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The American Flag. We have room for but one language here, and that a week and leaves a wife and eight have room for but one soul loyalty, charges deserves all that can be and that is loyalty to the American people."-Theodore Roosevelt.

#### BAR THE RED FLAG.

The Junior American Mechanic are to be commended for their effor to secure legislation to bar the red flag of anarchy from New Jersey. As Roosevelt so tersely and wisely put it "we have room for but one flag. the American Flag."

#### GOOD OLD NAMES.

In our future rosters of distingwished Americans, we will, of course, want to include the names of the courageous lads who fired the first shot for us against the Germans, and thus began the work that saved the world for liberty. That shot was fired shortly after six o'clock in the gray and gloomy morning of October 23, 1917, two miles from the old international boundary line between France and German-Lorraine, and east of the little town of Bathelemont.

Corporal Robert Braley laid the piece; Sergeant Frank Grabowski, Corporal Osborne W. DeVarilla and Privates Louis Varady and John J. Wodarczak prepared the fuse for cutting; Sergeant Lonnie Domonick cut the fuse; Sergeant Edward Warthen loaded the piece; Captain I. R. McLendon gave the command to fire, and Sergeant Alex. L. Arch fired the first shot.

Good old American stuff! Sounds like a roll-call of the Sons of the

A religion without mystery mus be a religion without God .-- Anon.

UNDER SUSPICION. annexed to the trolley cars, for the purpose of "improving the service." one of the conductors jokingly remarked to a passenger, "Oh, we will find a way to beat it." Superintendent Peartree apparently suspects that "we," not finding an easier way, tried the hold-up game, detached the farebox by force, and then framed up the story of an attack by highwaymen. Some parts of the trolleymen's story were a trifle fishy, and still they may have told the truth and may be en-

### BAD TASTE IN WATER.

Memory of man is short. In past winters, since the medication of our water supply was begun, the disagreeable taste of the drinking water was ascribed to the chlorine or other chemical that was used to destroy the germs.

and factory waste from manufacturing plants along the Lehigh River." What about that theory that river water purifies itself in ten or twelve employed, it is said, in the manumiles of flow?

chlorine is more noticeable in cold other work for the prison. This weather than in warm. Better stick leaves between 80 and 90 per cent. of to that. There's no use of casting the convicts in idleness; and that discredit upon former Water Department officials and city chemists, and stitution is no doubt due to the good setting the public a-guessing.

Music is the medicine of the breaking heart .-- A. Hunt.

PRIVATE AND CITY OWNERSHIP. In its annual report to the Governor, the Board of Public Utility Commissioners explains that much of the public dissatisfaction over recent rate municipalities, when franchise agreements were made, to give consideration to the possibilities of future de-Increased rates were velopment. partly due to the higher wages demanded by and paid to the employes of public utility corporations in order that their earnings might be placed on a level of those workers in the munition factories, of which there were many in New Jersey. The facts do not appear to justify the conclu-

### PROTECTING PUBLIC RIGHTS.

franchises under which the Public centage of the seven or eight hundred Service Corporation is operating idle prisoners. street railway lines ought to bring about a situation that will call for an whether a contract entered into between a municipality and a corporation can be modified by the latter, or greater schemes, and for keeping in

sion that the privately owned utility

companies were at a disadvantage.

Creation Cheming Cinats. the action by the Jersey City Com- good excuse, since the State House statement that the "trolley cars are for projects of less urgency or imto he run as usual, and seven-cent portance. fares collected," it is not easy to figgained, or why the Public Service are jokes when labor of no kind is Corporation need take an appeal, in provided. For the good of the con-

> action. More is to be hoped for from the taxpayers, our "business" adminis-Legislature. If public sentiment in tration should bestir itself. There Jersey City is such as to justify the have already been plenty of investimmissioners in revoking the franchises of Public Service and its subsidiaries, then it will justify any steps which the Hudson County Senator and twelve Assemblymen may take to protect the interests of the people-even public ownership, as proposed by Senator Hammond and ssemblyman Gill.

Lenine at least is indebted to rotzky for being classed as a conervative.-Newark News.

#### DESERVES THE LIMIT.

Any man who makes forty dollars is the English language. And we children to be supported as public given him in the way of a protracted stay at the County Farm, making little stones of big ones.

#### SURPRISED.

Discovery that the Department of Charities and Corrections of New Jersey cannot "run" the Division of Purchase, Storage and Traffic of the United States Army, seems to have caused surprise in certain quarters.

This state desires to purchase a lot of supplies at cut rates, while the War Department officials insist on getting full values, and they would be derelict to the Government if

they did not look out for its interests. However, the Charities and Cor rections Department has received some publicity, even if it has failed to get surplus war supplies at less than prevailing market rates: and there may be some consolation in that

Maniy actions, like the Rhone, have wo sources-one pure, the other im-

#### INCREASED PREVENTION.

Regardless of the outcome of the suit which has been instituted against the local agent of the S. P. C. A., court action ought at least to result in attracting increased attention to the organization and it ought also to be productive of greater interest generally in the work of sparing the brute creation from unneces cruelty and suffering.

The S. P. C. A. should be well supported by everyone and cruelty to animals should be discouraged on every hand. None should forget that "the merciful man is merciful to his beasts." It pays in many ways to show mercy to the lower creation.

## THEY WILL RESPOND.

Trenton women will respond. course, to the Red Cross call for 1.-250 crutch pads. Trenton women have not failed in any war duty and they will be equal to any emergency that reconstruction days may put upon them.

"Own your home" is a good slogan that is spreading to all parts of the country. One way to put that wholeome advice into effect is to buy shares in a building and loan asso ciation. There is no better way for any one to secure a home and lay the

WORK FOR IDLE CONVICTS.

Since last July, when the contract system for the employment of State Now it is said to be due to "offs Prison labor was finally abolished in New Jersey, the inmates of the institution have been practically idle. About one hundred prisoners are now facture of automobile license tags Chemists have told us that the the mending of shoes, printing and trouble has not broken out in the inmanagement of Keeper Mulheron.

For nearly forty years, possibly longer, the Legislature has from time to time given consideration to the subject of the employment of the prison inmates. Because of the opposition of organized labor to any competition by convicts, and the difficulty in finding work that is adapted increases is due to the failure of to the peculiar conditions, not much progress has been made in solving the problem; but it is time that some definite policy was adopted, and is a reflection upon the State that some

thing has not been done. Covernor Page, in his budget mes sage to the Legislature, asks that a contingent appropriation of \$35,000 be made to provide a plant and equipment for a school furniture industry in the prison, but the Department o Charities and Corrections has not perfected the plans, and there ap pears to be a question whether the plant will be established; and if it is the furniture industry will probably Jersey City's action in revoking the furnish work for only a small per-

The subject is one that should re eive serious consideration at the early settlement of the question hands of the Legislature. The Denartment of Charities and Corrections is apparently so engrossed with

by the State, without the consent of the public eye, that it has neglected said Lafe Bud, this mornin'. When a time municipality.

Inagmuch as the appropriement of lack of fined will not consent of lack of fine Inagmuch as the announcement of lack of funds will not serve as a a date fer 'em t' starve t' death,

issioners is accompanied by the Commission has been finding money

Laws providing for the sentencing ertiorari proceedings, from the city's victs themselves, the maintenance of discipline, and the interests of the gations, and it is now time to act.

ROOSEVELT AS WORLD FIGURE.

Probably few, even among his ardent admirers, fully realized the great influence of Theodore Roosevelt throughout the world. He was Wood, in a short talk at a memorial service in Boston, touches on this phase of the Roosevelt reputation, saying:

I went along the lines in France from end to end for months, and twenty men asked me to give them Roosevelt's views to one who asked the views of all other men combined in this country or Europe. I me President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and Marshal Joffre, together with a large number of other distinguished French leaders, and almost their first questions were concerning Theodore Roosevelt. All of then paid tribute to his influence in bringing America into the war.

It is becoming more and more evi dent that Roosevelt was good for the national conscience. He did not hesitate to attack evil wherever he found it. His Americanism and his honesty more than offset his occasional errors of judgment. The tributes of men like General Wood come from an overflowing heart. He says truly that while the voice of Roosevelt is silent, the inspiration of his life will live on. His words fit the situation in the world today, especially his oft-repeated admonition concerning the basic principle of democracy that "with equality of opportunity comes equality of obligation."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A name is a kind of face whereby one is known.—Fuller.

### INNOCENT VICTIMS.

More than forty-two thousand American horses were killed in the war Those horses had just about as much to do with it, and understood as little about it, as many of the Russian Balkan and Turkish men who marched up to be shot down.--New York Globe.

#### Victory Gardens Now By WALT MASON

No man can say, this year, I wot, I'm bound to have a garden plot. No man can stop me on the street, and call me traitor and repeat, because I do not raise so peat, because I do not raise some peas, some cabbageheads, and things like these. Our precious boons are back again, and we are unfettered men, and we can string beans, by jing, or we can do the other thing. I'll fuse around with spuds no more; I'll buy my green goods at the store. And when the vernal zephyrs blow, I will not ply a rusty hoe scratch the planet with a rake dig until my vitals ache. And on the long, long summer eves beneath umbrageous boughs and leaves, I'll sit and read the base-ball score, and weed the turnips this, methinks: There are too many busy ginks who call you slacker if you slight the things that they insist are right. They're keeping tab the hour you rise; they watch all day with jealous eyes; and if you fail to raise some spuds, or if you wear some new-laid duds, or if you don't invest your mon the way those ginks themselves have done, scom's finger at your door they point, and cry "Avaunt!" and eke "Aroint!" Now we've regained our liberties, and we can do as we dern ple and no cheap skate with vis sour can call us slackers by the hour,

Walt thinks he'll duck the gar-den plot, but it's a cinch that he will not—he'll do the Victry Garden turn and work till he has



nough o' what we buy these days,'

# Washington Crossing Park

ure out just what the public has of offenders to "hard labor" in prison eral farms at Taylorsville for the in the act of 1912 constituting a Washington and his troops crossed ington Crossing Park' the Delaware River the night before "turning point in the Revolution."

for developing the park. bought lands at Washington's ed by the late John F. Dryden, and known in Europe and admired. So Crossing and induced Pennsylvania which can be purchased by the state most of us thought. But it went to join in the project of building at \$6 per acre. It is proposed to farther than that. His opinions were a park. It was proposed to interest ask the Legislature next year for the respected on the other side of the Congress and make a national playwater, and the one thing that made ground at the historic spot. But New the statesmen of England and France Jersey has done nothing to develop feel that the United States would the land bought by the state, and eventually get into the world war last year the people were astounded Crossing, but develop it. Not until was the stand taken by Theodore by a recommendation from the this has become assured should Roosevelt, almost from the inception Board of Conservation and Developof the struggle. General Leonard ment that all of the land be sold, excepting a small plot.

In view of the action of our sister state and the apparent hostility fishing preserve and for summe Legislature to take such action as scheme.

Pennsylvania's Washington Park | may be required to carry into effect Commission recently purchased sev- the intent of the state as contained Inter-State Park that is to be es- "shall be kept and maintained as a tablished at the point where General public park and be known as Wash-

While there has been recently no the battle of Trenton, which was the renewal of the proposition that the park plan be abandoned—at least so Options have been obtained on other far as the public has been informedfarms and the commission will ask the Board of Conservation and Dethe Pennsylvania Legislature for an velopment still has under favorable additional appropriation to be used consideration the purchase of the large tract of forest lands near High Several years ago New Jersey Point, Sussex County, formerly own-

appropriation that will be needed. New Jersey must keep faith with Pennsylvania, and not only retain the land acquired at Washington's there be an expenditure made for lands in Sussex County that will be used by a comparatively few sportsmen and rich men for a hunting and of the board charged with the care residences. There are a thousand citizens interested in preserving Park, patriotic societies and individ- Washington Crossing Park to one uals should prepare to call upon the concerned in the Sussex County

## Why Prohibition Has Come

cause must be sought less in the appropriateness of the remedy than in the noxious character of the disease. Personal temperance is better than compulsory abstinence on every ground, whether of private or public morals, and there is no reason to doubt that, with the spread of enlightenment, the American people in time, if left to themselves, would have freed themselves, personally and socially, from the misuse of alcohol not only, but of all other poisons as well.

But they were not left to them selves. They were tempted, they were assaulted, they were deceived, they were degraded by the organized brewers and distillers, whose own stupidity is accountable for prohibi-

A natural evolution toward temperance was well under way, based

If the swift ratification of national | about alcohol was becoming known prohibition is unprecedented, the It was recognized that alcohol was responsible for more crime, insanity and poverty than any other single cause, and leaders of public opinion were more and more supported in their efforts toward eradicating the Jones, with a cottage laborer named or Jone you with a cottage laborer named this drug was perverted to base uses the laborer's daughter, an illiterate for profit. Temperance was bound their efforts toward eradicating the to come—if it had a chance.

The liquor interests were resolved that temperance should not have a chance. They stopped at nothing to promote their business, which they become a countess. She was installed in Burleigh House, and gave her husrefused effectively to reform. They defied fact, record, proof. They refused to safeguard whatever may have been legitimate in the dispensing of their products and thus rendered the whole traffic illegitimate.

As a result, in place of restrictions the brewers and distillers must now face annihilation. It is not because the American people love temperance less, but because they hate the inveterate enemies of temperance more, the growth both of self-control and that the national dry amendment has of social responsibility. The truth swept the country.—Newark News.

### LA VILLE D' ETROIT, FOUNDED 117 YEARS AGO, PROSPERS AS DETROIT

In 1763 the Indians, under Ponsiege to the town and the greatest automobil continued for a year. In city in the world.

The first municipal government in Detroit was instituted 117 years ago rictory was incorporated with Cantoday, when the struggling village of a thousand souls was incorporated as a city. Detroit was first settled by Antoine Cadillac, with fifty soldiers and fifty artisans and traders, in 1701 and was called by the French was only 1500. In 1825 its population was only 1500, but the consing of by Antoine Cadillac, with fifty soldiers and fifty artisans and traders, in 1761, and was called by the French
"La Ville d'Etroit." In 1750 the English flar replaced the banner of France over the rude wilderness settlement.

In 1752 the Indiana makes Pen gan metropolis, which is today th

## FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO TODAY **GERMAN EMPIRE WAS PROCLAIMED**

celebrate the 110th anniversity of the birth of the beloved poet and story-teller this Sunday. When Poe was buried in Baltimore about 70 years ago, not a bell tolled for him, and only a few devoted friends followed Maryland's greeter on the stereo! Maryland's greatest son to his eternal rest. Today a magnificent monu-ment marks his grave, and it will be covered with flowers on this anniversary. The Poe cottage in Fordham, now a part of New York City, will also attract many visitors, while many old edifices in Baltimore where

In the Palace of Versailles—the arch: tectural masterpiece of Louis XIV.—where the Allies and the United States are today handing out justice to the Germans and considering the fate of beaten autocracy—in that same palace there was proclaimed 48 years ago today the German Empire, which has now disapepared as a political entity. The momentous ceremony which marked the birth of the once powerful new nation, also marked the torne powerful new nation, also marked the torne powerful new nation, also marked the torne powerful new nation, also marked the throne room of this palace the Prussian King accepted for himself and his descendants the title of German Emperor, the same title which his grandson, William IL, has recently relinquished.

While Germany celebrated its unification on that January day in 1871. France was engaged, in blood and tears, in pain and travail, in working out its destinies as a republic.

Today's

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### Famous Women

Of late years not a few British noblemen have conferred their name noblemen have conferred their names on women of humble origin, but in earlier times this was a rare occur-rence. Most famous of these humble titled ladies was Sarab. Countess of coe lived and wrote and joyed and Elected. Countess." Henry Cecil, heir of the sorrowed are now shrines on which awed pilgrims gaze with tear-dimmed Earl of Exeter, fied from his debts to a Shropshire village, where he took

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-New York World

H. WIRTSCHAFTER.

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