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of a better understanding between the peoples of this continent? If it will, there may be atonement for many serious errors of the past.

Italy, of a heedless zeal to overcapitalise victory at the expense of principles for which civilization expended rivers of blood...

THE CHAFFING DISH WE NOTICE in the news that a tobacco dealer who was married recently gave his bride a check for \$4,000,000 as a wedding present.

NEW IMPERIALISM—TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY



W. A. ROGERS, In the New York Herald

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THIS WINTER AT HARRISBURG

WE HAVE a business Governor who will take office on January 21. Mr. Sproul has indicated in all that he has said since his election that he intends to conduct the business of the State with as great efficiency as private business is conducted.

They cannot be fulfilled as they should be if the General Assembly fails to cooperate. That body meets next Tuesday for the purpose of organizing. Then it will adjourn to give its leaders an opportunity to make the assignment of the members to committees.

WILSON, IN THE FORUM, TIES THE STRANDS OF HISTORY

Fundamentals of Law and Liberty, Republican Rome Expounded, Are Still the Hope of Mankind

WERE it not for Rome the continuity of history might be questioned. Were it not for Mr. Wilson's presence there the sequence of tremendous new chapters would be severed.

There is a shudder in the thought akin to that which troubled the mind of Edward Gibbon as, sitting on the steps of the Church of Ara Coeli, he beheld the material ruins of that superb effort and wondered why.

One year after the last volume of the misnamed "Decline" appeared the Bastille was won. A cynical historian steeped in the full in Roman outward facts was dazed.

GOVERNMENT RAILROADING

RAILROAD service in the last year has been the worst that America has known since 1889. The Government lost \$156,000,000 in one year of rail operation.

Yet even a more emphatic case against the theorists who still are opposed to private railroad administration is made by Robert S. Lovett, who through the experience gained as Mr. McAdoo's right-hand man in the railroad administration has had his faith restored in the old system of regulated competition.

ILL UP THE ABYSS OF IGNORANCE

THAT Welshman who wants to establish a chair of world politics in the University of Wales in honor of President Wilson is turning his attention in the wrong direction.

A Fable for Critics

A friend of ours, who was quite young forty years ago, wrote a great many poems in the first flush of his youth. He published some of them in a little book, of which the critics all said that they expressed the immature emotionalism of extreme youth.

Connections Not Guaranteed

Amidst writes that he sometimes finds our train of thought a little hard to catch. But, ah! how much harder it is to get it started!

DO YOU know any philanthropist out of a job?

He is a most unassuming chap and never welcomes me when I enter or bids me goodbye when I leave, but accepts my calls as a visitation of Providence, as he accepts the weather or the mud who periodically cleans out the litter he allows to accumulate about him.

WANTED: A PHILANTHROPIST

THE last time I called on Pericarp he was engaged in the study of detective stories, an interesting but somewhat monotonous occupation. Detective stories are all alike; that is, almost all.

There is no hope for such as I, he went on, "unless some philanthropist comes to our rescue. I have looked at scores of farms. They are either too far from the station or the house is unlivable or they cost too much.

The Doughboy Speaks

By Lieut. Grantland Rice Third Army, A. E. F.

SLOGGING through the mud of France. Camping in the rain; Hiking in a frozen France. Down some German plain; "Fall in!"—hear the sergeant yell.

EASY AMERICANS

CYNICS who have always maintained that the species rich in America has its brooding places in the big cities rather than in the vast spaces of the outlands must have read the New York newspapers yesterday with a sense of triumphant reassurance.

One cannot imagine a farmer in any lonesome region of the Middle West being dazed and dazed by the usual herd waiters, who by delicate use of the demurest pocket so much of the unearned increment of the Manhattan. Nor can one fancy even a farm hand in Illinois paying systematically for the chili bowl of a mental to a dress suit.

It is not the habit of men in their senses to sulk to that sort of thing. Usually they prefer to hunt even if they aren't concerned about the money. Yet this practice is habitual and conventional in almost every community where there are many theatres and cafes.

ANOTHER NEW LEAD

BETTER than any information of a strictly diplomatic character from Latin America is the news that the Associated Press will hereafter serve leading daily journals in the principal South American cities.

Heretofore the people of the Latin-American republics have known Europe better than they know America. The life of a country is best known in its news. But Latin America has depended too largely on what interested or prejudiced correspondents preferred to send it from the United States.

Faith therein is what stirs the best elements in humanity in this kaleidoscopic age.

Disquieting qualms in the Forum and by the truncated columns of the Basilica Julia are not easily resisted, for the environment is overwhelmingly theatrical. But the spiritual pillars are unshattered. The new republic which today greets the successor of the old builds its highest hopes upon their fundamental inviolability.

As a kingdom modern Italy has at times caused architects of freedom to question certain of her courses. The old Triple Alliance was a cold-blooded affair. The Abyssinian ambitions recalled the Rome of Trajan rather than that of Cato.

Such-stimulating rebuttal may be found in Italy herself. For there are two Italys—the young and thoughtless heir to an ancient empire, the opportunist nation lured by the false gods of expansion and territorial aggrandizement, and that glorious land of idealists which made the nineteenth century the true touchstone of the twentieth.

The "Riformimento," which remade Italy, furnishes a companion picture to that of a heroic, unconquerable country which redeemed the horror of Caporetto, sustained enormous sacrificial burdens and was again and again of invaluable aid to her allies.

Great Quality

Germany sends of New Year in its national address, recommended that the State police be disbanded. In Pennsylvania the State police, organized upon the principle of fair play for everybody, composed of selected men of distinguished character and held aloof always from politics, made a record for quiet efficiency that has given the service permanent value.

There will be another outbreak of Admining under at the news that Henry Ford is to sell those limousines of his \$6 a day. Yet that performance seems a little less wonderful when reading further down the column, we are informed that Henry can pay his twenty-four-month-old son \$129,000 a year.

The recent bomb outrages suggest that Superintendent Robinson, returning to his job in the police department, has now an excellent opportunity to display the efficiency which he does not seem to possess.

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What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. What is the Italian name for Genoa? 2. What is a quinzo? 3. How often is the United States census taken and when will the next one be completed? 4. In what part of the Netherlands is Amsterdam?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Austria. Prussia and Russia divided the spoils in the partition of Poland in the eighteenth century. 2. Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky and elected to the presidency from Illinois.