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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANKS FIREMEN To the Editor of the Telegraph: We want to thank the Fire Chief and his assistants and the firemen of Harrisburg, for the very able assistance which they handled our disastrous fire of Friday at our automobile garage, Susquehanna and Hamilton streets.

It was through their very prompt response to the alarm, and their efficient work after they arrived at the scene of the fire, that prevented the building from being completely destroyed as well as the surrounding property.

We want also to thank most kindly our numerous friends who assisted in getting the cars out of the fire, the first floor that belonged to our storage customers, as well as those in for repairs.

It is very unfortunate that our customers should be subjected to the loss of their automobiles, as well as the loss which we sustained, from a fire that will never be our responsibility in any way possible, but such is life.

We are pleased to say that we are again established, ready for business, in the Ketter street markethouse, corner of Fourth and Ketter streets, to a letter in haste to take care of our old customers.

A number of carloads of new automobiles and trucks have reached Harrisburg since the fire, and we are at the present time ready to deliver practically any model of Reo trucks and pleasure cars, and Duplex and Hurler trucks that the public may want.

LABOR NOTES

The steady rise in the price of necessities of life in Japan is calling forth protests from many quarters, especially from the ranks of the salaried workers, for many Japanese private employers have raised wages to meet the new conditions and the government is considering some measures of relief.

The giving of bonuses already has begun. During the three years of war there has been an increase in the number of women workers of 32.7 percent. If the war should last three years more, and the same proportion in the United States, we must expect to have at the end of that time an army of women employees aggregating 5,500,000.

Before China joined in the war against Germany and Austria she had already supplied more than 300,000 laborers to France, England and Russia. Coolies for agricultural work and dock work have been going to Western Europe for nearly two years. They are the result of the supply of labor for Siberian mines and Siberian farms.

There are in Mexico some 2,000 Japanese, of whom about 300 are women and children. Of 1,700 male laborers, 1,000 are employed in the mines, 400 are farmers and farm laborers, 200 are domestic servants and the remaining 300 include stock raisers, physicians, millwrights, tailors, fishermen and miscellaneous laborers.

England's co-operative movement owns its own tea gardens in India and Ceylon, palm oil plantations in West Africa and wheat fields in Canada. Farms, flour mills, soap factories and other concerns, and it has also a banking business, which may rival even the Postoffice Savings Bank in the number of branches and the volume of business done.

France's co-operative movement, for it is not limited as is the government institution. It is the French Government's co-operative movement owns its own tea gardens in India and Ceylon, palm oil plantations in West Africa and wheat fields in Canada.

The English have always had a very idealistic moral code, and it is not surprising that the eye of a moralist France is the moral code of the four great powers—France, Russia, England and Germany, has the strongest family life and the most seemingly happy and well-governed states. Young men and maidens are never seen walking or playing about in the streets, and their puritanical England. Fire is not played with—openly, at least.

The slowly amorousness of the British is not surprising. They do not suit the quicker blood of France. There is just enough of the South in the French to keep demonstrating affection away from daylight. A certain school of French novelists, with high colored tales of Parisian life, is responsible for the reputation of the country. Whatever the Frenchman about town may be, he seems by no means typical of the many millions of Frenchmen who are abroad.

They say that many domestic tragedies will be played at the conclusion of the war. If so, they will not be played in France alone; and compared with the tragedies of the past played all these dreadful years, they will be as black rabbits to brown for members. For the French moralists in France we must look back to that general conclusion about the French character—the swift passage from head to heart and back again, which, prohibiting extremes of patriotism and of license, preserves a sort of balance.—John Galtworthy in the Atlantic Monthly.

The experience of the State Poor Directors as brought out at their conference in Johnstown is that there is need of still further codification of statutes. There are 700 laws relative to the poor board administration.

George Wentworth Carr, identified with the management of the Home Defense in Philadelphia, and claimed by the Vars in sympathy with them, has resigned his place on a Philadelphia newspaper, prints the following: "Asserting that Mayor Smith's continued refusal to attend to matters pertaining to the organization of the Home Defense Reserve, George Wentworth Carr yesterday resigned his position as secretary of the Home Defense Committee. According to Mr. Carr, although he tried repeatedly to see Mayor Smith in connection with the organization of the local force the Mayor stud