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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 30

None could tell me where my soul might be;

I searched for God, but God eluded me; I sought my brother out, and found all three.

—ERNEST CROSBY.

GERARD'S COMING

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce has done a good stroke in procuring the services of former Ambassador Gerard to address the great patriotic meeting planned for this city next week.

Mr. Gerard's coming is well timed. He will speak here, in all likelihood, immediately following the declaration of Congress that a state of war exists between this country and Germany.

In Germany "Russian Reds" may become known as "Prussian Blues" if the spread of the democratic idea in Europe continues.

CONSERVE AND PRESERVE

State Secretary of Agriculture Patton has his way this will be the banner canning year in the history of Pennsylvania.

This is good advice. Most Harrisburg housekeepers make some pretense of canning their own supplies of fruits and vegetables, but where one carries out the example of her mother in this a dozen do not.

The Germans are holding Whitlock "in quarantine," and we suppose he will be ready for fumigation after they let him go.

THE RUMMAGE SALE

The annual Rummage Sale for the benefit of the Harrisburg Hospital is on and will continue until to-morrow evening.

Thanks, Mr. Hollweg, for permission to live.

MOVIES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE

Moving pictures for the county almshouse will be an entirely commendable innovation and quite in line with modern administration of public charities.

Inmates of the home are made up very largely of the aged, the infirm and little ones cast upon the bounty of public charity through no fault of their own.

and a bite to eat. In any case, they are not the wards of the people of their own choice. Misfortune has marked them for their own. They have nothing whatsoever in prospect except the grave.

The poor directors intend to have moving pictures one evening every two weeks. After a while, we hope, they will be able to make it once every week.

Motto for Germany: "You're all wrong, Steve, a-a-l I wr-r-ong."

CAMP CURTIN MEMORIAL

Governor Brumbaugh's comprehensive message to the Legislature at the beginning of the present session he called attention to the importance of providing in some suitable manner a permanent marker for the site of Camp Curtin in this city.

During the Civil War our Pennsylvania troops were all trained and mustered into the national service at Camp Curtin, a site now within the limits of Harrisburg.

Almost three months have now elapsed since the opening of the session and Senator Beidleman's bill to carry into effect this important recommendation of the Governor still rests in committee.

We cannot be too careful in the matter of proper recognition of the patriotism and sacrifice of those who go forth to war in defense of their country and the liberties of our people.

Wild geese are reported flying North, but hunters should remember that Federal laws forbid their going in spring-time on "wild goose chases."

NO HALF-WAY MEASURES

There isn't any doubt about the real attitude of the people of the United States with respect to our difficulties with Germany. It is evident to all that this country has been forced into a state of war against every effort of the administration at Washington to keep peace.

We are to make war, and this seems inevitable, then there should be no half-way measures. We should stand shoulder to shoulder with those who have been battling against the aggression of oppressors in Europe and any effort to prosecute a kind of detached warfare will be against the judgment of the average American.

Rear Admiral Bowman of the Greater Harrisburg Navy, is giving consideration to his budget for the current year and plans which he has in mind are comprehensive and interesting from the standpoint of the development of the Susquehanna basin.

A BUILDING BOOM

There are indications everywhere throughout the city of a building boom of large proportions this year. Many more houses are needed than have been provided owing to the high cost of building materials and everything that goes into the construction of dwellings, but without regard to these unusual conditions the time has come when there must be more homes, and the builders of Harrisburg are going right ahead.

Something ought to be done looking toward an adequate armory for the Harrisburg companies of the National Guard. This is to be a military headquarters of importance and definite steps ought to be taken for procuring a site for a suitable building.

KELLY—THE COME-BACK



By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

People throughout the State are just commencing to realize the great significance of the meeting held Wednesday in the historic reception room of the governor's department in the State Capitol for the formation of the Pennsylvania committee on public safety and defense.

The scope of the plan adopted by the meeting has attracted attention in other States. Chairman Pepper in his original draft covered fifteen departments to which Governor Brumbaugh has suggested that two more be added.

Another thing which will come from the meeting will be a recognition of the part labor will play in preparedness. One of the functions of the committee was to survey the work which can be had on short notice and in considerable numbers.

In these momentous days when the spirit of '76 is being rekindled, the loyal citizenry of the nation rushing to the support of the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy and eagerly manifesting its patriotism and devotion to the sacred emblem of freedom, a preparedness movement that has received little attention because of the stealth which has marked its progress.

The discussion of plans for mobilization of agriculture is going far beyond what the average man thinks. The farmers have been worrying over the possibility of war for some time and the question was put up squarely by a Cumberland county farmer yesterday when he asked a man connected with the State government where he was going to get the men to farm.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Chief J. L. McLaughlin, of the Philadelphia Electrical Bureau, is thinking out a plan to equip City Hall with devices to herald approach of aeroplanes.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg can furnish enough bread for the whole State division of militia in less than half a day?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG During the Civil War men of each ward formed a relief committee and did excellent work.

Rhymes From the Nursery

The Sugar-Butter-Cream-Tart-Pie There's one thing which my mother makes I never can forget If I live to be a hundred years

German-Americans Except the most fanatical partisans of the entente allies, no one expects Americans of German blood and tradition to volunteer for active operations in Europe against the central armies.

Politics in Pennsylvania

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Objects to Ittner

A certain Mr. Griswold, member of the Erie School Board, has written a letter to J. H. McFarland, of our city. This letter was published in various city papers. Mr. Griswold's letter lauds Mr. Ittner for the services he has rendered the Erie School Board and recommends him for the work about to be undertaken by the School Board of Harrisburg.

Labor Notes

The Federal child labor act is effective September 1. Eldorado (Kan.) painters have secured an eight-hour day. There are 200 union electrical workers in the Canal Zone.

Third Street Problem

I am glad to note in your paper that efforts are being made towards improvement of conditions on the North Third street line of the trolley company. I am a merchant on that street.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

WHY BUY A CAR? Wife: Did you buy a car? Hubby: No, but I made fourteen different appointments with as many different salesmen for trial trips. \$ for the next two weeks we'll have machine every day.

His GRATITUDE. Wife: I shall speak to Mr. Smith for not having us at her reception. Bored Hubby: Yes, thank her.

TOO EXPENSIVE

There is nothing like a brisk walk in the park before breakfast to get up an appetite. Yes. But an appetite nowadays is a thing to be shunned.