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ANOTHER DIRIGIBLE BLOWS UP

MILITARY officials in this and other countries will probably continue to feel about for a practical dirigible airship, despite the successive disasters involved in what seem to be futile experiments.

The Germans hit nearest the mark with their super-Zeppelins. But even the Zeppelins were a disappointment. They accomplished none of the things expected of them.

The wreck of the Roma and the loss of some of the best air men in the army and naval service could not have been much of a surprise to aviation experts.

The Roma on her trial trips in Italy, where she was designed and built, did not prove to be a shining success. She was permitted to fly only in the best weather.

As in the case of the ZR-2, the loss of life on the Roma was due to the inevitable explosion of the vast quantity of lifting gas in the ship's balloons.

A GOOD PRESCRIPTION

SENATOR PEPPER proved by his address before the Traffic Club in New York on Monday night that he knows what is needed to cure the transportation ills.

He said that an equilibrium of interest must be preserved among those who use the railroads, those who furnish the capital for them, those who run the trains and those who manage the roads.

BALFOUR WON'T HAVE IT

ARTHUR J. BALFOUR'S refusal of a title for the fourth time suggests that the British nobility is not what it once was.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS AS A MENACE TO THE CONTINUED INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATES.

A bill has just been introduced in the Legislature, with the approval of the Governor, appropriating \$100,000 to the State Department of Health for the use of the division of maternity, infancy and child hygiene on condition that no contribution from the Federal Government is received under the terms of the Sheppard-Towner bill.

G. W.: ANOTHER PATRIOT WHO HAD TO DIE TO LIVE

America's Habit of Giving Its Prophets Over to Martyrdom Began With the Colonies

TIME, which is impartial, and the evidence of events which never can be twisted in anybody's favor, made it in American history. It was not the esteem of his contemporaries or the understanding of the people which followed immediately after them.

Washington was, in fact, a two-fisted man of unbending honor and limitless courage, who brought to the service of his country a love of fair dealing and a genius for leadership combined with a slow, cumulative hatred of all injustice.

It will be better to think of Washington not as a personage of celestial character, such as that which moves in the honored and misleading legends, but as a man susceptible to all normal human emotions.

It is fashionable to feel that all the people in this country are alike in democratic sympathies and similarly willing to subordinate their own special interests to the essential interests of the majority.

G. W. was no national hero then. He was viewed doubtfully and disliked because he was supposed to have made a sort of international scene. He had made what the snobs of those days called a sorry exhibition of himself and the Colonies.

Only the very strong men who care more for justice and for mankind than they care for their own comfort or even their own lives may dare to be pioneers of great new causes in a democracy.

MAKING IT NATIONAL

THE election of George W. Wickersham, of New York, and Albert R. Brown, of Chicago, to membership in the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania marks the beginning of the end of the management of that great institution by a close corporation.

WOMEN AND THE CONSTITUTION

IT WAS in response to the demands of women that Congress passed the Sheppard-Towner Maternity Act, an act intended to extend as far as possible the jurisdiction of the Federal Government over the philanthropic work of the States.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Women Voters, a Little Puzzled at First, Are Quietly Learning the Political Game and Mean to Play It—How the Fac-tions Line Up

By SARAH D. LOWBIE
THERE are certain opinions that people take second hand and make the fashion temporarily by repeating them. They are like the present style of wearing galoshes, conspicuous, but not practical.

A LAWYERS' TRUST?

A lack of character rather than lack of education is responsible for most of the discredit which attaches to the name of the most brilliant young lawyers in Philadelphia, as well as in every other city, are the most unscrupulous. Yet they are graduates of colleges and law schools.

It is important that no unqualified man shall be allowed to practice law. The bar cannot be purged of its disreputable members by laying down a hard and fast rule that no one can be admitted to practice law save through the door of a law school.

SHORT CUTS

It was a gas bomb MacNider threw. 2 22 22 Too - too - too - too - too! 'Rai for George Washington? Apocryphal stories of great men still remind us that cherries will soon be ripe.

When Henry and Tom flirt with greenbacks they seem to argue themselves moss-backs. Mary Garden's noise is proved by the calm with which she reads the stuff written about her.

Cheer up! The city will yet be cleared of vice and crime. A Negro bootblack has been arrested for letting on horse races. We venture the opinion that it isn't modesty that keeps Arthur J. Balfour from accepting a peerage. It is a sense of humor.

Just because the Health Department hasn't listed you please don't suppose for a moment there are no cases of spring fever round about this man's town. With the help of a Bermuda onion Secretary makes no able to suppress tears. Senator Hitchcock's grief because of unrecorded diplomatic conversations.

By the way the sky is pecking in on us we fear. Falsely Spring is seriously thinking of inviting the dog to come out and play. Not that the wagging dog, Jack Frost, may nip them. Captain of steamship arriving in this port says he threw thirty cases of bonded liquor aboard when off the Delaware Capes. Notable addition to Davy Jones' locker.

Samuel Gompers urges that a stop be put to further invasions of America by British non-union actors. This will leave us cold if nothing is done about the leeches. From the number of branches we have seen we arrive at the conclusion that what Eric Galt got out down with his little basket was not a cherry tree, but a pussy-willow.

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Disappointing to whom? Not to the anti-suffrage workers surely, who always said that women would not vote. Not to the politicians who begged them to vote. Not to the League of Women Voters, which entreated them not to give their great prestige to any party without knowing just what they were backing.

IN FACT, the text preached from was "caution" and the sermon fell upon willing ears. For the women were willing enough to have been laughed at for wanting the vote and for trying to get it, but they felt it a point of honor to be neither political jokes nor political martyrs.

WHAT happened in this city is perhaps a case in point. There were three kinds of women who could be expected to train for leaders—the suffrage and reform party women, the War Committee and Red Cross and Liberty Loan women, and the ward leaders and division leaders' relations and friends.

THE remedy for the housing situation which exists in Philadelphia is more building and a standardization of building materials and methods, according to Bernard J. Newman, managing director of the Philadelphia Housing Association.

By doing this they naturally take an interest in their home or, what is equally important, in their neighborhood. They are driven to look for their pleasures outside the home. This is not only a social expense, but it also brings about unstable conditions. Much of the restlessness of the present-day results, I am certain, from so many families and young couples having no room to take three or four rooms in a building converted into apartments.

These conditions automatically increase rents to the prohibitive point, so far as the normal average means is concerned. If the shortage of houses is so great that several families are trying to obtain one house, the owner will naturally see to it that the rent is raised to a point which is highly profitable to himself. Not only the rents, but the sale prices go up also to the point where the young couple feel that it is inadvisable from an economic point of view to tie up so heavily an investment as is demanded in a house.

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This, of course, is all right, if financial conditions warrant, but it adds greatly to the cost of the houses and this cost must be paid by the buyer, or by the tenant in case of rented houses. There should be a legalized standard for all house-building materials. Another point of expense lies in the fact that the builders are frequently asked to build two-story houses meant not to carry a two-story weight, but to maintain a three or four-story weight and stress.

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"IF YOU DON'T BEAR FRUIT"



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

BERNARD J. NEWMAN
On the Housing Situation
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HUMANISMS

By WILLIAM A. THURSTON DU FUY
ADMIRAL CARY GRAYSON, physician to Woodrow Wilson, tells this one on himself.

He was up in Virginia not long ago, riding along through the hills on his horse. He observed a wealth of smoke curling from the mountainside as a lily unfolds its bloom.

"Yonder," he quoth, talking to himself, as a philosopher is like to do in such solitudes, "is the habit of ye moonshiners. I will repair me thereto and quaff of his distillation of cheer."

Whereupon he called a centid by the roadside, gave the bridle reins into his keeper's crossed his palm with a modest coin and set forth.

He took the direction of the spiraling smoke. Noting which, the urchin, who tethered his steed, called after him.

"Mister," said the boy, "what shall I do with the horse if you don't come back?" Considering which, and the unreliability of this immature youth for the assumption of responsibility, the admiral doctor turned him about and continued his journey, his thirst no whit abated.

The Princess Julia Cantacuzene, Russian refugee, was born at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C., the present address of Warren G. Harding.

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell was something more than fifty years ago, best man at the wedding of Sir James Murray, editor of the great Oxford Dictionary.

Dr. Murray had learned his contributors from all over the world to this monumental work. There was one man, a Dr. White, who wrote so attractively as to arouse the editor's curiosity.

Dr. White was a Russian refugee who, after he had been in this country for many years, returned which said that this would be quite impossible, but Dr. White would be glad to see Dr. Murray at a given address. The editor went and found his star contributor to be an inmate of an insane asylum.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ
1. Name the author of "The Complicated Angler."
2. Who is the elegiac meter?
3. What is the Premier of Canada?
4. What is the nickname of Maine?
5. Who is the conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra?
6. What is a bibliophile?
7. What are the Hymenoptera?
8. What instruments compose a string quartet?
9. What is a baton?
10. What is the capital of Soviet Russia?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Sir Horace Plunkett is a distinguished Irish publicist and agriculturist, who has been active in the co-operative movement as a means of economic restoration of Ireland. In politics he is a Dominion Home Rule supporter and a member of the House of Commons for the British Empire and of Ulster from Ireland. He has been for many years interested in ranching in the United States.

2. Dr. Jewell and Mr. Stevenson was written by Robert Louis Stevenson.
3. "The Wizard of the North" was a name applied to Sir Walter Scott by the author of the "Waverley Novels."
4. A catacomb is an empty tomb or monument erected as a memorial of a person who is buried elsewhere.

5. Robert Bridges is the poet laureate of England.
6. "Swara" is an Indian play, meaning "virtually the same as 'home rule.'" It is a play by the poet laureate of the British Empire and of Ulster from Ireland. He has been for many years interested in ranching in the United States.

7. Three noted pirates: Morgan, the Buccaneer; Lahtie, the Pirate of the Gulf; and Captain Kidd.
8. "Fortissimo" in music means the very loudest sounds producible.
9. The "Carmen" was composed by Giuseppe Verdi. The libretto was drawn from the younger Dumas' "Carmen."

10. "Hummungus" means cheap, tawdry or pinchbeck, particularly in relation to small manufactured articles, such as hardware and jewelry. The term is a corrupt pronunciation of Birmingham, England, where at one time vast quantities of cheaply priced and unscrupulous articles were manufactured.

A Horse on Somebody
Governor of Colorado, has pardoned a man convicted in 1907 of horse-stealing, declaring that he had not been properly defended. Cooley, then a young and inexperienced lawyer, had been the prosecutor. After fifteen years in the pen the victim's opinion of the confession ought to be interesting.

The American Bar Association meets in Washington this week to discuss the adoption of more stringent qualifications for admission to the bar. There is danger that it will do too much rather than too little. May the shade of Abraham Lincoln be on hand to give the conferees guidance.

If John D. has his way and Oscar is naturalized before he is married, the enterprising reporters may get the news for which the world pants; they may discover his age. Ho, hum!