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GAFFNEY'S PETTINESS

THAT was a petty exhibition when Councilman Gaffney denounced the Mayor for transmitting to City Council the departmental estimates for expenditures for next year without passing them down to come within the estimated revenues. Councilman Gaffney knows that the Charter directs the Mayor to submit to the Council an estimated statement of expenditures to be made out by the various departments, officers, boards and commissions, and that he may revise these estimates or not in his own discretion. If he chooses to refrain from revising them he is acting within his legal rights, and if he revises them he also is acting within his legal rights.

REPARATIONS SANITY

ALTHOUGH the most recent Franco-British reparations conference ended in failure, attributable in some quarters to a tactless and ill-timed statement by Lord Balfour, it is evident that the French are reverting once more to the program of moderation disrupted in their meeting. Premier Poincare has perhaps discovered that wild-man tactics are unprofitable. It may be that the French people themselves are at last realizing the disastrous fallacy of the old policy of "dash program."

A SEA TRAGEDY AVERTED

IT is a lonely stretch of great waters between Honolulu and San Pedro, the sprawling little port of Los Angeles, and it is through the radio alone that ships taking the course can offset the perils of isolation. Without wireless the Shipping Board Lines City of Honolulu, in the grip of a raging fire, would have tragically helplessly drifted toward the doom of a fiery death.

SAFETY WEEK IS WASTED ON SOME FOLKS!

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT
Jaunt of Inspection to City Stables
Begins With Lunch in the Best
By SARAH D. LOWRIE
THE Mayor and Director Caven asked a number of women this week to inspect some stables that are the property of the city.

AFTER EIGHT RED YEARS THE BIG GUNS ARE COOL

The Turkish-Armed Trade Ended Fighting That Has Been Continuous Since the Invasion of Belgium
IN ALL parts of the civilized and uncivilized world—in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas—the guns are cooling for the first time in eight years. There is no war anywhere for the moment. The guerrilla fighting in Ireland and occasional small skirmishes in Central America need not be taken into account.

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LOCAL DOLDRUMS

THE Mayor's anxiety about the leisurely pace of operations upon the Art Museum is possibly justified. Work upon this ambitious undertaking is not proceeding so rapidly as the Mayor would like to see. It is something new, however, for Philadelphia to betray inattention on the subject of uncompleted public works. The beginnings of the public library undertaking are almost lost in the dawn of history. As a matter of fact, it is years since that finely shaded dispute concerning the necessity of Philadelphia's own state for the building was being waged.

ONE OF THE BRAVEST

THE courage of Georges Clemenceau never has been under suspicion. But there is something of super-bravery and of an armor of resolution, which Americans have been unable to detect in a distinguished foreign statesman, who is adhering to his determination. Perhaps also his struggles against all handicapping influences will be quite as fascinating to observe as the fervor of his appeals for a better understanding of France.

COAL FACTS AND POLICY

THAT the public should insist upon calling for a coal commission is a fact-finding mission on a policy-finding basis. The general belief that there are facts hidden that should be uncovered. Particularly the public desires to know why the cost of coal at the mine should be so small compared to the cost at the cellar. It is not that the coal is better, but that it is better, with or without good reason, that in this specific instance it is inordinate.

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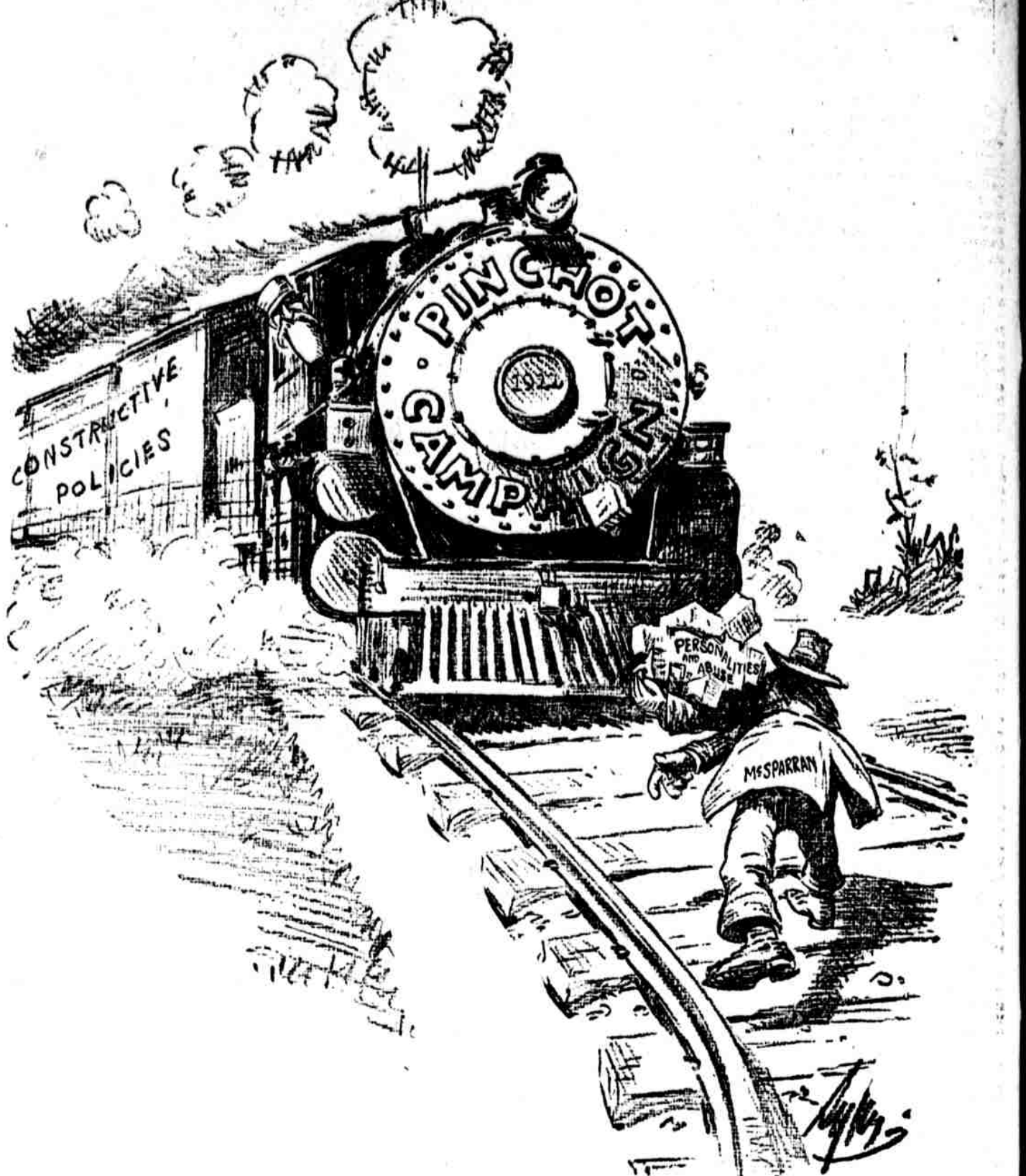
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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best
JOSEPH W. LIPPINCOTT
On America's Taste in Poets
THE reading public in the United States is constantly growing and the taste in literature is constantly upward, says Joseph W. Lippincott, of the firm of J. B. Lippincott Company.

SHORT CUTS

With her eye on Turkey Greece fears the Allies are giving her the bird.
The Reparations Commission, we observe, has resumed the manufacture of crises.
Murderers are elusive. It might be easier for the New Brunswick police to locate a liar.

THE PICTON CROWN

"This title of the fiction crown, nonexistent in reality, but very real in financial results, which in the past has so often rested upon the head of some British author, is again being worn by a Philadelphian, Joseph W. Lippincott, who last year took the honors from Sinclair Lewis with 'Winter Comes.'"

CENSORSHIP OF BOOKS

The matter of a censorship of books has been to the front a good many times and it is again being urged in certain quarters. The censor has tackled the stage, the saloons, the movies and now books. People seem to be losing their imagination, but if they are not, cannot something be done to help to read the book themselves, and the sale is encouraged without any effort on the part of the publishers? The sale is unaffected by the fact that the censor has taken the book out of the market, as a matter of fact, in a good many cases this stimulates the sale.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. How wide is the Gulf Stream?
2. In what century did Frederick the Great live?
3. Which is the largest island in the world?
4. What President of the United States died within a month of his inauguration?
5. What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "Boa nascitur, non fit"?
6. What is the singular of the word "martyr"?
7. Why is marmalade so called?
8. What is meant by a "cassino" shot in billiards?
9. When was the last time that Germany was at war with Austria?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- 1. Cuba was the largest island discovered by Christopher Columbus on his first voyage to the New World.
2. Delaware has the largest number of other American States. It is divided into New Castle, Sussex and Kent counties.
3. Random is the term describing a team of two horses harnessed one in front of the other.
4. A "bonanza" is a place for confining "birds," and a collection of five frogs.
5. "Hens" has Latin word for frog.
6. A raffle in warfare is a short, intense bombardment. "Rafale" is French for a sudden gust of wind.
7. The "pontifical" takes its name from the seventeenth century.
8. A poem is an introductory statement, a preface or prelude.
9. Parian was the most beautiful, without the most highly prized marble used in sculpture. It was quarried in the island of Paros, in the Aegean Sea.
10. The City of Archipelago.
11. Brazil, near the mouth of the Amazon.
12. Daniel Swann, Jr. in Southeastern Virginia and North Carolina.
13. "The City of the Future" is a title given to the city of New York.