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Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.—Psalm 31:38.

ular preserves might be invaded through proper local administration, are not going to be permitted to interfere with a plan that would rid the Legislature of the biennial appeals for relief from scores of municipalities now suffering intolerably from conditions which are the direct consequence of obsolete statutes designed for this or that community, but general in their provisions.

We believe Senator Beidleman will be upheld by a large majority of the citizens of Pennsylvania in his effort to give the various municipalities a real chance to protect themselves and to provide a sensible and sane government for communities which cannot always adjust themselves to a general scheme of government such as was foisted upon them by the Clark act and other similar measures.

The Senator from Dauphin county is in a position where he can at least uncover opposition and let the people know who are placing barriers in the way of legitimate home rule. As showing that he appreciates the importance of relief, he has himself introduced a bill providing for a single council in cities of the third class, comprising one member from each ward. Whether this would solve the problem is a question, but it has at least the merit of giving the proposed council what amounts practically to home-rule powers.

If this thing keeps up the Germans will have to ask permission of General Haig when they desire to visit the Hindenburg line.

RED CROSS SLACKERS

YOU may be too old to go to war or there may be other reasons why you would be exempt from armed service, but there is no age limit to enlistment in the Red Cross and there are none who are exempt for any other reason, except that they are too poor to join.

The Red Cross needs you now. But there is no conscription in the Red Cross. You must volunteer. If you don't volunteer you are a Red Cross slacker.

Slacker isn't a pretty name. But if you don't join now or during the progress of the campaign that is to be started next Monday when you look in the mirror thereafter you will behold the face of a slacker—one who won't fight or is not allowed to fight and who cares not for the welfare of the soldiers who will be doing battle for him; one who has no thought for the needy ones the soldiers who are called away will leave at home.

You will see, in that event, the reflection of one who thinks more of a dollar bill than he does of his country—for the Red Cross is a branch of the national service in war-time and a membership may be had for as little as a dollar.

Surely there are none such in Harrisburg.

It was a fine tribute which his military staff and the large assembly of members and guests of the Pennsylvania Society paid Governor Brumbaugh at the Chestnut Street Auditorium Tuesday night. The occasion also furnished opportunity for several of the most popular speakers in the State's service to again win the plaudits of their fellow-citizens for inspiring and helpful addresses. Not soon will those who were present forget the worthy defense of the volunteer soldier by General Thomas J. Stewart. He meant every word he uttered and a tribute to the volunteer it was a classic.

THE PUBLISHERS' LOYALTY

PUBLISHERS of Pennsylvania at their conference here this week took patriotic ground in the matter of supporting the administration at Washington in all proper measures for the protection of the country and prosecution of war with Germany. There was no suggestion of partisanship in this action. Unanimity characterized the discussion and the prompt passage of the resolution pledging the support of the three associations, which include practically all the important papers of the State, indicated the desire of the publishers to stand by the President in every important particular. If there was any thought in the mind of any German sympathizer that there would be material division of sentiment in this country, it has rudely been dispelled by the incidents of the last week.

Emerson Collins, the silver-tongued orator of the West Branch, intimated in his speech Tuesday night that a certain imperial imitator of one Napoleon would find ample time hereafter on another sentenceless island, perhaps, to contemplate the fact that the men of the United States are quite as able in this day to defend their rights as were the "shopkeepers of London" in the time of the Little Corporal.

Harrisburg has not lost sight of the importance of a city manager. Even those who have served in City Council or in other municipal positions of trust are now admitting that some such arrangement would be more satisfactory than the present commission scheme. If we must continue the present arrangement, let those who are willing to serve their city without compensation come forward and offer themselves to the end that they shall conduct its affairs through the employment of a proper manager or subordinates who will be responsible to a central authority.

The "Big Push" begins to have the appearance of a punch on the nose.

The Red Cross needs you now; don't be a slacker.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH readers were served last evening with the first Sporting Extra ever issued by a Harrisburg newspaper. It will be issued regularly hereafter as a feature of the TELEGRAPH to meet the growing demand for baseball and other sporting news in this city. All the scores of the National American League and the International League and when the New York State League opens its season on May 2, full accounts of the Harrisburg team's games, including the box scores, will be published, together with full and complete scores of the whole league. The TELEGRAPH Baseball Edition will be off the press a few minutes after the game is over. The news is carried into this office both by leased wire and by Western Union telegraph. Beside the desk of the sporting editor, Mr. West, his assistants compile the scores as rapidly as the runs are made and close by the type into a type setter who drops the type into the composing room as quickly as he receives the copy. By this method when the last run is in, the type is ready for the composing room and the sports editor meets the equipment and the great Goss straightline press do the rest in a few minutes.

These are days when speed counts for more in the newspaper world than ever before. Never was there a time when the news carried tidings of such tremendous import. News editors live constantly on the edge of a volcano that may erupt at any moment, scattering double and triple column news heads all over the country. The sinking of the Lusitania is an illustration at point. The overthrow of the Czar by Russia and the explosion of the Hindenburg are more recent examples. To meet these conditions the TELEGRAPH has expended thousands of dollars on the most modern equipment known to the printing trades. Its readers get news an hour later than is given to them by any other newspaper sold in Harrisburg in the afternoon or evening. And in addition, use is made of a newspaper covering the Central Pennsylvania field that prints the full Associated Press reports. Supplementing this is the use of 23 special correspondents scattered throughout Pennsylvania and covering Dauphin, Lebanon, Cumberland, Perry, Franklin, Northumberland, Lancaster, York and other nearby counties. A blanket. It is seldom anything of importance transpires in any town within the main circulating distance of the TELEGRAPH that does not reach correspondents is not on the ground in a few minutes. These correspondents have instructions to use the telegraph or the long distance telephones at their discretion, and it not infrequently happens that the same news item is wired to the office by two or three representatives before it is more than five or ten minutes old.

The TELEGRAPH is serving more subscribers now than ever before served by any newspaper in Harrisburg, and to take the best possible care of this great body of readers the fastest mechanical equipment and crew have been purchased. Harrisburg and Pittsburgh are equal in the size of the largest newspapers of those cities have been assembled. The new "dry mat" system of stereotyping has been introduced, eliminating the necessity of drying the old-fashioned "wet mats" under heavy steam pressure, and the great Goss press is being used, a bigger capacity than any now in use in Harrisburg or likely to be installed for years.

Baseball enthusiasm is already strong in the city. A crowd already gathers in the TELEGRAPH editorial rooms to watch the ticker that tells the score by innings of all the big league games. But the interest of the small boys who gather in backlots much to the worryment of nearby householders, surpasses the interest of the big boys. They will pay 50 per cent to witness a game, but the chance of being a participant. Every lot in the city large enough to hold two "rooters" is being utilized to good advantage these fine afternoons. Many passersby who have not forgotten the time when they, too, were doing the same thing, cannot restrain an impulse to stop and watch a "kid." For it doesn't seem so very far away when you think back on those times, now does it?

Secrecy of river coal in the city has resulted in rivermen braving the high water with their coal fleets to load in a safe manner. The wind and cold during the last few days steamed and flat boats were pulled up the river and brought back laden with coal. The fleets have been sent out also because of the shortage in the city. Many contractors and even the city highway department were held up for weeks and delayed in completing work which had been started.

Miss Rankin Wept

[Indianapolis Star.] The first vote of our first congresswoman was a strictly feminine performance, tears and sobs being an accompaniment of the ballot. It is believed that the lady from Montana was not able to resist the pacifist pressure brought to bear upon her. All members of Congress were flooded with letters and telegrams urging them to vote against a war measure, but Miss Rankin, being an especially prominent target, suffered greater bombardment than any other. She was not accustomed to such combined assaults, and no doubt the number of them made her feel that the moment of the entire country was against war. Also her emotions were worked upon and she was overcome by her feelings rather than her judgment.

In the course of time the lady will learn that she is not entirely a free agent but that she must consider the views of her constituents as well as her own sentiments and must have the welfare of the country in mind. Also, she will learn that telegraphic bombardments urging certain action are not necessarily indicative of the prevailing thought of the country or of the wisest thought or even of the sincerest convictions.

Canadian Slackers Here

[Buffalo Express.] From Canada, from time to time, have come stories of a great exodus of slackers. The number of young men who have been accused of deserting their country has been estimated at 50,000. Whether or not they have actually come in any large numbers is a matter of doubt, but it is interesting to note that the Toronto Telegram believes that "Canada should urge the British government to offer the United States government the privilege of conscripting every shirking Canadian boy whose parents have sent him across the line to escape the claims of duty to his country." Now that we are in the war, it may come to surprise a pass that it will be a crime for a youth to be in civilian clothes, but it seems unfair to impugn the courage of the young man who dares to stay out of khaki while the Canadian government itself seems to lack the nerve to enforce the draft, but allows "voluntary" recruiting methods that are more obnoxious than compulsory service itself.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Auditor General Powell and Auditor General-elect Snyder had a tilt in the joint meeting of the Senate and House Committee of Appropriations over a subpoena to have the former appear before the committee to answer questions regarding the activities of his office. The committee had given Powell notice to appear yesterday afternoon but he sent Deputy Auditor General Graf in his place, explaining that he was too busy with other matters to attend. Later he appeared after a motion had been made to subpoena him to appear next Tuesday at 2 p. m.

Powell said he could not be present Tuesday afternoon because of a conference with officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad over tax matters and asked the committee to rescind its action subpoenaing him. Senator Snyder refused to agree to this, and Powell wanted to know whether the committee desired to investigate the department or whether there are any accusations about the books of the department.

Chairman Buckman answered that it was his purpose to inquire into appropriations for the past two years and that perhaps some questions would be asked regarding deficiencies. Powell, when shown a copy of the motion to subpoena him, suggested that the committee secure a lawyer to put the subpoena in proper form. Powell told the legislators that he had never refused to obey a committee subpoena and that he would not do so now.

The first organized movement for an early final adjournment of the Pennsylvania legislature made its appearance yesterday afternoon when a paper was circulated among the members of the House pledging the signers thereto to vote for a resolution fixing Thursday as the day on which the General Assembly shall adjourn sine die.

None of the Penrose adherents would support this proposition, which was regarded as a move to the Vore following to get the legislators out of the way that the State administration might be free to act upon all proposals without interference from the lawmakers.

Defense on Farms

[New York World.] During the next six months the farmers of the United States will play a critical part in the war. On behalf of the government, Secretary of Agriculture Houston's appeal to them was timely. As he said, the world as a whole is dependent on the consumers, must rely more strongly on them this year than ever before, and the greatest service required of our agriculture is an enlarged production of the staple food crops.

The unfavorable report as to winter wheat, which indicates a yield of 50,000,000 bushels smaller than last year's short crop, is a direct warning that extraordinary efforts must be made to replenish the world's food supply. In this direction the government does well in exercising an active influence by laying the case plainly before the farmers. Where winter-wheat conditions are bad, its advice is to reseed to spring wheat in the Northern belt and to plant corn in the Southern belt. In any event, it can assure the farmers that they will receive high prices.

In the existing situation the question of farm labor is most serious. Last year the farming interests faced it in the most acute form that they have known, and the growing competition among employers in large industrial centers to-day still further complicates the problem of speeding up production on the farms. An industry so little organized and so unaccustomed to co-operation on large business lines as agriculture is under an immense disadvantage in the labor market.

The railroads and the government can help in the mobilization and distribution of manpower; but the time is short if the farmers are to be made to do their full share in the national defense and in hastening the end of the war.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

New York Copies Pa.

The New York State Legislature has just passed a bill providing for the establishment of a State police force similar in size and character to the Pennsylvania State Police.

If Governor Whitman follows the suggestion of various important papers throughout New York an effort will be made to secure the services of Major Groome who has been responsible for the splendid Pennsylvania force, to head the new organization.

An exceptional amount of interest has been manifested recently throughout the entire country in the Pennsylvania State Police. Bills have been introduced in twelve State Legislatures providing for the establishment of a force more or less similar to that which has rendered such excellent service to the Commonwealth.

An interesting history of the Pennsylvania State Police published under the title "Justice to All," which was written by Miss Katherine Mayo, has been widely reviewed throughout the United States and has already reached its third edition.

It is remarkable that the idea of providing adequate police protection for the country districts which has been so successfully carried out in this State should not sooner have been adopted elsewhere.

Bower of Perry County

The many friends of Clark M Bower of Jackson township, who for several years past have been urging him to be a candidate for member of the Legislature from Perry county, are gratified to know that he will probably be elected to that office next fall. His interest in the public schools, as a private citizen and as a director re-elected for many successful terms, and his record of faithful and efficient service to the county in the office of county commissioner, have caused him to be widely known throughout the county, which has been ignored for sixty years past in the choice of candidates for the Legislature make

The Agricultural Guard

To safeguard American agriculture is the prime need of the hour. It means food for our own people and sustenance for our friends abroad. To serve farming is to serve our country. Service in agriculture is fully as patriotic as service in army or navy.

All European experience in the present war emphasizes these truths. England ignored them until almost too late, but now is adopting most desperate means to build up her domestic farming.

The grave danger which confronts the United States is that our great President's historic pronouncement may cause a pell-mell rush into army, navy and munition works of labor from farms and factories. The farm labor situation, already acute, is now brought to a crisis by the war, which is sweeping over the country. American Agriculturist will say in its April 14 number.

Men are flocking to the colors partly because they think it is unpatriotic, if not cowardly, not to enlist. Others are leaving the country for the excitement and activity in the cities that war preparations always create. Still others are lured away from the land by the extravagant wages offered for even unskilled labor.

This situation is so serious as to threaten our own food supply and the food needs of the rest of the world. Should it continue uncorrected, it is a serious matter.

The Pennsylvania State Industrial Board has announced that it would require safety eye goggles or helmets for compensation, according to a decision by Judge Audenreid, in Philadelphia upholding an award made by the workmen's compensation board of Pennsylvania.

TWO VOICES

A Southern Volunteer

Yes, sir, I fought with Stonewall, And faced the fight with Lee; But if this here Union goes to war, Make one more gun for me!

I was with them at Manassas— The bully boys in Gray; I heard the thunders roaring Round Stonewall Jackson's way. And many a time this sword of mine Has blazed the route for Lee; But if this old Nation goes to war, Make one more sword for me!

I'm not so full of fightin' Nor half so full of fun, As I was back in the sixties. When I shouldered my old gun; It may be that my hair is white— Such things, you know, must be. But if this Union's in for war, Make one more gun for me!

I hain't forgot my raisin'— Nor how in sixty-two, Or thereabouts, with battle shouts, I charged the Boys in Blue; And I say: I fought with Stonewall, And blazed the way for Lee; But if this old Union's in for war, Make one more gun for me!

His Northern Brother

Just make it two, old fellow; I want to stand once more Beneath the old flag with you As in the days of yore. Our fathers stood together And fought on land and sea The battles fierce that made us A nation of the free.

I whipped you down at Vicksburg, You licked me at Bull Run; On many a field we struggled, When neither side was giving. You wore the gray of Southland, I wore the Northern blue; Like men we did our duty When screaming bullets flew.

Four years we fought like devils. But when the war was done Your hand met mine in friendly clasp. Our two hearts beat as one. And now when danger threatens. No North, no South, we know; Once more we stand together To fight the common foe.

My head, like yours, is frosty— Old age is creeping on; Life's sun is lower sinking. My day will soon be gone. But if our country's honor Needs once again her son, I'm ready, too, old fellow— So get another gun.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

HER CHOICE. I told my wife she was a lemon for not wanting to come bathing. What did she say? Said she would rather be a lemon than a beach nut.

AID TO ROMANCE. What do you think of this extra hour of daylight scheme? Romantic Girl—What I'm for is more moonlight.

WHOSE ANKLES? Come on in you coward, why it's only up to my ankles!

A MODEST REQUEST. Mouse: Say, Mr. Aeroplane Dragon Fly—take me up to see if the moon is really made of green cheese!

