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All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. —JOHN HOPKINS.

FAIR PLAY FOR POSTAL MEN

ALL fair-minded and patriotic citizens will wish Senator Townsend, of Michigan, success in the fight he is about to make for the militiamen who in normal times are employed in mail service.

Not so the Post Office Department. In what the Senator terms "a bluff at economy," not only have the militiamen been dropped from the government rolls, but instead of employing temporary substitutes the Postmaster General has appointed men to the permanent roll to fill the vacancies, thus putting himself in a position where he cannot, without an act of Congress, restore those serving with the National Guard.

In the construction of ramps or walks along the river slope from the top to the granolithic promenade at the bottom, would it not be well to introduce as much variety and artistic arrangement of the stone work as is done in the working out of such walls by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in its treatment of its station surroundings along the entire line?

MAKING SAILORS OF LANDSMEN

TEN Harrisburg boys sailed away yesterday on the battleship Rhode Island to learn how to man and fight Uncle Sam's war craft in time of emergency.

Thus the navy has at last entered the preparedness program, usurping the center of the stage with all the grace and enthusiasm of its early days. For the last six months we have heard much of Ogletrope and Plattsburg. We have delighted in photographs of rookies riding horseback, rookies shooting and frying bacon and rookies bathing in the latest approved military fashion out of primitive tin basins until our one vision of American defense has come to be khaki.

The readiness of the response to this call of the navy is another proof that American youth is as fond as ever of the strenuous life and as prone to adventure as the lads who ran away to become cabin boys in the frigates of long ago.

BANNERS AND SIGNS

PHILADELPHIA is now engaged in a campaign against advertising banners strung from buildings to buildings, across footways and highways in that city.

dangerous, but a nuisance and contrary to the law. Instructions have been given to notify all persons who have placed such banners across any street that they must remove them.

There has been growing up in Harrisburg during the last year or two a similar nuisance and it would seem to be the duty of the officials of the proper department to stop the thing before it goes any farther.

In view of the fact that the city is eliminating poles and wires which obstruct the highways it is hardly reasonable to suppose that permission will be given for a suspension of signs and banners of all sorts which tend to reduce the width of the sidewalks and endanger pedestrians.

Several large stretches of land along the Susquehanna river between the city and Rockville have recently changed hands and it is common report that a considerable number of fine homes will be established in this section within the year.

PAPER FAMINE AND PRICES

THE MANUFACTURERS' RECORD, of Baltimore, one of the foremost trades publications of the country, thus comments on the paper famine which is threatening the newspapers of the land with bankruptcy in the year to come.

The price of paper, which has advanced from 100 to 200 per cent, or more over prices prevailing a year ago, seriously threatens the production of newspapers throughout the country and greatly increases the price of other publications.

The reluctance of the newspaper publisher to advance prices is not hard to explain. It is not that he did not foresee the very condition he now faces. He did foresee it and has striven to meet it in a hundred ways.

COMPLETING THE MIDLAND

COMPLETION of the Midland railroad, begun more than five years ago and abandoned after the road had been completed practically from Millersburg to Gratz, would do much for that end of the county.

With the Midland completed and a bridge across the Susquehanna at or near Millersburg, that town would rapidly become the second largest in the county, despite the big steel industry contributing to the population of Steelton.

A more or less strict censorship having been imposed upon all newspaper correspondence at the Mexican border, friends of the soldiers will be compelled to get most of the inside information from their private correspondence.

POLICE CO-OPERATE

IN Decatur, Ill., Chief of Police E. F. Willis has issued an order recently that every policeman in the city is now a humane officer and hereafter anyone found using a horse that is unfit for service or in any other manner being cruel to animals will be promptly arrested and prosecuted.

malicious mischief or drunkenness or any of the other common causes of police court prosecutions. Happily the policemen of this city are in sympathy with the work of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and work harmoniously with Agent O'Donnell, himself an ex-policeman.

There is opportunity for the inspectors of the City Health Department to do some good work in requiring property owners to cut the weeds from the vacant lots throughout the city.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

"The President will stump the country," newspaper headline. Yes, and then the country will stump the President.

—Again we arise to remark that, in the light of recent happenings in Gallia, we believe the Car is entitled to change the spelling to Rushing.

—Yes, Maude, there are miracles even in these degenerate days. The Athletics won a double-header on Saturday.

—What, we wonder, has become of those terrible Uhlans who used to figure so largely in the news?

—Here's hoping that the cool snap will give all the infantile paralysis germs fatal attacks of pneumonia.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Those waves which Britannia rules don't extend as far as 50 feet below the surface, apparently. —Kansas City Star.

One automobile for every forty-four persons in the United States, which leaves enough for sports on Wall Street Journal.

Mexico may not be learning a lesson from the mobilization of our militia, but this country is learning a lot of them. —Boston Herald.

Villa must have been alive all the time for the report in his behavior to indicate that he has been born again. —Savannah News.

But can the United States renounce all rights in Greenland without the consent of old Greenland the gum-dropper? —Boston Transcript.

Captain Konig's confidence may be due to the fact that there is plenty of room at the bottom. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

Publishers Up Against It

Possibly there is no manufacturing business in the United States so thoroughly unionized and operated by union men as the publishing industry.

It is the business of the publishers to keep well abreast of the general condition of the country and the cost of living. Printers or workmen in printing and publishing offices are of an intelligent class and come into pretty close contact with the market.

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Many Papers Raise Prices

In addition to those newspapers which have been mentioned during the past few weeks as increasing the selling price, the following advances have been made:

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

There is to be no haste about opening the Fall political campaign in Dauphin county. The Democrats are discouraged and will make no more than a passive effort to land the ticket and the Republicans have things so well in hand that early activity would gain them nothing.

—One of the busiest men in the district is Congressman Aaron S. Kreider, who is a candidate for re-election.

—Says a special dispatch from West Chester: "Indications point to an old-fashioned Republican sweep in November, carrying the entire county."

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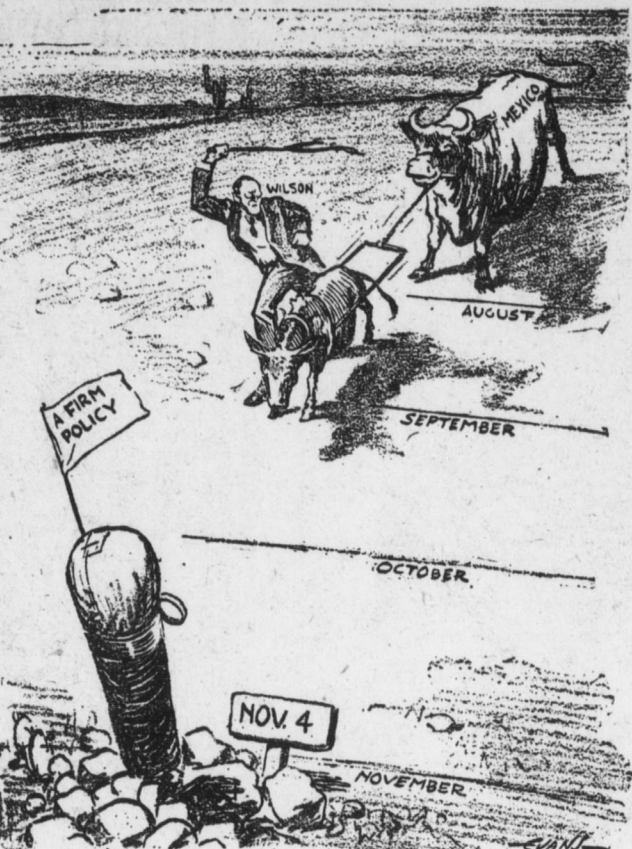
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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

MY KINGDOM FOR AN ELEPHANT



It's a long, long way to Tipperary, And a short time to go. —From the Baltimore American.

GOVERNOR'S TROOP IN SPLENDID CONDITION ON MEXICAN BORDER

Needs Motor Truck and Anxious For Outfit of Horses; Rations Plentiful and Good; Work of Training Progressing Satisfactorily

CAPTAIN GEORGE C. JACK, in a letter received here yesterday, speaks entertainingly on the work and welfare of Troop C (the Governor's troop), First Pennsylvania Cavalry, which has been in service at Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas, on the Mexican border for more than a month.

Troop F of New Castle was presented on Monday night with a new Ford truck. They are very proud of the gift and their home town is being kind enough to send something so very much needed.

"No doubt the people of Harrisburg have read many conflicting reports concerning conditions among the soldiers along the border, and in order to put them right as far as my command is concerned, and I do not believe it differs from the rest, I thought I would drop you a few lines to let the families and the friends of the troop know the actual conditions.

"As a whole the men seem thoroughly satisfied with conditions. Of course, every one of us has his grievances, but after the thing is over it is quickly forgotten. A lot of trouble has been caused by reports of ill-treatment and discomfort sent by some of the men throughout the camp to their home papers.

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Evening Chat

"No organization in the city is so fond of entertaining the wives of members as is the Harrisburg Rotary club," declared President Howard Fry the other day.

Down in Atlantic City they termed Sunday the "pivotal day" of the season, meaning thereby that the crowds will henceforth begin to fall off in size and that the vacation season is on the wane.

On the lawn of the new home for aged ministers dedicated some weeks ago by the United Evangelical church, near Lewisburg, it was to be found many Indian relics.

The cold wave has caused a considerable number of bathers at Independence Island. A large number of river enthusiasts have been out, but the wind has been too cool for the bathers to go into the water.

The river is getting so low that at many places it is impossible for even the light canoe. Sand washed into the channel above Independence Island has made it impossible for canoes to get around the upper end of the island and it takes quite a bit of skill to skirt around the lower end as well.

Interest in the Greater Harrisburg Navy is growing rapidly, especially among the girls who are wont to canoeing with their swains. Quite a number of girls have already woven insignias for the Greater Navy Club, and from what can be gathered about the boat livery, one is quite out of it, unless one is "having one done."

If one fair swimmer doesn't win a prize on the Labor Day regatta it will not be because she doesn't put in enough time practicing. Nearly every day she can be seen "doing the crawl" from the pumping station to the river bridges and take it from the casual observer who stands on the bank she can "do it." Her little black head bobs up at about every eighth stroke, and she has a kink and an overdrive that are not to be envied.

Gracious Unto Them

He looked upon men; and if any say, I have sinned, and he perceived that which was right, and it profited me not; then he is gracious unto him and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit. I have found a ransom. —Job 33:27, 24.

WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY

Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club on the river answers as presented at the organization's annual "Municipal Quiz."

How are city taxes collected? What abatements are allowed? What penalties are charged? When is property sold for nonpayment?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POLICE VS. GUARD Aug. 1, 1916. To the Editor of the Telegraph: Enclosed please find a very intelligently composed item of interest from a July issue of the Patriot.

Our Daily Laugh

SHOWING A PITCHER. You know the fate of the pitcher that goes to the well too often. Going to the well never hurt a pitcher yet. It's going to the corner saloon that sends him back to the bush leagues.

QUITE A DIFFERENCE. Are all sharks man-eating sharks? Oh, no, George says that the big majority are loan sharks.