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The fuel administration, both national and local, has done marvelous work in organizing a mode of operation out of the chaos of an unstandardized business.

The very poor will suffer most. They always do. But their ranks will be enlarged by householders in moderate circumstances unable to lay in their regular fuel supply owing to the universal grip of excessive living costs.

Philadelphia will not repeat the distressing experiences of the great coal strike of 1901 if immediate measures are devised for a systematic transportation of coal to the city and for equitable distribution when it comes.

The Government will not permit excessive hoarding by those able to buy. It will not permit "gouging" through undue profits, either by railroads, operators or dealers.

Our people are a bit too prone to be like the carefree grasshopper and too little like the thrifty ant in Aesop's fable. It has taken many persons a long time to realize that winter is coming.

ART'S LEGACY. The death of Rodin removes an inspired leader from the world of art, who was declared by some to be the greatest sculptor since Michael Angelo.

years appear to hold little promise of change. The question has even been raised, Should we not abandon the arts until the return of peace, with money needed for so many pressing emergencies?

A PERMANENT NATIONAL ARMY. A PACIFIST usually goes from bad to worse. This was not the case with Henry Ford.

It has not been through any slackening of his hatred of bloodshed that the leader of the famous peace expedition has changed his view of preparedness until now he urges that the Government never abandon its barracks or its National Army.

He would add factory work to these co-operative industries. Some of the suggestions seem impractical; all of them are more or less socialistic.

A PEACE DRIVE FAILS. VICTORIOUS Teutons are beginning to pay some of the costs of invasion in Venetia, savage counter-attacks of Italians defending their home soil having caused heavy losses.

Even though a new retreat be necessary and Venice abandoned, it is apparent now that the main purpose of the drive has failed.

If the Y. M. C. A.'s army work is worth the \$1,500,000 the city has given, it is worth the \$500,000 more that is requested.

We are fighting for faithfulness, justice and truth, and it is these that will win. The Kaiser.

Industrious gloom purveyors are now advocating abolition of the custom of making Christmas presents. This species of individual is only happy when miserably and perfectly miserable when happy.

NEW LEADERS FOR BOY SCOUTS. They Will Carry on the Good Work for the Men Who Have Gone.

By ALLEN R. ECKMAN. THE Boy Scout movement as a national asset is daily increasing in value. Indications of this are not difficult to find. One has but to examine the files of daily papers to see there a record of accomplishment by these lads, the result of which is felt from Maine to California.

The boys had been hard hit by the war. More than 200 young men holding positions as scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, scout surgeons, naturalists, woodmen, lecturers, drillmasters and examiners answered the call to "make the world safe for democracy."

One of the most noteworthy places where scout leaders were needed was the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind, at Overbrook. Two troops have been in existence there for more than a year.

On November 10 the boys began a seven-day campaign to obtain volunteers for the places vacated by those leaders who had enlisted to join the colors.

At the present time there are more than 5000 Boy Scouts in Philadelphia being taught to "Do a Good Turn Daily." Good turns are the order of the day.

Upon the scoutmasters whose ranks were diminished by voluntary enlistment for military service depends much of the training of boys in these various grades of handwork.

What they are in shape to do, have already accomplished or may be called upon to perform for all sorts of work when workers are called by the Government.

Organized relief measures among inhabitants; helped by those who were sick or wounded or employed in defense duties; established first-aid dressing and nursing stations, dispensaries, soup kitchens, etc.; acted as dispatch bearers, "level" operators, signal corps, maintained lines of communication; did patrol work; watched bridgeheads, culverts, aqueducts, telegraph lines, etc.

Tom Daly's Column. THE SOLDIER'S FRIEND. The Red Triangle's drive is done; The wind-up was a beauty! But I confess I am not one Who did his fullest duty.

COLD STORAGE in the 17th Century? To be sure! Unless somebody was spoofing Mr. Samuel Pepys, his diary seems improbable. However, see his diary:

At the coffee-house I went and sat by Mr. Harrington, and some East country merchants, and talked of the country above Quinborough, and thereabout, he told us himself that for fish, none there the poorest body will buy a dead fish, but must be alive, unless it be in the winter; and then they told us the manner of putting their nets into the water.

DA STYLESHA WIFE. Giuseppe, da barber, ees catcha da wife! O! my, you veel laugh w'hen you see w'at he pat.

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U. S. TAKING WAR BACK TO EUROPE. Seeds Brought by Our Ancestors Seeking Home Field, Basil King, Novelist, Says.

BASIL KING, author of "The High Heart," one of the important novels of the year, in an interview explained the underlying idea of his fiction. Mr. King, now known as the anonymous writer of "The Inner Shrine," maintains that our ancestors in coming over brought the seeds of war, virtually brought the war, with them and now are taking it back to Europe.

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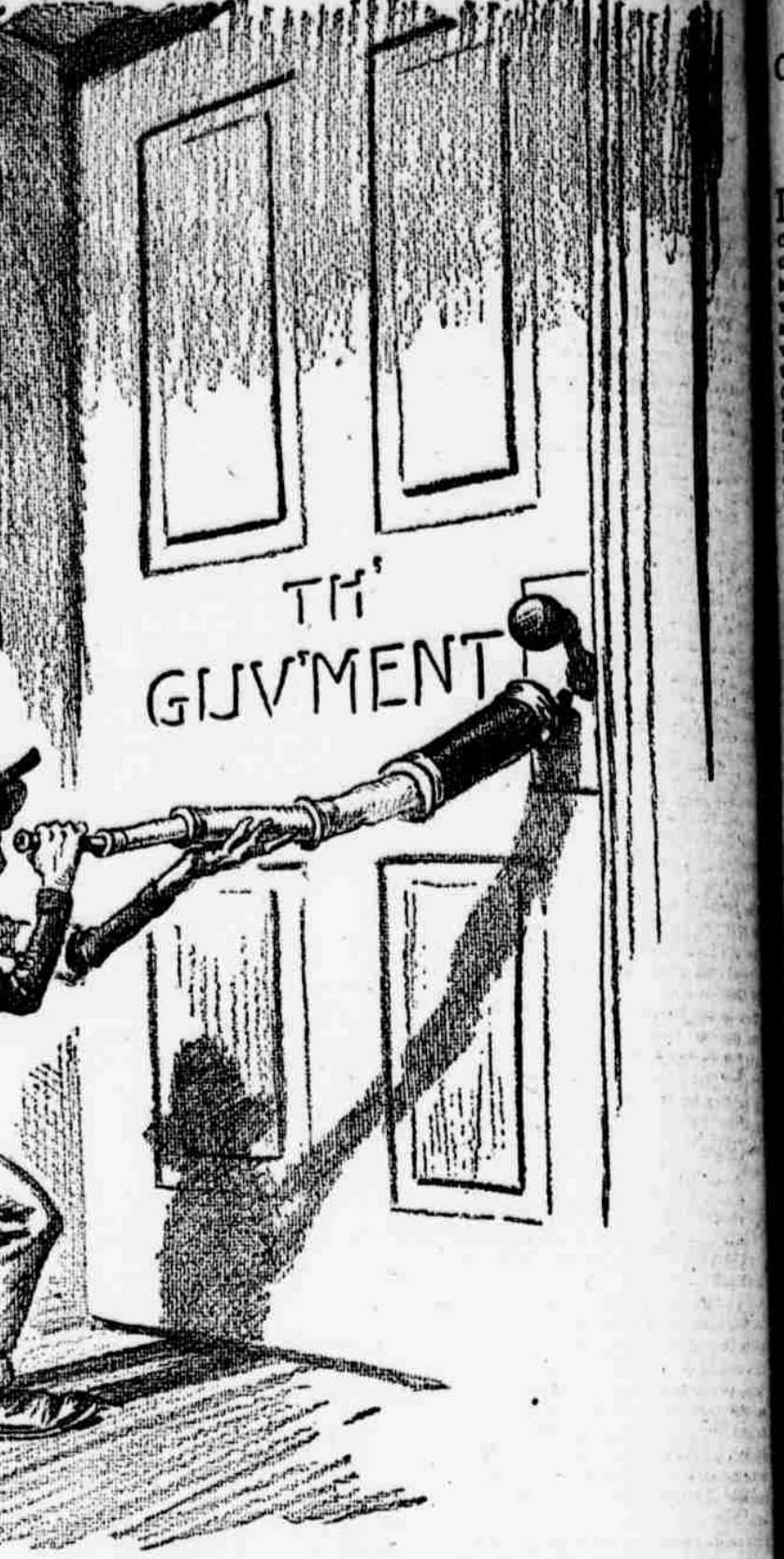
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"IF SOMETHING AIN'T WRONG, 'TAIN'T RIGHT!"



What Do You Know? QUIZ. 1. Who is Viscount Cowdray? 2. What is francium? 3. What started a synchro was inspired by the United States?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz. 1. Georges Clemenceau is a French former Premier, who has just formed a new Cabinet.

INSIGNIA FOR LIEUTENANTS. A second lieutenant in the United States army soon may be honored with the officers' insignia. The plan being considered by the War Department is to have the second lieutenants wear one silver bar on the shoulder strap.

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