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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 30

Life is a long lesson in humility.

J. M. Barrie.

POTENTIAL TOWN HALLS

EVERY school building in the United States was pictured as a potential town hall at yesterday's session in Washington of the American Civic Association...

Miss Wilson described the social center movement as a plan to make each school building now idle eighteen hours or more each day, the meeting and voting places of citizens of its district...

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of the Allies are becoming trained soldiers and bid fair to blossom into a crushing force against the thinning German and Austrian ranks.

To be sure, it is still fighting on French soil, but farther from the French capital than it was three weeks after the war began.

Germany started out to be an invading force. In France and in Russia she is now entrenched and waging largely a defensive warfare.

So, while German arms have had splendid success in winning battles, not one decisive action has been recorded in favor of Germany.

So one may readily understand the willingness of the Kaiser to consider peace while his armies are in Russia and Serbia and France and while German arms on the surface appear to be in the ascendant.

There are indications that a break in German ability to maintain the terrific strain may come earlier than that, possibly some time next summer.

WE have no quarrel with the man who called it "grip." He knew whereof he spoke.

"Grip" is the word. When it lays hold on you just quietly succumb, seek a secluded nook and ask to be left alone.

We have been told forty-seven different ways of avoiding the "grip"—and none of 'em work.

Some folks think they have "grip" when they have only a bad cold. "Grip" differs from cold greatly.

"Grip" we are told, originated in France, where it is known as La Grippe. We knew it couldn't have come from Germany.

Just at present "grip" is at once our most popular and most hated institution. Physicians dote on it and calmly consider next year's vacations in the light of its daily statistics of victims.

DANIELS AGAIN
DISAPPOINTED at the bids submitted to the Navy Department for the construction of the two battleships authorized by the last Congress, Secretary Daniels is reported to have suggested a startling innovation in the contractual relation which the steel companies should bear to the Federal Government.

Due to the fact that steel products are bringing far higher prices than a year ago, on account of the huge demand from the warring powers, and also on account of the increase of wages through the stimulation of the steel industries, the bids recently opened were higher than anticipated.

The Allies have just begun to fight. Daily the numerical strength of the English, the French and the Russians increases. Daily the numerical strength of Germany goes backward.

ness tugs at the purse-strings of the Navy Department, Secretary Daniels tries to evolve a retroactive understanding between the steel companies and the government, and there are said to be indications that he may appeal to Congress for some sort of Legislation which would compel them to take contracts on more favorable terms.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE
—Germany is willing to call it a draw if the Allies give the Kaiser the gate receipts.

—Denmark will not allow foreigners to lecture on subjects akin to the war. Now we understand why Bryan didn't sail on the Oscar II.

EDITORIAL COMMENT
Another pathetic little feature of every-day life is the way, the minute the President announces that creatures of passion, disloyalty, and anarchy must be crushed out, a great many of our citizens become violently angry at him for getting so personal.

Baron Shibusawa, hailed as the "Pierpont Morgan of Japan," appears to have fallen heir to the many boquets which his namesake missed during an arduous and otherwise successful career.

WINTER OF GRIP
Varieties of weather are drifting from heavy rain to equally heavy snowfall in a night, stinging cold one day, uncomfortably mild the next, make this a winter of grip for more people than in any year since the 1910 outbreak of the watery-eyed and sneezing contagion.

NEW HIGHWAY TO PITTSBURGH
A call has been issued by the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce for a meeting to be held at the Altona Times building for the purpose of boosting the new William Penn highway from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

LLOYD GEORGE AND THE UNION
If David Lloyd George's statement before the British Parliament, his capacity for mercy, and his ability to see a foreign foe, not from the gods of tribulation, but from the labor union agitation, he has been a traitor and to spare him the history of the world, but never before has a great empire been bound and gagged by the organized conspiracy of the history of the world.

HOPE FOR THE HAIRLESS
Dr. Robert B. Clark, of Monroe, Wis., insanity expert, says hairless domes indicate sanity. He said: "I have examined several hundred patients as to their sanity. I have had the opportunity of studying many hundreds of others, and in all my experience I have yet, with a single exception, to see an insane man who was baldheaded."

Our Daily Laugh
MAYBE?
She: I used to think you were one man in a thousand.
He: And now you're disappointed because I'm not the other 999.

LOCATED.
What do you consider the chief end of man?
Well, in these days of the tango, I should say that man's chief end was his feet.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY
"War-ridden Europe, especially Russia, is the garden spot of the world for pickpockets at the present time," was the opinion delivered gratuitously to police court in Pittsburgh yesterday, as the police returned to Gus Goldenman several thousands in bills and a couple diamonds.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Philadelphia newspapers which have been giving considerable space to the efforts of Mayor-elect Thomas B. Smith, of Philadelphia, to prevent a factional fight for control of the Republican state organization between Senator Boies Penrose and Governor Brumbaugh are intimating that there may yet be a fight, although Mr. Smith is said to have told friends that there will not be a battle and that all will be harmony.

It is now stated to be part of the accepted plan to have the Governor and Mayor of Philadelphia for delegates at large is according to precedent and is not to be regarded as "a harmony ticket" or as indicative of a contest.

SCIENCE BEGINS AT HOME
Light and Heat
By Frederic J. Haskin

THE typical American household proceeds on a hit-or-miss principle that results in a measure of efficiency only when it follows some age-old rule, or else by pure chance.

On a whole dinner, soft coal is just about ten times as economical. Such an estimate, of course, does not consider a number of factors of convenience.

For instance, it is considered good form in the best circles to keep the various stoves in the household black. Not one woman in ten knows why she does it. A black stove is undoubtedly more ornamental than one which is rusty brown, but proceeding on esthetic principles solely, a pale yellow or Nile green might be more decorative than either.

Actual cooking is only a small part of the household heating problem. The furnace eats several times as much coal as the range, and it is worth a little study to keep much of the coal from flying up the chimney to heat the circumbient atmosphere.

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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

"GETTING THEM OUT OF THE TRENCHES"



—From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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Evening Chat

Governor Brumbaugh's tour of the State to see the natural beauties of Pennsylvania was so successful last October that the Governor is thinking over the splendid farms of the Keystone State.

The Governor was immensely pleased at the condition of the roads of the State on his tour last Fall and has worked out with Highway Commissioner Cunningham some plans for betterment of others. The other day in talking about the fine roads that have been established in Pennsylvania...

Edward H. Gohl, the artist, who is a native of this city where he spent a considerable portion of his younger years, has recently written a book on his discovery of the site of one of the permanent camps of the Algonquins near Auburn, N. Y.

Dr. D. Frank Garland, the head of the municipal government of Dayton and the man who originated the changes in the city government which have worked so well in Ohio cities, is to be here next month to address the Chamber of Commerce.

One of our friends who "clerks" in a drug store, had this to say to-day: "When Willie gets a cold this winter, the old time cure will have to be used sparingly."

A. E. Borie, the new president of the Savage Arms Company, belongs to one of the old families of Philadelphia.

George S. Webster, retiring chief engineer of Philadelphia, was given a banquet by his staff in honor of his appointment of director of docks, wharves and ferries.

W. J. Priestly, one of the superintendents just advanced at the Bethlehem Steel Works, is only thirty years of age.

Justice A. Record, Bradford county's resident, celebrated his 100th birthday with a family dinner, using forks and plates 125 years old.

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