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Why destroy present happiness by a distant misery, which may never come at all?—SYDNEY SMITH.

GREATER HARRISBURG NAVY

WHEN a prominent member of the City Planning Commission and the head of the Department of Parks agree to serve upon a committee which has in mind the improvement of the Susquehanna river basin, it is an encouraging sign of the increasing interest of officials and people generally in the wider and more general use of the river at this point.

Our West Shore neighbors must also be deeply interested in anything that concerns the river and it is up to our "cross-river friends to join the "Greater Harrisburg Navy" in its constructive program of improvement.

City Commissioner Lynch will complete the river dam by installing some concrete slabs which were not placed in position last summer and it will then be the business of the new association to have a survey of the basin completed with a view to providing bathing beaches, protecting the islands from erosion, opening channels in the reefs and otherwise doing what is necessary to make the broad bosom of the river here the ever-increasing resort of hundreds of our people.

Committees will be appointed this week to interview all our business people with a view to making the Labor Day carnival a wonderful success from the standpoint of a spectacular river pageant and aquatic interest.

The attempt of the officials of the Post Office Department to muzzle the press of the country by placing in the hands of the Postmaster General the power to elect whether magazines and other publications shall be sent by mail or freight, has been getting a good airing in the Senate.

THE PRICE OF SUGAR

DEMOCRATIC editors are trying desperately to hide with clever phrases their chagrin over the fact that sugar has gone steadily up in price, instead of down, as a result of the enactment of the Underwood tariff law and that the statute named all but ruined the cane sugar industry of that sacred domain, the "Solid South."

To-morrow, if experience counts for anything, the Record will call the Telegraph a "party organ" and in a perfect storm of indignation will rage around the old well-worn circle of Democratic tirade, abuse and explanation.

But that won't bring down the price of sugar or restore in a moment any of the ruined sugar industries of the South.

The Evansville Courier, Evansville, Ill., has just issued its annual "mid-summer number." The pictures and descriptive matter show Evansville in warm weather dress, and it is not to be wondered that the Courier was so proud of its home town that it wanted others to see it through the eyes of the editor's well selected photographs.

MUST PREPARE FOR PEACE

GEORGE W. PERKINS is another of those financial leaders who believes that the cessation of the war in Europe will mean serious readjustment in this country. He anticipates that the war will end as suddenly as it began and that immediately

will follow the reorganization of commercial and industrial activities. Mr. Perkins says:

It will not do to lull ourselves to sleep with the argument that when the war is over Europe will be so exhausted in men and money that she cannot compete with us in the manufacturing line. Emergencies and difficulties quicken the faculties of a resourceful people, and no country on the civilized globe today is more resourceful than Germany.

This view of the case squares exactly with the conclusions of Roger W. Babson, the distinguished statistical expert. We have no business in this country to deceive ourselves and we must be prepared through proper administrative regulations and policies to meet the impact of the European competition.

Those who are familiar with past Democratic performances will not be impressed with a nonpartisan tariff commission and certain other panaceas proposed by the present wobbly leadership at Washington. Only through the placing of Republican statesmen in the saddle can we be sure of constructive and sane government during the crisis which will come with the ending of the war.

Way down on the Mexican border the Telegraph is keeping the boys from home posted as to what is transpiring in the old home town. When they return from the sand dunes and mesquite patches they will all be ready to join the "Greater Harrisburg Navy" and thank their lucky stars that the old Susquehanna never goes dry.

THE GLORY OF PENNSYLVANIA

OUR thanks to Miss Agnes Reppler for some kind words concerning Pennsylvania in the current issue of the American Magazine. All that she says about our scenery, our industries, our proud place in the history of the States and our patriotic devotion is true.

Miss Reppler talks of our "preposterous capitol" she is libeling Pennsylvania, rather than glorifying it and at the same time is placing her own evidently limited architectural judgment against that of the world's best authorities on the subject, who have pronounced the Pennsylvania building a gem among buildings.

One wonders if Miss Reppler did not write this chapter of the "Glory of the States" from observation gleaned from the newspaper political columns of a decade past and the smattering of information she may have gathered as she whirled through Pennsylvania over the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Certainly, her well-written, but sadly lacking essay might have been so compounded.

Pennsylvania's glory is not of the past alone. It is of the present. Neither does it rely solely upon the sons of the men who were among those who signed the Declaration of Independence and helped frame the Constitution. We are as patriotic and as self-sacrificing as any State in the union.

ANTI-GERMAN SENTIMENT

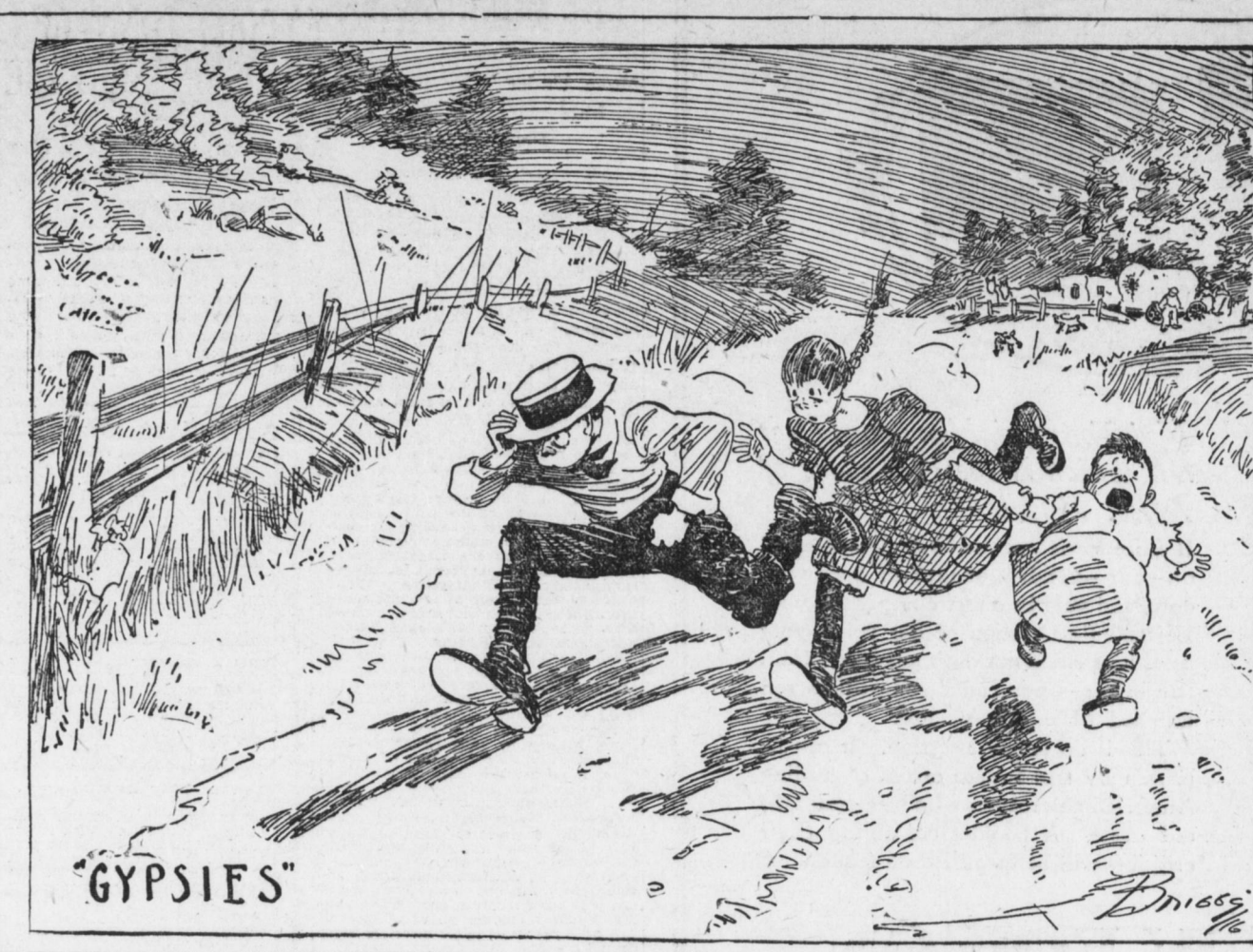
GERMANS who have professed wonderment over the preponderance of public opinion in the United States favoring the allies in their contest with the central powers of Europe should read the speech of Viscount Bryce made recently at a dinner in London. It sums up the situation precisely as most Americans see it.

We do not hate the German people. We do not wish to break up Germany nor destroy her national unity, nor inflict permanent injury upon her. What we desire is to exorcise an evil spirit and discredit the military caste which delights in war, to threaten the peace of Europe, but all countries, America included, are content for Germany to be a great prosperous nation among other nations, the German Government desires to dominate the world.

That is the feeling in America. "If Germany wins, we are next," is an opinion widely prevalent. The rape of Belgium was responsible for the start of the anti-German sentiment here, the dastardly attack on the Lusitania added fuel to the flames and the efforts of Germany to subsidize all America to her own ends increased the growing resentment, but the fear of German aggression in America—that in a measure the allies are fighting our fight—has been responsible for the growth of anti-German sentiment in this country.

Americans do not hate Germans. They admire them as a people and they sympathize with them in their troubles. We don't want to see the allies batter their way to Berlin any more than we want to see the Germans take Paris. But we do detest the German militaristic policy and we want to see it thoroughly defeated and repudiated. Our own safety and that of the whole world lies in that direction.

The Days of Real Sport



"GYPSIES"

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Dismissal of Dr. George W. McNeil as postmaster of Pittsburgh bids fair to cause the biggest row known in Western Pennsylvania Democratic circles in years.

McNeil was appointed as a surprise, it being intimated that he was a personal friend of the President and when he took office there were intimations that the Democratic bosses would bid their time and "get him."

The Pittsburgh Gazette Times says that Postmaster McNeil refused to give orders in political matters and drew on himself the wrath of the service. It is in part: "The impression prevailing in Pittsburgh among leading Democrats who have been in touch with the efforts being made to influence Mr. McNeil to make political appointments which the post office is that he is being removed because he would not play politics to the extent those in control of the Democratic State and county machines desire."

It is reported that the Mexicans are preparing to invade the United States by a route through the Colorado desert. They have spilled our blood. Now, if they spill our gasoline nothing will hold us back.

A Canadian soldier who has been returned to his home, after being kept for some months as a wounded prisoner in a German hospital, was permitted to retain his crutches which are of great interest to his home people as an example of German ingenuity. They are adjustable so that they can be utilized as conveniently by a giant eight feet tall as by a midget.

The recent raids by police in Philadelphia have been followed by the stopping of gambling and charges against the operators. Some of the Philadelphia newspapers that the higher officials knew of conditions some time ago and did not act until some exposures were about to be made.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

The rural credits bill doesn't mean, however, unlimited credit for butter and eggs.

It begins to look as though Jack Johnson von Hindenburg has met his Willard.

By the way, what has become of those dreadful forty-five-centimeter guns?

Can't some nice, quiet place be found for Secretary Daniels?—Pittsburgh Dispatch. The trouble is that no place where Daniels remains quiet, is also considered significant.

Reading the President's kind words to farmers on the rural credits bill makes us wonder why he wasn't a little more thoughtful about their rural free delivery service.

Anyway, we didn't have to go to a picnic to-day, because of the trolley strike. Every cloud has its silver lining.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

With all our horses sold to Europe, it is difficult to see how we can give Mexico a stable government.

As for the insult to the flag in firing upon a Standard steamer, we believe Austria will hasten to make reparation before the price of gasoline goes higher.

Crutches for War Cripples

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Trade Briefs

A bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives which provides for the adoption of a national trade mark for American manufacturers.

The Russian government is financing the erection of a large iodine factory on Nahodka Bay, near Vladivostok. Sweet birch oil, a substitute for oil of wintergreen, is in big demand in the southern Appalachian Mountains.

TAKE A HIKE WESTWARD

By Frederic J. Haskin

YOU can't run at high gear unless you keep your machine in perfect repair, and even then you can't run at high gear all of the time.

That is the rationale of the need of modern man for vacation. Long does more in a year than his forefathers did in five, and he therefore has pressing need to knock off once a year, and do nothing, or something else, for at least two or three weeks.

Change is the prime essential of vacation. If you live in the country and raise cucumbers, the proper thing for you to do is to have your whiskers curled and go to New York.

Now living out-of-doors is at once a habit and a realization. John Muir says that going back to the woods is going home because we all came from the woods. To many a westerner this is very true.

The whole thing has been planned so that any taste, and any amount of initiative and imagination or any lack thereof, can be exactly accommodated. And summering in these parks is, for the most part, pleasantly free of the holdup elements which mark vacations in some—in fact in many places.

GETTING HOME

By Wing Dinger

I jumped into a jitney car. Last evening, after work. It looked a wee bit dingy. And it started with a jerk.

It looked a wee bit dingy. And it started with a jerk. And it only had one lung. While the dust of many ages in and outside it clung.

Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

Hundreds of limekilns, which had been abandoned, some of them years ago, are being started up in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania counties because of the demand for lime for agricultural purposes due to the stopping of the foreign supply of potash and the exhaustion of stocks in this country.

Throughout the central part of the State and in a few of the western counties the lime burning industry has become more or less concentrated because of the engaging of corporations in the business and the small kilns, which used to be so numerous were allowed to go to ruin as was done with many of the old style stone blast furnaces which were the precursors of the modern steel giants.

One of the funniest of the stories told about schemes to delay trolley cars comes from the hotbed of the ructions, Cameron and Market streets. It seems that yesterday morning just before a car came along two men went to the center of the street and one took up a manhole, the other going down into the hole. The lid was placed on a small cart and a standing in the middle of the track leaned over talking to the man in the hole.

Fourth street furnished another incident in the strike and it seemed to amuse the policemen as much as some of the people who participated in it. At any rate the policemen laughed and told motomen to go on, as they did when they were asked to stop throwing things at Venetian street market. It happened that a car came down Fourth street with a truck right in the rear. The truck held half a dozen kids and they were pelting the car with small stones and whatever they could find along the way.

Complaints about some of the jitney rates being charged in Harrisburg just now were being heard up and down Market street, but no one in authority appeared to be paying more attention to them than to the absence of compliance with the city license ordinance.

Those who travel through the Dauphin Narrows are greatly pleased with the work the city has done in the restoration of the river wall. This wall was fast disintegrating, but is now being permanently repaired and capped with a granolithic coping.

Dr. H. M. Stine, who will act as recruiting officer for this district with Frank H. Mickle, served as an officer of company I, of the Fourth Infantry in the Mexican situation.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Judge J. A. McVaine, of Washington county, was hurt in an automobile accident in Ohio.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg silk is used in dresses sold in Canada? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Zachary Taylor visited this city when general and president and spoke at the Capitol.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

TRUE. The world owes every man a living. That's so. And the world gives every man plenty of opportunity to collect it if he wants it.

CHARMS

She carries a rabbit foot, wears a horseshoe brooch and a pin-shaped like a four-leaf clover. I heard she was a girl of many charms.

WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY

What license does the Valley Railway Company pay? The Valley Railway Company pays to the city \$50.00 per car, which in 1915 amounted to \$1,000.00.