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There are two things that men should never weary of, goodness and humility; we get none too much of them in this rough world and among cold, proud people.—Stevenson.

PARK VANDALISM

UNLESS and until the City Park authorities make an example of some of the vandals and miscreants who are destroying planting and otherwise maliciously damaging city property there will be no cessation of these outrages.

A recent instance of the malicious character of this vandalism was the destruction of the wall at Tulip Spring in Wildwood Park.

In the matter of the abatement of the ash and garbage nuisance in this city it must be realized that the whole matter has been treated with weakness from the official side.

INTEREST IN HIGHWAYS

NOTHING more significant of the increased interest in improved highways with special reference to the William Penn trunk line across the State has come to the notice of the TELEGRAPH than a symposium of opinions printed by the William Penn Highway Association in the March bulletin.

Governor Brumbaugh declares that the mobilization of the troops of the country cannot be accomplished successfully without the establishment of great trunk line highways over which artillery as well as infantry could pass speedily and safely.

These opinions all strengthen the purpose of the William Penn Highway Association in urging the completion of the proposed roadway from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh without unnecessary delay.

Providing for the food of the people and the armies which the United States will place in the field is one of the big problems now confronting the Government.

HOW HAVE THE HUMBLE RISEN

HOW have the humble risen? No more do we sniff disdainfully when, at sunset we homeward piped our weary way, our nostrils detect the odor of boiled cabbage wafted on a warm current of air from the kitchen as we open the front door.

newspaper writers may enjoy turkey, once or twice a year we may have a nice broiled steak with mushrooms; yes, and every so often a pot of boiled cabbage. Oh, not a very large pot, of course, but still a pot. You may not believe it, but we assure you it is true.

Farewell! thou art too dear for my possessing. I called thee vulgar—bourgeois—now I see thy price soar far beyond my guessing.

PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM

CAPTAIN HENRY M. STINE is a practical patriot. Not only has he donned the army uniform every time there has been a call to service since long before the Spanish War days, but he has been and is an insistent and persistent advocate of preparedness, not only in a military way; but for the civil population as well.

Several times recently the TELEGRAPH has urged upon the people of this city the wisdom of employing one or more garden experts to organize the boys and girls of the city into vegetable garden squads and teach them how to use the vacant lots that will be at their disposal the coming spring and summer.

Captain Stine has been the first to comply. Yesterday he brought to the TELEGRAPH offices his hearty endorsement of the plan—but he did more than that, he brought also his personal check for \$100 with which to start the fund.

That is patriotism of the practical kind. Anybody can wave a flag and cheer. Anybody can boast of his Americanism. Anybody can condemn Germany and swear everlasting allegiance to Old Glory. But it requires a man of sincere loyalty, with the love of country in his heart and the spirit of sacrifice in his soul, to go down into his own pocket for voluntary contributions of money with which to help the country in position to fight the enemies of food shortage and unpreparedness within as well as armed foes from without.

Captain Stine has started the ball rolling. Who will give it another push? Small contributions will be quite as acceptable as large gifts.

The TELEGRAPH will co-operate with the Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce which has taken up the work this newspaper has recommended. Only competent instructors and organizers will be employed. A dollar spent in this way will earn immense dividends.

In the filling of vacancies which now exist or may hereafter exist in the City Council under an act approved by Governor Brumbaugh a day or two ago, great care must be exercised that there shall be no criticism of this form of legislation. This act was introduced in the interest of economy and is in line with a similar provision in the State school code.

LABOR AND THE WAR

THERE are strong indications that organized labor intends to make an earnest effort to avoid disputes that will end in strikes during the progress of the war.

EARLY SPRING IN THE LOCKER ROOM



By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

"No wonder food prices are high," observed Robert A. Walton, the market gardener and fruit grower as he cast his eye down over a stand in the Chestnut street market last Saturday.

"Transportation plays an immense part in the cost of the produce problem," he continued, "and our people have learned to have all manner of fruits and vegetables in and out of season."

Just now comparatively few oranges are coming from Florida, a large number of the orchards in the northern part of the State having been seriously damaged by frost some time ago.

The Florida vegetable crop is also short and not nearly so much green truck is raised in this State as is usual at this season.

E. D. Hilleary, division freight agent of the Philadelphia and Reading railway at this point, residing in a fine home near New Cumberland, where he takes great interest in garden-making and other suburban pastimes of the kind.

Frank B. Musser, president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club, and as his guest at a meeting of the Rotary Club at Bogar's store, the other evening George W. Reilly, the banker, who happens to hold among other offices, that of secretary and treasurer of the Harrisburg State Hospital for the Insane.

"Gentlemen, permit me to present Mr. George W. Reilly, our secretary and treasurer of the lunatic asylum."

The Rotarians laughed themselves hoarse over the joke. They whistled and pounded the floor and otherwise conducted themselves in most unbecomingly glib. Did they fluster Mr. Reilly? They did not. He came right back, as soon as he could make himself heard, with the reply:

"Gentlemen of the Rotary Club, after that introduction and that kind of a welcome I feel thoroughly at home."

The State street grass plots are about the last place where anything except a flock of chickens would be apt to go to find anything to eat, but in the last week they have been pretty well covered over by people looking for dandelion. Many people who can not get out to the suburbs in their cars and the city gets the benefit of the weed. Father Penn banishes dandelion so rigorously that there is little chance for it in Capitol Park.

A couple of men were talking in a street car the other night about aliens. When they voiced the belief that the average alien was more concerned about being let alone than engaging in any activity and the conductor, who used to be a timekeeper in a big industrial plant, broke in with this observation: "Put this down. If anyone comes along and tries to do anything to stop the wheels going around and in that way stopping the pay envelope the foreign fellows will be about the first to get guns or dirks and go after him."

An Equivalent [From the Boston Transcript.] "What is the English equivalent of 'raconteur'?" "Ross."

CONTROL OF FOOD PRICES

THE decision of the Council of National Defense to invite Herbert C. Hoover, head of the Belgian Relief Commission, to become chairman of a committee on food supply and prices, is an admirable selection.

Relief Commission, to become chairman of a committee on food supply and prices, is an admirable selection. He has had exceptional experience in dealing with the Belgian problem and is, moreover, thoroughly familiar with the measures taken in the various belligerent countries for the conservation of food.

City Solicitor John E. Fox is particularly interested in the Capitol Park bill, because as Senator from this district he was instrumental in having introduced and passed the measure enlarging the Capitol grounds. It was fortunate that as the law officer of the city he will be in a position to co-operate with the State officials in completing the work so auspiciously started while he was a member of the State Senate.

THE SAME MORGAN J. P. MORGAN has agreed to advance an amount up to \$1,000,000, without interest to the Depot Quartermaster of the United States Army, at New York, to purchase supplies.

Stories of disloyalty here and there are not indicative of the general sentiment of naturalized aliens in the United States. These outbreaks are frequently the result of temperamental weaknesses rather than actual treason.

In the interest of conservation of the nation's resources those New York futurists who opened their "art" show last night should be forbidden to waste any more perfectly good paint.

The wisest thing the administration has done is to decide that it made a mistake by transferring General Wood. The British appear to be compelling the Germans to make another "retreat to victory."

Wonder what the Czar will do after the snow-shoveling job is off for the season?

City fire fighters at Reading, Pa., will organize.

Calgary, Can., miners ask for an eight-hour work day.

Carpenters at Bridgeport, Conn., demand \$5.20 a day.

Tusa (Okla.) plumbers are paid \$7 a day.

Aluminum workers at Canton, Ohio, have formed a union.

Rome (N. Y.) building trades will ask increased wages.

Vancouver (B. C.) retail clerks have a Wednesday half holiday.

Policewomen in London, Eng., receive \$4 a week.

Shibboleth Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim. And the Gileadites took the passage of Jordan before the Ephraimites; and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth; and he said, Sibboleth; for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him and slew him. —Judges XII, 4 to 6.

Warning to the Kaiser It is intimated that the next move will be against the Hohenzollerns. The misfortune of the Romanoffs ought to put Bill on his guard so that he might go while the going is good.—Rochester Herald.

No Votes For Them The Duma is going to be in charge of the Russian election, and something seems to tell it that it won't find many votes for Romanoff in the ballot-boxes.—Kansas City Star.

EDITORIAL COMMENT Man might pay more attention to his conscience if it were to blow a horn.—Toledo Blade.

Occasionally it is possible for our two esteemed ex-Presidents to agree about something, and here it happens to be in the fullest accord in holding that President Wilson's address to Congress is "a great state project."—New York World.

The annual mystery has obtruded itself of why the angeliworms will not be content to enjoy themselves in the nice juicy soil instead of juggingnauting themselves on the hard, unfeeling sidewalks.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In his encounter with a pacifist, Senator Lodge's intentions were obviously good, but his strategy was hopelessly old-fashioned. To vanquish his opponent completely, he should have retreated.—Kansas City Star.

No one believes that the President called the extra session of Congress because he was lonesome without Congress.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

The news of the German retreat was withheld a week from the German people so that they might not die of joy over the magnificent strategy.—New York Star.

Texas is moving ahead right along, there being now some \$35,000,000 invested in school property to only \$200,000,000 in automobiles.—Houston Post.

America's warlike attitude is so un-expected to Germany that her naval officers disabled her steamships in America barely two months in advance of possible hostilities.—Philadelphia North American.

It is a mistake to suppose that the world will permanently consent to government by periscope.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Various militarists who have been battling the National Guard for years must notice with extreme regret the enthusiasm with which, the second time in one year, that organization in the various States answers the President's call.—New York World.

We are right sorry to hear that the ex-czar of Russia is to be isolated, as we do not believe that czaring is contagious any more.—Grand Rapids Press.

Governor Harding has signed the bill providing that 49 pounds shall be the standard for a sack of flour in Iowa, but it does not say who will provide the price.—Burlington Hawkeye.

Dirty-Dollar-Bill Championship While we have no way of knowing positively, we believe Gallipoli has the largest collection of privately owned dirty dollar bills in America. Remarkable as it seems, we have had occasion to handle about 200 dollar bills recently (they just passed through like a limited train) and they were soiled almost beyond recognition.—Gallipoli Tribune.

Patriotism High in Alaska "American patriotism burns as bright on the ice robed hills and snow crammed valleys of the North as here in the states." W. G. Rappley, of Birches, Alaska, said shortly after his arrival here from Alaska. Mr. Rappley is engaged in railroad work and has come to Pittsburgh for equipment.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Trade Briefs

Directors of a new South African mercantile company are planning a trip to this country to make arrangements for buying goods for use in the Cape Town district. Agricultural implements, wind mills, hardware and other products will be needed.

New Brunswick's smelt exports in the 1916-17 season were about normal, amounting to \$20,538 pounds valued at \$95,002. Prices averaged slightly over 10 cents a pound.

Japanese petroleum has recently come into general use in South China as a result of the high freight rates on American oil, which formerly supplied the market.

Shanghai suffered from a coal famine this winter, while in other districts of China fuel was cheap and plentiful. This condition was due to the low water in the rivers, which made the floating of loaded barges impossible.

Peruvian exporters want a market in this country for ratany root, samples of which may be seen at the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce and its district offices.

Madrid, Spain, offers an excellent market for American glazed kid and patent leathers. German competition has been eliminated.

Safety razor blades are scarce in England due to the cessation of their manufacture in the Birmingham district.

The Lost Bazaars I always said that before I got tied down by a wife and kids, I'd go to see the "great god Budd," an' the Sphinx an' Pyramids.

It's a big bazars I want most to see. When I read in a Kipling book Has kept me wishin' day an' night For a chance to go an' look.

I've been workin' steady in Jubb's garage. An' I've saved what I could have spent For tobacco an' movies—an' now I could take a vacation in the Orient.

Yet last night, one the sofa with Somehow I let myself slip. An' I kissed her, an' mentioned what I'd saved. But not a word of my trip!

Well, Nancy isn't bold, yet she dropped a hint. That lots o' folks married on less; An' you see, I couldn't act selfish then— So the matter's settled, I guess.

I'll give her my savin's to fit up a flat; But to-day, as I cleaned the car; A voice kept sayin' "You paid for that kiss With your Oriental bazaars!" —D. M. Henderson in Collier's Weekly.

The Piper The pipes blow up, the pipes blow down. Through all the streets of Vernal Town; Who is the piper? I have heard Her name is April—lyric word!

OUR DAILY LAUGH

SOMEBODY HAS. Had any wattermelons out of your melon patch yet? No, but there have been quite a number of cases of cholera morbus around our neighborhood.

ALTRUISTIC. Mistress—Why are you leaving us, Norah? Cook: Well mum, me reasons a r e e unselfish ones. I want to give some other girl a chance at the joy of livin' with yez.

IT WAS THAT COLOR. This scientific article says that flies will keep away from anything blue. In that case I suppose we can leave the milk uncovered.

HIS WORK. He is one of our most prominent citizens. What does he do? He gets up charity schemes for other people to subscribe to.

SO IT GOES. Some say life is like a baseball game. Quite so, some of us make hits. Most of us make errors.

NOTHING LOST. My wife never wastes anything. No? No. If it's edible it goes into the hash; and if it isn't it will do to trim a hat.

A Loyal Race Dr. Frissell, for many years head of the Hampton Institute for the education of negroes and Indians, says of the reports of German intrigues among colored men: "Certainly no other race coming from a foreign soil can be compared with negroes in their loyalty to this country."

A Canadian View "Our retirement paralyzes the allies," gleefully asserts a German dispatch. Not quite paralyzed; just a little sort of breath trying to catch up, perhaps.—From the Montreal Star.

Explaining the Retreat Possibly the Kaiser feels that it is advisable to have his veterans closer home, to nip in the bud any attempt of the German People to follow the example of the Russians. This may explain the retreat from France.—Kansas City Journal.

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