a million requests a year d further practical results will, according the Secretary, "be more evident later in reased during the year, the balance of in favor of this country showed a

ily due to lower prices and to un-

settled conditions abroad, rather than to a decreased volume of goods. In spite of this, the Latin-American division has rendered notable service to American business and the Far East division has been extended, while economic surveys will soon be made in many places abroad.

This record is a matter for congratulation both to the National Administration and to the business men of the country. Efficient service at diminished cost is all that may be asked by even the most captions critic. This Mr. Hoover has already given.

FRANKFORD "L" ROAD MUST BE MADE TO SERVE TO THE UTMOST

No Plan of P. R. T. Operation is Defensible Which Omits Provision for Transfer From Intersecting

Surface Lines

THE point to be kept continually in mind hy the representatives of the city in any negotiations with the P. R. T. Company for the operation of the Frankford elevated line is the importance of making that line

serve the greatest possible number of people. The line was built to give rapid transit to the residents of the northeastern section of the city. It had been the general understanding that it was to be operated by the P. R. T. Company as a part of its general

So long as this company has a monopoly of existing street-car franchises the new lines cannot do the most good unless they are co-ordinated with the old lines. It would be a mistake to make any permanent arrangements which do not provide for such

Last spring Mr. Mitten offered to operate the line in connection with the Market street subway and elevated system and to give transfers to and from the intersecting service lines on the same plan that is followed in West Philadelphia. This is exactly the plan that would have been adopted if the Frankford line had been built by the P. R. T. to develop business in the district. Under such a plan the Market street line has become profitable. Business has been created where there was none before. In the same way business would be created in the northeastern section of the city.

When it is possible to get from Frankord to the center of the town in twenty minutes instead of forty-five minutes, travel from that part of the city will increase with amazing rapidity. And if the cast and west ines crossing the elevated line can transfer their passengers to the high-speed line, the number of people served by it will be increased two or three fold.

The plans which the city is making to operate the line as an independent unit are justified only because of the failure of the efforts to come to an agreement with the P. R. T. There should be no stopping of the plans, for the line should be put in operation without further delay. If we cannot have it connected with the Market street line we should get what service we can from it. There is business enough in sight to pay the operating expenses, and as it develops it will yield a surplus which can be used toward paying the interest on the money borrowed to pay for its construction and equipment.

If the worst comes and the P. R. T. stands out for impossible terms, it will be feasible for the city to operate motorbus lines as feeders for the elevated and let the P. R. T. do the best it can with the bustness of carrying short riders on the parallel surface lines.

If the committee appointed to examine Mr. Mitten's latest plan considers it on its merits it will insist that such modifications as are suggested above be made in it before its adoption by City Council is recommended,

There is the possibility, however, that a deal has been made under the terms of which the new offer is to be accepted. The uppointment of Controller Hadley and Mr. Weglein to sit in the committee with City Solicitor Smyth and Director of Transit Twining and three representatives of the Rapid Transit Company gives the Job Combine and the P R. T. a majority of three, with the vote standing two for the executive department of the city to five for the Job Combine and the P. R. T.

Mr. Hadley's political affiliations are known and it is known under what influence he was nominated, an influence directly interested in protecting the profits of the underlying transit companies. And Mr. Weglein has played the game of the Job Combine whenever it has needed his vote. That Combine is in close relation to the same

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Mayor calls attention to the ignoring of the rights of the city in the latest Mitten proments:

However enger the Frankford people may he to get the new line in operation at the carliest possible moment, they should not allow themselves to ignore the accessity of protecting the rights of the city in any agreement which may be made.

DISARMAMENT ASSURED

71311E agreement reached in Washington concerning the battleship Mutsu removes the last obstacle in the way of neceptance of the naval ratio suggested by Secretary

Japanese reluctance to seran a war vessel regarded as the pride of the imperial navy may have been partly due to sentimental considerations. These and such other factors as may enter into the case have been recognized in the Conference in an advoir compromise, which sacrifices nothing of the disgramment principles tald down.

The 5-5-3 proportions of the American, British and Japanese Navies are to be serupulously observed. The retention of the Matsa will be offset by the dismantling of older vessels of equivalent tonnage. To balance the scale of apital ships, the United States will preserve the newer battleships Colorado and Washington in place of the Delaware and North Dakota, and Great Britain presumably will be compensated with Hood types,

Formal agreement on naval limitations is dainly near at hand. International good feelings have survived the test of realistic liscussion and the basic object of the seadons has assumed the aspect of the most

The beneficent effect of such accord in disarmament upon the reception of the Four-Power Pacific Treaty can hardly fall to be pronounced.

COTTON AND FOREIGN POLICY

TF THE cotton growers of the South are not convinced that the prosperity of the United States is intimately dependent on the prosperity of Europe it is for the reason that they cannot put two and two together. They could not sell their cotton last year because the cotton mills of Europe were idle. There was no market for their product, as the people had no money. The cot-

up customers, but they accomplished little. As a result there was in the country last August 6,500,000 bales of 1920 cotton still

in the hands of the growers. The crop this year is estimated at 8,340,-000 bales, which is less than has been produced in any year since 1896. In 1915 the crop was 16,000,000 bales, or nearly twice the crop this year. It was more than 11,-000,000 bales last year. The large unconsumed crop led many growers to reduce their acreage last spring, with the result that this year's crop, together with what is left over from last year, amounts to less than the crop of 1915.

Unless the European demand becomes nore brisk than it is at present the prevailing favorable prices will sag and the growers will continue to suffer from that industrial depression in Europe with which a certain school of parochial statesmen insist that the United States has no concern.

FOCH, THE UNSPOILED

THERE is a spurious emotionalism in here worship to which the grave and simple character of Marshal Foch lends not

the slightest encouragement. In his variegated and extended American tour, the great co-ordinator of victory, now speeding homeward on the Paris, invited affection that was beautielt, admiration that was profound, enthusiasm that was tremendous. But in all this display of a nation's feelings, the false glamour which has in the past surrounded other public favorites pinyed no part.

The personnlity of the illustrious captain was much too genuine to be spoiled by adulation, his tact and poise too unaffected to be strained in the clash of the circumstances. however novel or unforeseen. Apparently, no situation arose of which the murshal was not the quiet moster.

He has weathered a deluge of diplomas, cans of oratory, banquets innumerable. He departs possessed of a live wildent, a stuffed game cock, ten dolls, six swords, city keys, memorial canes, engrossed resolutions, moving-picture films, two Indian chief uniforms, countless medals and decorations. He has survived the most strenuous of his campaigns, the American invasion, with screnity and an unclouded lovable

It is not recorded that this unique visitor betrayed the faintest lack of sympathy and understanding in any of the desperate and kaletdoscopic scenes of which he was the central figure. No welcome in history was

ever less outworn than his. The Nation has bld him farewell, not so much with regrets for a departing here as for a man securely master of his fate in glory as in the darkest days of the struggle for civilization.

HUMANITY, NOT POLITICS

THE Foreign Affairs Committee of the 1 House of Representatives has promptly made a favorable report on Secretary Hoover's recommendation that \$20,000,000 be appropriated for the relief of Russian famine sufferers. The money is needed, said Mr. Hoover, if any effective work is to be done to save the starving Russians, as private contributions have amounted to only \$500,000 since August 1.

Congress also acted favorably on the President's recommendation that several million dollars' worth of corn should be sent to Russia for food, along with a considerable amount of seed grains.

These manifestations of helpfulness for the Russians are expressly differentiated from the attitude of the Government of the United States toward the Government of Russia. We will extend a helping hand to our fellow human beings afflicted by famine, but we will not have anything to do with the Government which, through its disregard of sound economic principles, has made it difficult for the Russian people to combar the conditions which lead to famine.

Samuel Untermyer is More Work making praiseworthy efforts to stop the More Pay threatened strike in the building trades in New York. Instead of the employers cutting wages a dollar a day in all lines, he suggests that the present scale be continued for sixty days and that comappointed to discuss means of increasing labor efficiency preparatory to a we years' agreement. Some of the union rules restricting output and curbing endeavor

Many of those who fail Looking Ahead to foresee the consum-mation of the Angio-Irish peace pact know full well that doubt breeds doubt; but doubt has no dwelling place in the League of Nations; for announcement is made that the Irish Free State will be admitted beyond perad-

No prophet is needed to declare that the success of the Washington Conference will be demonstrated in the years to come, re-marked the Professor of Things in Gen-All things point to its success; but it will be a success even if it proves a failure, a paradox of which Time is theroughly capable of giving proof. For the will to bring peace has been manifested and that Intent cannot do otherwise then live and

A survey of the industrial vituation made by army officers in connection with recruiting seems to contradict Secretary Hoover's assertion that unemployment is decreasing. Exact figures are, of course, impossible, but, take it the country over, the chances are that the secretary is right. Industrial and financial figures seem to sustain him.

It has been decided to build a bascule bridge over the Schuylkill at South streetsort of a pons asinorum.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

 What possession of the United States lies nearest the equator?
 Of what town was Charlemagne a native?
 In what century did he live? for the presidency?
he was Falestring?

Who was Palestrina? What is the origin of the word Parlia-7. Distinguish between ordinance and ord-Who was Nance Oldfield?

Which is the largest of the planets? What is meant by the expression "of doubtful provenance"? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. The last two States to ratify the Con-stitution of the United States were North Carolina and Rhode Island. Martin Van Buren, who succeeded Andrew Jackson in the presidency, was sometimes called "Jackson's appen-

3. The Caroline Islands are a group in the Western Pacific Ocean lying between the equator and 16 north latitude and the equator and 10 north latitude and between longitude 140 and 160 cast.

4. "Disjecta membra" are fragments, scattered remains. The expression is often applied to literary effects.

5. The empyrean is the highest heaven.

6. The Cypriotes are the inhabitants of Cyprus, in the Eastern Mediterranean.

7. Desiderius Erasmus, the celebrated Dutch humanist and scholar lived in

humanist and scholar, lived in parts of the fifteenth and sixteenth centu-ries. He was born about 1466 and died in 1536. 8. A rondo in music is a composition with a leading theme, to which return is

black flug. the favorite ensign of the pirates of the Spanish main. he name jenny in spinning jenny is thought to have been derived from "genie," a corrupt diminutive of the word engine.

TWO DISTINGUISHED MEN

Dr. Omwake's Story of the Janitor and Lord Reading-Detroying Our Wild Flowers-Dr. J. Madison Taylor on Self-Determination

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN DR. GEORGE L. OMWAKE, president of Ursinus College, during a mecent trip to Richmond, Va., visited old St. John's

Students of history will recall that it was within its walls that Patrick Henry delivered his famous speech containing the words, "Give me liberty or give me death."

The janitor of the ancient edifice is very

proud of his position. He entertains visitors

by reciting a portion of the patriot's address. "I have met more distinguished men than any other person in Richmond," he informed Dr. Omwake and his party. Then he continued:

"I made this statement to a gentleman visiter some time ago to which he replied, You are now speaking to a distinguished man. I am Lord Reading, of England.' "I am glad to know you," said the jan-

who you are, let me tell you who I am. am a descendant of the great Garibaldi. The card which the old man tendered Dr. Imwake and which he still retains reads; "Antonio Graffignia. Keeper.

itor-guide. "New that you have told me

OLIVER D. SCHOCH, of Harrisburg, tells me that many of the wild flowers along the more popular automobile routes are in danger of practical extermination. He favors the organization of a Statewide society for their conservation and pro-

Not only that, but he urges that necessary laws be enacted to end, or at least to curb, this latest and most unusual kind of hood-

Many automobile tourists, Mr. Schoch says, are not content with gathering masses of these beautiful blooms, but they seem to take delight in destroying the bushes.
"The most flagrant violators are thoughtless automobilists," said Mr. Schoch.

all they need for household adornment, but they decorate their machines in the most lavish and reckless manner.
"There is frequently a total disregard of warning signs and the rights of property. It is a new species of vandalism developed by the remarkable increase in automobiles School is in communication with nature lovers over the State in the attempt

They are not content with carrying away

to arouse them against this latest evil. DR. J. MADISON TAYLOR, professor D of therapeuties and dietetics in the medical department of Temple University, has, as his friends know, very decided views on the subject of "universal self-deter-mination and the brotherhood of man."

Particulary is this true of present-day conditions as allied to these subjects. Dr. Taylor's views are always expressed directly, forcefully and piquantly, He is never at a loss for the correct word o express his advanced ideas and he is

never afraid to use it.

When, therefore, he declares it as his adgment that mankind is not ready for half the projects put forward for the avowed betterment of the race and of civilization, he does so with what might be termed "direct action in expression." As, for instance:

THERE now prevailing any dominant I note of ideals, of ethics, of religion, except presented in an academic way, or as mere sentimentalities?" he asks. "The whole world goes to war. Why? To make the world safe for democracy. It continues in a subacute state of war. Why? To settle great issues.

Tpon close scrutiny these reveal them selves chiefly as material considerations, continues the doctor. "The palayerings about items of posses-sion, of sources of wealth, of crude prod-

ucts, coal, iron, oil.

These play quite the same role as instruments of autocratic power as they do of democratic comfort or culture, "Man today has by strated that he has evolved beyond the stage of barbaric emotionalism, of selfishness, structiveness, burnings, murderings, filling-

ings. "He plays the decile pupper to rage, to to make war or peace. When man does demonstrate his essential capacity for self-determining the best forms of government he must then demon-strate he can remain stable and progres-

Dr. Taylor certainly has the courage of

EDWARD WILSON, of the State Welfare Department, directs my attention to a new note of color that characterizes performances in the various theatres and moving-picture palaces of the city.

It is the display of the American flag in some conspicuous position in the auditorium or on the stage.
It is in accordance with the law enacted

the last Legislature. It was signed by Governor Sproul on the 26th of April and requires that the "flag of the United States be publicly displayed . in any hall, place of amusement, auditorium, tent or room used for enterpublic street or highway or lot or tract of gathering is held. The act passed House and Senate with

MR. WILSON, as chairman of the Leg-islative Committee of the State Council Order of Independent Americans, was pri-marily responsible for the new law, sole object, he says, is to inculeat greater respect for the flag and to familiarize hose who attend theatres, motion-picture

but one dissenting vote.

entertainments, exhibitions and public meetings of all kinds with the flag.
Some theatres have gone the law no better and display two flags, one on each dide of the proscentum arch. Failure to display the national colors a public gatherings constitutes a misdemeanor and renders the promoters or the owners of the hall liable to a fine of \$100.

Today's Anniversaries

4786-Edward Coles, Governor of Illi. nois 1822-26, born in Albemarle County Virigina. Died in Philadelphia July 7

1796-General Anthony Wayne, famous soldier of the American Revolution, died at Presque Isle, Pa. Born in Chester County Pennsylvania, January 1, 1745. 1821-Rufus Barringer, noted North Carolina soldier and statesman, born at Con-cord, N. C. Died February 3, 1895. 1869-Dake of Edinburgh visited the Viceroy of India at Calcutta. 1871-Dedication of the Wheeler Opera House in Toledo, O. 1898—Calvin S. Brice, former United

States Senator from Ohio, died in New York Born at Denmark, O., September 17 1899-The British under General Buller were severely defeated by the Boers near

Today's Birthdays

Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the builder of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, born at Dijon, France, eighty-nine years ago. Edwin Howland Blashfield, a painter celebrated for his mural decorations, born in New York City seventy-three years ago. Louis Lombard, noted American italist and art patron, born at Lyons, France, sixty years ago.

Duke of Athol, the only individual in Great Britain who is entitled to maintain a private army of his own, born fifty years

-"IT IS THEIR NATURE TO!" TATOLET.

NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

place. That is the origin of the modern

Christmas cakes and caudies.

"Even the colors of the latter, the red and yellow of our present-day holiday confections, have their relationship to this ancient custom. Red was the color of Thor, the great god of war, and yellow is the color of them.

of the sun, in whose honor the festival was

Huge Feasts Were Held

great feasts, at which prodigious quantities

modern eggnog is no more or less than a

manie races drank universally. It was a

possessed a markedly stimulating effect.

'Later on, when these northern races were

converted to Christianity, the birth of Christ

and the festival of the midwinter solstice

were combined. Christian elements were

introduced into the festivities, and the old

pagan ceremonies survived only as customs,

without their former significance.
"The five-pointed star and the shep-herd's crook, which are now such common

Christmas decorations, are obviously of Christian origin. The variegated globes with

which the tree is decorated represent various

ack to the particular relationship of chil-

dren with the birth and childhood of

HUMANISMS

By WILLIAM ATHERTON DU PUY

WITHEN Elihu Root, who sits in the con-

became Secretary of War under McKinley, twenty years ago, he gave the best that was

in him to a study of the problems of the army. He had not gone far until he dug

into a book which had been written by Brevet Major General Emery Upton shortly

after the Civil War, and which up to that

time had been given little attention, but

which has since come to be recognized as one

of the greatest military treatless ever written.

the army and the introduction of a general

eral Unton. He took this idea to Congres

expounded it, made it crystal clear, but Congress refused to act. The next session

he went back with the same idea, better mas-

tered, more thoroughly expounded. He argued, insisted, finally got through his reor-

ssociates in the government as rather re-narkable. When asked how he was able

to do this thing he gave an answer whiel seems to be the key to the position he as-

sumes with relation to the problems that arise before the Conference at which he is

'I took the army for my client; that is

George Ade was being told by an admirer

"I blushed and smiled and answered that

"I have several literary men stoppfng

here,' said he. 'I like literary men.'
"'Well,' said I, 'I am glad of that.'
"'Yes,' said he. 'I like literary men.'
They never object to paying in advance
They're used to it.'"

Dr. George Kirchwey, who was head of

the Government Employment Bureau during the war, who was one time superintendent

of Sing Sing Penitentiary, but whose real

work is that of dean of the Columbia Law

College in New York City, has carned him-

self a reputation for a somewhat incisive

During one of his lectures, for example

there pervaded the room that inexplicable

feeling of unrest which sometimes exists on

watched the clock for the end of the period

Dr. Kirchwey sought to so synchronize his lecture that it would end just as the period

was up. It went over a little, however, and

began a scraping of chairs while

"Wait a minute," protested Dr. Kirch-

wey. "Don't go yet. I have a few more pearls to cast."

The students

just how wonderful that admirer thought

authors were, and he responded by telling a

an American delegate. He said:

ganization program,

the hotel said to me :

such occasions.

still talked.

I had written a few trifles.

Soon Root proposed a reorganization of

ference of nations in Washington, first

Christian innevation, which barks

stars. The introduction of toy-giving, tor

Christian origin.

acad, water the early Ger-

and and drink were consumed.

concaction of fermented mare's mil

"These occasions were accompanied by

DR. EDWIN MILLER FOGEL On Christmas Customs

WHEN Father journeys down to the corner to select a Christmas tree; when Mother climbs to the attic to retrieve the colored globes and tinsel decorations from their year-long exile, and finally, on the great day itself, when the flowing bowl of convivial eggnog is passed from hand to hand among those members of the family duly qualified by age and experience to partake. suspected that these amiable how little it is customs of Christmas time had their origin in the dim reaches of a pagan and unre-

generate barbarism. According to Dr. Edwin Miller Fogel, professor of Germanic languages at the University of Pennsylvania, who has made a special study of the subject, many of the rites and special celebrations with which the Yuletide season is marked today can be traced back through the centuries to the times when the Northern races offered up their living sacrifices to Woden and Thor in the fastnesses of the forests.

Origin of Tree

"Take for instance the tree, one of the chief elements of our modern celebration of Christmas," he said. "The Christmas tree can be traced back unmistakably to early Scandinavian influences. One would that the oak tree, the sacred tree of Teutonic races, would have been but the northern used for this purpose. evergreen, symbol of life recurrent, was used instead, because of its particular significance with regard to the nature of the

"You see, the celebration, before it was combined with the observance of the birth of Christ by the later Christians, was an old and very important festival among all the Germanic races on the occasion of the

vinter solstice, In the Tentonic mythology which held sway among all those races, the conflict be-tween the powers of light and darkness held an important part. Woden, the supreme Wednesday is named, had all the character istics of a sun and sky god, and he was presented as in conflict with the powers of darkness. "Now the winter solstice, at which time

the sun begins to return again portherly course, was regarded by the ancient Germanic peoples as a time of rejoicing and festival over the triumph of light over darkness, and the renewal of life "The festival at this time of year was the most important of all their celebrations, and it was observed with great rejoicings and many ceremonies.

great feasting and drinking, and of uni-

versal sacrifice. "Burnt offerings were piled upon the ltgrs, every man and woman contributing. Horses, steers, pigs, sheep, goats were brought by the tribes to lay at the shrine of Woden, and it was permitted to those who were unable to offer animals to bake small cakes in the shapes of animals in their

EVENING MYSTERY

Now ragged clouds in the west are heap-

N ing.
All the hedges seem a-weeping.
And in a thin green distance flowers
The moon, the blossom of lonely hours. The moon she lightens on a myriad mendows And her rays wander among wood shadows Ere the last of sunset's flown

Old farm houses with their white faces Fly, and their ghosts have taken their Even the signposts like grim liars Point to losing brakes and briars.

She has made a new world of her own.

Tired birds roosting are not yet sleeping. But stir and mutter at the wild eyes peeping. And sheep will not let slience lie, But blare about the hillton sky.

As though long plotting dogs had broken From kennel chains, by the ringleader snoken. To harry the ewes in the light of the The blood on their jaws will hang 'em

anon.

But no, for miles the sheepfolds moan, And dogs bay from their farms alone; Can she who shines so calm be fear? What poison pours she in ber's ear?

Edmund Blunden, in the

SHORT CUTS Perhaps it is because it is a Pacific trenty that the big stick is hidden.

Washington just now has the busiest little telegraph office in the world. What the Senate irreconcilables lack

in number they make up in vociferousness, Every time a Broadway restaurant is raided by prohibition enforcement officers some bootleggers chuckle derisively,

Tomorrow's fateful meeting at the Navy Yard will hardly seem complete without the presence of Boss Ship Scrapper Hughes. It must be a source of considerable chagrin to Mr. Hearst that the world remains calm when he throws his daily fit.

The president of Vassar College says may account for the way he chases after

Demosthenes McGinnis declares that the Four-Power Treaty is so darned easy to understand it ought to be darned hard to

Opponents of the Anglo-Irish peace pact lay themselves open to the charge that hate England more than they love Ireland. The idea of a Limitation Armament

Conference, explained The Wise Gny, is to prove that a martial Cock o' the Walk is "Why not let bygones be bygones?" at some proponents of the Washington peace

when their attention is called to excerpts Times may be hard, but Germany has not yet reached the point where she'd be willing to swap her prospective moratorium

"To the victor belong the spoils," remarked Marshal Foch, as he superlatended the stowing away of his half down packing cases of presents.

There is shrewd suspicion that a city operated motor bus feeder for the Frankford "L" would have sufficient traction to pull the P. R. T. into line. Christmas turkeys seem determined to fly as high as the Thanksgiving birds. Those

who can't hit 'em with a pocketbook may, as usual, fall back on pork chops. A parrot screaming, "Help! Murder! Police scarcel a burglar from a Pitts-burgh home. We may, therefore, expect a movement to substitute Poll for Fide in the

home.

Civilization is a traffic sign on rockers It may get many bumps, but it is a mighty hard thing to overthrow. This should be at once an instruction and a consolation to the pessimists.

A Brooklyn woman has had her hus-band arrested for talking so much that she's unable to sleep. Feminist literature may presently be enriched by a revised edition of 'Curtain Lectures.

story. "You remind me," he said, "of the time Lloyd George and Hughes will admit right after the appearance of my first book that this thing of framing peace pacts is a dog's life. "Fike it or leave it." says London to Belfast. "Shall a poor Mutsu b vain?" Tokio asks of Washington. when I went to spend a week at a summer resort outside of Chicago. The landlord of " 'Mr. Ade, you are a literary man, I be-

A ship laden with toys for the children of Vienna has just left New York. It is just a little odd, to say the least, that we should be understudying Santa Claus for Central E. Central Europe while most of the toys send come from Austria's nearest neighbor.

Three companies of the Kansas National Guard have been called out to protect strike breakers in coal mines against attacks by the women relatives of striking miners. if you can think of any tougher job than that of these soldier boys you have a rivid imagination.

What has happened to China so far in the Washington Conference does not prove that the millennium has arrived; but when a helpless nation is given succor, instead of being played for a sucker by the strong-there is at least some slight indication that the world is growing better.

Testimony before the Lockwood Con-mittee in New York developed the fact that six Italians and three Jews had been face by the Plasterers' Union for working on St. Patrick's Day (The Patrick's Day. This is probably an error and could be forced to pay; and one way as good as another