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Is it the submarines that are being suppressed or only the facts?

Mr. Bryan agrees with the opponents of the President, including Senator Stone. Nuff sed.

We understand that the closure resolution was adopted to prevent indirect exposure of the senatorial mind.

The British are so near Bagdad that it looks as if Tommy Atkins's other name would soon be Haroun al Raschid.

A million dollars bail is asked for the release of General Gomez. Hasn't Germany got that amount of free money?

If landing 400 marines at Santiago to prevent the burning of the canefields in intervention, we have intervened in Cuba.

No, Gretchen, the fact that the music of "God Save the King" is the same as that of "America" does not prove that when we sing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" we are expressing our sympathy with England.

The announcement from London that Berlin betrayed Casement to the British may or may not be true. But there can be little doubt that it is made at this time for the purpose of affecting public sentiment in Ireland.

A woman says she is going to leave Missouri forever if Senator Stone is allowed to remain at the head of the Foreign Relations Committee. But if men like Stone are to be countenanced in high office, Missouri will be the best place to be, as it is far enough from both coasts to be safe from attack.

It is a great misfortune that the country has lost so sympathetic a representative as the late Ambassador Guthrie at a time when it needs in Japan just such an idealist to make plain our peaceful purposes in the Far East. His successor should be carefully chosen. It might be wise to take the bull by the horns and send an eminent citizen from the Far West. That would show Japan that we were eager to thresh out with her and settle for all time the causes of irritation between the Japanese and the one section of the country that comes into contact with them. "America," to the Japanese, means the Far West. It is the Far West that should do the work of defining its attitude toward aliens. There has been too little definition and too much vague talk in the past. If the Far West does not want to be frank with Japan, it is not likely that the other sections of the country will ever be able to explain away that lack of candor.

Zeppelin died broken-hearted. It is said, over the failure of his dirigible as a weapon. He deserved something better than to have his name stand as a synonym for baby-killing. The old inventor seems from the first to have thought of flying primarily as an art of peace. There were plans for aerial mail and passenger service between German cities. His last ambition was to build a dirigible 1000 feet long for a flight to America—a peaceful errand, dreamed of several months ago. He was the victim of the Prussian atmosphere. He had to breathe the air of militarism. He was something like a certain Doctor Gullitton, who was one of the earliest and most earnest champions of vaccination and other means of serving humanity. But he had the hard luck to think out what has appeared to many to be a humane way of ridding the State of its enemies. He went to jail and lived in the fear of his own invention—the gullitton. Everything is forgotten about him except the horror he gave a name to. Zeppelin died under the shadow of a greater horror, which he himself had devised for better uses.

The silent methods have done more to control the acute food situation than anything else—Mrs. W. E. Lee, of the Civic Club.

Mrs. Lee is doubtless correct. It is impossible to bring down the price of food by rictus or by parading the streets. Prices are primarily high for the reason that there is not enough of certain kinds of food to go around. As a result of the war, the market has been thrown out of its normal position. It is not possible to prevail in an auction when there are two purchasers bid against one seller. The same is true of the market for food. There are two purchasers bid against one seller.

tries to buy antique chairs in an auction room. He boycotts them and purchases chairs for which he does not have to compete with the rich. Wise families in these days of high prices have stopped buying sirloin steaks and lamb chops and are content with cheaper meats. They also use the inexpensive and nourishing foods which in other times they passed by. This is the kind of quiet boycott to which Mrs. Lee refers. It will have to be continued until the production of food increases to meet the normal demand. Yet if the economies which are forced on us in this era of high prices become fixed habits, an era of lower prices will see savings bank accounts increased instead of a restoration of old luxuries to our tables.

THE EXTRA SESSION

THE President has done well in calling the new Congress together in an extraordinary session to complete the work which the old Congress neglected through its dilatoriness. Bills appropriating \$216,248,000 necessary for the conduct of the Government failed of passage. They must be enacted before the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

This alone is sufficient justification for the President's action, even though it be an indictment of the party in power. But the present emergency is so pressing that other legislation for national defense may be imperative before the summer begins. Congress must be prepared to enact it.

INJECTING SENSE INTO THE LAW

THE essence of the Superior Court decision on the full-crew law is that it is not a violation of the statute for railroad managers to give members of a train crew something to do.

The Public Service Commission has held that the man in charge of a dining car is not a member of the train crew within the meaning of the law. The Superior Court has decided that the railroad may put an extra man on the train, as required by the law, and then assign the man to certain duties in the dining car.

The case is likely to be taken to the Supreme Court, for there is a technical legal question at issue, namely, whether dining-car employes can properly be called members of the train crew under the terms of the statute. It certainly was not the intent of the men who demanded the passage of the statute that they should be so included. But the plain citizen who is not interested in legal technicalities and who objects to the uneconomical operation of railroad trains will feel considerable gratification that one court at least has had the common sense to waive technicalities aside and make a decision in the interest of economy.

WAR PARTY IN THE OPEN

IF MR. WILSON has been slow in coming to the boiling point since May 7, 1915, when the Lusitania was sunk, it is no more than fair to say that the more belligerently inclined group in the nation has also been slow in saying it was for war. Until very recently not one responsible citizen of any prominence in the country has made above a whisper the explicit statement, "We should declare war on Germany," while speaking on American soil.

Mr. Fall said it last week in open Senate. He stood for a declaration of war "within the next fifteen minutes." Mr. George Wharton Pepper has said it in a public address. There is not a man within sound of my voice who would not be happy to meet his fate in the first rush of volunteers going to the aid of a thin line which fights for civilization along the western front.

They were not saying this a year ago or six months ago or three months ago. Mr. Roosevelt has not said it yet. Thirty-five thousand Americans have said it in deeds which are already written in history. They are fighting in France for the Allies. The many letters that have appeared in newspapers inviting Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Pepper to go to Canada and from there issue a call for volunteers may have been written in a mean and carping spirit, but they expressed the sincere conviction of thousands that it was not hard for Americans to get into the war irrespective of what the Government might do. If it is really a question of conscience and not one of law, expediency and policy, it is far better that the individual conscience of volunteers should act before the Government and its conscripts. Mr. Wilson has the mandate to do many things, but the last thing he has a mandate to do is to make himself the leader of a war party. The pathetic position he is in is that of a man who is about ready to thank his stars whenever he can gain a new foe of his peaceful policy, if the gaining of such foes is the only way of getting a backbone into the indifferent and undecided groups among his fellow citizens.

Takes for analogy the editorial advice which was given to the President, that he should ask Congress to provide \$100,000,000 for the relief of Belgium. Surely there was no cause for despair when he did not do so. Twice that amount would have gone to Belgium by this time if America had wanted to give this much.

So with the question of war. The whole point of the legislative tangle of the last month was that it was generally believed that arming the ships would mean war. It was precisely the absence of a strong war party that permitted some form of filibustering against taking a strong stand for armed defense to proceed from the moment Germany's challenge was received on January 31. At this rate it is no more likely that a strong war party will soon develop than it was likely that Congress would take action to relieve Belgium's distress.

It is not a war party that has defeated a pacifist party in Congress. It is the victory of a less pacifist party over a more pacifist party. It means that so far the only opinion upon which the country can unite for action is one in favor of the protection of our commerce ship by ship and not one in favor of joining the Entente. It would probably take a number of informal naval actions before any considerable increase of our fleet would be made. It would fall

AMERICAN BISHOP CHEERS ENGLAND

Doctor Brent Called the "Unofficial Ambassador of the United States"

LONDON, Feb. 15. THE sermon delivered by the Rt. Rev. Charles H. Brent, Episcopal Bishop of the Philippine Islands, in Westminster Abbey last Sunday has made a profound impression in this country. Doctor Brent has been called the "unofficial ambassador of the people of America to the people of England" on the strength of his many warm-hearted expressions of sympathy for the cause of the Allies. The Abbey was crowded in all parts. In the choir were the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Bryce and Lord Stamfordham, private secretary to the King. Doctor Brent said, in part:

I speak to you not with the voice of an instructor, but with the voice of sympathy. Indeed, it would be presumptuous of me, coming from a country in the height of prosperity, to try to teach you, who day by day, in your great tragedy, are laying treasure in human lives upon a reeking altar in order that you may be true to your ideal and pay your debt of love to the God of righteousness.

Often he who goes to minister to the sufferer on a sick bed departs humbled, because he knows that he has failed in his ministrations and that the sufferer has imparted to him such lessons as only those who know the meaning of trouble are able to impart. It is no flattery for me to say that you are teaching the world of men today, and also unborn generations, such lessons as they need, and which I have learned, they treasure. I think that it is permitted me at this particular juncture to be in your midst, and though not permitted to be placed in the representative of a nation up to a moment ago neutral, but now a nation that has taken the first step to redeem its honor and to place itself upon the side of God's cause and of humanity.

Neutrality is sometimes necessary for a State, and possible for the individual, where no great moral issues are involved, but neutrality is impossible when every principle of righteousness and justice and truth has been trampled and deliberately trampled under foot.

The Fight Against Slavery

You know as well as I that in the early months—aye, years—of the war the sympathy for which Lincoln looked, and later asked, was not universal, certainly not officially given by this country. But what men will eventually come to the truth if it is plainly put before them, he went so far as to draw up a resolution (April 15, 1862) which he placed in the hands of Charles Sumner, that it might be sent to England and, through John Bright's hands, communicated to the whole nation. I doubt if there is any other instance in history where a great ruler has taken such a course. Charles Sumner writes to John Bright in these words:

"Two days ago the President sent me to come to him at once. When I arrived he said to me, 'I have been thinking of a matter on which he had often spoken—the way in which English opinion should be directed, and that he had drawn up a resolution embodying the ideas which he should hope to see adopted by public meetings in England. I inclose the resolution, in his autograph, as he gave it to me. He thought it might serve to suggest the point which he regarded as important.'"

A PERTINENT PARALLEL

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I want you to suppose a set of circumstances, which I have just witnessed in a session and the bill before it is the Adams eight-hour law. Suppose the President tells Congress the bill must pass to avert a national peril. Suppose it is filibustered to death by Senator Lodge. Then suppose the President demands that the rules be changed so as to make forever impossible the repetition of such a thing.

What would the great and powerful press of the country say then? Wouldn't a great portion of the newspapers say that the change must not be allowed; that the filibuster had served its purpose in preventing "hasty action"; that Senator Lodge had performed a real service, etc., etc.?

I'm sure it would. I'm glad the Senate has revised its rules. I believe in majority rule, and the filibuster, to my mind, was bad. But it seems to me that the odium that came to it this last week and to the men that invoked it was on account of the matter at issue, not the rule itself, and the way it was used. If the Senate had used it to prevent the killing some measure obnoxious to the great interests, wouldn't the filibuster and filibusters have been praised? B. Philadelphia, March 8.

INSULT TO IRELAND

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Mr. Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons yesterday on the inimitable Irish question was a gross and gratuitous insult to Ireland, and is sure to be deeply resented.

Months ago, when commissioned by the Irish League, I was asked to draw up a scheme of settlement of the Irish problems. Mr. Lloyd George submitted one based on the partition of Ireland, giving to the provinces of Leitrim, Munster and Connaught the same status as the rest of the Empire, while the Ulsterionists, especially those of the south and midlands, though opposed to home rule, protested just as vehemently against the dismemberment of the country. As a result of this practical unanimity of Nationalists and Unionists against the scheme it was withdrawn by Mr. Asquith on the implied understanding that the offer of it would not be repeated and that his scheme pleased nobody and was generally recognized as a blunder. Mr. Lloyd George offers it again, and offers it in the positive conviction that it will be again refused.

As a matter of fact, it has been refused, and any attempt to push it further will lead to a peck of trouble. What can be said of the constructive stupidity of the much-lauded "re-surectfulness" of a man who, while admitting that the Irish are no more reconciled to English rule today than in the days of Oliver Cromwell, has nothing better to offer than to perpetrate an Irish bull—the revived corpse of a scheme as dead as old "Nell" himself? Philadelphia, March 8. E. J. COY.

POINTS OF THE COMPASS

Rubaiyat of a Commuter. Each day do I observe the passing scenes And as they change, I see the summer's glowing greens; The painted signs of someone's Near-to-Milk, Or Barron's Rustless Restless, Almost Screens.

The Health Department of New York sent out 30,000 invitations to painters to come in and get themselves examined, because, the department alleges, painters are peculiarly subject to certain diseases. Three hundred-odd painters responded, or probably ten per cent of the total number of painters in New York. It is quite apparent that the designers of some of the magazine covers presently current didn't submit to the test. They knew that if they did they would be made to quit painting. If, though, the officials could corral the painters who make the roadside signs of New Jersey and the lower Hudson valley and put them out of their misery painlessly, we should be the first one to suggest the awarding of a suitable trophy to the



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Lloyd George's Insult to Ireland. Use of Submarines in Blockades—Righteousness of Filibusters

The memorial green leaves wreathed for Fitz Scherer in the lobby of the academy yesterday were not the only emblems of grief in evidence. A concert in which sorrow and suffering predominated was given. To be sure, there were exceptions in the chosen numbers, for Beethoven's Brandenburg concerto, the third, was played as an initial "Hall" with the "Huldigungs-marsch" for "Farwell." Neither composition demands or will bear analytical writing at this time. It is enough to say that each has played with understanding and the zest that Mr. Stokowski can put into even matters which are not of a piece with his rare and radiant temperament.

MELODY THAT MOURNS

With four Beethoven songs and a sequence by Gustav Mahler, to say nothing of the Brahms first symphony, the afternoon benefited out to an hour which may have been agreeably late to some, and perhaps a little wearying to others. Program-makers who skip their patrons' content with anything that lightens their work by the clock, are certainly not to be praised. How about the other side of it? Isn't it just possible that two and one-half hours of pre-empted music is worth three of mixed and ill-assorted virtues? The individual auditor must determine that for himself.

With all fairness to the eager intellect that puts much rather than little into his matinee, some arrangements do seem a shame. At least one writer winces when the half-divine, magnificently molded melody of Brahms in the young flesh of his symphonic talent is bracketed with a wretched "pot-bolling" like the march of Wagner. One of Arthur Pryor's initiative musical jokes could scarcely be less in harmony with Hamburg's great son.

However, Mr. Stokowski plays Brahms as does no other comparable rival. One might say that he plays Brahms as though he were the leader, were Tschakowsky performing before him, and Schumann and Chopin. The First Symphony, given here twice before during this season, never fails, any more than a shining and wondrous statue. Other musicians leave this statue art "noble and antique." Still others try to put crowns on its head. Mr. Stokowski, loving the dimmed outline and penetrating the secret of its power, drapes it in the mantle of his own weaving. An behold, the symbol of man struts beneath the folds and is made man and lives. That is what the romantic intuition does for great art: it turns cold stone into flesh, this can laugh and adore and give utterance to tears.

Tears are the whole substance of the Mahler "Kindertotenlieder," that Eltona Gerhart elected to sing as her second offering of the afternoon. Here one finds the composer of the eighth symphony, and of the strange and haunting "Song of Earthly Love" at his most Mahlerian, which is not at all his best. Perhaps the hardest thing to convey in poetry or melody is elegy for a child. Certainly it has not been conveyed with complete success in this cycle. Blame can be laid on the versatile Ruckert whose pathetic stanzas provided the word basis for the music. But the whole affair is one of killing monotony which fails to make its point. Cleverness repetition not what it once was. So the grief of Mahler finally bears an emphasis that it is not even quite decent. It moves in the mood of lament, but it does not get anywhere. It was not for this that Greta and Harry were designated by a number in the first concert of a brick and three-quarters of a pound—then how many pounds does a brick weigh?

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle. CAT, Cot, Dog, Boy, Bag, May, Man, Wood, Wool, Coal, Coal, Lion, Lamb, Lamb, Hale, Hale, Hove, Love.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Curious of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which, well-informed persons should know, are asked daily.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- 1. What is a food calorie? 2. Who commands the Russian forces striking at Turkey through Persia? 3. What city is the "Arabian Nights City"? 4. Who recently applied the now-famous epithet "wildfire men"? 5. What is the chief use of dirigible balloons on the western front? 6. What are "litney" mechanisms? 7. Who is Dr. Cary F. Grayson? 8. What after-the-war plan of Count Zeppelin was ended by his death? 9. What is a bipartisan organization which is under consideration in the new House of Representatives? 10. What was the mythological relationship between Neptune and Poseidon?

SLOWLY, WE KNOW; SURELY, WE HOPE



THE VILLAGE POET

Oh, many a day when the news breaks big

An' the boys are shouting on Chestnut street, An' the infra dig, desire to jig, Makes youthful virgins in my old feet, I've felt the pulse of the world in mine! The cables straining 'neath the brins Have filled my veins with a heady wine An' with exaltation that will not down For a mighty spirit inhabits News, A potent flipp of mental booze That dulls one longing I seldom lose— For a little house on the edge of town.

Signs of Spring in Town

The vernal season brings the annual clean-up. Much is being done, as witness our own dear paper: Every effort is being made to catch the dust of the past. The police will scour Chinatown, and many remains to do, as witness once more: Position with the municipal plant and on the city licentiate's ledger from Civil Service requirement today by the Civil Service Commission.

Before the Ptolemies

"The so-called modern dances came to us like a cyclone from the West. For a moment, the 'Old Time' dances were yesterday morning, when she interpreted both ancient and modern dances in the Fairway Building and explained their history. She traced building from the Egyptians 6000 years ago— note. Oh! lady of the pat, pat, patronymic! We thank you for this news about our dances. But in your hunt for "spielers" whom we mimic Pray send still further back your searching glances. Among primeval, hairy, tree trunks (If you'll go back as far, ma'am, as you can go) I think you'll come upon our wild (d)ancestors Eric Ptolemaic pooties pripped pite pango.

Charge Ye Ed. With Lapsus Limbae

March sure tried to come in like a lion; let's hope she departs limble. —Potstown News. When an idea stirs behind the plain mask our city editor wears on weekdays his countenance becomes almost supernally handsome. Thus he appeared to us yesterday when he said: "I notice one of your rebus makers strung together the names of a dozen filibustering Senators to give the impression that they ARE AMERICANS; but he left out Pease's name. Ha! do you see the significance of that?"

The speaker, who followed Alfred Noyes, the English poet, was heartily received by the insurance men. He made an impassioned plea for America's immediate entrance into the war against Germany. He said: "There is not a man within sound of my voice who would not be happy to meet his fate in the first rush of volunteers going to the aid of a thin line which fights for civilization along the western front." —From yesterday's news.

We nominate for the "first rush" the insurance man who has been trying desperately to get in to see us this last week or two. But "following Alfred Noyes" is likely to get him no nearer the western front than Princeton.

Way back in the January North American Review, Will Lou reminds us, it was Gertrude Slaughter that wrote the article on "Death Doors and Asphodel."

If you were running a colyum and you had a niece who had just won the national prize for singing in the contest conducted at New York by the Nat. Fed. of Mus Clubs, wouldn't you say something about it? Of course, you would; so we're going to—besides, it's cheaper than sending a box of flowers out to Lansdowne, where Miss Marie G. Loughney lives.

Extra Heavy Loads

Five charges of drunkenness were on the docket of the police court yesterday morning, each of whom were assessed the usual fine of \$5 and an extra tax of fifty cents each for drayage— Lynchburg News.

Again, Speaking of Drays

George Smith is the cock of the walk these days, for last Sunday he and his friend were the recipients of a baby boy. The fact that the youngster came on Sunday convinces George that he is destined to be a great preacher and not a fellow in the footsteps of his daddy in the dray business.

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Tom Daly's Column

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Several readers have written in to tell us a few unkind personal things, the truth of which we are fain to admit; but when they go on to say we have no right to criticize Amy Lowell and her verse libre our bristles rise. In Bert Leston Taylor's colyum the other day we read:

A DEFINITION

Sir—Yers Libre is a form in which a theme unworthy of a pure prose embodiment is developed by one who is incapable of pure poetic expression. I. K. F.

For application to the common run of the free verse crowd this would be hard to beat, but it doesn't quite cover Miss Amy Lowell. She is a very large person. She could in time write poetry, if she were to take the pains. But she doesn't have to, being horribly rich. We could name several good but weak-kneed critics who have become suddenly and strangely converted to the new cult, but we're afraid. This much, however, we venture: Amy Lowell is as helpful to poetry as Carnegie is to religion—and for the same reason.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Baghdad, an important commercial city in southwestern Turkey-in-Asia, is capital of the vilayet of Bagdad. 2. Major General Hugh L. Scott has been recalled by the United States Army until his staff of the United States Army until his retirement in October, 1917. 3. Gustaf V is King of Sweden. 4. General Jose Miguel Gomez is ex-President of Cuba and captured leader of the present revolution. 5. The Ulster Unionists of Ireland object to the partition of Ireland proposed by the Irish Nationalists for all Ireland. 6. Schinaps is Holland gin. 7. Kobe is Japan's chief port, with Yokohama second and Osaka third. 8. Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640) was a famous Flemish painter. 9. The Dutch were the emigrants who went to the California goldfields in 1849. 10. Cuba, with more than 2,500,000 tons in leading cane-sugar production country.

Nobel Physics Prizes

E. K. G.—The winners of the Nobel prize for physics and the work for which they are most noted are as follows: 1901, Wilhelm Roentgen (Germany) discovered Roentgen rays (X-rays); 1902, Hendrik Anton Lorentz (Holland) formulated electron theory with his pupil and fellow prize-winner, Pieter Zeeman (Holland), who discovered the Zeeman effect in light; 1903, Antoine Henri Becquerel (France) discovered the invisible Becquerel rays discharged from uranium, and shared the prize with Marie Sklodowska-Curie (France) and her husband, Pierre Curie (France), discoverers of polonium and radium; 1904, Lord Rayleigh (England) discovered argon with Sir William Ramsay; 1905, Philipp Lenard (Germany) discovered Lenard cathoda rays; 1906, Sir Joseph John Thompson (England) formulated ionie theory of electricity; 1907, Albert Abraham Michelson (United States) made researches of light velocity and determined length of standard meter in terms of cadmium light wave-length; 1908, Gabriel Lippmann (France-Germany) invented inferential color photographic process; 1909, Guglielmo Marconi (Italy) invented wireless telegraphy, and Ferdinand Braun (Germany), improved on the invention; 1910, Johannes Diderik van der Waals (Holland) propounded the Waals formula in working in liquids, gases and electrolytic dissociation; 1911, Wilhelm Wien (Germany) formulated theories of radiation; 1912, Gustaf Dalen (Sweden) invented automatic acetylene-acetone lamp; 1913, Heike Kamerlingh Onnes (Holland) did research work in low temperatures, especially of helium; 1914, Max von Laue (Germany) worked on diffraction of rays in crystals, and 1915, W. H. Bragg and his son, W. L. Bragg (England), made discoveries in radioactivity. The 1916 Nobel physics prize has not been awarded.

Classified "Ads"

R. C. G.—In answering an advertisement designated by a number in care of a newspaper, the applicant should give his name and address. Advertisers who withhold their names do so to avoid applications in person, answers to the advertisement are forwarded to the advertiser, who then judges whether or not he wishes to have an interview with the applicant. The newspaper is not at liberty to divulge the name of the advertiser.

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLE

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