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HOW DID IT STRIKE YOU?

ONCE yesterday's newspapers were, as the saying goes, on the street, the time had passed for a space at least when men needed to turn to books or prophecies or pulpits for sermons of guidance.

The casualty lists have been growing a little longer, but they have not been adequate, apparently, to concentrate general attention upon the inevitable fact.

The types of these soldiers were easily recognizable. We had seen them in the war pictures of a few months ago marching up from the quays, swinging along in the pride of strength, waving cheerful hands to the welcoming French.

For these things they went—these children of the light, who looked out from printed pages into the eyes of millions of Americans as they stood, some of them broken forever, against the side of one of the French hospital hulks.

Well, it had to come, this intimate realization of what is actually going on. The news from France and the pictures that have already arrived have had something of the warning quality of a gun shot.

OUR LITTLE BROTHERS' KEEPERS MEN. After all, are their brothers keepers. So it is gratifying to witness the general extension of the Big Brother movement, by which business men share their busy-ness with jobs who are the better for such interest, represented in guidance and counsel, and sometimes in more substantial ways.

MR. GOMPERS SCORES AGAIN NOT a few of the triumphs of war belong to Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, who, by the exercise of a highly intelligent and timely observation, has added new dignity to traditions of his organization.

THE USEFUL RICH When any dancer that Mr. John Rockefeller or Mr. H. C. Frick will be the source of hunger after they pay their taxes, and if there is a revolution, has been the evolution of public opinion, a good business would cheerfully feel sorry for Mr. Rockefeller must pay a tax of \$100,000 in income tax and \$100,000 in gift tax.

THE OPENING OF OLD YORK ROAD suggests again how invariably progress lags behind human aspirations. Before the last tollgate is abolished we shall have no use for roads. Speeders will have acquired the air machines of their dreams.

IF a general vote were cast to determine the clean first to be elected to compulsory farm service there are a good many who would not have to hesitate before designating a source at which inculcable human energy is consistently wanted. They would name the jazz bands at the restaurants.

WE go to press gladly with the news that a congressional committee has "vindicated" the navy after an inquiry into the part played by the navy in the present war. We may sleep peacefully after this in the assurance that our cherished Congress will not have to go out upon the deep and troubled waters to take up the difficult job on its own account.

WU TING FANG AND GOV. PENNYPACKER

Chinese Statesman Had Sense of Humor—Pen Sketches of Gen. Pearson and James Bryce

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WU TING-FANG

THIS bright Chinaman when Minister from his country to the United States made a very agreeable impression upon Americans. He had much of the American trend of thought and was keen as a briar.

STRENGTH OF HIRAM JOHNSON The Californian Said to be a Better Vote-Getter Than Roosevelt, Hughes or Taft

GENERAL SAMUEL PEARSON I had an interview today, February 17, 1911, with General Samuel Pearson, of the Boer army, a short, thick-set man, rugged and brown in complexion, with an earnest and emotional manner and rapidity of utterance, which reminded me much of Mr. Roosevelt.

The nation is demanding public ownership of the railroads. Johnson also demands it. The nation is demanding a cessation of hysterical patriotism. Johnson also demands it. The nation is demanding the suppression of free speech, with the continuance of the alleged Democratic Administration, ceaselessly attacking members of the cabinet.

THE sphere of influence has drifted from New England, the East and the Eastern Middle West and West and the Far West. No political candidate can win the presidency unless he is supported by the influences west of Illinois, where the shackles of the New York city money-bag and the New England tariff clique have been thrown off.

FAVORS MUNICIPAL STREET CLEANING To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—The tendency of the times is for governmental ownership of utilities.

GEORGE OR JOHN LAW? To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Who was George Law? In the installation of Governor Pennypacker's autobiography printed in the Evening Public Ledger, the author expresses doubt whether Theodore Roosevelt should be "put in the class with Richard Coeur de Lion and Henri Quatre, or in that other class with Mahomet and George Law."

EDITORIAL EPIGRAMS Will some returned traveler kindly tell us if the Kaiserhof, one of Chicago's palatial hotels, is still doing business under that name? Birmingham Age-Herald.

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which we found acceptable in the Ingoldsby Legends." I gently suggested, but it met with no response.

Bryce made many queries in regard to existing conditions in America, but always stopped short at the point of danger and never ventured an opinion. The effect of the blending of races and the result of the coming presidential election interested him, but he had no views.

STRENGTH OF HIRAM JOHNSON (Continued) The issue is Americanism versus Hyphenism. It is an issue by which every righteous force in this nation is to be utilized in driving out the many-headed hyphen that the European war unfortunately has developed in America.

STRENGTH OF HIRAM JOHNSON (Continued) The original proposition, as far as the navy is concerned, was by far the best one, but that was killed by labor. The proposition was to reserve all important members of any plant doing work for the navy.

FAVORS MUNICIPAL STREET CLEANING (Continued) The bar working of the Emergency Fleet seems to imply only those who are actually working on ships or in shipyards, whereas the enrolling office in each trade and occupation, from the raw materials of the mines and including all the various steps along the line to the finished product, all workers are able to get on the lists of the Emergency Fleet.

MANUFACTURERS are sending in these lists rapidly. In fact, all are virtually in now, and they are following up with great care the necessary notifications each month. If a change is desired in the list the new names must be submitted to Washington and the authorization obtained. If a man is discharged or leaves on his own account his name must be at once sent in so the lists may be correct. If a man leaves or is discharged and notice he sent the manufacturer may lose their right to the exemption of their men.

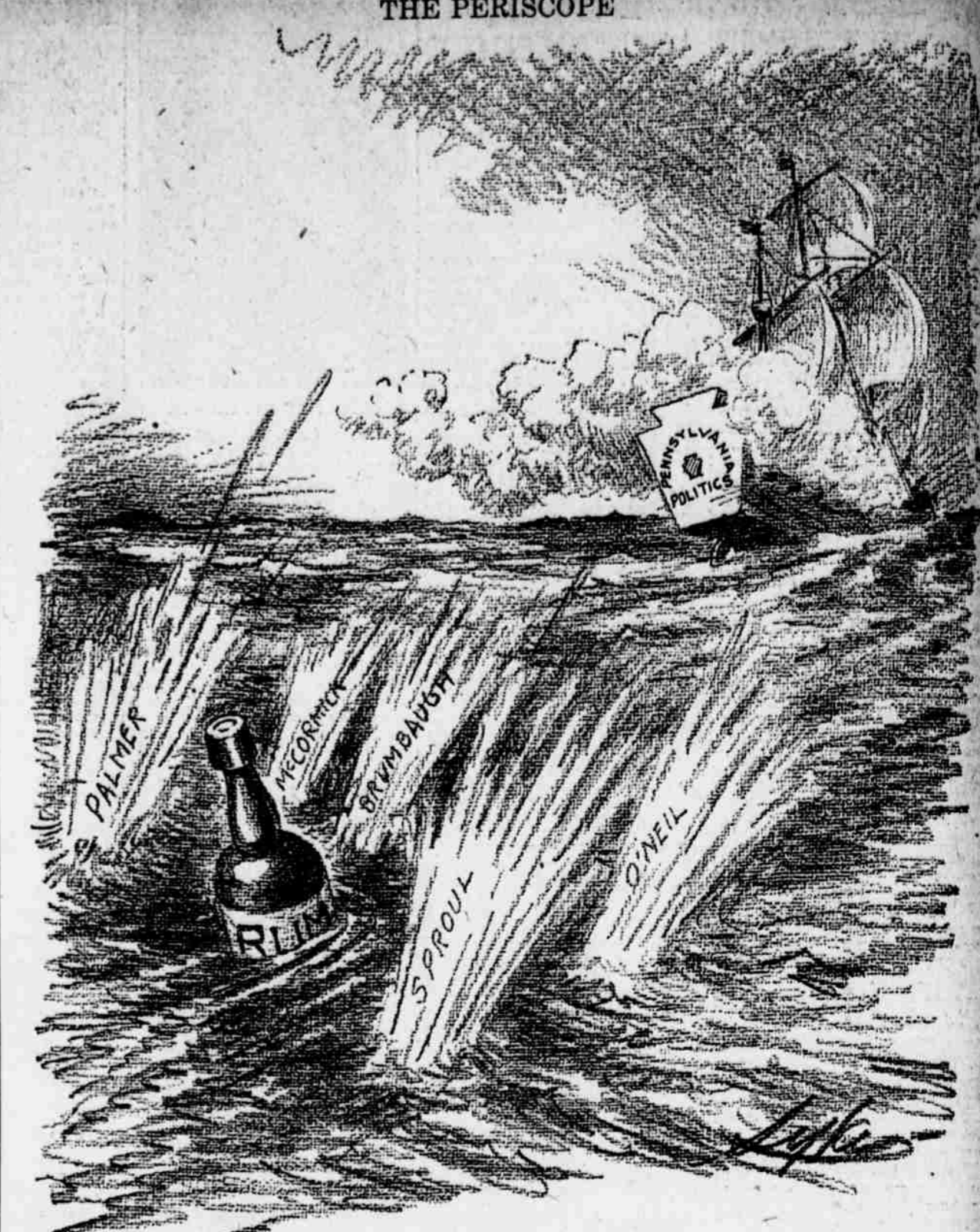
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LABOR ENLISTS FOR WAR WORK

IT WILL be interesting to follow the effect of the present method of enrolling workmen and leading men in the Emergency Fleet so as to save them from conscription or save them from going until they so desire. It is quite possible that this present arrangement so quietly carried on may solve many of the labor problems and may eventually take the backbone of safety in all labor questions.

HOWEVER, the present scheme, that is apparently known to few, or that has caused little stir, at least, is along the same lines and may be accomplishing the same result without upsetting the leaders who may feel to lose control of those under their charge.

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Little Polly's Pome IF I WAS A QUEEN

There is so much news of Kings Far across the wave And of wars and other things When they misbehave I can't help believing too And their wives are mean And I've wondered what I'd do If I was a queen.

I believe that I would say George or John or Will Be the King's name what it may "You are doing ill." Then he'd know right off he was Planning something mean—I would do as Mother does— If I was a queen. TOM DALY.

WARMED-OVER HADDIE A Few More Words About the Famous Scotch Fish

HERE'S some fish warmed over from "dear" dear! It was two weeks ago that I had the famous haddie. Well, adnyway, here's some of that fish warmed over.

"It's a very simple dish," said Bill. "Just take a thick piece of flannan haddie of the best quality and boil or steam it for fifteen or twenty minutes. Then remove the skin. Cut it in lengths of six or eight inches. Place it on a platter and pour cream over it and put boiled potatoes sliced in half around the edge of the haddie. Butter the potatoes well and also put a little butter on the fish. Then put the platter containing the fish and the potatoes under a broiler and let it remain there until brown. Take out the platter and put it on a silver service and serve."

"I asked Bill," continues the obliging Mr. Vanderhoff, "if it was important to use a silver server, and he said if I didn't I would burn my damn fool fingers."

"Once on the old Kent road, London," says Mr. Law, "I counted over thirty push-carts and donkey carts piled high with flannan haddies all imported from Aberdeen. He holds forth with the sure voice of an expert upon the comparative merits of several brands of the fish offered in our local markets, and while what he says about them is interesting and valuable, it is not very new. He holds forth with the sure voice of an expert upon the comparative merits of several brands of the fish offered in our local markets, and while what he says about them is interesting and valuable, it is not very new."

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