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TRICKS OF THE 'DRAWN GAME'

WE STATED some months ago that the menace to civilization in this war was not the danger of disintegrating morale at the front...

The danger was succinctly and clearly stated by Andre Cheradame, who, in "The Pan-German Plot Unmasked," written in the early months of 1916, said:

Finally, when all negotiations for an armistice have failed and Germany's situation has become still more critical, we shall see Berlin play her trump card.

There can be no peace with German militarism, for rule-or-ruin is the only law it knows, and the peace camouflage it practices means rule for it and ruin for all others.

"GOOD ON ANY U. S. RAILROAD"

NOTHING stands in the way of an order making any railroad ticket good on any railroad, between the points and under the conditions stated, without regard to the corporate title appearing on the passbook.

There is much more red tape about getting an unused railroad ticket redeemed than there is in buying 10,000 shares of railroad stock.

PAY OF ARMY OFFICERS

ARMY officers are salaried employees of the United States and like the salaried class everywhere they suffer early and severely from the pinch of high-living costs.

Old King Coal was conspicuously absent from the court procession of King Monna yesterday.

The Red Cross is rushing aid to the Guatemalans. Luckily they do not need coal in latitude 15 degrees north.

Kaiser gives approval to Brest-Litovsk peace terms.—Headline.

Aggin showing a partiality for goods "made in Germany."

There's one blessing connected with the coming of the new railroad trains.

PENNYPACKER AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Governor Pennypacker's First Official Act Was to Refuse All Railroad Passes and Other Forms of "Executive Graft"

THIRTY-NINTH INSTALLMENT

DAY or two after the inauguration an ostensible lady drove up in a carriage to the mansion and sent up her card to Mrs. Pennypacker, who was an entire stranger in the city and did not know its people.

Improving the Library

The State Library had long been neglected. With the exception of Kuffenfeld and Eggle, the librarians had either been politicians, pure and simple, or incompetents who neglected their work.

Believing that improvement, like all of the virtues, begins at the home and would be best advanced by setting a proper example, I began the work of reformation with the Governor.

Opposed to the Lawyers

Strange to relate, my first struggle against opposing forces was with my old friends, the corporation lawyers. All of the trouble in this country over the corporations, and much of it has been the hubbalo of persons eager to catch the ear of the populace in order to help their own fortunes, has arisen because those who had charge of the granting of their

A ROOKIE STRATEGIST

There's a bit of food for thought in this little story of one Christmas furlough. Beyond the speculation it arouses as to how many other experiences like it there may have been, there is something to be said for the initiative, the perseverance, and the tactical wisdom shown by the young soldier thrown upon his own resources.

DON'T DARKEN THE SHADOW

But does my good friend stop to think what will become of us if every piano hauled, and every pleasure machine left in the garage? The shadows of war are deep enough, heaven knows. What would they be if we closed every theatre and every place of amusement and recreation that the automobile

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

We miss that usual winter story about the Kanans burning corn in their parlor stoves.—Rochester Herald.

Very few investigations hold up if a way that makes them as interesting as the ones that were at the start.—Washington Star.

There has been rioting in Zurich among Swiss pacifists. There is no doubt the Swiss pacifists who run hotels and rent them out as guides have suffered enough to make them fighting mad.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

DISCHARGES AND DISCHARGES

Spokesmen of organized labor who protest against the employment of a few women as street-car conductors are in danger of exaggerating the importance of the incident. It is doubtful if this kind of work will ever become a popular occupation with women.

powers were careless and indifferent. This is the point at which the correcting agency ought to be applied. Complaint afterward is feeble and apt to be futile. It has become the habit at Harrisburg, as elsewhere, for charters to be issued as a matter of course, and they were supervised in the outer office. It is even said that a clerk was trained to imitate the signature and add the approval of the Governor.

The next job was with the Republican organization of Dauphin County, supported by both of the United States Senators. A vacancy occurred in the Court of Common Pleas of that County and the forces there agreed upon S. J. McCarroll. I was especially anxious not to make mistakes in the appointment of Judges and felt that professional fitness was the most important qualification.

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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Reminiscences of Pennypacker and Quay—Letters of Cheer to Soldiers

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Tom Daly's Column

THE COLD SPELL

The other mornin' early, when the cold began to bite An' I heerd the rafters crackin' an' my breath was full o' smoke.

Oh, they tell us that a freeze-up is no blessin', but a curse, But I vum if it's a good one it may still be somethin' more;

ENGLAND'S "BIT"

The persistent attacks of the Germans and anti-English Irish among us on Great Britain been directed toward making France, Canada, the United States and every one else possible disaffected with Great Britain's share in the war.

BIRDS SING WAR SONGS

C. O. Bartrum says that he has heard the major bird song as an arpeggio by a blackbird "singing two triplets in succession, beginning with the fifth and going down."

A HINT FOR NEURASTHENICS

A Chestnut Hill housekeeper, who is admittedly, rather exacting and, therefore, a good deal of a terror to servants, has been seen from her room to be reading a book on "The Campbells Are Coming"

A CAMP MEADE MENU

Tomato Sauce, Turkey (for two persons) Shredded Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Coffee with Sugar and Milk, Beef Home-made Apple Pie.

PICTURES OF SOLDIERS

Sir—Accept my thanks and appreciation for your kindness in placing my son Laurence's picture in your paper and inscribing the words of his regiment in France. It makes his mother feel better, because he is her only son and he has been in France for more than five months. With best wishes, I am

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