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Moderation is like the silken string running through the pearl chain of all should have the thought of the people virtues .- FULLER

### GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS

THATEVER be the motive back of Germany's peace terms, it is inconceivable that the al-lies will accept them. For the moment all the cards are in Germany's hands. The "terms" definitely lay the palm of victory on the brow of the Central Powers. If the allies are sin-cere in their assertion that they fight only for the extermination of Prussian militarism then they must fight on, for to quit now would leave Germany stronger than ever, the allies weaker, because of losses due to invasion, and the Central Powers in position to re-peat the assault upon democracy which the allies says precipitated the resent conflict.
History holds no such proposal as

gan. Without exception, great wars thave been concluded only when the vanquished admitted defeat and sued for peace. One must seek a motive, therefore, in these profiers of Germany other than that seek a motive, many other than that of "humanity," for which the Germans have shown so little consideration in the manner of their fighting that the word can stand for little as a Teutonic reason for desiring peace at this time.

There are two reasons that advance of both warring and neutral countries as willing to end the war, thereby placing the responsibility for further conflict upon the shoulders of her opponents, while getting out of a hopeless situation with honor and advantageous position for herself, and the other is that the internal conditions of Ger many are much worse than the world outside knows or even suspects. The first is likely the dominating influence back of the peace move, with slowly failing resources as a prompting consideration. The effect of the peace offer was evidently designed to be diplomatic rather than conclusive, but it is doubtful if the effect will be on the neutral mind precisely what it was

The allies, weary of war though they may be, will reject the proposals, and neutral peoples will understand fully why they do so. In Germany the effect on the public mind may well be

City Commissioner Lynch is absolutely right in his effort to place all the streets in first-class condition before the severe weather of the winter makes outdoor operations impossible. Incidentally, the working out of a plan to utilize the surplus funds of the Water Department for meeting the expense of city lighting is now engaging the attention of City Council, and the problem is not so difficult as it appeared some time ago. some time ago.

# RETIREMENT OF JOFFRE

GENERAL JOFFRE, whose brilliant success at the Marne, saved France, whose genius for organi-

zation enabled the French to oppose the German forces successfully with an army that has not had a single reverse since it took the field, and whose policy of "I-nibble-them" has resulted in the slow, but steady reclamation of French soil from the enemy, is to give way to a younger and more energetic mmander-in-chief of the allied forces in France. This does not mean that he is to be retired in disgrace. French people adore him. has done more for France than Joan of Arc, French newspapers say. He is the greatest hero the allies have produced in this war. His reputation

ecure and his fame lasting. But France feels the need of new facilities which will tend to blood. The day for "nibbling" is past, and develop American trade. the people believe. Prompt, vigorous action is necessary. France must strike a telling blow and follow it up

WEDNESDAY EVENING, HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH of Hindenburg's contention that the task the allies have set for themselves

on the western front is hopeless. Chamber of Deputies should turn to General Petain, defender of Verdur and executor of the coup whereby the French won back in four hours all the territory captured by the Germans in five months of the most bloody warfare the world has ever seen. Petair is not known outside the French army but Verdun has shown him to be a leader of skill, valor and resource He knows the Verdun front as does nobody else. If he is chosen to take Joffre's place, it would not be surpris-ing to see a fresh French drive in this sector, with better chances of success than ever before. He will have as his weapon the best equipped most efficient army France has ever put in the field—the work of Joffre's genius and labor—an army undefeat ed, self-confident and keen for the

Governor Brumbaugh is doubtless turning over in his mind the things which will require discussion in his forthcoming message to the Legisla-ture. No Governor has ever studied ture. No Governor has ever studied the State more thoroughly than the present head of the Commonwealth, and the various matters which have enlisted his interest will doubtless get the attention which they deserve in his recommendations to the legislators. The days of long, winded reports from every day of long-winded reports from every department is past, and the people nov look to the Governor to review in a practical way the subjects which

WATER DEPARTMENT SURPLUSES HE opinion of the city's legal de-partment, to the effect that

surplus money in the water de-partment may be used to defray the municipal light bill, should end all indecision on the part of Council con-cerning the adoption of Mayor Meals recommendation that the millage bekept down by utilizing the money earned by the water department over current used in the street lamps.

It would be unsafe to further reduce water rents and it would be folly to keep on piling up water fund surplus year after year, while other departments stood sadly in need of money The Mayor's idea is a good one. It is practical and has no bad points. It should be adopted.

History holds no such proposal as that submitted by the German Emperor yesterday. Claiming victory on every hand and in almost every paragraph asserting the invulnerability of the Teutonle alliance, the Kaiser yet is ready to foresake many of the ambitions he is known to have held at the outstart of the war and to lay down his arms with conditions almost layer were before the conflict here.

Two distinguished speakers will address the Chamber of Commerce and the Engineers' Society of Pennsylvania this week. Both of these organizations have favored their membership and guests with a list of speakers which is most unusual, and the privilege of hearing these national leaders is greatly appreciated by those who have been invited from time to time to attend the uncheons and dinners of the two associations. More and more the great

OUIS J. HILL, with originality characteristic of the name he bears, has determined to populate the great northwestern country in the development of which his father, the themselves before all others—the first that Germany wishes to put herself before her people at home and those a share. Not only has he paid the way of 600 North Dakota and Montana bachelor ranchmen to Chicago in search of suitable wives, but he has placed them in touch with girls who are seeking helpmates, and now, as a climax, he will run a special train into the States named for the benefit of girls who would like to view the "promised land" before forsaking percity to work in double harness on the

Doubtless there are as many girls unattached in Chicago who would like to have good husbands as there are bachelors in Montana and Dakota who are yearning for wives Many a good housewife has been sacrificed to make an indifferent stenographer. Many an affection-starved girl goes to her daily affection-starved girl goes to her daily office task because nobody has asked her to help make a home. Marriage is largely a matter of propinguity. and neutral peoples will understand fully why they do so. In Germany the effect on the public mind may well be merely an instance of "hope deferred making the heart slek." The one possibility of good likely to come out of the present situation is that some definite understanding may be evolved whereby peace eventually shall be negotiated.

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House of Representatives for Cox for speaker and his reception room constance a number of men who will sit in the next House. These men were summoned by telegrams from the Governor telling them that he would be glad to discuss legislative matters with them. The Governor is in the midst of preparation of his message, it is understood, and has asked legislators and others for suggestions. Some of his visitors, however, seemed to think that the Governor desired to take more about the speakership than about bills. The Governor declined to make any comment as to his "contesting first or the first preparation of his recomment as to his "contesting first or the cities will sigh in vain unless they are brought face to face. Hill's plan is both practical and romantic. As range finder for Cuvid. Mr. Hill will have a number of men who will sit in the next House. These men were summoned by telegrams from the Governor telling them that he would be glad to discuss legislative matters of the cities will sigh in vain unless they with them. The Governor desirators and others for suggestions. Some of his visitors, however, seemed to think that the Governor desirators and others for suggestions. Some of his visitors, however, seemed to think that the Governor desirators and others of the cities will sigh in vain unless they are brought face to face. Hill's plan is both practical and romantic. As a suggestion of the cities will sigh in vain unless they are brought face to face. Hill's pla is both practical and romantic. As range finder for Cupid, Mr. Hill will have widespread good wishes for success before the targets.

> Charles M. Schwab is to be the gues charies M. Schwab is to be the guest of honor at a little dinner given by his lieutenants at Steelton to-morrow night. He is keeping in close touch with the big plant on the eastern border of Harrisburg, and there can be der of Harrisburg, and there can be no doubt that he means to develop the property along the generous lines indicated in his recent speech at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Mr. Schwab has made many friends already in this community, and the attitude of our people toward him is one of real friend-liness.

Failure of the Hay act is recognized at Washington, and a bill has already been introduced to repeal the National d provisions of the measure hearing from the Mexican border this little wonder that a change of view has come in influential quarters at the National Capital.

Superior facilities and more effecsuperior actities and more effective organization have given other nations marked advantages in foreign trade over the United States. It is an appreciation of these conditions which is leading the governmental authorities to provide for the enlargement of the feelilities which will tend to the resulting which will tend to the resulting and the second second

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The Pittsburgh Dispatch in a story written in Philadelphia gives this interesting sidelight upon the plans of the Democracy in the next session: "Looking confidently forward to a season of riotous factional warrecord that has placed it beyond the fare between the two Republican ele-



# Always He's Calling

O you who dwell deep in the city With its rush and its reeks and its roars, you a moment—and listen! bidding you, "Come Out

Out where the bluebird is winging, Out where the buttercups sway, but where the hawthorne is budding And kissing the cheek of the May!

Out where the wild rose is blooming, Out where the orioles nest, Out where the Suskie is crooning Love lyrics that lull you to rest!

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman

Men active in the State administration's campaign to bring about the nomination of Representative Edwin the publican speakership caucus declared to-day that Governor Brumbaugh had gained some recruits for the South Philadelphia, although they refused to give names or even to issue amy figures as to how many votes Mr. Cox would have in the caucus. They showed a disposition to lock up members for Cox in safes and to make word and speakership cancel or Armstrons; inclines to be for Governor statements, which is in sharp contrast to the manner or which the backers of Representative Richard J. Baldwin are conducting his campaign.

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# CANAL DEVELOPMENT

derived our revenues from vodka, it was as though we were forever drawing out, drawing out"—he made a gesture as though milking a cow—'the vitality of the Russian people. Now, we seem to be taking merety the interest on their stored up strength and resourcefulness."

pigy a violin with rare skill and used and sever sets the controlling influence in the affairs of the against controlling influence in the against controlling in the against co is thin and fit, the world will be any better for it. Fat men are almost invariably placid. It is almost interesting the solution of the place of th

# EDITORIAL COMMENT

Every year it is becoming easier for the liquor interests to compile their business statistics.—Des Moines Regis-

It appears that the election of Catts, in Florida, was the result of scratching the regular Democratic ticket. — Boston Herald.

# **OUR DAILY LAUGH**

RIGHT KEY. He-Have you heard my new song, "The Proposal?"

She - No. What key is it He-Be mine-



Briggs says a man ought to own business.

HE DOES.

it's his own business to show everybody else how to at-tend to his busi-

# Evening Chat

The biennial changing of rooms in he State Capitol to make quarters for the Legislature and its attaches has chairs, files and other office paraphernalia are being shifted about the build-ing or sent to offices in other buildings in the city, including some of the structures bought by the State in the Capitol Park extension zone. The usual discussion of change of quarters by departments is under way, but it is not regarded as likely that any of them will give up their original suites to branches of the government created . at later dates. Many of the legislative committee rooms have been occupied the last few years by bureaus of various departments and the offices of most of the officers of the Legislature have also been in use. Most of those occupying these quarters the last sixteen months are being sent to the top floor of the building, while furniture men are busy making repairs to the furniture and overhauling desks for the legislative work. Tons of supplies are being stored in advance of the

session.

There will be no knives in the packages of supplies furnished to the legislators this year. A number of articles were cut out of the list some time ago and because of inability to get satisfactory prices penknives have been eliminated, while there will be no match safes or pockethooks. match safes or pocketbooks.

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Harrisburg has some folks who are ready to give up their money for almost anything. This information came recently from a United States government employe. He was telling about a case that came to his notice within the past year. A young man wanted to gain flesh. He answered an advertisement in a New York paper and was told that it would cost him \$5 for medicine and an additional expense if he wanted to follow instructions closely. Not answering promptly, the firm advertising wrote the young man that if he answered at once he could have \$10 worth of medicine for \$5. The money was sent. One week later a package was received. It contained \$500 white pills and these instructions: "Take two pills before each meal and two on retiring. Eat not less than six eggs a day and drink from two to four quarts of milk daily. Follow these directions closely and you will put on from four to eight pounds a month." The young man followed instructions for one month. Then the high cost of living hit him hard and he stopped. The pills were given to a druggist to analyze. They contained sand and sugar. The government is after the pill man. The government is after the pill man capture is not a certainty. fellows keep moving.

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A man identified with one of the Sunday schools of the city called attention yesterdey to the fact that the war had done one thing for which he was glad. It had brought the American-made holiday cards to the front, as he said. For years there have been immense numbers of "printed in Bavaria," etc., cards sold in this section for Christmas. Now the American cards are being given a chance just as are American-made toys. It does seem odd when iron toys are made within forty miles of Harrisburg for our stores to be able to offer Nuremburgmade juvenile attractions at a lower price than those made in Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

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parks.

—Dr. Appleton Bash, chaplain of the Eighteenth Infantry, is home from the border on a furlough.

—Dr. J. T. Rothrock, father of Pennsylvania forestry, has been elected president emeritus of the State Forestry Association.

—Edward S. McGraw, of Williamsport, secretary to Secretary of Labor Wilson, has become a Washingtonlawer.

# DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg ships annually large amounts of castings for municipal work throughout the

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
John Quincy Adams was among the
Presidents who visited Harrisburg and
spoke in Capitol Park.

# Insurance Testimony

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Statistics prepared by either the wets or the drys are apt to be viewed with suspicion because both sides are blased, says Arthur Hunter of the New York Life Insurance Company. But statistics put out by the life insurance companies are known to be absolutely without bias, and the public has confidence in them. Mr. Hunter cities the experience of seven American companies and one Canadian company to show that mortality is from ten to thirty per cent lower among abstainers than among nonabstainers. He shows further that mortality among total abstainers is markedly lower than among "temperate" drinkers, and very much lower than among "moderate" drinkers. The mortality among those who at the date of application for insurance took two glasses of whisky a day, but did not drink to excess, is 80 per cent in excess of the normal. There is an extra mortality of 40 per cent among the policyholders who drank to excess at least five years prior to date of application for insurance, but had been very temperate for five years before acceptance.