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STATE'S NEW CAPITOL WAS WEAPON IN DESPERATE POLITICAL STRUGGLE

Governor Pennypacker, in Telling About the Clash Which Stirred Pennsylvania, Shows the Tactical Error of the Opposition Forces

IT IS AN HONEST WAY

AN ELECTION with prohibition as the leading or only question at issue is inevitable and the people of Pennsylvania can no more dodge it than they can prevent election days from appearing on the calendar.

The argument for a separate referendum election on the prohibition question is unanswerable. Men of both parties, irrespective of their opinions about liquor, should accept this principle as the only honest basis for procedure and, in fact, as the only sure method of arriving at any decision about liquor at all.

But, say the prohibitionists, the referendum is the suggestion of the liquor party. How, they ask, can we trust this legislator or that legislator to keep a pledge to provide for a referendum?

How, we reply, can you trust this or that legislator, pledged to prohibition, to keep his prohibition pledge if you cannot trust him to keep his referendum pledge? Men who break one promise break all promises.

If, then, we cannot be assured by various candidates for the State Legislature as to just what shade of opinion their intentions in regard to liquor favor, let us go over their heads to the responsible leaders, the candidates for Governor, and pledge them to stand, not for or against prohibition, but for or against a referendum on prohibition, a question which no honest man can dodge, whether he is for liquor or not.

Why talk, then, of a negotiated peace? The highwayman has his spoils. His eagles flash below the Bosphorus and gulls he carried them over all of eastern Europe.

There is going to be a drive in the West whether the Germans make it or not. Civilization is not going to rest in its trenches while the Hun co-ordinates his loot.

Well, a "moral" claim is never so immediate that a postponement of a week will do much harm.

There is a general hubbub we take time to remark that time will show that it is no easier to get Woodrow Wilson out of the war than it was to get him into it. The time for peace without victory passed long ago.

Only in Austria and Germany has there been no progress in woman suffrage since the war began.—Mrs. C.

Undoubtedly the Grand Duke Nicholas is guilty of treason, for it can readily be established that he was one Russian general who always whacked his country's enemies good and hard. If that is not treason in Russia, what is?

Two Frenchmen, talking volubly in a trolley car, were astounded by a sudden harsh reproach: "Hey, cut that out; talk English!" Such an American needs to be reminded that in this country habitually speak a foreign language.

PENNYPACKER AUTOBIOGRAPHY—NO. 56

THE Democrats and Independents nominated Lewis L. Emery, a rich oil man and wavering dilettante politician and independent Republican from the western end of the State. Then the floods were let loose and the Capitol was used as the weapon in a desperate political struggle.

Seeing that it was a situation which demanded that some one go out to the firing line and that the politicians were without resources, together with Snyder, the Auditor General, I put out a statement showing in detail every cent expended in any way in connection with the Capitol. This gave the people the exact and whole truth.

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"Oh, 'Arrie Latham," he said, and smiled. "Any one who knew Latham would smile at mention of his name. He was one of the earliest and funniest comedians of the diamond. 'Germany' Schaeffer, better known to this generation, was dignified pompously compared with Arrie. He was irrepressible."

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of the Commonwealth in an address which ran:

The Capitol is much more than the building in which the Legislature holds its sessions, the courts sit in judgment and the Executive exercises his authority. It is a concrete manifestation of the importance and power of the State and an expression of its attitude toward development.

The commission charged with the duty of erecting this Capitol and those who have had responsibility in connection therewith are proud that the architecture and appointments the outcome ought to be worthy of the Commonwealth. They have not forgotten the essential and unique role which Pennsylvania has borne in the development of our national life.

There is a sermon which the many Americans who have labored in the past years to study chaste art, expressed in form, as today they go to the Parthenon and St. Peter's, to the cathedrals of Antwerp and Cologne, will enable to read in these stones of polished marble and hewn granite. When Moses set out to build "an altar under the hill and face before-hand" wrote all the words of the Lord's command. Let us take comfort in the belief that in like manner this massive and beautiful building, which we have in our later time erected, will be an example and inspiration to all of the people, encouraging them in pure thoughts and inciting them to worthy deeds.

On behalf of the Commonwealth, as its Chief Executive, I accept this Capitol, and now, with pride, with faith and with time ago, I dedicate it to the public use and to the purpose for which it was designed and constructed.

The Golden Key

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"Now, Mr. President, won't you talk to Smith?"

"I will do what I can with him," was the answer.

I escorted Smith up to the head of the table, and they had a long conference.

Tomorrow Governor Pennypacker brings his administration to a close.

PROHIBITION IMPRACTICAL

Opinion of the Former Chief Judicial Officer of the State of New York

EDGAR M. CULLEN, a distinguished Democratic lawyer, who retired on account of age from the chief judgeship of the New York court of Appeals, the highest court of the State, is strongly opposed to the adoption of the prohibition amendment to the Constitution. He has given his objections in an interview in the New York Times, from which the following pertinent extracts are made:

"Let us see what will be the practical result of an attempt to enforce national prohibition. The movement has its strength in the rural parts of the country; its opposition in the cities. The United States is continually becoming more and more industrial and less agricultural. Indeed the rural population in many, if not in most, of the States is actually decreasing, while the population of the cities is increasing by leaps and bounds. Even in the prohibition States the majority of the inhabitants of large cities are opposed to prohibition. Especially in the cities of the East."

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ONLY ADDING TO HIS POLICE RECORD



"IN THE SPRING AN OLD MAN'S FANCY"

Turns to Baseball and Those Who Played It Half a Century Ago

AL REACH, the dean of Philadelphia baseball players, never would talk about himself, and now that he's pretty close to eighty he's too late to begin. But if you catch him in the right mood, say when the first aromatic tang of spring invades the warm breeze creeping through the partly open windows in his apartment, he may gossip of other old-timers, as he did for us one day last week.

During Al Reach's long connection with the firm of Reach & Rogers, owners of the Philadelphia National League Club, we do not recall a single occasion where he looked in the highlight or granted an interview. He left all that sort of thing to Colonel Rogers, who was a lawyer and an expert explainer of the various reasons why the national league public should be content to "wait until next year." Reach as a player had always been so intimately connected with championship ball it probably would have pained him to extinction to have to stand up and explain away failure. But, apart from that, he was always "talk-shy," and he did his best work with a bat in his hands.

On that morning last week when we entered his shell and got him out—crediting the spring breeze, as we've said, with an assist—he made us promise that we would not talk about him unduly, and we mean to keep our word. But you never can tell where a question will lead you. For instance, hanging on the wall of his room was a very good portrait of Lincoln, done in low relief on metal, which seemed as likely a subject as anything in sight to take us away from Al Reach, but when we asked about it he said: "There you go; first time up! That was one of the last things I turned out at mention of his name. He was one of the molder in Brooklyn before I came here."

"That was a long time ago," we said. "Yes," said he, "nearly sixty years; a long time ago." He looked far off over the rooftops and repeated, dreamily, "a long, long time ago."

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Larry O'Toole o' Toul

American troops are now in the trenches near Toul, France. So at last our own lads have got into the trenches.

In reach of the murderer's Hun! Though they'll all do their bit when it comes to the clinches. I'm pinnin' me faith upon one. There's a bucko I knew that was grand wid his fists.

Whin the two of us thrifled in school; So it's keep yer eye skinned, whin you're scannin' the lists. Fur young Larry O'Toole at Toul.

If ye read of a lad wid a head o' red flannel. An' arms like a couple o' flails. That traced across Germany cuttin' a channel.

Through millions of militant males. Wid a blaze like a steam engine lightin' his eye. An' a smile on his lip, ca'm an' cool. Sure ye'll know widout askin' the how or the why.

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HOW A TANK BEHAVES.

From the depths of the wood, opposite came a crackling, crunching sound, as of some prehistoric beast forcing its way through tropical undergrowth. And then, suddenly, out from the thinning edge there loomed a monster—a monster. It did not glide, it did not walk. It wallowed. It lurched, with now and then a laborious heave of its shoulders.

It lumbered its way over a low bank matted with scrub. It crossed a ditch by the simple expedient of rolling the ditch out flat, and waddled forward. In its path stood a young tree. The monster arched its trunk and laid its chin lovingly against the stem. The tree leaned back, cracked and assumed a horizontal position. In the middle of the clearing, twenty yards further on, gaped an enormous shell crater, a great hole in the Kaiser's. Into this the creature plunged blindly to emerge, panting and putting on the further side. Then it stopped. A magic opening appeared in its stomach, from which emerged, grinning, a British Liberty Bonds and his grimy associates—two lads in "All in It."

What Do You Know? QUIZ

- 1. What is the exact meaning of "Bolshevism"? 2. Who is meant by the term "Chief Magistrate"? 3. What is the normal value of the Russian Ruble? 4. In England, at a "general election," do all the voters vote on the same day? 5. Has there ever been a revolt against British rule in India? 6. Is woman suffrage making advance in Germany and Austria? 7. What is burrage? 8. Name the subdivisions of army groups between Irwin and company. 9. Who is Attorney General of the United States? 10. What is the plural of "court-martial"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Representative Claude Kitchin is the Democratic leader in the House. 2. The Forts Immortals: Members of the French Legion limited to five years of military service in science, letters and art. 3. Estonia is one of the Baltic provinces of Russia, ceded by Germany. 4. Mensheviks, members of a Russian political party, who are opposed to the Bolsheviks, or Maximilians. 5. Alfred Tennyson, English poet, wrote "Idylls of the King." 6. England is traditionally called Albion, an account of which is given in the "Idylls of the King." 7. To finish Aladdin's window means to try to complete another's work without the other's aid. 8. The "Idylls of the King" is a story of King Arthur and his knights. 9. The "Idylls of the King" is a story of King Arthur and his knights. 10. The "Idylls of the King" is a story of King Arthur and his knights.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW Although some people may not accept Secretary McAdoo's theory that there should be no currency Liberty Bonds in the market, the possibility of such a situation in this country is a serious one. It is a situation which would be a serious one. It is a situation which would be a serious one.