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THE NEW FOURTH
THE drastic ban against fireworks and the sale and use of firearms in Philadelphia imposes upon its citizens the obligation of adopting sensible and attractive substitutes for the foolish, dangerous and antiquated methods of celebrating the national holiday.

THE DELAWARE DEAL OFF
FORTUNATELY for the State of Delaware and fortunately for the country, the wild and utterly reckless scheme formulated in Delaware for the open barter of a seat in the United States Senate has collapsed.

THE BRITISH FEDERATION
THE metamorphosis of British colonies into States somewhat analogous to those of the American Union is one of the many momentous implications of the Imperial Conference to be called shortly in London.

STATE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS
DR. FINEGAN'S announcement at the dinner to Dr. Broom that the proper education for the children of the State cannot be carried out unless the State itself pays one-half of the school bills of each community is based on the assumption that public education is a matter of interest to the whole State.

THE SQUARE DEAL IS WINNING
THE fire-eaters seem to be subsiding. Mr. Briand's substantial victory in the Chamber of Deputies is a plain rebuke to the nationalists who clamored for a policy toward Germany which would have embraced invasion of the Ruhr and persistent refusal to accept her word at face value.

IRELAND—AND MINGO
THERE were few readers of American newspapers who did not feel that the tragedy of Ireland had received its final light to them and into a somewhat clearer light with the shocking news that came from Dublin this week.

THE BLOOMING WAY SERVICE COMMISSION, HE SAYS IT
The Missouri Public Service Commission, we read, has ruled that a subscriber has a right to use abusive language to an operator at least once. It wouldn't be nearly so good a news item, we suppose, if it were stated merely that a man would not forfeit his telephone service for a first offense.

ANOTHER SLAM AT ART
A family with an artistic temperament isn't really as much of an addition to a neighborhood as one owning a stepladder.

FEARLESS COLORADO STUDENTS
A number of college students at Fort Collins, Col., turned out last night and captured a hard-billed old cowboy from Wyoming and removed his six-inch mustache. Perhaps the boys should not be encouraged in hazardous pursuits of this kind, but at any rate it is a joy to find now and then a bunch of college boys who aren't hopeless tea hounds.

AN EFFICIENCY EXPERT
"Say, looky yur, loovidy!" spoke Gap Johnson, of Bunnys Ridge, Ark., after an extended period of cogitation. "What sort of an idy would it be to paint the baby's face once in a while instead of washing it often?"

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which told of the burning of the Dublin Custom House carried parallel dispatches from nearer home under headlines such as "War in West Virginia Renewed—Two Troopers Killed."

VITAL TO MILL WORKERS, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW IT

Until the Financial Issues of the War Are Settled Unemployment Will Continue Here and Elsewhere

IT WOULD be a mistake for any one to assume that only the financiers are interested in the questions discussed by President Harding and a group of New York and Pittsburgh bankers in Washington this week.

THE FARMERS' BLOC

CORRESPONDENTS in Washington who predict far-reaching political changes as a result of the powerful movement for control of Congress by the farmers of the country are not merely exercising their power of imagination.

Men are idle here today because the German reparations question has not been finally settled. Business in all parts of the world is waiting until it is known definitely just how Germany is to pay and just how much she is to turn over to the allied nations.

When it is known the world will know on what it can depend for the next few years; France and Great Britain can go ahead with their taxation plans, and business, informed on what burdens will be inflicted on it, can adjust itself to definite conditions.

But Europe cannot buy on the old scale this year because she has not the money. Mr. Burleson, former Postmaster General, who has been in Berlin in the interest of the cotton growers of the South, has reported that Germany can buy only about 25 per cent of her normal purchases of cotton because, on account of the impoverished state of Europe, she can find a market for only about 25 per cent of her normal amount of cotton manufactures.

Now, the conference of the bankers with the President was over the best way for the United States to assist itself by assisting Europe. The President, Secretary Mellon and Secretary Hoover have let it be known that they are opposed to the floating of any foreign loans in the United States the proceeds of which are not spent in the United States.

The proceeds of two recent loans, one to Denmark and one to Belgium, have been spent in other countries. The Belgians bought foodstuffs in Argentina, where they could get them more cheaply than in the United States, and the Danes bought locomotives in Germany at a lower price than they could get them here.

The farmers are particularly grieved by the purchase of foodstuffs in Argentina. The Administration does not wish to offend the farmers. Its mind is on the political as well as on the economic effect of its financial policy. The mind of the bankers is only on the economic effect. They insist that economically it is the wisest possible course to co-operate to the extent of our ability in restoring the producing power not only of the allied countries, but of Germany.

However wide the disagreement may be over the use to which the proceeds of foreign loans are to be put, there is likely to be a general consent that the bankers of this country must not provide money for the budget necessities of the foreign Governments. American gold must not be used to pay for foreign armaments.

It is reassuring to know that the President is seeking advice from the financial experts of the nation. The question before him is of such gravity that he seems to desire all the light he can get before making a final decision. He and his Cabinet do not disagree with the bankers on the ends to be sought. What disagreement there is arises over the best means to accomplish those ends.

It is fascinating to compare and relate these sentiments with those entertained by Massachusetts, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York when the United States was a confederation of States. It is possible to assert that this Republic attacked with commendable speed problems which are tardily appearing within the British empire for adjustment.

Allowances must be made for a great dissimilarity of other fundamental conditions, and most of all for the British temperament, and the important note now is that the federative idea, involving due self-determination in various parts of the empire, was never so dominant as today.

This is not imperialism in the invidious sense, but a frank and manly appreciation of the world development of democracy triumphing in spite of wars, marplots, torques and the blunders of small-minded politicians.

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Allied Council meetings, we learn from a Paris dispatch, are to be held in a golf club. Correspondent says, "out of respect to the British Premier." Does this refer to an alleged desire to put an opponent in a hole?

Some Saddest Words
We judge from the wall of Old King George's Court, which has grown hoarse crying "Why don't you buy?" that the "mife of him" spoken of by the poet refers to a depleted coal stock.

HUMANISMS

BY WILLIAM A. HERTHORN DU PUY
SENATOR WILLIAM B. MCKINLEY, of Champlain, Ill., long a member of the House of Representatives, has an enviable reputation gained by his consideration of the dumb creatures that play the part of lesser men.

Presently a long-distance call and two telegrams having accumulated, the staff began a search for Mr. McKinley. About the same time the dog Tambo was also missed. After much hunting a "long shot" from the back window into the alley revealed the two. Mr. McKinley was sitting on a trash box and Tambo was between his knees.

Had not a certain romance of a missionary worked out as it did down in Georgia seventy years ago Miss Alice Robertson would not have been the lone woman among her peers in the House of Representatives today.

Her father was sent from New York state to minister to the Cherokee Indians. The good church people who sent him kept in as close touch as they could with her in many ways to make up to him for the privations that were his.

Among other things they came to the conclusion, influenced by Scripture, that it was not well that man should live alone. They would send him a helpmate. They would select from the flock an ardent spirit who would go into the wilderness and marry him. They did select her and start her on her way.

But the missionary felt the spirit of revolt that has dwelled in the breasts of men and women for whom marriages have been arranged since time began. And, beside, there was in the scenario a young woman missionary whom he had met under conditions where eye flashed back to eye those subtle messages that need not be said as they are intended that could be felt.

So, two days before the arrival of the matrimonial candidate, there was a hurried wedding, and thus was upset a plan of mating a lady with another countryman than the desire of the two principals to it. And so were united the parents of the congresswoman from Oklahoma.

Major General Wendell C. Neville, of the marine corps, has done much handy fighting and ordered many a charge. He is as is the way with "devil dogs." He was brevetted for conspicuous service at Santiago bay in the Spanish-American War; received the Congressional Medal for distinguished conduct at Vera Cruz and the Distinguished Service Medal and many foreign honors for the sort of things he did in the world war.

He had floundered around in the mud for two days and was so dead tired that he put his head on a log, pulled his new overcoat up over him, and went to sleep. It was probably some doughboy of the army who thought that it would be a good joke to steal the stars off the shoulders of a marine corps general. And so he did.

A day later the outfit was further along toward Germany, was muddier, tired, the general hung his overcoat sans stars on a limb and started pounding his car again. Along came a soldier and pulled the fancy overcoat with nothing on the shoulders and the unusual stripes of the marine corps on the sleeves. He thought it was a German cook, but it was a policeman and he cut the sleeves off above the elbows, and he sent them home as souvenirs.

Marine corps officers are celebrated for their gallantry to the ladies, and General Wendell C. Neville is the most punctilious of them. He is a perfect gentleman. Imagine his embarrassment, then, when on the march to the Rhine during the recent unpleasantness he was forced to say "no" to the importunities of a grand duchess far-famed for her beauty and graces.

It happened in Luxembourg. When the young grand duchess who rules that small principality found that an American gentleman was leading her to her country she sought to extend hospitality. She sent an invitation to General Neville to rest and refresh himself at her palace. The general was forced to decline. Orders had been issued that no one was to accept that no hospitality was to be accepted. The grand duchess was insistent. The situation was explained. She wired to general headquarters and was wired to Paris. She just must entertain the American general.

And so stern and impersonal are orders when troops are on the march that even the fair rules of the Indian Territory and the general slept that night under a dog tent in his blankets.

Senator Charles Curtis was a jockey and was riding a race at the fair grounds at Kansas City when, after the crowd was all in and the money was collected, the James Brown, a notorious gambler, took his time, rode up to the box office, relieved it of the cash and rode away.

This was but a chapter out of the early life of this son of the West, himself one of the great descendants of a line of French voyageurs.

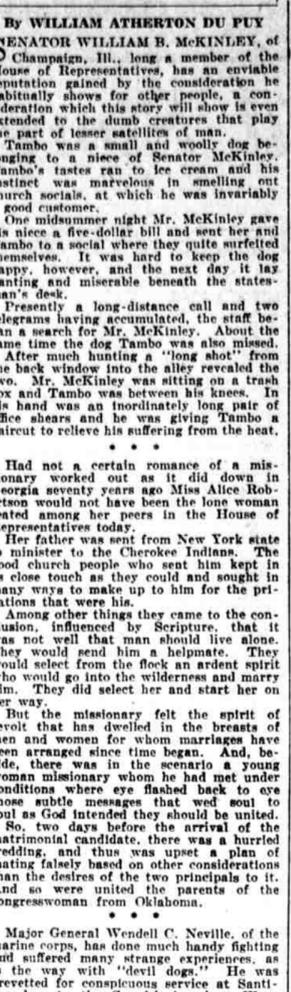
In those days the cattle trails that led from Texas north, trails that must be traveled by all animals bound for market, were avenues of adventure and romance. The horse was king and Charles Curtis was usually up when a race was run. For seven years he followed the fairs of Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, and it is not recorded he missed a string, amount from being buried in a study of parliamentary law or other fundamental studies of the statesman.

It will be remembered that during the long stages of the Horatio Cabot Lodge, diplomat and classic as he is, got into a controversy with a pacifist who called names and smashed that gentleman on the nose. The result was in spite of outpouring of congratulations from all points of the compass innumerable letters of commendation, one of which was from Theodore Roosevelt. It came to be said of Lodge that he was the man who put the "Y" in "Yankee."

Twenty years of earnest and thoughtful service, the senator said, had not brought forth the amount of commendation that resulted from this one moment of rashness.

Another Slam at Art
A family with an artistic temperament isn't really as much of an addition to a neighborhood as one owning a stepladder.

WAKE UP!



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. RANDLE ROSENBERGER

On Flies, Tuberculosis and Fresh Milk
NINETY per cent of beef cattle killed by tuberculosis glands or some other sign of the disease. This source of infection is the most common cause of the disease.

The bacterium is what is preventing this condition from doing its old-time damage. Whereas operations, especially among children, for glandular tuberculosis were almost entirely unknown formerly, now they occur monthly. The pasteurizing of the milk does not, as often believed, reduce its nutrient value.

The Bureau of Animal Industry at Washington has for years favored the herd certification plan. Only those who sell certified milk can claim accredited herds. The Government inspects their animals and faulty specimens are thrown out. In this way, under clean conditions, raw milk of the highest quality may be shipped. And, naturally, it costs more.

The Open-Shop Policy

From the Lawrence, Kan., Journal-World.
The example of the helpful hen may well be studied by followers of the industries these days. Although the price of eggs has fallen twenty-four cents a dozen in the last two weeks, she goes right on producing just the same.

An Easy Lesson

From the Marion Star.
Of course, Republicans have been "viewing with alarm" for quite a time. "Viewing" doesn't take much to convert a political pessimist into an optimist, and there's hardly any telling how soon they may begin "pointing with pride."

The General Agreement

From the Portland Herald.
There is general agreement on the subject of tariff by all interests—that is, they believe their own products should be protected but that there should be free trade in all other articles.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ
1. Where is Ferrara?
2. What legislative body was known as the Mad Parliament?
3. Who was Thomas Parnell?
4. Who was known as the Father of Music?
5. When was Decoration Day first observed in Pennsylvania?
6. How did the poppy gain its significance as a Memorial Day flower?
7. Of what state is "Sie semper tyrannus"?
8. Where does the phrase, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," occur?
9. Who wrote "He has not a single redeemer but himself"?
10. What American city first adopted the commission form of government?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Pennsylvania is the Keystone State.
2. Aristide Ireland is President of France.
3. A distinctive trait of the cowbird is its habit of laying its eggs in the nest of another bird.
4. St. Augustine is the birthplace of the saint and monopolizer of the bread.
5. Sir Dagonet was the fool attendant on the King in the Arthurian legends.
6. Franz Schubert composed the "Unfinished Symphony."
7. General Korfanty is the chief of the Polish insurgents in Silesia.
8. Sumptuary laws are laws to prevent extravagance in private life by setting a statutory restriction on the prices to be paid for clothes, furniture, etc.
9. Canton has passed Pekin as the largest city in China.
10. Louisiana. May Alcott wrote "Little Women," a classic story for the young.
11. A misogynist is a woman hater.

A Change of Phrases

From the Daily News: "May I not" abdicated, incidentally, to "My countrymen."

SHORT CUTS

Old General Humidity is the show's best press agent.
Self-determination in Austria is diluted with allied politics.
Perhaps Mrs. Bergdoll will now have to draw on the pot of gold.
Suggested naval disarmament is merely the first bite at a promised world-peace pie.
Devon gee-gee fans now appreciate the possibilities of a dark horse that feels its oats.
There appears to be something about a British banquet that loosens an American tongue.
A broad "a" and an afternoon "S" may tell where the United States Senate cafe is at.
The only drop in prices some restaurants know is when somebody spills the menu cards.
Nobody, apparently, has thought of interviewing Josephus Daniels on the London speech of Admiral Sims.
Perhaps the reason Uncle Sam doesn't swat John Barleycorn is because he has a sneaking affection for him.
The ward healer may not actually run the business of lawlessness and disorder, but he is very frequently vice president.
The Borah resolution is perhaps significant because of its setting: A dove of peace nesting in the breach of a cannon.
Postmaster General Hays in liberating the Liberator indicated that common sense has resumed business as a common carrier.
Before he settles the matter one way or the other, President probably plans to give everybody else in the country a chance to nominate the Chief Justice.
The absence of yawps in the press of the White House is a matter of big business. It indicates that the country is making progress in the matter of economic house-keeping.
Women nowadays may buy eyeglasses and paste them over those nature provides. The cool girl who never batted an eyelid may therefore consider herself out of date.
Former Attorney General Palmer may be still in the political bag. Well, that's all right. Who are we to object to his classification? He ought to know what he's got. We ain't no ontologist.
An electric-light plant has been established at Kodiak Island, Alaska. If a man works could also be started, night life is a place where the night lasts three months could be made full of vivid interest.
E. N. Withey, of the National Security Company, told the Kiwanis Club in Atlantic City that married men, fat men and profane men were the best risks. A fat and profane married man, we judge, therefore, should be able to get anything he wanted out of Mr. Withey.
If there is to be an alliance between England and Japan, Prime Ministers Hughes and Smuts want it so constructed that it will not offend the United States. As a conclusion, we may therefore draw one, Prime Minister Lloyd George, and make it that of a kind.
There is hustle in the forest where the trees are falling fast;
There is bustle in the paper mills where the pulp is rolling past;
And the printing press whizzing set to work to populate glow.
For Russia's printing rubles though the paper stock is low.
The wall-paper no longer sticks like paper on the wall;
It has all gone into money and is now good as all.
The man no longer tell the news; he is obliged to quit;
For Russia's printing rubles and they have to do their bit.
See the cunning little rubles roll their cunning little own;
A trillion and a half of them!—the wheat is sown!
They are going to meet a budget Mr. T. has designed;
So Russia's printing rubles, cute we see, do ye mind!