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FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 9.

Our best is bad, nor bears Thy test SHALL it should be our very best.

—Browning.

PENROSE AT CHICAGO

PENNSYLVANIA Republicans may well be proud of the course of Senator Penrose at Chicago. He has demonstrated his ability as a clear-headed leader at every turn.

His open mindedness was demonstrated when he proposed to ask the Republican convention to appoint a committee, with a Roosevelt man as chairman, to meet a similar committee from the Progressive convention.

Senator Penrose has held out for no one candidate. He and his friends in the convention have stood ready to step into line behind any strong man who could unite the Old Guard and the Roosevelt forces.

SEEKING PENNSYLVANIA FIRST

SEEKING Pennsylvania First has become popular since Governor Brumbaugh and his party of tourists spent a week on the roads of the State last Fall. Now comes the Motor Club of Harrisburg with a trip that will take those who are fortunate enough to participate through the most picturesque portions of the central part of the State and over a long stretch of the William Penn Highway.

This organization is nothing if not enterprising and constructive. The run planned is to be far more than a mere sociability affair. It is to include stops at historic spots along the way—almost every mile of the trip

HOW LONG CAN IT LAST?

THE greatest question of the war now is not one of military or naval supremacy, but how long can Germany endure the pinch of hunger that appears to be slowly but surely throttling it?

The Public Ledger scores Chairman Harding for making a "catch phrase" speech, and just to be consistent winds up its criticism with the words, "the destiny of America and the duty of Americans."

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

THE garden spirit is spreading throughout the land. Harrisburg has confined its attention very largely this year to flowers, although there has been some attempt at vegetable cultivation, and there is a practical suggestion for this city in what Cincinnati is doing along the line of teaching boys and girls to love growing things.

A comprehensive plan whereby every child in that city will have an opportunity to preside over a garden plot has been worked out by Roland W. Guss, director of the city's department of school gardening of the public schools.

will find herself beset by a foe far more difficult to deal with than any that has confronted her on the field of battle. Time fights on the side of the allies. More and more it becomes evident that Germany must win in the next month or two or not at all.

The great outstanding fact in the war at present is that neither side shows any sign of complete victory on the field of battle and that the war is more than ever one of exhaustion with Germany apparently nearer that stage than her antagonists.

THE DARKEST HOUR

LOYD-GEORGE is an optimist. Through the darkness, the wind and the rain of the night of war now hanging over all Europe he sees the bright dawn of a new and better day for all mankind. It requires an optimist to speak as he did recently in England when he said:

I read only the other day about a mining camp at the foot of a black mountain in the great West. The diggers had been toiling long and hard with but scant encouragement for their labors, and one night a terrible storm swept over the mountain. An earthquake shattered its hard surface and hurled its rocks about and in the morning in the rents and fissures they found a rich deposit of gold.

"The darkest hour is just before the dawn, and surely if there is to be a dawn for England the present must constitute that "darkest hour." This war will bring one of two things to all Europe—either a long step forward in the way of freedom of government and individual liberty, or an equally long step backward, with imperialism rampant and militarism in the saddle.

Lloyd-George may speak from a hopeful heart or a knowing mind—very likely both—but at all events it is heartening to note this spirit of optimism abroad in England even in the hour of dire misfortune.

HARDING'S SPEECH

IF the Republican and Progressive conventions at Chicago hew close to the line laid down in the speech of Chairman Harding before the Republican gathering on the opening day the delegates of both could go home with a full sense of duty well performed, nor could their constituents find any fault with their action.

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Princes Cupid, which is the colloquial name for the Hawaiian who has been king of the United States had not annexed the islands, called on the Pennsylvanians at their headquarters in the Congress. Some of them did not know him and thought he was from Lombard street, Philadelphia. Then they woke up and offered him one of the gilt chairs.

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Some of the Pennsylvanians have solved the problem of what to do on rainy days in the "cave" of their day at that. When it rains here they take part and as the whole convention business is on the lake front the sweep is magnificent.

Strong, patriotic, sensible, practical and appealing, this address of the chairman should be a clarion call to duty at Chicago. Representatives of the voters of the two parties have no right at this time to think in terms of selfish ambition. The welfare of the whole country for a future far outreaching the next four years is at stake.

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grounds or vacant lots and several others are to have gardens placed in-doors or on the roofs of the school buildings.

One plan of teaching the more technical features of gardening will be the growing of seedlings in paper drinking cups. In this manner the children are to be taught how to care for the young plants and to transplant them. At the close of school these pots will be taken home by the children and transplanted in gardens, window boxes and pots.

The Garden Club of Cincinnati, composed of a number of prominent women, is doing much to increase interest in gardening and general beautification, just as the Civic Club is in Harrisburg, and as the Telegraph has done in the matter of encouraging the planting of window boxes.

Already the result of Cincinnati's window box campaign is apparent. Dozens of establishments in the heart of the shopping district now have blossomed out, with flowering plants and vines adorning the windows of their buildings.

Sidelights on Pennsylvania at Chicago

(By a Staff Correspondent) Chicago, June 8. About half the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress is here to attend the convention and take part in the deliberations, which are mainly held outside of the convention hall.

Horace Brock, the Lebanon ironmaster, was among the arrivals for the opening of the convention and stopped at the Auditorium.

Representative H. Atlee Brumbaugh of Blair, came out to see the sights and to look over automobiles.

Robert W. Herbert, the Greensburg editor, is working with the newspaper editor, and has decided to remain until the convention ends.

City Commissioner George L. Holmes, who did the Legislature for the North American and who is now a Philadelphia city official, says this is the best convention he ever attended. He does not have to work.

Senator Penrose, Governor Brumbaugh, Attorney General Brown, Congressman Vane and Commissioner Meigs pumped right into each other at the entrance of one of the Congress elevators.

Over a dozen Lancaster county men are here attending the convention and are taking a big interest in the harmony program.

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THE CAROON OF THE DAY



—From the Erie Dispatch.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—With the strawberry preserving season at hand housewives are beginning to appreciate the advantages of the Democratic tariff as it relates to sugar.

—The trouble with these new anti-septic telephone transmitters is that the disinfectants are worse than the germs they are intended to kill.

—The health papers have so much to say about the virtues of abstinence that we have concluded Sampson must never have eaten too much, never have indulged in tea, coffee or tobacco and doubtless slept nine hours a day.

—Some publishers think it journalistic enterprise to hunt up some noted man who knows nothing about politics and pay him a big salary to tell the people what he does not know about a national convention.

—Roosevelt is fond of exercise of all kinds but his favorite sport appears to be running.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Correct Definition [From the Columbia Star.] A brazen grab, as we understand it, is an appropriation bill that the other party passed.

Liberties Nearly Cut Off Now [From the Houston Post.] After awhile it will be so that about the only way a fellow can be sure of not committing crime is to find out just what he would like to do and then not do it.

Let Us Forget God of our fathers, known of old Lord of our far-flung battle line—Beneath whose awful hand we hold Dominion over palm and pine; Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Let us forget, lest we forget.

Par-called our navies melt away—On dune and headland sinks the fire—Lo, as our shutters close and close, One with Nineveh and Tyre! Judge of the nations, spare us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget.

Not Ready For Peace [From the Indianapolis Star.] It is but just to President Wilson to say that he does not discuss the possibility of peace mediation by this Government as some of the misguided members of his party are doing, thereby betraying a suspicious eagerness to have mediation activities brought into the political campaign.

What the Rotary Club Learned of the City [Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and their answers as presented at the organization's annual "Municipal Quiz."] How are the administrative and executive departments of the city distributed? The Mayor is by law the Superintendent of Public Affairs. The remaining superintendents are chosen by Council, each superintendent being assigned to one of the four remaining departments. The divisions of the departments are arranged by City Council, who have power to change superintendents.

OUR ALLEGHENY FORESTS

By Frederic J. Haskin

A GREAT strip of forest land along the backbone of the Allegheny mountains in Pennsylvania has now been put under the administration of the United States Forest Service. For several years the service has been engaged in purchasing and surveying these areas, straightening out titles that date back to the land grants of colonial times.

When the foresters first entered these lands they found themselves confronted by an attitude of profound suspicion. For generations a government officer had been to many of these people simply a revenue officer, in search of illicit distilleries. A people of fine natural intelligence, however, they were not long in perceiving that the foresters were in no way dangerous to their interests.

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Evening Chat

The big bird hotel in Harris Park leased rent-free throughout the year by the city to any and all feathered guests on the "first-come-first-served" plan can accommodate no more lodgers this season. Not at least, until some of the present boarders move out.

How a big corporation which plans to make certain extensions and improvements which will last a period of time, pushes ahead the work it has to do regardless of old Ma Nature or the elements, has been pretty well illustrated during the past few weeks by the contracting company which is building the upper half of the new Cumberland Valley bridge.

The Wornleysburg School Board took an encouraging step in the Central High School proposition recently when a resolution endorsing the action of the school boards of the West Shore, in their efforts to combine the schools of that section into a Central High School, was passed.

One of the chief points of interest for the coming A. R. meeting this week will be the Camp Curtin Memorial Church building, now in course of erection on the site of old Camp Curtin, as a lasting memorial to the hundred thousand men who were mustered into the service of their country three fifty years ago.

Romance Ever Young

The most recent mysteries of science are the ones that receive most attention. The thrilling wonders of wireless telegraphy and aviation and subterranean navigation, and very rightly, for these are marvelous. But, for that matter, so are the old-time legends of the fairy tale. A memorial tablet is to be placed in the main entrance of the church with names of veterans, mustered into Camp Curtin, who are among the contributors to the church building fund.

Wilson Not Wanted

If evidence were wanted of the unfortunate of further observations by the President of the United States upon the bare-headed wandering Europe it would be furnished by the passionate speech of the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, and his bitter controversy with the Reichstag. The Chancellor asserted he had not the slightest official intimation of American mediation. This was an outburst in answer to the speech of the Conservative leader, Count von Westarp, who had declared his uncompromising opposition to President Wilson as a peacemaker.

Means of Grace

It is all very beautiful this bare-armed, bare-headed wandering Europe. It is graceful, artificial, fascinating, and one likes to see it, but it is some of the most dangerous kept within the exception, and not seem to be the paramount illustration of a civilization that cannot be satisfied, nor furnish the full complement of educational delight. We do not want to spoil it, and we do not want to see it, nor do we want to see the beautiful custom spoil itself by excess. Therefore, let us see it in the most dangerous. Noticing the display at a scanty dress affair at a big institution, a gentleman said to a lady: "I don't see a danger of mine in there." But he had. It is so easy, and it is so beautiful. The Reichstag, that of the German Chancellor would place American-German relations upon a new footing, and with the elimination of the bitterness and acrimony that the submarine issue created in Germany.