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THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 6.

Prove and know within your hearts that all things lovely and righteous are possible for those who believe in their possibility, and who determine that, for their part, they will make every day's work contribute to them.—RUSKIN.

SMITH IS ON THE JOB

MAYOR SMITH, of Philadelphia, who is regarded by the press of that city as an official who has a mind of his own, has just declared that he is a friend of Senator McNichol and that certain appointments in his cabinet, which seemed to indicate a leaning toward the Vares, were "a mere circumstance."

Jealous of their spheres of influence, considerable animosity is said to have been engendered between the commission and the department. Despite the statement of Mr. Wilson that the investigations come within the purview of the commission, Mr. Redfield is clamoring loudly to Congress for additional appropriations which will enable his department to go further into investigations of this sort.

When public servants learn that politicians will play the game fairly only after they realize that the officials are not to be mere stool pigeons, these officials will have more peace of mind and will achieve more of the things which are closest to their hearts. Constant political unrest is not helpful to the community and in Philadelphia, as elsewhere throughout the State, the less we have of clashing political interests which interfere with efficient administration of public affairs the better it will be for all the people.

Mayor Smith has demonstrated in the few weeks since his election a balance of mind which augurs well for his administration. He neither takes himself too seriously nor does he permit the potential political leaders to overwhelm him with their own self-delegated importance.

There appears to be an atmosphere of suspicion and more or less resentment in the precincts of the municipal government. Of course, it is all the outcome of the usual effort to balance political conditions in a "nonpartisan" body, which is impossible. In the interests of the city and for the welfare of the community it would be well at the very outset of the new administration to wipe from the slate all the petty things and start afresh with the constructive work of the year.

OVER Allentown way Mayor Reichcnbach, who assumed office on Monday, has declared against the sweeping out of warrants and the sending of trivial cases to the magistrates so that they will eventually clutter up the criminal courts of the county. He says: I propose to take trivial offenders in hand personally, and instead of running them before the magistrates and through the courts, perhaps to jail, will try to send them away better men, so they will work and provide for their families.

That is the spirit which seems to radiate from the new order of things throughout the country. Instead of increasing the public expense in a drastic administration of justice, effort is now being made to reform the offenders, instead of merely punishing them at the cost of the people.

On Eastern railroads for November the net revenues from operations increased on 32,839 miles of roadway \$23,415,100 when compared with this same mileage for November a year ago. There has been a general increase of net revenue upon most of the railroad lines during the last few months, indicating a general revival of business throughout the country.

There are persistent rumors from Paris and Rome that Emperor William is suffering from an incurable malady of the nature of the which he ascended the throne. Every turn of the sun brings a fresh complication in the tragedy of Europe. All classes of people have been drawn into the whirlpool of death and suffering and now

comes the Kaiser, who has been regarded by so many as the one person who could have prevented the awful slaughter that has devastated so many countries. Surely the end cannot be far away.

Those Ford pilgrims have seen a part of Europe under very unfavorable conditions, but they should have given some consideration to the fact that the tourist season abroad has been somewhat upset by reason of the unneighborly attitude of the several nations now throwing stones into each other's back yards. Our Government is not highly regarded in some parts of Europe for several reasons, and among these the "Ford type" will have a tendency to further deepen this adverse impression.

DEMOCRATIC VACILLATION PRESIDENT WILSON having changed his mind on every public question considered by him in the last five years, his change of direction in regard to a tariff commission should not surprise anyone who has watched the White House weather vane since his inauguration. In 1912, addressing the Economic Club at New York city, Mr. Wilson said:

It is hard for any man who has ever studied economics at all to restrain a cynical smile when he reads that the "President" by the side of his fellow citizens are looking for the "cost of production" as a basis for tariff reduction. It does not exist as a scientific, demonstrable datum fact. By 1915 he had changed his attitude on this subject and in his Indianapolis speech, referring to the newly organized Federal Trade Commission, he said, January 8:

That commission is authorized and empowered to inquire into and report to Congress not only upon all the conditions of trade in this country but also upon the conditions of trade, cost of manufacture, and in foreign countries as well as in the United States.

Since that time the Federal Trade Commission, as well as the Department of Commerce, has undertaken investigations as to the cost of production in certain lines of industry—beet sugar, hosiery, pottery, muslin underwear, etc. The reports of the Commerce Department have been devoted mainly to accusing American manufacturers of not knowing their business, while the results of the beet sugar investigation by the commission have been pigeonholed because they refuted Democratic statements in regard to the cost of producing beet sugar.

Howers and speculators in butter with regard to the proposed bill which was introduced in Congress last winter, which contains stringent restrictions regarding the amount of color which margarine may contain. It equalizes the present tax of one-quarter cent per pound on natural butter, margarine and ten cents per pound on artificial colored margarine to a uniform tax of one cent per pound. It is a number of less important changes from the law now in force.

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TO-DAY'S EDITORIALS

From the Philadelphia Ledger: Judge Gary predicts that the producers of this country, including the wage-earners, will find themselves in commercial antagonism with their persistent and difficult competition, experienced unless this shall be prevented by laws that are reasonable and sufficient.

From the Philadelphia Record: The failure of a big irrigation company in Montana, with liabilities running up into the millions, shows that western farming is not yet an unmistakable highway to wealth. There has been a good deal of speculation in irrigated lands, and success with them is not such a certainty as the glowing prospectuses of promoters hold out.

From the Philadelphia Press: Now, as time's whirligig revolves, it is William himself who is alleged to be suffering from cancer. If that be true, he is disqualified to reign as German emperor. He has a restless, ambitious and dominating son as crown prince.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

Why is it that in summer, When we burn little coal, And there are not more axes, They would fill a small bowl. The ash collector comes 'round, Say, twice or thrice a week, In the great, big ash cans, In vain, will give a peck? Yet in the dead of winter, When range and furnace, too, At making ashes, brother, Do all that they can do— When cinders in the cellar, And back yard do abound— It takes the ash-collector, Three weeks to get around!

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committee

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

Dr. Dixon believes in sneezing with your muffer on. —We haven't heard any boasts from Washington over that Democratic majority of 671 in Kentucky. —All may be fair in love and war, as the old saw has it, but in the latter the President doesn't believe in "Watchful Waiting."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The principal mistake Greece made, like Belgium and Poland, seems to have been in her selection of a place on the map.—Kansas City Star. —When Secretary Daniels got converted to the "front bench" position, and began to take a leading part in the services.—Chicago Herald.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MARGARINE LAWS To the Editor of the Telegraph: My attention has been called to the renewed activity on the part of manufacturers and speculators in butter with regard to the proposed bill which was introduced in Congress last winter, which contains stringent restrictions regarding the amount of color which margarine may contain.

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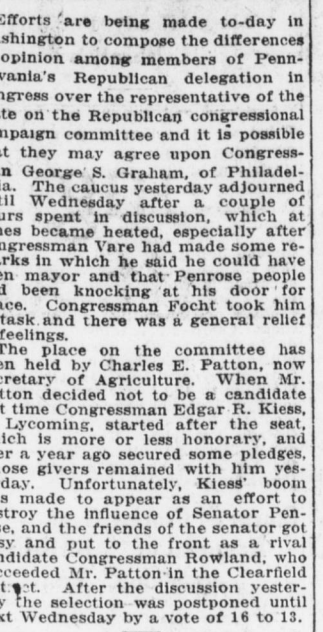
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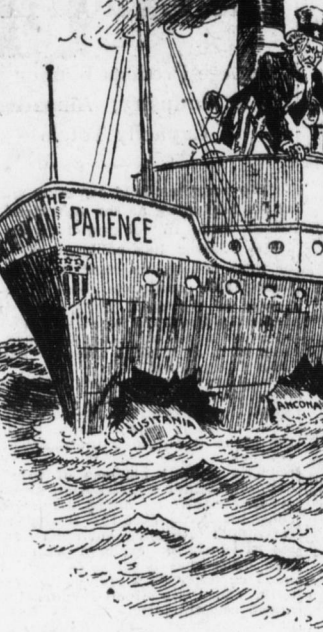
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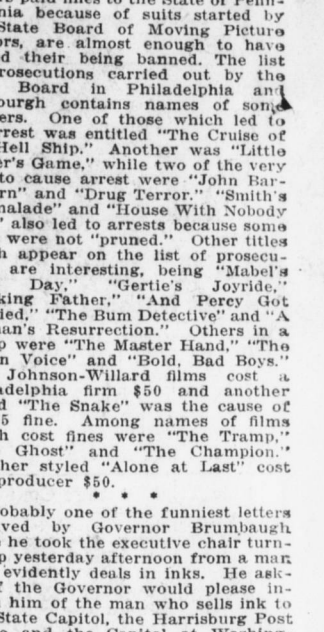
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