THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Ignorance Retarding Harmony

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Ignorance is causing the world today to fight against those very things which would benefit her—like a sick child fighting against a healing draft.

What but ignorance would cause God's people to rend and tear at each other's throats in mad destruction? And who can say what their object is? Question a laboring man and you will find that he considers capital his bitter enemy, yet what could the laboring man do without capital? Question one of any denomination and you will find his argument seems to be somewhat after this method of reasoning: "He does not believe as I believe, therefore he is wrong."

The men who first owned automobiles were beset with persecution from those who walked or went behind horse power, and some writer has humorously told of the troubles which came to the primitive man who first tried to use a wheel as an improvement over "toting" things on his back or on a pole. The same old story of ignorance fighting against knowledge.

Women are slaves among ignorant tribes, and woe betide the one not of the tribe or who is different in any way. Is not ignorance the cause of the present war between the sexes—for do not our greatest men have most reverence for womankind? True, women do many wrong things in their struggle to free themselves, but there again the answer is the same—ignorance.

How many of us have tried desperately to accomplish something only to find all our efforts end in failure, because in our blindness we saw only a little of the whole great truth?

Ignorance of our neighbor, his aims, his failures, his gropings after what he considers right, though it may be wrong from our viewpoint, is often the cause of neighborhood friction.

L. B. FAULKNER.

Philadelphia, June 24, 1922.

The Mysterious North

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—If only a Poe, a Kipling, a Hugo were aboard the Maud with Amundsen on his exploration of the Pole!

What mystery the author of Poe's weird stories and poems would glean from the Arctic waste! With what stately processional in verse Kipling would memorialize this contest of the modern viking with the great ice king! To what tremendous periods in analysis of human emotionalism would Hugo arise!

A fleet of frozen ships manned by frozen crews swings around the North Pole, say the legends of the Eskimos. Within blocks of ice the unreduced forms of Norse warriors like Lief the Lucky have for untold thousands of years been incased.

There is a mystery about the source and cause of the Aurora Borealis that appeals fully as much to the romanticist as to the scientist. There are a thousand marvels of life and death to enthrall the hardy crew of the Maud in their seven-year drift across the pole.

There is the likelihood that the Maud, with all her airplanes, lumber for houses on the ice and surplus stores, may be joined by remorseless frost to the mystery fleet of frozen ships and never return.

Amundsen is embarked on the adventure magnificent.

THE RED ERIC.

Beverly, N. J., June 22, 1922.

Betting and Stock Gambling

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I see by your valuable paper that there is a war on gambling or rather a war on poolrooms where horse-racing bets are laid and played, but I look in vain for the news of a raid on a stock-broker's place, where gambling that has wrecked many a home and many a business flourishes. Yes, it has caused many murders, many a broken heart and many a young saphead has invested his small fortune to become a millionaire overnight.

If a census were taken of which does the most harm, horse-racing bets or stock-market bets, which would you say does?

Oh, where is the hand of justice when a judge will fine a man for betting on horses and at the same time the same judge may have won or lost a small fortune on the stock market. Yes, the same day. It's no wonder they blindfolded Justice. It must have originated in Philadelphia courts, for justice itself can't bear to look at what goes on in the courts. If the police and officials of Philadelphia keep up their childish pranks and unjust laws, law for one and not another, they will have to put another cloth around the ears of justice.

If the Mayor thinks he is fooling people, he is badly mistaken. People know why he is raiding the poor gambler and allowing the rich gambler to get his from the poor.

One thing, I say for horse racing: If you win you collect the next day, but if you win on stocks, they close up (bankrupt). One tip plus one fortune invested equals murder or suicide on the stock market.

In horse racing a man plays a system, so much a day, win or lose, for the whole roll; never. Always know when to quit. And also when to start again. The bucket shops that now exist were hit pretty bad when some of their brothers blew up, because the stockholders quit and ran to the poolrooms to invest in the sport of kings, knowing that it is an honest game and not as bad as it is painted.

So, dear friends, if the officials feel as though they would like to do some raiding, let them raid the ones that take your money in one lump and then send you the sucker sheet, originated by P. T. Barnum. Horse-racing bets are known now as Pari and Take. But the stock swindle is all Pari-Pari.

A SQUAREHEAD THAT WINS.

Philadelphia, June 25, 1922.

Sunday Law Enforcement

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—A few days ago there appeared a letter in the People's Forum signed "Citizen" protesting against the opening of stores on Sunday, especially by aliens.

As far as aliens are concerned, the same laws in this country that apply to native-born should and do apply with equal force to aliens.

Now for the Sunday closing. "Citizen" believes the Sunday law beneficial and therefore not to repeal it from the Harrisburg statute books.

But the truth is this: Christ declared that the Church and State should be kept separate in the words: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." Matthew xxii, 21. The duty of the State is to enforce the civil duties of men to each other. The last six of the ten commandments refer to man's duty to man, and the State can, by passing laws against murder, etc., enforce (but in a civil sense only, not in the hearts of men) all of these, except the commandment against covetousness, which no human law can enforce.

The first four commandments refer to man's duty to God, and are, therefore, religious, and the State has no moral right to enforce these, as God only wants voluntary religion. The Sabbath commandment is the fourth commandment. The enforcing of any of these four commandments unites Church and State. The State of Pennsylvania enforces the fourth (according to its own interpretation, because the seventh day, not the first, is the true Sabbath) and enforces the third commandment, as it has a law against blasphemy.

As for the Sabbath, there are at least three days observed by Pennsylvanians as the Sabbath—Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Which should be enforced. Of course, Sunday is the day observed by the majority, but to force those who keep another day to also keep Sunday would be stealing their time from them and would be denying religious liberty to the oppressed minority.

If the State wishes to enforce Sunday or any other day, why does not the State enforce other religious institutions, such as tithing, or baptism, or anti-idolatry? Yes, why not enforce a particular creed or set of creeds? Then we would have a so-called "Holy America," like "Holy Russia." For Russia under the Czars was indeed a "Holy Russia" according to their ideas. For there they had an established Church (which in this case happened to be Greek Orthodox), headed by the Holy Synod, and the Czar enforced the church laws on Russia. Nobody was allowed to do missionary work except in favor of Greek Orthodoxy. For instance, for Baptists, Methodists and others to conduct evangelistic services, to give out or sell religious literature, etc., was a crime. Some had been exiled to Siberia and the Caucasus for this very thing. As for the Jews, they were restricted to certain parts of Russia.

Austria under the Hapsburgs was another instance of Church and State, and in this instance the Church was Roman Catholic. To try to convert a Catholic to another religion was a crime. And the Austrian Government even prohibited the Czecho-Slovaks from having the Bible in their possession, although it was smuggled to them from outside the empire. These laws did not apply to the Hungarian half of the empire.

Many years ago Sweden was another instance. All preaching contrary to the Lutheran Church was a crime.

All these laws were enforced in the name of Christ, but Christ forces no one, and if deception of the most cruel manner had not been practiced they would have been enforced in the name of the Great Deceiver.

The time is coming when Sunday will be enforced in America by a national law, and finally with the death penalty. When that time comes the light on the Statue of Liberty should be extinguished, for America, the hope of the world, will have fallen, never to rise again.

But now all lovers of liberty can by act and pen and word and influence delay that time and preserve American liberty yet a little while longer.

FILLMORE THORN.

Philadelphia, June 26, 1922.

Questions Answered

Golf Ball in the Turf

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I have recently taken up golf—that is, I am attempting to learn the rudiments of the game—and I'd like you to tell me whether if a ball is buried in the soft turf of fairway or green can it be lifted without penalty. L. V. M.

Philadelphia, June 27, 1922.

The editor of the People's Forum is not a golfer, but he is told by an expert that unless there is a local rule or stipulation to the contrary the ball must be played as it lies.

"Miles Standish" Not Dramatized

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Please inform me through your columns whether Longfellow's poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish" has ever been dramatized, and, if so, by whom. GEORGE ROTH.

Shamokin, Pa., June 25, 1922.

There is no record of "The Courtship of Miles Standish" ever being dramatized.

Dempsey-Carpentier Fight

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Please give the following figures in the People's Forum:

Attendance at the Dempsey-Carpentier fight, amount taken in at gate, purse for fighters, Dempsey's share and Carpentier's share. C. P. MULHOLLAND.

Philadelphia, June 27, 1922.

The paid admissions to the Dempsey-Carpentier fight were, according to the New Jersey State Boxing Commission, 74,958. The gross gate receipts were $1,626,580; net ticket receipts, $1,552,422.15. The purse was $500,000. Dempsey received $300,000 and Carpentier $200,000, with 50 per cent of the moving-picture rights divided equally.

Poems and Songs Desired

"The Old Religion"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—We are informed that the Religion of Humanity, a comparatively new one, is the only true religion, far superior to all others. We, who have not as yet embraced it, should, we are told, speedily do so. Those who thus advise us are, I think, mistaken. Let me reply to them in the following couplets:

THE OLD RELIGION

Why should we mortals seek a new
Religion? The old faith should do.

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee."

A real religion? Calm your fears,
We have had one two thousand years.

There is nothing wrong, as I can see,
With true—true Christianity.

It satisfies our every need
If we but its blest teachings heed.

That star which led men to God's son
Outshines this methodical new one.

This never-ceb to which we are
Directed may prove a false star.

Humanity. Why do we so
Laud and extol it? Who is it, anyhow?

There may be single heroes who
Should be revered. This is most true.

Yes, there are some men on this sphere
Whom I, too, can almost revere.

Such George, Hale, Pershing, Clemenceau
And Sims—each one is a hero.

These strong, brave men five years ago
Saved the world from an invader foe.

Those men we honor, praise and idolize—
We worshipers of God abhor.

Our heroes dead. An' they were grand—
Washington, Lincoln and Cleveland.

And those dead boys who went away
From us, from us—but yesterday.

Yet all men are not worthy of
Our homage, reverence and love.

Even those men I've named are and were
Fallible beings, prone to err.

Humans, then, in the mass, should they
Be worshiped and adored? Nay, nay!

"Religion of Humanity":
A senseless phrase this seems to be.

It sounds well, though. A striking phrase
Convinces many men these days.

"A rhapsody of words" we find
Influences a shallow mind.

The old religion for, not "of,"
Humanity springs from true love.

For new religions (there's a lot
Of them about now) I care not.

One should, I know, love humankind.
But God is more worthy, I find.

So I'll love and trust God more than
I shall poor, erring, sinful man.

CLIFFORD PHILLIPS.

Philadelphia, June 26, 1922.

"Rest for the Weary"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I will be very much obliged to you if you will print in the Forum the old hymn, "Rest for the Weary."

MARGARET M.

Philadelphia, June 24, 1922.

REST FOR THE WEARY

In the Christian's home of glory
There remains a land of rest,
There my Saviour's gone before me,
To fulfill my soul's request.

CHORUS

There is rest for the weary,
There is rest for the weary,
There is rest for the weary,
There is rest for you.
On the other side of Jordan,
In the sweet fields of Eden,
Where the tree of life is blooming,
There's a rest for you.

He is fitting up my mansion,
Which eternally shall stand
For my stay shall not be transient,
In that holy, happy land.—Chorus.

Pain or sickness never shall enter,
Grief nor woe my lot shall share,
But in that celestial center,
I a crown of life shall wear.—Chorus.

Death itself shall there be vanquished,
And his sting shall be withdrawn,
Shout for gladness, O ye ransomed,
Hail with joy the rising morn.—Chorus.

"My Old New Hampshire Home"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I enjoy reading the Forum and the many dear old songs printed in it. Will you kindly print the words of "My Old New Hampshire Home?" M. L. P.

Philadelphia, June 23, 1922.

Can a reader supply this song?

Asks for a Poem

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Can you produce the whole of this poem and song? It may not be in regular form, but all that I can recall of it.

R. W. S.

Mount Airy, Philadelphia, June 23, 1922.

On the golden pavement standing,
From the shipwreck safely landing,
See the glorious scene expanding,
Oh, 'tis Heaven at last.
Christ Himself in living splendor
Speaks in accents mild and tender:
Come ye, blessed of My Father,
Come to Heaven at last.

Perhaps a reader of the Forum can supply the title and the remainder of this poem.

WENT WEST FOR FORTUNE, BUT MAY FIND IT HERE

Brothers Ask Police Aid in Locating a $250,000 Bequest

Robert and Charles H. Carpenter, brothers, may have the unusual experience of finding their fortune in the East while seeking for it in the West.

The two left Philadelphia many years ago to amass riches in the West. They telegraphed to Captain of Detectives Souder today, asking help in finding $250,000 reported bequeathed to Charles by an aunt who died here.

Robert was the first to hear of the money, and as the brothers had drifted apart, he had a long search before he found him employed as a dishwasher in Pueblo, Col. Through William I. Cafferty, of the Pueblo Star-Journal, they immediately sent the telegram to the Philadelphia police.

Burglars Get $152

Thieves entered the home of Thomas J. Burns, 2434 North Opal street, last night, and stole $152 in cash and jewelry.

THE WORLD IN A MIRROR

The beautiful sepia tones of the many pictures showing the important personages, places and events of the world, enhance the attractiveness of the only rotogravure section published by any Philadelphia newspaper. It is a part of each Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER. "Make It a Habit."—Adv.

AUTO TRIES TO CLIMB TREE

Two Men Dead and Four Others Seriously Injured in Smash-Up

Altoona, Pa., June 29.—(By A. P.)—Two men are dead, another may die and three others are more or less seriously injured as a result of an automobile accident in Hollidaysburg early this morning. The machine from an unknown cause became uncontrollable and ran into a large tree, pinning three of the occupants under the wreckage.

William Temple, owner and driver of the car, was instantly killed; John Adams died later in a hospital and John Shop is believed to be dying.

DRY "THEFT" UNPROBED

Authorities Not Worried by Report of "Burglary"

Joseph A. Brown, a former prohibition agent, alleges that his notebook, dealing with 400 dry law violations, is missing from the seizure room in the Federal Building. Some of the cases were to be tried soon.

Chief Nichols, of the intelligence bureau of the internal revenue service, today denied a report that he was investigating the alleged theft. Prohibition Director Davis also said no investigation was being made.

DIES OF BROKEN NECK

Custer Station Farmer Fatally Injured by Fall

Edward Detterer, a farmer, residing near Custer station, died yesterday as the result of a broken neck, received when he fell from a load of hay.

He lived several hours after the accident at the Montgomery Hospital.

MARRIED

LUDINGTON—CAMERON.—In the First Presbyterian Church, Princeton, N. J., June 27, 1922, by the Rev. Prof. Theodore W. Hunt, Constance Guyet Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Guyet Cameron, to Townsend Ludington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ludington, of Ardmore, Pa. No cards.

Deaths

AIKENS.—On June 27, 1922, EMMA J. BARRAS, widow of Thomas C. Aikens. Relatives and friends are invited to the service, on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at her late residence, 3310 Wallace st. Interment private.

ALEXANDER.—June 28, ANGELINE (nee Hibbs), aged 83 years. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Fri., 8 P. M., at the residence of her daughter, 2726 W. Montgomery ave. Int. private.

BAILEY.—At Morrisville, Pa., on June 28, 1922, Miss ANNA BAILEY, aged 59 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the service, on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the residence of her uncle, Jesse Morris, 40 Union st. Interment at Morrisville.

BARR.—On June 27, 1922, CATHARINE R., widow of Rev. G. T. Barr, in 88th year. Funeral services late residence, 8 Sylvan ave., Rutledge, Pa., Thursday, 3 o'clock. Int. Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster County.

BEMIS.—On June 27, MARIE ADALINE, daughter of Alema A. and the late Harry Illing Bemis, aged 18. Relatives and friends invited to funeral on Thursday, 3 P. M., from parlors of Arthur M. Statler, Rides ave. and Martin st., Roxborough. Interment Westminster Cemetery.

BETZ.—Suddenly, at South Ardmore, June 28, 1922, JULIUS E. BETZ, husband of Katie Betz (nee Schull), formerly Hefner, aged 53. Relatives and friends, also members of St. Paul's German Reformed Church, Wharton above 18th st.; Rose Gun Club, Phila. Rifle Club, Canstatter Verein, are invited to attend funeral services, Sat., 2:30 P. M., residence, Marthart ave. and Darby road, South Ardmore. Int. private. Fernwood Cem. Viewing Fri., 7 to 9 P. M. Take trolley at 69th st. for South Ardmore.

DEATHS

BRADLEY.—June 27, MARY, wife of John Bradley. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral, Fri., 8:30 A. M., from residence of husband, 3503 N. 35th st., Falls of Schuylkill. High mass at St. Bridget's Church, 9:30 A. M. Int. Cathedral Cem.

CHAMBERS.—June 28, LAURA W., wife of Henry Martin Chambers and daughter of the late John and Adelaide Galbraith. Relatives and friends, also Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 233, K. of P.; Expressmen's Mutual Benef. Asso., are invited to attend funeral services, Sun., 2 P. M., at the residence of her son-in-law, H. L. Purvis, 2342 Fitzwater st. (24th and Cumberland). Int. private. Remains may be viewed Sat., after 7 P. M.

COURTER.—June 26, 1922, LOUIS C., husband of the late Mary Courter (nee Strohm) and son of Peter and the late Rebecca Courter. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, at his sister's residence, 4710 Torresdale ave., on Thurs., 8 P. M. Int. Colmar, Pa., Fri. morning. A member of Abitibi Lodge, 560, F. and A. M., of Ontario.

CRAIG.—At Ocean Grove, N. J., on June 28, 1922, MARGARET MAYNE CRAIG (nee Patterson), wife of Robert Craig. Due notice of the funeral will be given, from her residence, 4960 Chestnut st.

DONAHUE.—June 26, CATHERINE DONAHUE (nee Dwyer), widow of John F. Donahue. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral, Fri., 8:30 A. M., late residence, 1910 Dickinson st. Solemn mass of requiem at the Annunciation Church B. V. M. Int. Holy Cross.

DUFFEY.—June 28, 1922, MICHAEL, husband of late Mary Ann Duffey (nee McMorty). Relatives and friends, also Div. No. 40, A. O. H., are invited to attend funeral, Sat., 8:30 A. M., late residence, 7212 Greenway ave. Solemn requiem mass at St. Clement's Church, Paschalville, 10 A. M. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

ELLINGER.—June 27, JOHN G. ELLINGER. Relatives, friends, also Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, F. and A. M., invited to funeral, Fri., 2:30 P. M., residence, Tulip Lane, East Lansdowne, Del. Co., Pa. Int. Fernwood Cem.

EVANS.—June 27, 1922, HARRY, husband of Emma Evans (nee Crissin). Relatives and friends, also Haddon Heights Lodge, No. 191, F. and A. M.; Evora Tribe, No. 160, Imp. O. R. M.; Wenonah Council, No. 16, Jr. O. U. A. M., and the Tent Department, Marine Corps, are invited to attend funeral services, Sat., 2 P. M., at late residence, Runnemede, N. J. Int. Old Camden Cem. Friends may call Fri., after 8 P. M.

FORD.—June 26, CATHERINE F., wife of William J. Ford, jr. (nee O'Brien). Relatives and friends, also B. V. M. Sodality and League of Sacred Heart of Gesu, invited to funeral, Fri., 8:30 A. M., from her late residence, 1824 Ingersoll st. Solemn requiem mass at Church of the Gesu 10 A. M. Int. New Cathedral Cem.

GAMBLE.—At South Langhorne, Pa., June 28, RICHARD, husband of the late Annie Gamble, aged 56. Relatives and friends, also Amalgamated Lace Operators of America, are invited to attend funeral

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Not a New Plan
Immigration restriction is not the startling innovation some of its opponents appear to think. Our forefathers realized the dangers of permitting the poorest of the world's inhabitants to flood America in unnumbered millions. The Hon. W. W. Husband, U. S. Commissioner of Immigration, says we are only getting back to the plans of earlier days.

Dicing With Death
Attempting to raise the Lusitania, with its king's ransom in sunken wealth, will be attended with hazards. Two continents are watching the reports of conditions within the ill-fated ship.

Across the Centuries
A chance shot during the World War unexpectedly uncovered a Roman ruin in France, uniting in interest all the history of two thousand years.

The Feature Picture Section
Printed by the rotogravure process in pleasing sepia tones, carries the reader to distant parts of the globe, portrays important events, personages and places, is the only rotogravure section published by any Philadelphia Sunday newspaper.

A New Memorial
While the schoolboy is taught to revere George Washington as the Father of His Country, there are hundreds of thousands of American men who look upon the first President as a brother. In recognition of his standing in the ranks of Masonry, a $2,000,000 memorial is to be erected at Alexandria, Va., by his lodge brothers.

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