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There is no action so slight or so mean but it may be done to a great purpose and ennobled therefore

PRESIDENT'S DECISION

PRESIDENT WILSON'S decision to arm merchant ships flying the American flag for defense against piratical German U-boats and his call for a special session of Congress to assist him in the crisis that impends

Unquestionably, the President has the people with him in what he has done. The only fear they have entertained was that he would not so act.

The summoning of Congress is almost a call to arms. The day of reckoning with Germany cannot be long postponed. The first American gunner who punctures the sensitive hide of a German submarine commits an act of war.

BRIDGE AT STATE STREET

ADVOCATES of a bridge over the Pennsylvania railroad at Walnut street should give close study to the plan evolved by Architects Manning and Brunner for the substitution of a viaduct at State street, with easy and convenient approaches from Walnut street and North street, both on the Hill and west of the railroad.

The State street bridge would solve the problem for the largest number of people, and no doubt in the end will be built. Those who have planned it have arranged the highways leading up to it in such a way as to eliminate the objections that have been made by people who believed their needs could not be met by a State street crossing.

DEMOCRATIC REVERSION

POULTNEY BIGELOW'S statement, in an address delivered in Canada, that the American consular service is composed of broken-down political bosses, worn-out lawyers and dentists, and men who could not earn a living at any honest or respectable business, is perhaps true to-day and was largely true twenty-five years ago.

ENGLAND AND US

THE stability of England is the security of the world," wrote our own Emerson at a time when praise of anything British was not looked upon with favor in the

United States. The same is true to-day, only far more so than then. If England falls the United States must fight for her very life, for that would mean the war with Germany lost to the allies, Canada invaded and laid tribute, Mexico armed and sent against us and armies of trained veterans menacing us from the north as well as from the south and east.

CAPITOL PARK PLANS

TENTATIVE plans for the development of the Capitol Park Extension Zone have been submitted to the public for approval. They represent the mature thought of Architects Brunner and Manning, who rank among the most noted of their profession in the world, and at first glance appear to be admirable.

The need for additional office room is not a matter of the future even if present conditions were tolerable. It is a problem that must be solved before the landscaping of the capitol extension zone can be taken up seriously.

The necessity for an appropriation adequate to the needs of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings for the coming two years in the preliminary work of grading, landscaping and preparation of plans for buildings that must be erected in the near future should be impressed upon the Legislature.

We in Pennsylvania have had big things in mind for the capitol park zone ever since the extension was authorized. We have approached its development in a big way. Big men have devoted their thought to it and in turn have called other big men into consultation.

A VAST DIFFERENCE

REPUBLICAN administration fought the War with Spain at a cost of \$75,500,000 for the operations of the land forces. We had about 40,000 men in the actual theater of the war.

MAKE IT COMPLETE

THE Mayor of Minneapolis thinks that the preparedness propaganda is ninety per cent, commercialism and ten per cent, patriotism. Mathematical computations of this sort are not new pressing. There will be time to cipher it all out after we have fought a war or after we have found that we do not have to fight one.

FAX HIM!

A FARMER in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, found a kettle containing \$7,000. Will this sum be included in any liability he may be under for the payment of income tax? Except for the fact that he is engaged in the business of agriculture, this sum might be subject to the excess profits tax. Tax him, Democrats, tax him.

KELLY THE BIG ORDER



By BRIGGS

What England Is Facing

Some of the premier's proposals will especially shock Britishers of the old school. For example, every available acre will be put under the plow, even if landlords are sufficiently rich and unpatriotic to keep the acres fallow.

Recruiting

Whatever the merits or demerits of our present military system, this nation owes a vote of thanks to its recruiting officers. Whether they get the men needed when we begin forming the reserve is doubtful in the extreme, but up to date their success is remarkable.

Greater and Less

Mary had a little steak. At 1 o'clock each day. 'Twas thus her simple lunch she'd make. For that was Mary's way.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Republican factional politics which has been rather quiet, to the great relief of many people, since the Legislature started its recess, was stirred up again last night by a declaration by Senator Edwin H. Vore, of Philadelphia, to the effect that he would oppose the bills for a single council for Philadelphia and other measures sponsored by the reform organizations and backed by Senator Penrose.

Federalize Warehouses

Let the internal revenue department cause every cold storage warehouse in the United States to come under its jurisdiction and on every package be it one dozen eggs, one bucket of butter, or a sack of potatoes, be stamped with the same kind of internal revenue stamp now on the date the package was received in the warehouse and the

Labor Notes

The leading industry in New York, measured by the value of the manufactured product, is the making of women's clothing.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Henry Frick is planning another big building for Pittsburgh.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has a chance to show what it can do now that the State's plans for Capitol park extension have been made public?

AMERICAN ATROCITIES

It was a U. S. merchantman. That flew the starry flag. And the way it up and acted? Would disgrace a pirate rag?

BOTH CONFIDENT

The absolute certainty of the man who says Germany cannot be beaten is fully equalled by the serene cocksurety of the man who says we will have the war won.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Ash Collections

City council will certainly have the hearty approval of all the voters in the West End if they do away with the foul smelling garbage plant, near Wildwood park.

That Walnut Street Bridge

Sometimes ago the citizens of Harrisburg living on Allison Hill formed an organization to secure some way in which to overcome the climbing of steep grades, lonely stretches of road and dangerous subways.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

AND TO BORE EDITORS. Pa. what is poetic license? It's the fact of permission given to poets to live, my son.

FIERY PA.

The water pipes at our house froze the other day. That so? Have to send for a plumber? No. Pa got hot and thawed them out himself.

UNNATURAL HISTORY.

Now Thomas tell me what animaj is web-footed. The spider.

DID AS SHE WAS TOLD.

Mrs. Dobbs: Martha, didn't I tell you to sweep the dirt under the bed? Martha: Sure, an' O' did mam - look for yourself.

Evening Chat

"Pennsylvania's game appears to have gotten through the winter pretty well judging from reports which I well, judging from reports which I have received from wardens and sportsmen throughout the State," said Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission to-day.

A \$5 bill and a letter sent by a resident of Chicago was forwarded to the State Treasury yesterday by the officials of the Norristown State Insane Hospital for seven years, was resigned to the conscience fund while the letter will go into the records.

Gilding the lily is rather a difficult operation from an artistic standpoint but the State Capitol they have evolved a plan for painting the marble. The capitals of the big Corinthian pillars in the rotunda have always seemed like marble and have been generally painted to resemble marble.

C. Laurence Shepley, who has been city editor of the Harrisburg Telegraph for seven years, has resigned to become executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of DuBois, in line with its policy of promoting members of its family.

Some odd inquiries are continually being made about the way compensation operates. The other day a telephone call was received at one of the State offices desiring to know whether compensation could be had by any worker.

The complaint of County Controller F. R. Hendershot, of Luzerne county, that murder trials cost that big county \$20,000 a year, was appreciated in this county.

It is an interesting fact to note that it was just fourteen years ago that the Princeton alumni were addressed by the then president of the University, Woodrow Wilson.

"Millions of dollars are being spent right in sight of the State Capitol," said a man who observes things, in talking about improvements last evening. He mentioned the big railroad improvements, the expansion at Steelton and Central Iron and Steel works and other industrial enterprises, but most of all he dwelt upon the large sums of money going into improvement of property all over Harrisburg and the building of new homes.

—Judge H. A. Fuller, of Wilkes-Barre, says he will administer no oaths of allegiance to aliens who apply after war starts.

—Prof. Jesse H. Holmes, of Swarthmore, well known here, had been chosen as president of the National Association of Religious Liberals.

—W. S. King is the new president of the Philadelphia Ad Club. Eugene Edgewood, of Bonniwell, of the Philadelphia municipal courts says that child labor is a burden on parents.

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