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Men are led away from threatening  
destruction; a hand is put into theirs  
which leads them forth gently towards  
a calm and bright land so that they  
look no more backward,—and the hand  
may be a little child's.—GEORGE ELIOT.

COMMUNITY SERVICE  
EVERY citizen owes it to his com-  
munity to give his share of  
service for the welfare of that  
community," David E. Tracy, the new  
president of the Chamber of Com-  
merce, said at the luncheon of the  
Rotary Club yesterday, where he spoke  
as the guest of honor.

That is a text which might be applied  
to columns and its possibilities  
not exhausted. Individual service is  
the answer to the oft-repeated ques-  
tion, "How has Harrisburg accom-  
plished so much in the way of public  
improvements?" Had it not been for  
the willingness and readiness of the  
private citizen to volunteer for public  
work, Harrisburg would still be stuck  
in the mud, we would still be cutting  
our drinking water in slices and our  
ideas of parks would be summed up in  
Capitol Hill and the tin can dump that  
formerly marked what is now our  
beautiful river front.

Individual service to the community  
has been the dominant feature of every  
successful public enterprise under-  
taken in Harrisburg in recent years.  
It made possible the whirlwind sub-  
scription for the new million-dollar  
hotel and it doubled the membership  
of the Chamber of Commerce in four  
days. It carried the school loan to  
success and it will have a big part in  
guiding the expenditure of the money  
to be spent for high school purposes.  
So long as it runs high the city's future  
prosperity is assured.

The fighting along the Somme is vio-  
lent.—Newspaper headline. Well, did  
anybody have the idea it was a pillow  
fight?

CALIFORNIA'S BOND ISSUE  
PENNSYLVANIA voters should take  
note of California's approval on  
last Tuesday of a big bond issue  
for the improvement of the road sys-  
tem of the State. Fifteen million dol-  
lars for the completion of the State  
highway system is available in Cali-  
fornia as a result of the election.  
Overwhelming endorsement of the  
bond issue was given, insuring the  
paying of approximately 1,000 miles of  
roads in addition to the 1,122 miles  
already finished at an expense of  
\$16,000,000.

Initial work will be done on the  
trunk lines extending from San Diego to  
the northern boundary of the State.  
One-fifth of the sum voted will be de-  
voted to the construction of new high-  
ways, among which will be one north-  
from Los Angeles into the famed  
Sequoia forests. These giant trees are  
said to be the oldest living things in  
the world and will be the terminus of  
a highway expected to surpass all  
others in California in scenic beauty.

In addition to the State funds, Cali-  
fornia has available immediately more  
than \$250,000 from the Federal State  
road fund, the State having been first  
to obtain Federal aid under the new  
government rural road act. Work  
will also begin at once signposting the  
Mojave desert, over which crosses the  
only open-all-the-year-round highway  
from Pennsylvania to California. The  
government appropriated funds for  
posting the water holes only after a  
battle, extending over fourteen years,  
had been waged by the Los Angeles  
Chamber of Commerce to make travel-  
ing over this highway absolutely safe  
for strangers.

The California victory will hearten  
good roads advocates in Pennsylvania  
for the battle which they are about to  
enter. This State's hope of good roads  
on a scale that will meet public needs  
lies in a bond issue. Every other State  
with highways worthy of the name  
has constructed them through an issue  
of bonds, and Pennsylvania, without  
a penny of debt, is admirably situated  
to float a big issue for the  
purpose.

Now we know why the sporting  
writers used to call the Carlisle foot-  
ball eleven "Glenn Warner's team."

CARLISLE MOVES FORWARD  
HARRISBURG extends its con-  
gratulations to Carlisle upon the  
successful launching of its new  
Chamber of Commerce, with the hope  
that the organization will be all that  
it is designed to be and do all that  
a live, modern Chamber of Commerce  
can do for the upbuilding and de-  
velopment of the town along proper  
lines. The personnel of the board of  
directors is a guarantee of progressive-  
ness and energy.

Harrisburg could no more do without its Chamber of Commerce than it could without its City Council. Indeed, the leadership in public enterprise in the past few years has been with the Chamber rather than with Council, and the organization is just on the eve of a period of public service far ex-

ceeded in possibilities for good any-  
thing and everything that it has done.  
Carlisle is half so fortunate as this  
city has been, the efforts and energies  
it is putting into its newly formed  
Chamber will have been more than  
worth while.

After the Carranza episode it is likely  
that the administration will think twice  
before recognizing Arabia.

Half the United States has gone dry,  
and yet our liquor friends tell us that  
the only reason they object to prohibi-  
tion is because it does not prohibit.

## Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

While the political wiseacres are  
starting booms for various legislators  
for speaker of the House of Repre-  
sentatives the nation is really watching  
the development of the congressional  
contest. Pennsylvania may turn out that  
on the result of congressional elections in the  
Keystone State may depend Republican  
control of the lower house at Wash-  
ington.

On the face of the returns there are  
close fights for Congressmen Rowland,  
Coleman and Barchfield. It is claimed  
all three have been defeated, but the  
counting is not over. Coleman has  
named men to safeguard his inter-  
ests.

The loss of these congressmen would  
rather dim the brilliance of the victo-  
ries won in the Blair-Cambria-Bed-  
ford and Luzerne districts which came  
back to the Republican list.

The speakership, which means  
that the man favored by the 164 Repub-  
licans will yield a tremendous  
power, is up in the air. The State ad-  
ministration is disposed to have an  
up-State man selected for speaker  
instead of Philadelphia and that if  
George W. Williams, of Tioga, is not  
elected he will be chosen to "Sixteen  
squares on the milkman's chest."

Whatever else these hikes may have  
done to our soldiers, they have cer-  
tainly brought "soft stuff" into military  
importance. The piratical song  
will be changed to "Sixteen squares on  
the milkman's chest."

Yo, ho, ho and an ice cream cone!  
Pop and grape juice have done for  
the rest.

Yo, ho, ho and an ice cream cone!  
Up North this winter the effeminate  
youth who were wont to be seen stag-  
ging around in Hockley will be seen  
to the saloons, while the brawny veterans  
of the border service forgetful at the  
fountains and along the confectionery  
counters to tell over old tales of  
hardships endured in the terrible  
summer of 1916.

Down at the border warriors did  
evil deeds for the sake of root beer,  
and strong men wept when the freez-  
ers went dry.—Rupert Hughes, in Col-  
lier's Weekly.

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—William Flynn, who has been ill  
and in a Pittsburgh hospital, has been  
able to resume his activities.

—Senator Vare has promised to  
take steps to present and push  
bills against the drug habit.

—In the event that M. Clyde Kelley  
wins in his contest with Congress-  
man Coleman, of McKeesport dis-  
trict he will enter Congress as a pro-  
gressive. He does not seem to want  
to wear the Democratic tag in view  
of what will be coming along.

—It is also intimated that Public  
Service Commissioner Magee and In-  
surance Commissioner O'Neill, who  
have buried differences, plan to con-  
tinue the fight in the city of Pitts-  
burgh and county of Allegheny next  
fall. This will have an important  
bearing on the mayoralty for which  
Mr. Magee has been frequently mentioned.

—National Chairman McCormick  
has received a number of letters and  
telegrams congratulating him upon the  
new efforts. He will leave for New  
York to-morrow to take up the job of  
meeting the deficit.

—An official count will be needed  
to settle the legislative fight in Ly-  
coming county. It all hinges about a  
Wilkes-Barre district. Representative  
John Lappurt claims his seat.

—E. K. Morse has been named as  
transit commissioner for Pittsburgh.

—Philadelphia Single Taxers are  
kicking vigorously on the ground that  
votes cast by some of their men in

## THE GUEST

By BRIGGS



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AND PATRONIZES YOU IN THE LOCKER ROOM

C. F. SWIFT

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If you would return the favor, buy him one of these books and let him be glad to invite you out again.

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