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WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 28.

Cowardice asks: "Is it safe?" Experience asks: "Is it polite?" Vanity asks: "Is it popular?" But Conscience asks: "Is it right?" -William Morley Puncheon.

"INDUSTRIAL VOLUNTEERS"

OFFICIAL announcement that the work of "standardizing" the large number of industrial plants already offered to the government in case of war is nearing completion draws attention to a most wholesome state of mind in the business world.

How different now! With war not yet an actuality, thousands of gigantic industrial plants, in which are invested hundreds of millions of capital, have been placed unqualifiedly at the disposal of the government.

Could anything be finer? Here is patriotism only excelled by that of the man who steps into the ranks of the recruits and says: "Here am I; take me."

It should give every Harrisburger a thrill of pride that two of these "industrial volunteers" are located right here—the Schwab properties at Steelton and the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company, makers of shrapnel and shells of medium caliber of a quality noted the world over.

The whole country may rejoice in this manifestation of patriotism upon the part of those whose services freely given will be of vast advantage to the nation.

Is this the "onion snow," or just the common, ordinary garden variety?

BRIDGE AT MILLERSBURG

The Millersburg Motor Club, ably led by its president, Hay W. Bowman, the well-known newspaper publisher, put Millersburg on the legislative map last night and introduced the State Highway Commission and certain very influential legislators to the needs of that town with respect to a bridge across the Susquehanna.

Millersburg needs a bridge across the Susquehanna, but in working toward that end the people of that town are also serving the interests of Dauphin, Perry, Schuylkill, Northumberland and surrounding counties for many miles.

Senator Beideman has been for years the champion of the movement in the Legislature. Last session he got it through the Senate and it would

have been passed by the House had not the Governor warned the members that on account of lack of revenues he would have to veto the measure if it came to him.

Taking the rubber heels from Von Bernstorff's shoes in Canada, does not, however, remove the German Ambassador from the ranks of gumshoe statesmen.

WAR SEEMS CERTAIN

VIEW our international situation in any light we may, war appears to be only a matter of days. After repeated assaults upon our national rights, continued insults to our government and wilful violations of pledges, Germany at last has been guilty of the "overt act" which the administration warned the Imperial Government would be looked upon at Washington as meaning nothing more nor less than that Berlin desires to add America to her long list of opponents in the field of conflict.

We in the United States can be patient with everything but the loss of American lives. In the wreck of the Laconia we have an example of "rightfulness" second to the Lusitania only in the number of fatalities. Torpedoed in the darkness, without warning and with high waves running, the Laconia went to her doom so quickly that there was little time for those aboard to do more than leap for the lifeboats and take their chances in the angry sea.

The administration announces that the question of protecting American rights is now "up to Congress," which in a measure is true, and Congress will not increase its popularity with the country at large by wasting precious time in debating the form this protection shall take.

The next step probably will be to give our merchant marine protection by arming all vessels sufficiently to withstand the attacks of submarines under ordinary conditions and, if necessary, conveying them through the danger zone with American warships.

Possibly, it is with the hope thus of "putting the shoe on the other foot" that the administration has been delaying the evil day, and this might not be undesirable.

"This," observes the Pittsburgh Dispatch, "may be recorded in history as the year of the big squeeze." If this kind of weather continues it may be also known as the year of the big sneeze.

TOMATOES

THE Kansas City Times publishes the story of a home garden that is worth repeating. In the little village of Admire, Kans., Miss Hattie McKinley, a high school girl, won the Kansas championship in tomato club work last summer.

The Times make the point that what this girl did any girl can do on a larger or smaller scale.

both summer and winter use. But when you begin to plan your summer garden, don't stop with tomatoes.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Now that the Legislature has decided that it can take a recess until March 17, as desired by the House Democrats who had more nerve than their senatorial brethren, and the ghost of governmental investigation has ceased to stalk through the corridors of the Capitol for a while at least, the State lawmakers are predicting an early summer ending for the session.

As a matter of fact it would be a good thing for the politics of the State if the General Assembly did adjourn by that time. There will not be much enacted at this session except appropriation bills, departmental matters, clarifications and repeals. It seems to be generally understood that there will not be much doing and members who have pet measures are resigned to that belief.

The chief point of interest after the return of the Legislature will be the Senate committee of executive nominations, which has been called to the storage vault of gubernatorial appointments. The committee shows no signs of getting together with the Governor on the numerous recess appointments he must send to it.

The Governor's action in the matter of D. Edward Long as superintendent of public printing has attracted much comment, but the Attorney General holds that the Governor could withdraw the nomination by letter and that receipt of such letter took the nomination out of the hands of the committee which has been holding it.

No tears have been shed over the veto of the investigation proposition, which is being tabled incidentally, and there is harmony talk now where a week ago there was threat of "probing." Senator Penrose says at Washington that when he gets to the national affairs he will give attention to the State governor.

There are all sorts of rumors about what may come out of the harmony program and the talk of William H. Ball for superintendency of public grounds and buildings is heard on many sides.

The presence of Gifford Pinchot here yesterday on water conservation legislation recalled the session of 1913 when he was here very often.

The biennial fight between the big colleges for State appropriations has been again begun.

Representative S. A. Whitaker, of Chester, who is the only member called to preside in the House by the speaker these days, has qualified very well for the office in opinion of the members of the Legislature.

Ex-Auditor General A. E. Sisson, of Erie, is here attending to some business in the Capitol and much interested in the passing show.

Councilman W. R. Horn, of Philadelphia, was here yesterday to see about the two platoon police bill.

Improvement in Status Even Mr. Hughes will admit that standing behind President Wilson in February is a good deal more comfortable than running behind him in November.—Springfield Union.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG This city began the manufacture of iron almost 120 years ago.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fire Apparatus Bids

To the Editor of the Telegraph: How does the Council expect to decide on the price and quality of the different fire apparatus bids? It is a lot of money to play with.

Rhymes From the Nursery

Helen's Lullaby Hush-a-by, my dollie, hush-a-by, my dear, Mother's slowly rocking, nothing need you fear.

France's Declining Population

(Paris Correspondence in The Manchester Guardian) M. Honnorat, the reporter of the bill for granting additions to the salaries of all government servants with families, gives in his report to the Chamber statistics of the births and deaths in France since the war.

Ipigeneia of the Ships

"Oh, father! grieve no more; the ships can sail!"—Walter Savage Landor. Oh, father, grieve no more; the ships can sail, Spoke-ends of Aulis, yielding to her doom.

Known About Paper Making

He even declared that they made paper from the fiber, and told of "red pearls" which undoubtedly were the prickly pears known to-day. There perchance the raven of a power accurate.

DISCOVERY OF AMERICA IN 458 RECORDED IN CHINESE HISTORY

AMERICA was discovered, not by Christopher Columbus in 1492 and not by Leif Ericsson in the year 1000 A. D., but by five Buddhist monks of Kabul in 458 A. D. This is the testimony of Hui Shen, a Buddhist missionary who visited America in 499 A. D. and returning to China made a full report of his travels to the Emperor Wu Ti of the Liang dynasty.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

IN NO HURRY. I could teach you to swim in three lessons. But I don't want to learn that fast. We're going to be here for a couple of months.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. Joseph S. Neff, Philadelphia's former city director, had a birthday yesterday and was kept busy all day answering telephone calls.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has had a reputation for the excellence of the shoes it manufactures for many years?