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Nothing is impossible; there are ways which lead to everything; and if we had sufficient will we should always have sufficient means.—LA ROCHEFOUCAULD.

are to have not only free use of the Danube river, with control of the fortresses, but they are given a sufficient number of river monitors for a campaign against Germany to the north. They can move up the Danube river, both in their own boats and those of the Austrians; they can begin their march from Flume along the Agram, through the territory of the friendly Jugos-Slavs and the Czechos-Slavs; they can march by way of the valley of the Bosna, or go by all three routes, which is probably the thing that will be done, if for no other reason than this: these three lines of approach would compel the detachment of an unusually large force from the sorely beleaguered western front.

And with this perfectly evident and very real threat in their minds, officers of the German general staff, wrestling with the problem of fighting on or of quitting, are faced by a disaster of great magnitude near Sedan, where the American forces under General Pershing are sweeping the Germans before them, while the British and French to the north are developing a pocket that may bag a great portion of the retreating armies. The case of Germany is desperate, even hopeless.

These conditions doubtless will have their effect both on the German populace and upon the German military authorities when the drastic terms framed by the Allies as a basis for an armistice are submitted. The folly of trying to continue the war in the face of unsurmountable difficulties will be forced upon the masses and should make easier the howling of stiff-necked German military pride to the inevitable. Nothing in the Allied demands can be as bad as what is coming to Germany if she elects to continue the fighting.

The Austrian terms, we are semi-officially informed, bear a close resemblance to those which it is proposed shall be imposed upon Germany. Doubtless, if anything, Germany will be more severely dealt with than was Austria. If that be true, acceptance of the armistice by Germany would be equivalent to unconditional surrender, for it would leave the empire with nothing to do but accept whatever peace requirements the Allies choose to dictate.

The end of the war is in sight. There is to be no "inconclusive peace." Germany must, now or a little later, bow the knee and admit her utter defeat. Democracy has beaten autocracy. Right is victorious over wrong. A new era for mankind the world around is dawning.

If anybody has a job which will fit one William Hohenzollern he would do well to communicate at once with Berlin. Bill indicated his willingness a day or two ago to take any old job that might be handed to him, but as he is likely to have something else handed to him shortly, the outlook for anything permanent for the "all highest" is not rosy.

FORD THE STATESMAN

SECRETARY DANIELS, who as head of the Navy has been making an excellent reputation since the declaration of war, slipped a cog in his mental machinery the other day when he made a fool statement relative to the candidacy of Henry Ford for the United States Senate, that—

In war he knows how to produce weapons to win peace, and in the problems to be settled after the war his practical judgment as a Senator would be of the highest value.

This is the same Henry Ford who took a personally conducted "peace ship" to Europe to "get the boys out of the trenches for Christmas," 1915. We presume Secretary Daniels expects from Mr. Ford as Senator the same weighty statesmanship and depth of judgment that characterized his widoose chase to Europe.

President Wilson certainly did spill the beans when he let out that yell for more Democrats in Congress to support "me and my policies." This little old country is owned by some hundred million people and the government is based on the solid theory of the rule of the people—for, by and of the people—and the job of bossing is not going to be turned over to any imaginary superman.

REVERSING HISTORY

It is an old saying that "history repeats itself," and there are indications that history also may reverse itself. Take Sedan, for example, where the French lost their war to the Germans, and Versailles, where William the First had himself crowned as Emperor of Germany in the place where the French had crowned their kings for generations. It is Sedan that the American troops are now approaching and it is at Versailles where the allied war council is now planning the fate of William's grandson, the present Kaiser.

The Sedan has been, ever since the disaster which brought the house of Napoleon to its inglorious end, a sore point with the French. It has been the symbol of complete and utter military defeat. And now comes the American army, crashing, smashing through the German lines, rushing down on the Sedan railroad, that vital link of the German communications, with the British and French to the North rapidly converging and driving the Germans into a pocket which threatens them with a catastrophe beside which the first Sedan would be but a skirmish.

At Versailles William the First reaped the rewards of the German victory, and it is at Versailles that the Allies are sitting in judgment over the future not only of his grandson, but of the whole empire over which he reigned with iron hand through the mailed fist of Bismarck.

These are happy days for the French, who are seeing long delayed vengeance meted out to the royal

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

By Briggs

We quote from a Paris cable message:

Colonel House, returning from the conference, smiled and had an amusing air. When his happy appearance was commented upon, Colonel House said jocularly: "You will have a happy appearance. You will tell what I am thinking by my smile."

A sort of Sphinx and Mona Lisa and Sherlock Holmes all rolled into one in this mysterious Texan personality. Let's hope we may all be able to smile when he tells us the reason.

We don't hear much nowadays of the pacifist ideas of the early days of the war and which were expressed in "Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier" and "Victory Without Victory." "Too Proud to Fight" and other catch phrases without the virility of American red-blooded patriotism; nor have the people forgotten those responsible for such sentiment, albeit they were disposed to overlook the stream of Washington and the President toyed with the buzzaw of public opinion.

Let it be understood that the present administration is a free-trade administration and let it also be forgotten that the United States was rapidly drifting toward the industrial rocks when the outbreak of the war diverted to this country—over all barriers of trade which were broken down—the business of the belligerent nations. President Wilson is naturally a free trader and the workmen of the United States should not permit themselves to be soft-soiled by any pretense of great interest in their welfare.

Republicans and thousands of Democrats everywhere are to-day sending back to Washington their answer to President Wilson's partisan appeal to support him as a Democrat and not as the head of a great Government. He and all other men in high place who seek hereafter to promote their ambitions through partisan appeal will learn the useful lesson that patriotism knows no party and that camouflage is never useful in dealing with an intelligent people.

The people of the United States are making clear to-day their determination to maintain a constitutional division of authority in their government. They do not propose that the legislative branch shall relinquish its powers to the executive.

Let's see, the Colonel House, of Texas, it is getting into the interpreter ear that "We don't want to become of the big Democrats who have given lustre to the party in a long period of years?"

A vote for the Good Roads loan will mean work for thousands in the reconstruction period after the war.

No terms can be too "humiliating and unreasonable" for the Prussian bandits. Let Foch do it!

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committee

Men familiar with the Democratic party in Pennsylvania the last quarter of a century were wondering whether history is going to repeat itself and the gubernatorial election of 1910 to "reorganize" the party in the Keystone State in 1911 and put themselves into power will not face a demand for an accounting themselves. Eight years is a long time for one faction to be in control of the works of the Democratic machine.

The figures are all in hand that when he will be appealed to the Democratic voters of Pennsylvania to clean house. That this has been feared since the Philadelphia Record said: "Senator Sprout and the entire Republican ticket would sweep the state with a majority of more than 200,000. Senator Edwin H. Ware added that he expected to carry at least 100,000 of this majority and the contractor boss went so far as to claim that the Democratic candidate would not carry a single ward in the city. Bonnell will receive an equal number of votes to the Democratic ticket will be returned a winner to-night. Reports from the western part of the state, the coal regions, and scattering sections, they declare indicate the Democratic ticket will sweep the state by at least 100,000 majority."

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Regarding the situation in Philadelphia as it relates to the Bonnell ticket and the Federal government activities in Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Record says: "The vote-securing powers of leading members of President Wilson's Cabinet has been broken down by the Philadelphia Record. Bonnell announced that he has received the assurance of Attorney General Gregory, at Washington, that the complete force of the local Department of Justice office will be sent into the Ware wards to guard against fraudulent voting. This followed the charge made by Judge Bonnell to the effect that approximately 50,000 illegal ballots are cast in the downtown wards at a general election. The charge is too foolish to warrant an answer," said Congressman Ware."

Mayor E. V. Babcock, of Pittsburgh, who has been critical of the course of the state administration in the influenza quarantine, seems to be prominently mentioned in the developments of yesterday in Pittsburgh. In answer to some of the statements of Dr. E. F. Royer, the Acting State Commissioner of Health, he is quoted as saying: "Commissioner Royer is drunk with power. I am convinced that there is in the act of the State Health Department some ulterior purpose, something other than a desire to preserve public health. Unless forced by law to do so, the health police service will make arrests for alleged violations of the influenza ban placed on the city by Acting Commissioner of Health Royer. The arrests are made and will be responsible to the magistrates or judges."

Men in Philadelphia, Lancaster and other places who have been in close touch with the influenza situation and the state's steps to combat the plague, say there is no doubt whatever that every move made by Acting Commissioner B. F. Royer was with the knowledge and approval of Governor Brumbaugh and Attorney General Brown.

Here are the final predictions from the opposing camps in regard to the election in Pennsylvania. One is from a rock-ribbed Republican

OUR FLAG IS THE RED OF BLOOD!

By DR. THOMAS G. MASARYK

Prime Minister of the De Facto Czechoslovak Nation and Chairman of the Democratic Mid-European Union

"Red and white are the colors of our new flag, but the red is of a certain unvarying shade. It is the red of blood."

"With our new confederation we will see that Germany and Austria will not be permitted to play one small nation against the other and absorb them all by these tactics."

"There can be no peace until there has been an unconditional surrender of the German armies."

"Mitteleuropa is a chimerical dream that has disappeared. But this confederation will keep Mitteleuropa forever out of the hands of the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs, and will circle those empires with nations of free peoples, so that if the Teutonic allies seek another place in the sun, they will have to go straight up in the air, for there will be no place in Europe for them."

Mr. Hughes' Aviation Report

Incompetence, maladministration, favoritism, bad judgment and criminal conduct by a few chiefs are the strong points in the Aviation report made by Mr. Hughes to the President. Perhaps the primary cause of all these evils was in entrusting such an enormous task to an incompetent man in the person of the chief of the Signal Service, who knew little of the subject himself and was not astute enough to secure expert assistance to repair his own deficiencies. As a consequence there was nearly a year's delay during which there was a perfect riot of extravagance, changes of plan, wastage of good material, financial backing of ignorant manufacturers, discarding of types only to be restored and changes in such great numbers as to make almost inextricable confusion.—From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A SAFE DRIVER

Has Jones ever run over anybody in his flyover?

No, His car isn't big enough to kill anybody.

HIS GROUCH

I suppose you'll be in the ray as usual while this winter?

Who? Me? Not a chance. The further my wife gets into society the more she realizes that I don't belong.

WE HAVE OUR DOUBTS

When on her golf stroke she's intent; That when she knocks your dome so thick We can't believe it accidental.

A BREACH

Young Mr. Slightly is certainly a man of promise.

So I hear. I understand Miss Butterfly is suing him for fifty thousand.

MIGHT HELP

I have a plan to relieve the paper shortage at a stroke.

Huh?

No railroad ticket to be over one yard in length.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Governor Brumbaugh is the guest of friends in suburban Philadelphia over the weekend.

—Secretary of Internal Affairs Houck is voting at his home in Shenandoah to-day. He has voted there for years.

—Senator Arthur H. M. Kephart is touring Fayette county for his brother's election to the supreme court to-day.

—Insurance Commissioner Charles A. Ambler says Montgomery is going to turn in a big Republican majority.

—Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil plans to inspect the western end of the Lincoln highway and the new link in the county the remainder of this week.

—Forestry Commissioner Robert S. Conklin has been on a tour of some of the new state forestry tracts. He has a number of tracts of various sizes and many times in value.

—Chairman W. D. B. Ainey, of the Public Service Commission, is back among the home folks in Susquehanna county for the election.

—Speaker R. J. Baldwin, of the House, says this is the first election in which he has not been a candidate for some years.

DO YOU KNOW

—That on this election day over 1,500 Harrisburgers are away from home on national service?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

John Harris' house was the voting place for this end of Lancaster county before the town was established.

GERMAN-MADE TOYS

Was ever anything more cynically, stupidly, brutally Hunnish than the sending hither of a shipload of German-made toys for the Christmas gifts of American children? We wonder if it was sent in token of the children murdered on the Lusitania, or of the Belgian babies bayoneted in their cradles and borne about the streets thus impaled as trophies of German valor, or yet of the children of other lands to whom poisoned candies were distributed by the same gentle and child-loving Huns? The shopkeeper who would sell or the parent who would purchase a German-made toy should be scourged with whips of scorpions by all the children of the land.—Col Harvey's War Weekly.

Shopping For the A. E. F.

Do your Christmas packing early for the boys in France.