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AN ECONOMIC REVOLUTION IS UNDER WAY

THIS war is going to be worth everything it costs economically. It marks, indeed, the beginning of a new era in economic history, comparable in its effects to the political results achieved by the Declaration of Independence.

MAKING TRANSIT THE GOAT

THE Mayor's statement in defense of his getting behind Vane and McNichol to take the padlock off sacred port and transit funds is interesting. He wants to put in jeopardy all future transit funds in order to get a few special millions, which may or may not be needed.

WHEATFUL WASTE BRINGS WHEATLESS WANT

The fact that the cruiser Olympia is "still fast" wouldn't help her a bit in a Government speed test.

IT'S NOTICEABLE THAT IN HIS RECENT REFERENCE TO FREDERICK THE GREAT THE KAISER CONSIDERED "OLD FRITZ" AS THE ELYSIAN FIELDS—A PAGAN HEAVEN.

As Greece now "considers" that a state of war exists between herself and Germany, and as "consideration" is the legal essence of any contract, the Allies and America seem certainly entitled to regard the bond between them and modern Hellas as finally sealed.

SLAUGHTER WORSE THAN WAR

During the first year of the war 2,000,000 British soldiers were killed. This was during the period when they were not trained and did not have a sporting chance for their lives.

COWARDICE OF CONGRESS

It Unloads the Liquor Question on the President—Republicans Cheered by Recent Elections

WASHINGTON, June 30. PUTTING it up to the President has come to be such a habit in Washington that the old southern idea of States' rights has been almost obliterated.

BASTILLE DAY

THERE were for the world two Declarations of Independence; one, of words issued from this city, was translated by deeds into actuality and inspired the other, which was written in the blood that flowed over the stones of the Bastille when that citadel of tyranny and cruelty was captured and dedicated forever as the symbol of liberty triumphant.

PROTECTING THE SOLDIERS

The proponents of prohibition insist that it is necessary at this time to protect the soldiers. On the other hand, it is contended that if prohibition is enforced in the United States, it will result in larger quantities for foreign exportation.

A TOUCH OF POLITICS

The success of the Republicans in re-electing a Republican Congressman from the Comstock district in Indiana has been interpreted as a setback for the Administration.

FOURTH OF JULY CONTEST

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Tom Daly's Column

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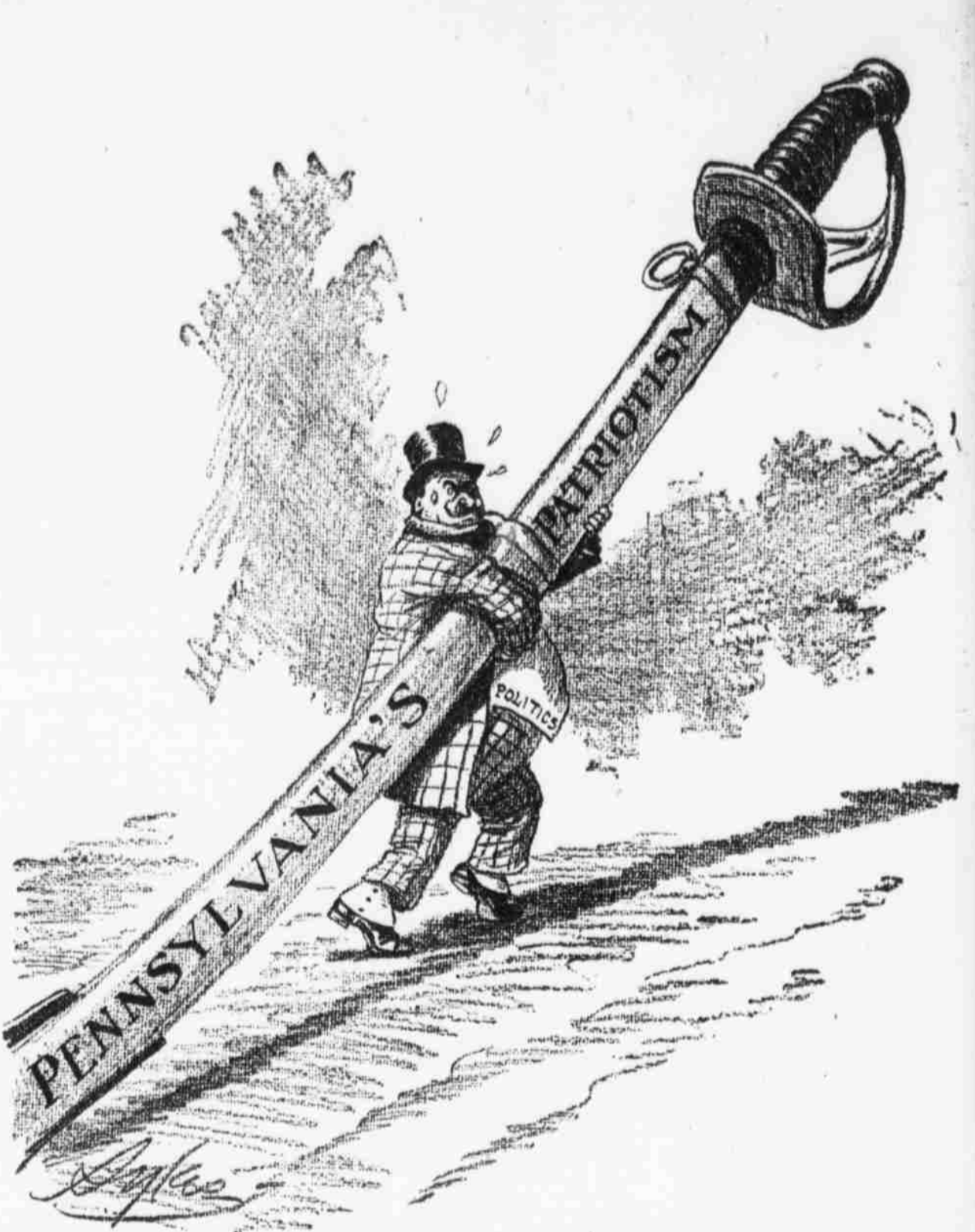
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CAN HE GET AWAY WITH IT?



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Guardsmen's Railroad Fare. Liquor Tyranny—Frightfulness

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GUARDSMEN'S RAILROAD FARE

Sir—What kind of a spell animates our esteemed railroad? All of its bridges are being protected by guardsmen from the different regiments and in many cases these men are posted far away from home. Many of these men have uncomplainingly given up good positions to do this work, because they felt it their duty to do so.

LIQUOR TYRANNY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger Sir—Senator Lodge's speech on the prohibition clause of the food bill was a very notable reflex of public opinion on a most important question. At least seven-tenths of the American people are moderate beer drinkers, and to deprive them of what they have come to regard as almost a necessity of life would be most unfair and unjust.

IS PENNSYLVANIA FREE?

To the Editor of Public Ledger: Sir—"A government of the people, by the people, for the people" is a motto that I take it, about the essence of true democracy. Have we such a government at Harrisburg? In the session just closed a couple of men have been able to thwart and did thwart the will of the whole city of Philadelphia, so far as rapid transit is concerned. As a matter of fact, a couple of men rule the whole of Pennsylvania and these men united on any single project can defy the will of millions.

FRIGHTFULNESS AT HOME

Sir—You are perfectly right in condemning the outrages of the Germans on women, as disclosed by your Paris correspondent, but before you attack again would it not be well to take a survey of conditions here in America? When the women enter into a league to conserve the morality of the training camp at Newport there surely must be something radically wrong, and as for the white slave trade in New York and elsewhere it is simply a tale of almost incredible degradation.

WRITING ON THE WALL

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—How the Kaiser must have howled when he was told that 18,000,000 of the best fighters in the world were willing to "beat him if need be! Growing mawkish of

WHAT AMERICA CAN DO

"It is in the power of America to become as invincible as impregnable," declares George Creel in Everybody's. "The producing capacity of the United States is more than that of any other three-fourths of its cotton and two-thirds of its copper; we are masters of the earth in iron and steel and crude oil; we have the largest railroad mileage; we lead all peoples in invention, ingenuity and initiative; our financial resources almost equal the combined wealth of Europe, and within our borders are over twenty-one million men of military age. All that we have to do is to make such careful and complete inventory of our manhood and materials as will permit a scientific plan of co-ordination and utilization.

THE GREAT BELL ROLAND

Toll! Roland, toll! High in St. Havon's tower, At midnight hour, The great bell Roland spoke, And all who slept in Ghent awoke. Why caught each man his blade, Why the host haste he made? Why echoed every street With tramp of thronging feet— All flying to the city's wall? It was the call! Known well to all, That Freedom stood in peril of some foe; And even timid hearts grew bold Whenever Roland tolled, And every hand a sword could hold— Were patriots then, Three hundred years ago? Toll! Roland, toll! Bell never yet was hung, Between whose lips there swung So true and brave a tongue— If men be patriots still, At thy first sound 'True hearts will bound, Great hearts will thrill— Then toll! and wake the test In each man's breast; And let him stand confessed;

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What Do You Know?

- QUIZ 1. In what French department is the town of Lens, now almost in British hands? 2. "Duke of Wellington" was a title. What was the real name of the famous general? 3. What is cinnabar? 4. Who was the co-called "Admirable Crichton"? 5. What is the distance from the sun to the earth? 6. What is the Bulgarian name of Bulgaria? 7. What English Queen said, "I have done England little good, but I should be sorry to do it any harm." 8. Where are the Cretaceous? 9. Who was Mercator after whom the world map projection is named? 10. How many political parties nominated presidential candidates during the first Lincoln campaign?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. General Sibert is in immediate command of the American troops that have just landed in France. 2. Signora Bonelli is the present Premier of Italy. 3. The Rosetta is the official name of the Greek Parliament. 4. The "Old Fritz" alluded to by the Kaiser in his famous speech was Frederick the Great of Prussia. 5. The two great rivers of Mesopotamia are the Tigris and the Euphrates. 6. The area of Pennsylvania is 45,215 square miles. 7. The American Independence resolution was actually passed by Congress on July 1, 1776. 8. Lutetia was the ancient name of Paris during the Roman empire. 9. Sitting Bull was a famous Indian chief. He was killed at the fatal battle of Little Big Horn in 1876. 10. Edmund Burke, the English statesman, declared that "the people never give the vote to their liberators under some delusion," in a speech made to the county meeting of Bucks, England, in 1780.

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