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"Hitch your wagon to a star," but don't forget the axle grease.—ANON.

WAR!

We are at war! The moment we have dreaded, and hoped against, and staved off time and again has arrived.

We are entering upon no light task. The awful decision that has just been made was not of our seeking.

How extensive our part in the hostilities will be only the course of events will develop.

We enter the war at a peculiarly auspicious moment, notwithstanding our unquestioned lack of preparedness for immediate participation in the conflict.

Our long-talked-of appropriations have been made for the enlargement of the navy and the increase and reorganization of the Regular Army.

We go into this war with no desire for conquest. The aims of the Allies and our own are the same only as they are directed toward the defeat of militarism as a ruling force in the world.

ates. That in the end the sun will break forth in renewed splendor upon a reborn and triumphant America none doubts.

With the police and school and street railway survey there is no reason why Harrisburg should not continue as a pilot in all municipal advance.

THE BELGIAN BABIES

CURSING the Kaiser is a popular spring sport in Harrisburg. But venting one's spleen is a poor way of displaying patriotism.

It is true that Brand Whitlock and many other Americans have been withdrawn from Belgium.

Harrisburg has always manifested its patriotism in practical work and prompt response on every occasion to the call of those in authority.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE

As in the Mexican war and in every war since, the TELEGRAPH will endeavor to maintain its position as the outstanding newspaper in the Central Pennsylvania field.

The fact that this newspaper issued two complete extras last night, one a few minutes after President Wilson appeared before Congress and the other promptly on the decision of Congress to enter the war, is direct evidence of the purpose of the TELEGRAPH to fulfill in every way its mission and meet the expectation of the people whom it serves.

The Social Democrats of Germany could very well use President Wilson's address as peace propaganda.

STAY OFF THE RIVER

THE Susquehanna in mid-spring and the Susquehanna during the period of spring freshets are entirely different streams.

In your patriotic fervor don't neglect your home-making preparations.

CAMBRIA COUNTY UNFORTUNATE CAMBRIA county has our sympathies. Congressman—ex-Congressman, we mean—Warren Worth Bailey is loose again.

We are sorry for Johnstown and Cambria county. It is unfortunate that Bailey is disgracing them.

We may not always agree with those who use the TELEGRAPH'S People's Forum for the expression of their views.

It is scarcely likely that the Kaiser will present to his friends as souvenirs of the occasion President Wilson's message to Congress.

Senator Lodge appears to have the courage of his convictions.

Those pacifists at Washington in one respect are with the President—they're going to have peace if they have to fight for it.

The allies appear to have absolutely no respect for that "Hindenburg Line."

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

"WHEN YOU PUT ON YOUR COAT AND HAT ON A CHILLY NIGHT—ABOUT 7.30—AND TELL FRIEND WIFE YOU ARE GOING OUT TO BOWL A FEW GAMES AND YOU'LL BE BACK BY TEN O'CLOCK



- AND AT 10.30 YOU ARE STILL BOWLING AND SHE RINGS UP AND ASKS IF YOU ARE COMING



- AND AT 11.30 SHE RINGS UP AGAIN AND ASKS IF YOU ARE GOING TO BOWL ALL NIGHT



"- AND AT 12.30 YOU ARE ON THE ROAD HOME THINKING OF THE FIERCE RECEIPT YOU MAY EXPECT



AND TO AVOID HOSTILITIES YOU SNEAK QUIETLY UP STAIRS



"I'VE GOT YOUR PAJAMAS NICE AND WARM FOR YOU DEARIE—I THOUGHT YOU'D BE SO COLD

WHEN F. W. SURPRISES YOU BY SPRINGING THIS— OH—H—AINT IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?"

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Now an oculist has discovered that baby's white incisors modish. They've taken away his cradle and his old-time remedies and his fairy stories, and now they want to pinch his snowy pinafore.

A man may be said to be drunk when somebody will probably nod.

George W. Perkins is said to have issued a pamphlet containing a list of economical foods.

The mikado professes to be friendly to us, but he is sending his own money to the United States.

When the parliament of the world meets somebody will probably nod.

French heels will be more fashionable now than ever before.

"Hercules of the Union"

The threat of war has shaken Pennsylvania out of her traditional modesty. She now sees herself—or, as we must put it, he now sees himself—as "the Hercules of the Union."

"Yes, Pennsylvania is the Hercules of the Union, and it was necessary to mobilize to the limit."

Bronx Is For Gary System

A public meeting held at Borough Hall, The Bronx, last night, under the auspices of the welfare committee.

There is trouble in the Philadelphia city councils.

The Call

My country, do you heed the call? Its solemn message thrills the air.

Domestic science, shop work, manual training, and night cars in Pennsylvania were taught to 71,810 children.

My country, do you heed the call? The hour has struck; the sands are run.

Tempting Fate

What we fear most of all is that decent American pride will rise suddenly at some of these anti-American demonstrations and employ tar, feathers and even lacroposts to express its indignation against the imbeciles who have brought the United States unarm to the verge of war.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Retirement of O. D. Bleakley, elected to Congress from the Twenty-eighth district and forced to resign because of disclosures relative to his expenses in excess of the limit allowed by law.

Friends of two legislators living in the district are mentioning them today. One of the men prominently mentioned is Representative Daniel E. Goodwin of Venango.

Acting Democratic State Chairman Joe Guffey last night startled the state by doing something later than that he had appointed Sedgwick Kistler, of Lock Haven, as treasurer of the state committee to succeed the late Samuel P. Hunsinger.

The bill fixing the date for the fall primary election later than at present is back in the House elections committee for a hearing.

There is trouble in the Philadelphia city councils. The proposed increases of salaries are opposed by a number of councilmen on the ground that this should be a time for economy.

My country, do you heed the call? The hour has struck; the sands are run. Your chance to take the patriot's stand may vanish by to-morrow's sun.

LEADING NEWSPAPER MAGAZINE DISCUSS NEWSPAPER MERGERS

AS an interesting sidelight on the recent consolidation of the Star-Independent and the TELEGRAPH, with a view to improving newspaper conditions in Harrisburg, the following extracts from one of the leading newspaper magazines of the country—"Newspaperman"—published in New York City, are interesting:

"Every little while newspaper consolidations are noted, and it has come to be recognized that the average city furnishes business for not more than two daily newspapers.

"Let the next merger come along! It is fully time for another, in some city where there are too many newspapers for the good of either publishers or advertisers.

The Flag to France!

(From the Boston Transcript) A wave of enthusiastic sympathy and sentiment for France has swept over the country.

Labor Notes

The New Brunswick (Can.) Legislature has appointed a commission to frame a compensation act with two union men as labor representatives on this commission.

The Russian Duma committee for municipal affairs has voted in favor of a proposal that women should be eligible for membership in town councils.

Workmen of to-day receive in one hour as much money as the workmen of 1793 received in a day that began with the dawn and ended with the twilight.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



STRETCHING A POINT. "Dobbs made his fortune in over shoes, and now he talks about his family tree."

"Maybe he means his rubber plant."

RUINED!

Mrs. Jones' house was broken into last night by a high class thief.

"Well then, I suppose they got all of Mrs. Jones' jewels!"

Oh no—worse yet, they took her potatoes.

HOPE FOR HIM.

He—I like a girl who can take a joke.

She—Then you stand a splendid chance of being accepted.

In Justice to the Public

(From the Brooklyn Eagle) Harry Thaw, having again been declared insane, should be committed to the inside of the newspapers.

Evening Chat

Folks strolling in Market street these warm evenings get a good bit of musical merriment. The bands are practicing for the various parades which are in prospect and for the summer concert season and there is hardly a night that the air in the vicinity of the courthouse is not filled with the crash of the brasses and the music of the reeds.

Speaking of bands one of the oddest sights in a long time came the other night when a musical organization of colored men was proceeding over into the precincts of the old Eighth ward.

George Gray Bernard, the sculptor who executed the groups in front of the Capitol which artists say are wonderful and the average citizen can understand, has given a replica of his great statue of Lincoln to the Russian people.

Edward R. Martin, a Philadelphia attorney, who has figured in a good many battles before the Public Service Commission and in some skirmishes with other public utility agencies, has sent a commission accompanying a formal complaint the other day in which he leaves no room for argument as to whether or not the case will be recalled that Mr. Martin and some of his colleagues in Philadelphia cases got into a discussion as to who was "it" in certain litigation and that momentous question attracted some attention than the case at issue.

"There is one thing which I think your liquor dealers' organization in Harrisburg should stop as it has done a great deal of harm in other places," said a man who travels to yesterday. He came to the city on a business trip and was riled because he saw several men visibly under the influence of liquor strolling about the streets.

Appearance of Guardsmen about the city yesterday whetted the martial appetites of the youngsters who gathered and there are probably more volunteer organizations of kids between twelve and sixteen drilling on the lots in the yards and alleys of the streets for a long time.

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Harrisburg was a good bit more interested in what was going on in the nation at the Pennsylvania State Fair appearances showed. The average citizen was all the time calling up on the telephone to ask what was being done and there were people who were in business about the bulletin boards.

That Harrisburg makes special steels for gun barrels? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The committee of defense for Central Pennsylvania met here in 1814.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Eugene C. Grace, of the Bethlehem Steel Company, took a day off to spend Palm Sunday at the seashore.

—Col. G. V. H. Moseley, chief of staff of the Pennsylvania Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard, is one of the authorities of the country on universal training.

—Congressman Joseph McLaughlin, of Philadelphia, yesterday gave a dinner of Philadelphia at night in Washington in honor of beginning his services in Congress.

—William E. Lewis, Bethlehem Guardsman and professor, was taken ill with appendicitis while at drill.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg makes special steels for gun barrels?

HARDLY AMONG PROBABILITIES Perhaps it, some time in the future—the editor of the Leader is appointed postmaster general; Clate elected secretary of state; Chunkie appointed bank examiner; Sister Speck crowned with additional missionary honors, and Dottie advanced to the ranks of a Red Cross nurse with a white cap.

The price of the Leader must go back to \$1. But until then—the price will remain at the present figure—\$1.50—Pemberville Leader