Letters to the Editor

Ety Contractors Generally Honest to Save His Life?" is a timely read to Save His Life?" is a timely read to Save His Life?" is a timely covering up for the companies at the other fire they did not push their horses to the limit. They traveled a linger distance than did any company to the fire in question.

It is also a matter of fact that the second alarm was sent in twelve minutes after the first. The only one who could send this is a battalion chief, therefore, he must have been there within that time to do it.

To be sure, Philadelphia is behind in the number of its fire companies, within that time to do it.

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If the newspapers would call attention to the way in which automobiles and troiley cars hamper the movements of fire apparatus by their disregard of the ordinance giving it the right of way, they would do much good and possibly save lives in the future. No other big city would tolerate it.

I might also mention as a psychological fact that no one's opinion of the lapse of time in such an emergency is of any value, unless they note the actual time.

municipal operations and as the philosophic work other than his own,

There may be waste and corruption

There may be waste and corruption within the machinery of government.

issis. By public contracts I am reistring to those of which I have some
bowledge—public buildings, highways.
public works of an engineering nature
and maintenance of public property.
Consider. All firms regularly engaged
in the work required are permitted to
bid. There is no variation in the basis
of estimates, public documents being
sotedly clear and free from ambiguity,
and the contract is always awarded to
the lowest responsible bidder. What
can be fairer? Generally speaking there
are no vast profits in public contracts;
esspection is too keen, the inspection
is too rigid and stern. There can be
so compromise as to the highest quality;
variation from the specifications is
solden, if ever, permitted.

From the angle of the contractor let
me say just a word anent inspection.
It is either absolutely fair or, in the
vernacular, too confounded hard. It is
absolutely never detrimental to the invertex of the city or the State. Do you

remacular, too confounded hard. It is absolutely never detrimental to the interest of the city or the State. Do you know of a public building collapsing, of a bridge falling, of a road failing to give that service which can be reasonably expected? I'm not referring to old neglected structures for which the contractor has no responsibility.

Your voiled insignations relative to service where the service was an expension of the company and allowed a voice in operative matters, thus carrying out the co-operative spirit in practice.

I am afraid that our friend Mr. W. S. P. has been misinformed, or has an expension of the company and allowed a voice in operative matters, thus carrying out the co-operative spirit in practice.

of public work is a compact with dishonsty and creates the unjust impression that a public contractor is crooked.

Camden, N. J., March 26, 1922. sion that a public contractor is crooked. I soy it is unjust, unfair and above all without foundation in fact.
There are too many upright, worthy

for the Commonwealth and the city to lend these vague references our local papers are constantly making any standing with the well informed, but and intelligent men engaged in work

agures connected with these wasteful, treasury-looting jobs of which you write? Expose them, direct the white light of publicity upon those dishonest individuals rather than condemn all in order to be sure the dishonest ones are included. Don't by innuendo and im-plication tar all contractors with the ame stick and make a man or firm dishonest simply because he is a contractor. Expose the illicit. Condemn it.

Prove it. To do so will give honest contractors, who are 90 0-10 per cent of Sir—Just a word, please, concerning

haps, condemn us all.
A. HARRISON KOSOVE.
Philadelphia, March 24, 1922.

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I notice in tonight's paper that according to your own figures there were according to your own figures there were according to statistics under the license laws 55,000 more men and women's lives "snuffed" out annually than is due to bootlegging. I can also assert, in truth, that as far as I have discovered, Prohibition has worked wonders in two short years.

Moreover, I don't think there has after they received the alarm Of course.

The writer speaks from the stand-point of a contractor for numerous State and municipal operations and as the

This I can neither affirm nor deny.

There may be political chicanery and delering among politicians; there may be other numerous wrongs, wasteful set ill-advised practices. I do not know.

But I do know that public contracts are awarded on a fair and equitable to awarded on a fair and equitable to those of which I have some fering to those of which I have some heartly in accord with his statements; assured to boost.

tractor has no responsibility.

Your veiled insinuations relative to contractors imply that the performance on the Public Service Railway property

Likes Coal Strike Editorial To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

papers are constantly making any standing with the well informed, but the layman's opinion is molded by just such indefinite statements.

Why not produce names, facts and figures connected with these wasteful, treasury-looting jobs of which you write? Expose them, direct the white light of publicity upon those dishonest individuals rather than condemn all in an intelligent, human and American an intelligent, human and American

ideal.

JAMES GOODYEAR DAGGETT.
Philadelphia, March 26, 1922.

Sir-Just a word, please, concerning sontractors, who are 80 0-10 per cent of all public contractors, credit for their that brilliant individual "Temperate," that brilliant individual "Temperate," who is being insuited by Prohibitionists, beterogeneous mass of crookedness to who uphold the laws of our fair country who is being insuited by prohibitionists, beterogeneous mass of crookedness to who uphold the laws of our fair country who is being insuited by prohibitionists.

Philadelphia's Fire Laddles Alert | and say to honorable "Temperate" that

the scene of the fire within five minutes after they received the alarm. Of course they only know of a fire when they receive notice of it. They have no way of knowing when it starts.

There is no place in Philadelphia where it would take a first alarm company eighteen minutes to reach a fire. That means that they are at least five miles away.

As a matter of fact, on the night of the Logan fire, Engine 18 went from their station at Nineteenth and Callow-hill streets to that of Engine 50 at Park avenue and Cambria street in Volstead, I will mention, by the way.

QTAND on the shore of a stream and

in plain sight, where it can be exhibited to the prospective employer.

CONSIDER today when you go to work that you are making that achievement—that you are forming the Past upon which your future depends.

Don't worry if you are not making
a great deal of money the while. Hetter to do the job carefully and to do
it right than to try to get rich out of
it.

The practice will be useful, and you will sell the ability you are piling up today for good prices by and by—provided it is real useful ability.

If you begin making a past now with the idea that it is to work for you in the future, you will make the right kind of one.

kind of one.

If you think that everything you do will, like the words of a witness, be will, like the words of a witness, be

sed for you or against you later on, ou will be a little more careful. THE present is merely the past-un-

der construction.

Build flimsily, and the structure will always be there for men to behold and to deride. Build solidly and carefully, and the edifice will inspire men with

POTTERY AND SUPPLIES

to any one. CHARLES S. POTTS. Philadelphia, March 25, 1922.

Sir—Your editorial entitled, "Is a Coal War Inevitable? Who Sought to Prevent It?" in the EVENING PUBLIC

and who imagines himself powerful enough to "oust" those of Congress who worked for the same grand issue. Yes, "Temperate" I am just one of those "fanatics" who dare come out

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Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company watch the current rushing by. The drift that is now far above you will soon be swept down stream. There may be in it something you would like very much to possess—a stray cance or frewood which will be valuable to you you are a camper. Seize it when it passes and it is

fours. Let it go and it is gone for-You will always be judged — and rightly judged—by what you have done. The man with achievement behind him

sure of the future. But the achievement must be there.

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together with Dr. Krauskopf, Bishop Berry, Rev. Dr. Davis and Mr. Bryan. Many others are just as good, but Foe-lieve no better. If the Mount Airy fellow is a "Real American," as he signs himself, then I am a Bouth Sea Islander. Philadelphia, March 27, 1922.

Wants "Meschlanza" on Screen To the Metter of the Buening Public Ledger: Sir—I am a pupil of the G. W. Childs School and in the seventh B grade. In history we are studying the "Meschiansa." Why not urge some movie firm to do the picture of the "Meschiansa?" I am sure the children of different schools who study it will like to see the picture.

Philadelphia, March 25, 1922.

Views on the Bonus

Service Man and Bonus To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—For the benefit of a few cranks who write articles to the newspapers slandering ex-service men by calling them low-down bums, robbers, and degrading them in other ways, let me ask them one question: If we are in the class with the war profiteers, money hops, etc., or in the same class patrict. hogs, etc., or in the same class patriotically with the ship yard, arsenal or war industrial workers who all got a large bonus from the Government, then why don't they give the ex-service men a bonus.

bonus.

If these self-called Americans would

Sir—In the opinion of the writer, any bonus that Congress might authorize for the benefit of our ex-service men of the late war should appear to be the free-will offering of the country, or not at all. It is a positive mistake for the ex-service men themselves to demand what is called adjusted compensation. It is only belitting the service they gave to demand pay for it.

The best friends of our ex-service boys are opposed to it, as also are very many of the boys themselves. Many of their leaders, however, advise and urge those that are opposed to keep quiet about it, so that it may appear as though the American Legion is practically unanimous in its favor.

The writer does not oppose the bonus (I call it a "bonus," for that is what it really is) on the ground that the country cannot raise the money. It can if it wants to, and is willing to tax the people enough to raise the money. For this purpose I think every one ought to be compelled to pay the tax, for otherwise how do they show their gratitude and sense of obligation to the soldiers? It is very easy to decide that other people shall pay; we show our good faith when we reach down in our own pockets and help to pay the bill. If Congress so orders, the writer will not object to doing his share, but he wants every one else to do the same, for every one else to do the same, for every one else to do the benefit.

I do not oppose it because I may

why don't they give the ex-service men bouns.

If these self-called Americans would use their soft heads and try to figure out ways and means to meet this debt yound any question. That our boys so into that the working class, and print that instead of souring a lot of people's minds on the rights of the ex-service man then the war would be soon ended.

ALBERT 7, BETZ.

Philadelphia, March 27, 1922.

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Bethlehem, March 27, 1922.

East Greenville, Pa., March 27, 1922. The form of lower of attorney approved by the stock exchange officials is both a bill of sale and irrevocable and, if properly signed and witnessed and the stock held

Father to Support Child Thanks are due a woman correspondent in Germantown who sends the poem "Just for Today." It was published in Tuesday's

the writer will not object to doing his share, but he wants every one else to do the same, for every one else to do the same, for every one else shared in the benefit.

I do not oppose it because I may have to help pay, but because of my pride in the bravery and gallantry of our American boys. American boys are not panhandlers that hang around Congress asking for alms—camouflaged under the name of "adjusted compensation," I am the father of one of those American boys that served their country in France. He needs the \$625 offered by the adjusted compensation, but both he and I feel that he had been more than compensated by his experiment of the courts or the courts or the courts or the courts of the courts or the courts or the courts or the courts or the courts of the courts or the courts of the courts or the courts of the courts or the courts o

Ouestions Answered

For the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Would you kindly answer the following inquiry: If a person is the owner of a stock certificate in a corporation and signs his name upon the back of certificate, the power of attorney, and assigns said certificate to another person, can that certificate be transferred legally on the books of the corporation after the death of the assignor of said certificate?

"Jim Bludse of the Prairie Belle" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Will you kindly print in the People's
Forum of your valued paper the following
poem, which I believe is entitled "Jim Bludso
of the Prairis Bell." the first line of which
I understand runs as follows:
"Every ship had her day on the Missiesippi.
even the Prairis Bell."

MARY B. BURTON,
Philadelphia, March 14, 1922.

We do not find the line quoted in any poem, but you, no doubt, mean John Hay's familiar

JIM BLUDSO

Well, no. I can't tell whar he lives.

Because he don't live, you see:
Leastways, he's got out of the habit
Of livin' like you and me.
Whar have you been for the last three
That you haven't heard folks tell
How Jim Bludso passed in his checks
The night of the Prairie Belle?

And her day come at isset,
The Movestar was a better boat,
But the Belle she wouldn't be passed.
And so she came tearth' along that night—
The oldest craft on the line—
With a nigger squat on her safety-valve,
And her furnace crammed, rosin and pine. The fire bust out as she cleared the bar,
And burnt a hole in the night,
And quick as a fiash she turned and made
For that willer-bank on the right.
There was runnin' and cursin', but Jim

Through the hot, black breath of the burning

SALLY CASKIN RECITAL

Young Lady of Eleven Plays Actonishing Program

being avoided, as well as other pool of technique which would descend to undue strain on the hands. Her beterpretation, when the trying matter of the program and her age are other sidered, was excellent. Little like the control of the program and her age are other sidered, was excellent. Little like the possesse of a splendid talent which should develop into a most unusual performer as the gains years and experience. Under any circumstances, it was a remarkable Miss Sally Caskin, aged eleven years, gave a recital of astonishingly mature piano music in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford last evening before a good-sized audience and played it remarkably well. Her program consisted of four numbers of Bach, three from Chopin, the mazurka Op. 6 No. 1, the F minor nocturne and the valse Op. 69 No. 1, MacDewell's Shadow Danes, a nocturne of Borodine, Liadow's "Masic Box," the "Golliwog's Cakewalk" from the "Children's Corner" of Debussy and a sonata of Mozart.

This is a program which for sheer technique alone might well be considered seriously by an artist of any age, but for a child of eleven years to play it as little Miss Caskin did, almost without slips, is exceedingly remarkable. Her technique is very fluent, considering her age, and the runs were executed with especial smoothness and piano music in the ballroom of the any circumstances, it was a remarkable feat to perform such a program so well, especially in a public recital. The proceeds of the concert were given the Committee on Unemployment the Philadelphia American Legion.

executed with especial smoothness and clarity. She gave the whole program without notes and played with entire self-possession, this being shown nota-bly in the instantaneous and clever manner in which she covered the few slips which were inevitable in so sus-tained a program when performed by one so young. Her tone is excellent in quality and of about twice the usual on quality and of about twice the volume of a performer of her age.

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