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MOORE AS A BRIDGE BUILDER
Promoters of the Delaware river bridge must feel encouraged by Governor Sproul's appointment of Congressman Moore to the commission to arrange the preliminary details for the construction of the bridge.

Mr. Moore believes in the project. He will be Mayor after the first of the year, with power to push it through to fruition. Work should be well under way before he leaves office.

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BIG FIGURES
THAT figures speak louder than words is strikingly and interestingly corroborated in the record-breaking volume of bank clearings reported by the Philadelphia Clearing House Association for October.

OUR MARINE SOCIAL SCALE
IT IS not the size, but the distinction of the Danish liner Frederick VIII which stirs the hopes of port enthusiasts.

THE HIGHER CLEANING BIDS
WITHOUT going into the merits of the new street-cleaning and garbage-collection bids, it must be admitted that the city cannot expect to have this work done as cheaply as before the war.

If this comes to pass, then it will be easy for the city to do the work in 1921 for less than it will cost next year and the contract system will be condemned by its own showing.

WHOLE PEOPLE IS ARRAYED AGAINST RADICALS IN LABOR

Reckless and incompetent leadership of the Coal Men Rebuked and Checked by the Government's Vigor

The Government of the United States never started anything that it couldn't finish. The soft-coal miners lost their strike when they maneuvered themselves into a position that threatened the peace of the country and compelled defensive measures by the federal authorities.

The operators are out of the discussion. They stood aside and let the headlong and emotional labor men go straight into defeat—with the bewildered miners at their heels.

Art galleries—some of them of extraordinary worth—are dotting the nation. Those of New York, Boston, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia in particular are representative of a wide range of periods and masters.

There is reason to doubt that the coal strike is merely an agitation for better wages and better living conditions. It was ordered by a committee which speaks not only for American miners, but for miners in Europe and Canada, and in all aspects it is similar to other labor demonstrations recently organized upon international lines for the purpose of threatening or actually overturning established governments.

It is not even a national organization that has planned to terrorize the United States. It is an international organization, saturated with revolutionary political doctrines and frankly disposed to consider itself more powerful than governments.

Only cowardice in Washington could have caused the government to stand aloof. If the strikers are denied the use of the mails and the wire facilities under federal control they will fill the air with complaints about the abrogation of civil rights.

The state of affairs that has caused Attorney General Palmer to ask for an extension of the Lever act for a period of six months after peace is signed cannot be regarded otherwise than as a disaster for organized labor.

The extension of the Lever act is justified. President Wilson and those associated with him are trying merely to give the nation an opportunity to react from the abnormal conditions consequent upon the war in order that wage settlements may be arrived at normally and justly.

Humane Society representatives are holding a conference in Harrisburg. Wonder if they'll be able to find a comfortable home for the goat that was wont to play in the windows of the corner saloons?

North Penn victims hope that Justice's leaden heels will eventually be equipped with rubber.

The weather joined the other Hall-lowsen freaks.

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mines rather than a demonstration for better wages. In the end the unions will suffer. They will lose prestige because they have lost battles.

The "borers from within" who are using them for a political purpose are bringing upon all labor organizations a suspicion and dislike that is not deserved by the rank and file.

Mass sentiment in the United States always is raised upon the side of the federal government. The action of the government authorities virtually outlaws the miners' leaders and deprives them of any chance of public support.

This government has never fought in an unjust cause. This is a time to stand by the President, even though Congress, with the caution that always afflicts politicians in pre-election years, seems a bit uncertain and indecisive.

CAVIARE OR SARDINES?

WITH the acquisition of the George W. Elkins collection the projected new art gallery in Fairmount Park will have few rivals in this country.

With due respect for artistic development in a still young republic, one must conclude that it does not Students of painting and sculpture—and their numbers are fast increasing—do, of course, derive the keenest enjoyment and high inspiration from masterpieces on view.

The recent visit to Philadelphia of King Albert of Belgium recalls the dinner given in his honor by the Five o'Clock Club at the old Bellevue Hotel when Charles F. Warwick was Mayor.

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CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Perplexities of a Majority Candidate. When the Five o'Clock Club Gave a Dinner to Albert of Belgium

ONLY a man who has gone through a majority campaign in a great city can understand how circumspect he must be with regard to his public utterances to avoid misrepresentation by those who are after his scalp.

It is because of the inclination of a candidate to be frank with the public that the servileability of a manager or directing committee is apparent. Ordinarily the candidate would like to exhibit every criticism that is honestly or dishonestly hurled against him, but here a manager steps in with the suggestion that the public is not always headed one way, and that anything the candidate may say to provoke a quarrel with one or the other, the "dog talk" advice which Quix gave Beaver is well remembered by the older generation of politicians.

OLD SWEDISH CHURCH continues to be an attractive landmark in the lower section of the city. The pastor, the Rev. Percy B. Stockman, has been giving special attention to work among the seamen, there being only two or three institutions now left along the river front which attempt in an organized way to give "Jack" a word of cheer and a helping hand.

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ALONG THE DELAWARE

Det Forened Dampskib Selskab! Polysyllabically awful! Why do you haunt and pursue me, Have I done something unlawful, That you should fulminate through me?

Det Forened Dampskib Selskab! It is a curse or an omen, Boding a hideous wonder— Hitherto listed by no men— Wilder than Jovian thunder?

Det Forened Dampskib Selskab! Have I been lax in my duties, Careless in mailing "those letters," Blind to some virtue or beauty, Rude in the presence of betters?

Det Forened Dampskib Selskab! Have I been kicking a cripple, Panning the league of the nations, Overdisposed to my tripple Barred by the new regulations?

Det Forened Dampskib Selskab! Have I of "drives" been a seafarer, Even with missions of merit— Quick with my "Nothing to offer" Slinking away like a ferret?

Det Forened Dampskib Selskab! What do I see coming toward me— Causing my cheeks to grow paler, Striding as if he would board me? Can it be? Yes, it's a sailor!

"Det Forened Dampskib Selskab!" Stricken, I kneed he would say it, Making a shudder run o'er me, When, in a rush to allay it, Swiftly he seeks to restore me.

"Det Forened Dampskib Selskab!" Shouts he, "What phrase could be fier? I can revive your backbone, sir, I'm from the new Danish liner, This is the company that owns 'er—"

"Det Forened Dampskib Selskab!" I can explain your excitement— Nerves all a-list and atwart, sir, This is the happy indictment— "Something is doing in port, sir!" H. T. C.

Enterprise There is a storekeeper on South street who apparently never overlooks the main chance. Two women were looking in at the window yesterday and he rushed out crying, "Come in, come in! We've got 'em. We've got 'em!"

Moonlight He threaded the shadows and byways And the glimmering ways of the town, Like an outworn waif of November In a wornout gown.

He sought for the fawns and fancies That were known of his sylvan retreat; But faded were faces and fancies, They had passed like wind in wheat.

He came in the mystical midnight Where the waters of boyhood were gray, And a weak wind crooned as he whispered: "All have passed away!"

Softly he turned where Maytime Was glad in a laugh of gold; There on maple branches he played in lar with men and things in Harrisburg as they are in Philadelphia, and neither of them slights the rest of the state. McDevitt, who holds on to his Philadelphia law office, keeps close tabs on the Governor here and at the Capitol, and is as encyclopedic as the ground from one end of the year to the other, and not infrequently keeps the wires busy between Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Washington. Baker, moreover, is the proud director of the only institution of its kind in this section of the country, a Republican state headquarters actually owned by the state committee.

THE SAUCEPAN

is an insidious attack on our favorite breakfast food. Motto of the bridge builder: Life is but a span.

Speaking as one but imperfectly versed in legal and slang terms, is or is not a man called to City Hall on a John Doe summons privileged to pass the buck?

The Man and the Job I'm telt, said Demosthenes McGinnis, that at every crisis in the city's history there's a man to meet it. 'Tis true, but why is it true?

"Tis true in the way that a beehive need never lack a queen. The man and the queen bee are made by the stuff they feed on. Many a man who was great in a crisis would have lived and died a nonentity but for the crisis that made him.

Great men in embryo are as plentiful as workers in a hive. Call it Divine Providence if you will, Why not? Is it not as reasonable for Divine Providence to provide lots of material to choose from as to provide one man for one crisis?

THE times are topsy-turvy. Not a thing is as it used to be, Even the climate's changed; Change is in the air; Ships are, too, And under the water Instead of only on the sea as formerly they were.

Kings are off their thrones And emperors—sawing wood, The world's gone on a strike, No harmony anywhere; Musical comedy has no music And not enough comedy to keep you from noticing it.

Modern poetry never rhymes; It can have as few or as many feet as are necessary To put it across. Stoves cook without fires, Most dinners are cooked without cooks— Would that we could buy them without cash—

Drinks have no kick, Phones phone without wires And the other day I saw an orchestra Concocted By a leader without hair.

Those who pray "Give us this day our daily bread" will look upon the government plan to prevent the strike as a scriptural injunction.

Setting Up Fords AN EXPERT mechanic at seven a day, I rise at the dawn when the east is still gray. And prompt I begin when the last sirens blow Screwing on nuts in an eight-hour row.

The nut that I turn is one hundred and nine, As slowly before me, down the long line, The skeleton cars come on ambient platform, Like ants on the back of a measuring fat worm.

I have less than a minute to pick up the nut, To hold it secure, where the thread is first cut. To balance it quickly, and clasp it on tight, Then around with the wrench, and turn to the right;

And there comes another car, ready for me, And a third and a fourth, and on endlessly, Till the sirens shrill loud with its note beseechingly, When I stop screwing nut one hundred and nine.

J. M. BEATTY, "Hugh Steamship Finds River Dry," suits our enthusiastic headline yesterday. Ah, yes; but a little boat would find it deeper.

If only the sense of humor were wider spread, proclaims the office cynic, here would be a lot more suicides in the land.

THE NEWEST MUSIC

"MUSIC be the food of love, play on," But not with pokers, cowbells and maracas. Let burrage hardened warriors dole upon The devastating efforts of the coons. Let others jazz, if such be their delight; My soul the brown-skinned minstrels shall beruile With strains that breathe the magic of the night In some Pacific isle.

Yes, as the soft Hawaiian melody Floats dreamily across the polished floor, As in some tropic Eden I shall see The long, slow combers break upon the shore. And, mastered by such magic, I shall frame The vision of a dusky maid and fair Threading the languorous dance with flowers of flame Twined in her unbobbed hair.

And when the craze is over and the wave Irks me by breaking on the coral strand, Yet other stunts my restless soul shall crave And I may jiggle to a Balkan band, With stolid Eskimos I yet may prance, Or foot it with the Patagonian deft, Or even try a British "native dance" When nothing else is left! —Touchstone in Continental Edition of the London Mail.

Officers of the railway expression have warned the members to ignore efforts of outsiders to get them to strike. They assured the wage board in Washington that ample time would be given to digest the data submitted, and they will keep their word, they say. There speaks the good union man and American as opposed to the Bolshevik and the I. W. W.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ 1. Which was the first state to mine soft coal? 2. Who wrote "Seven Lamps of Architecture"? 3. Who was Charlotte Corday and whom did she kill? 4. Where is the Firth of Forth? 5. Who was Mommsen? 6. What is the present population of Ireland? 7. What is the meaning and origin of the word persiflage? 8. What is a perimeter? 9. What is an earwig? 10. Whom did Abraham Lincoln marry?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Casimir Lubomirski is the first Polish minister to the United States. 2. The Mayflower is the presidential yacht. 3. A pyx is the church vessel in which consecrated bread is kept. It is also the box at the British Royal Mint in which specimen gold and silver coins are deposited to be tested at the annual "trial of the pyx" by the jury of the Goldsmiths' Company. 4. William Allen Butler, a New York lawyer and writer, created the satirical character of Miss Flora MacFlimney of Madison Square, "who had nothing to wear." 5. Jackson is the capital of Mississippi. 6. Doctor Hornaday and other American ornithologists have suggested that the island of Helgoland be used as a bird sanctuary. 7. The next President of France will be elected in January. 8. He will be elected by an absolute majority of votes cast by the French Senate and Chamber of Deputies, united in a national assembly. 9. Pennsylvania is the state which produces the most soft coal. 10. Koumiss is fermented liquor from mare's milk.