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THE P. R. T. Company has refused to pay any rental for the use of the Frankford elevated line, and it is demanded that the city pay to it \$909,000 annual rental for the use of the Market street subway from the ferry to Fifteenth street.

WAR ON THE BLOCS

NATURALLY there should be applause in these columns for Representative Amorsgo, of New York, who has started a fight in Congress and presented a bill to break up the various "blobs" organized recently on the floor of the House and the Senate for the control of governmental affairs in the interest of one or another class or area in the United States.

A LOVE DETECTOR

OPEN since the days when the lamented Prof. Muscovitz, following at Harvard the theory of scientific fatherland, finally ditched his cherished fatherland, there is much that is pitiable in the necessity of such support for an artist of such established repute and of so authoritative a position.

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TWANGING AN OLD STRING

DIRECTOR SPOULE has been talking about the Belt Line again. The subject is one to which authorities on the part of Philadelphia and its needs frequently refer. The refrain, though well intended, is monotonous.

ridiculous and costly detours seriously cripple goods handling in this port. To a large extent the line is wasted. Argument seems to have been squandered also, and comment on lost opportunities in freight shipment has become a somewhat stereotyped antidote for comment.

BEIDLEMAN'S \$5000

THE exhibition of conditions in Harrisburg contained in the articles in this newspaper written by Colonel George Nox McCain deserves the serious attention of the voters of the State.

CHRISTMAS AMNESTY

AS THE Christmas season warms toward the hour of the bells and the twinkling trees the breasts of a great many people who ordinarily would think twice before giving up the price of a meal to a hungry orphan are bursting with Yuletide sympathy for some eminent and recent prisoner.

ART AND WAR

EVIDENCE that art is stronger than national frontiers and national prejudices has not been wanting since the war ended. "Carmen" is again staged in Germany. The "J'accuse" was the war cry of the artist.

IT CAN BE DONE

SPURRED on by the able of the chairman of the commission appointed to draft a new charter for New York, Comptroller Craig, who is a member of the commission, said that if the commission would give him a little time he would draft a perfectly good charter.

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Manassas and Eskau are now in direct transportation routes. The new chapter of Alaska development promised by the Federal railway acts comparatively few bounds to the imagination.

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ONLY THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PREVENTS US FROM SPEAKING HARSHLY OF THE WEATHER-MAN!



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. S. P. ROSS
On Dependents of Prisoners
AMELIORATING the hardships which the enforcement of the law sometimes unavoidably inflicts upon the dependents of those convicted of offenses against it is the work to which a number of philanthropic-minded Philadelphians are devoting a good deal of their time, through Dr. Simon P. Ross, president of that organization.

SHORT CUTS

Done your Christmas shopping, girl?
Two guesses were all Mr. Harding needed.
Sergeant York seems to be the victim of Indian givers.
The Beddeman boom appears to have been punctured.
We await the views of Switzerland on the submarine issue.
"Winter Hoop In"—Headline. More home brew, we suppose.
France put her cards on the table all right, but they were face down.
Senators Borah and Reed may now study the Christmas matter. "Peace on earth, etc."
It is perhaps the sense of the Washington Conference that language is made to conceal thoughts.
One thing Dr. Lorenz has so far failed to cure is the cold spread to him by certain rivals.
As Germany has to pay for the army of occupation her desire to have that army reduced is at least understandable.
Christmas turkey, we learn, is counting down; but it has not reached the low level of the cow that jumped over the moon.
President Harding's advocacy of the old custom of having lighted candles in the window on Christmas Eve did not receive the indorsement of the fire department.
Conan Doyle's description of heaven does not seem to prove his possession of a great amount of information; but, perhaps, he would count that fact as being in his favor.
A University of Pennsylvania professor says that the average student on the course of a day. Oh, well; occasional statements sometimes make a fairly good substitute.