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INSTRUCTIONS

CITIZENS of Philadelphia who failed to register last autumn or who have changed their residences since that time must be enrolled at their division polling places today in order to qualify for voting in the spring primary at which the Republican and Democratic nominees for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs and Senators and Representatives from Pennsylvania are to be chosen.

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emphasis are not what we need to be dry. We need honest men in office and less general hypocrisy, and a social equivalent for the saloon. When Mr. Sunday can tell us how to obtain these things we shall listen and obey, and he will not have to shout.

TO THE uninitiated there is something rather trying in the very expression of what is called Bolshevist doctrine. The terminology is difficult and seems to have been employed with unnecessarily bad temper.

Perhaps Mr. Chicherin, who struck first fire at the Genoa conference, has realized that the dreary jargon is played out. In any event, his renunciation of its doubtful services is conspicuous in his exceedingly straightforward disarmament plea, which, so far as its essential significance is concerned, might have sprung from the lips of Woodrow Wilson or Charles Evans Hughes or Anatole France or Romaine Rolland or Maximilian Harden or Lord Robert Cecil or E. G. Wells or Bernard Shaw or Sidney Webb or Norman Angell or from the simplest peasant or laborer or the most revered sages of antiquity. The meaning is fundamental and transparently appealing.

To the intense disgust of Louis Barthou, leader of the French delegation, the Russian delegate began to crumple up these previous agenda, rules and programs. The scope of the conference, which he apologetically explained, he had not carefully perused. And despite Mr. Lloyd George's facile maneuvering, which temporarily averted what diplomats and correspondents professionally call a "crisis," Mr. Chicherin remains unrepentant.

A new statement issued by him yesterday stresses the acute need of disarmament in any attempt to reconstruct Europe, and declares that amelioration of present conditions is impossible while the "imperialist countries" continue vast expenditures for the maintenance of large armies.

This is brave and candid speaking. One does not have to wade through "Das Kapital" to grasp the idea. The thought, however, is not new. The ex-Kaiser probably will confess that he has entertained it. It was clearly formulated in the League-of-Nations Conference. General Bliss opened the Peace Conference Forum in this city a year and a half ago with an even more sweeping statement of the principle.

The general principles of accord had, however, been reached before the American Conference assembled. At Genoa the situation is reversed. The national sensitivities of several of the most important countries involved are extremely delicate. The task of segregating black and white sheep is not easy.

It is, for instance, permissible to wonder whether Mr. Chicherin is conceding any ulterior purposes. On the surface the Red star, strong in numbers and drilled to Prussian precision, has supposedly been the pride of Leon Trotsky. If Mr. Chicherin is bargaining on the subject of its disarmament, what is the price?

It is a merely similar act of militaristic restraint on the part of France or will the question of Russian foreign indebtedness be involved or a European concert of approval of bolshevist ambitions in the equivocal "independent" border states of Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and the Ukraine? Is the oil in Georgia and Azerbaijan, upon which British eyes are longingly cast, an asset for barter?

If Mr. Chicherin's altruism may be questioned, it is equally legitimate to examine the alleged chauvinism of France. Evidence that a small but powerful group of jingoes are exploiting the military "protection" idea to their own advantage is not wanting, but the persistent opposition of many classes in the republic to immediate disarmament probably lies deeper than this.

It is no slight labor for Englishmen, freed from the German fleet menace and intensely eager for general trade revival to relieve home unemployment, or for Americans, in their security and wealth, to comprehend all the shadings of the French view. Coupled with resentment over the German reparations to offset some of the hideous ruin, there is the keen historical memory of four devastating foreign invasions within a single century, and an equal consciousness of the isolation of France since the armistice.

The League of Nations, weakened by blows unforeseen at the time of its creation, has failed to fulfill its constructive and protective purposes originally designed. Its vital principle is identical with that proposed by Mr. Chicherin. It is practical execution that is delayed.

The three-power protective treaty between France, Great Britain and the United States proved an illusive dream. The French beheld a recalcitrant neighbor too close for comfort, a neighbor not averse to employing any agency to make the Versailles Treaty impotent.

Nevertheless, the Russian delegate, in reiterating an inextinguishable idea, has done civilization a good turn. He has revived a standard of idealism the struggle for which must be sustained, despite rebuffs and setbacks, if modern civilization is not to revert to the chaos of the Dark Ages.

It Should Be Canceled by the Sea

In Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif., the Arts and Letters festival carried over the election and village will remain as it is, artistic and "unprogressive."

their usual practice, met to agree upon wages scales and working conditions. More than 200 of these men were indicted before Federal judges in the State of Nebraska for violating the Sherman law. They were charged with conspiracy to restrain trade and maintain prices of commodities moved in interstate commerce. Since almost all contracts and agreements, whether they are entered into by business men alone or by union leaders and the employers, tend to advance costs and wages alike, and since even an ordinary contract between two individuals in business might be said to restrain trade in the avenue directly affected, all agreements of every sort might become, under the theory sustained by Judge Anderson, conspiracies in restraint of commerce.

When public criticism began to run against the small group of soft-coal operators whose refusal to confer with the miners' unions brought on the general coal strike these men began to look for an alibi. They said in Washington that they didn't enter the coal conference because they feared Federal indictments. The defense, belatedly advanced, amazed the Attorney General and the President. Mr. Daugherty said publicly that there was no thought in Washington of asking for indictments against anybody. He went to Indianapolis only to find that neither Judge Anderson nor the Federal Prosecutor in that district is willing to see the original indictment set aside.

The moral of all this is that we in America need to formulate a philosophy of industrial relationships that will be worthy of the respect of everybody and that will make it impossible for the personal prejudices of any small group to force the country to a policy of action in which it doesn't believe.

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The act gives to the State supervision over all places in which alcoholic beverages are sold. Neither the Eighteenth Amendment nor the Volstead act purport to deprive the State of its right to supervise these places. As the Woner act is an amendment of the Brooks Law, reducing the license fees and providing that no liquors forbidden by Federal law may be sold in the State, it may be assumed that the Supreme Court decision by implication validates this new law also.

The effect of the decision is to put the enforcement of the law up to the State authorities. If men holding a license sell liquors containing more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol they are liable to punishment under the State law, and if they are not punished then the State authorities are neglecting their duty.

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By SARAH D. LOWRIE
LAST winter in New York City I was a delegate from my State at a national conference of women whose activities were chiefly what might be called philanthropic. The organization was not a new one and it often mentioned in the papers for its importance and for the weight of its opinions on things civic and sociological.

One of the States, a New England one, reported for instance, that its State "key women" had tried out an experiment in running a small town neighborhood house for two years with a view to its usefulness in the life of the town would by that time be so well proved that the town corporation, or at all events the general population, would take it over and support and run it. But the experiment was reported a failure, because, though the house was well used, and the statistics of the head work were all to the good, neither the town corporation nor the general public felt any enthusiasm about supporting it.

WITH that queer fate that makes one clue follow another, once the mind is on the alert with a question, on my return from New York next day the Yonkers local newspaper fell into my hands and an article in it by Ruth Agnes Abeling, with the heading: "Sunnyside—Started by a Woman," riveted my attention, for I happened to know the woman mentioned in it, Mrs. Charles DeWitt Hastings, Neb., the wife of the one-time Governor and United States Senator of that State. And I had also heard of "Sunnyside," which was its theme.

This is what the Yonkers paper special writer had found it worth while to publish about the Nebraska town experiment—or shall I say success—for Sunnyside as a model for other towns. It was a complete success from every one's point of view for some ten years.

It's the heart of Hastings, Neb.—that's the best way to describe it, and it was Mrs. DeWitt Hastings, Hastings, Neb., the wife of the one-time Governor and United States Senator of that State. And I had also heard of "Sunnyside," which was its theme.

By this I mean that most of the self-supporting artists are now busy with the latter kind of work and very few are engaged with ecclesiastical or decorative art for the adornment of the home of public places. However, I am safe in saying that religion is not making renewed demands on art and I am glad that this is the case, because, as a partial result, cheapness, lawlessness and quantity are being replaced by quality.

Industrial Art and Industry
Industrial art may have been so named because it is the art of the industries. In more than one daily tea parties, no corners, no inroads and no pipe dreams. It is all pure hard work—industry. This may be the reason why we are looked down upon by the art world as a "lower" art.

A Parallel in Architecture
And why should it not be, when modern American architecture is far superior to that of Europe? I am amazed at the lack of real taste displayed by most of the present-day architects abroad. The "modern style" of the Viennese has ruined the taste of Europe and everywhere one is shocked to see buildings, the design of which is neither structural nor dignified and which are covered with meaningless decorative details.

Everything depends on how a thing begins in a small community. And it is worth waiting for the right moment, holding the "three hundred dollars" in hand till a Grandma Ball case turns up. The Commission on Reorganization of the State Government has prepared a chart demonstrating that the State Government is oppressed with too many commissions; and all the rest of them are now convinced that the one too many is the Commission on Reorganization of the State Government.

"ATTA BOY!"



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

NICOLA D'ASCENZO

On Practical Art vs. Art's Sake
DECORATIVE art is now practically at the beginning of an important readjustment, according to Nicola D'Ascenzo, one of Philadelphia's leading exponents of the artistic crafts.

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Today's Anniversaries
1780—The British opened fire on the American batteries defending Charleston, S. C.

Today's Birthdays
The Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, Episcopal Bishop of Vermont, born in Berkshire, England, seventy-five years ago.



SHORT CUTS

Bookbinder was by the law-book bound. The world now awaits the truth about Russia via Genoa.

Lloyd George may be Hamlet at Genoa, but Russia is the Ghost.

Laddie Boy continues to be the one Washingtonian beyond criticism.

You can't vote if you're not registered, and you can't kick if you don't vote.

The first thing Lloyd George did at Genoa was to tie the Canapes to the Russian delegates.

Billy Sunday audiences have apparently not learned that the Chautauque salute is insubstantial.

With so much on his mind one couldn't blame Andy Gump very much if he forgot to register.

Any suggestion that Brumbaugh is to be given Finegan's job would be sufficient to defeat Alter.

In a three-cornered fight two of the contestants are bound to get knocked into that kind of a hat.

In the matter of naval balance, it would be an easy matter to convict Congress of giving short weight.

There are marriages in the spirit world but no births, says Conan Doyle. Have evidently allowed the Sangers to gain control there.

All ready for the first close-up in the great drama, "The Purification of a State." Put your best foot forward and register patriotism.

Fickle is fane. The lone straw that achieved notoriety in Atlantic City the other day will be and by lie on the dust heap forgotten.

But can a performance of Chinese opera lasting eleven hours really be called long-lasting when all the music is provided by drums and fiddles?

Jobs for Brumbaugh, Beideman and Mackey; everybody happy if Alter is elected. That is, of course, everybody but the people at large, and they don't count.

Chancellor Wirth was the only delegate who was not applauded at Genoa. Well, in the circumstances, he could hardly expect that those present would want to fall on his neck and kiss him.

Russia goes to the Genoa conference as a prospective buyer with her money temporarily tied up. She goes there to face traders who want her business at the least possible risk. Her handicap lies in the personal or her representatives.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. What is the origin of the expression "to conquer the world"?
2. Who founded the French Academy?
3. What are the three great divisions of the Slavic peoples who form the majority of the inhabitants of Russia?
4. Distinguish between the League of Nations and the Association of Nations.
5. Who said "Oh, may I die the death of those immortal dead who live again!"
6. What is the name of an animal is a scorp?
7. Distinguish between a tipster and a tipster's mate.
8. What is the name of a flower?
9. What is the immortal flower of Paris?
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Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. The Artful Dodger was the nickname of John Dawkins, a young pickpocket employed by Fagin in Charles Dickens' novel, Oliver Twist.
2. Wellington is the capital of the Dominion of New Zealand.
3. To go to Canosa means to eat humble pie. Canosa is a town in Italy where Kaiser Heinrich IV went to humble himself before Pope Gregory VII (Hildebrand) in 1077.
4. A merle is a blackbird.
5. Thomas Kempis was a German mystic and the reputed author of the "Imitation of Christ." His dates are 1380-1471.
6. Kamehameha the Great ruled over the Hawaiian Islands and was the first to unite them in a single kingdom.
7. The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican War in 1848. The pact takes its name from a suburb of Mexico City.
8. A scale is a low rectangular block used to support for a pedestal.
9. A quinquagenarian is a person fifty years old.
10. St. Andrew is the patron saint of the fish.