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A drop of honey catches more flies than a hoghead of vinegar.—Anon.

MR. PATCHIN'S ADDRESS

It must be apparent to all members of the Chamber of Commerce how important are the noonday luncheon meetings from time to time when distinguished speakers qualified to discuss the vital questions affecting business and the welfare of the country appear as guests of honor.

Harrisburg is more largely interested in these questions than the average citizen, perhaps, thinks. We are a great industrial community and an export of our products means a continuance of our prosperity.

There is a growing sentiment everywhere throughout the country in favor of the city manager form of government for municipalities. This doesn't mean that there shall be any material disruption of the present scheme of government, but it does mean that the people are desirous of concentrating authority in the hands of competent persons who will give their whole time and thought and energy to the conduct of the city's business.

NO TIME FOR DIVISION

PRESIDENT WILSON will have the support of the country in his purpose to urge upon Congress selective conscription in the organization of an adequate army. This is no time for slackers nor is it any time for a real or imaginary division in the sentiment of the people.

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forgetting that they are Republicans until the war is over, and being Americans." "Any attempt to inject partisanship, directly or indirectly, into the work of preparation in Congress or elsewhere will be properly denounced throughout the country.

Here in Pennsylvania every vestige of factionalism and political bickering should be pushed so far into the background that the people will cease to feel the resentment and discontent that inevitably follow partisan maneuvering for personal or party benefit.

Republicans throughout the State are sick at heart over what has been transpiring in Capitol Hill during the last few months.

So we repeat, now is the time to bury all political and other differences in the one purpose to present to the overseas enemy an impregnable front in the Keystone State.

HELP THE BOY SCOUTS

THE Boy Scouts of the whole country, including those of Harrisburg, have undertaken to conduct 2,000,000 home gardens the coming spring and summer as their contribution to the food supply of the nation in the war crisis.

This is an admirable work. It emphasizes the importance of the movement started by the HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH some weeks ago to have all the boys of Harrisburg and vicinity "do their bit" by working the vacant ground that otherwise would run to weeds.

The powers which have been delegated by recent act of Assembly to the City Council by reason of vacancies in that body must not be abused in any respect. Governor Brumbaugh, before he approved this measure, was given the assurance that the law would not be used in any wise to promote political interests.

WINDOW AND PORCH BOXES

THE window and porch box campaign inaugurated by the Harrisburg Telegraph with such marked success last year is to be conducted on a greatly increased scale this year.

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THE VOLUNTEER SYSTEM

THE President has called for 517,000 volunteers for the National Guard and the Regular Army. The response of the people of the country to this call will be the answer

MOVIE OF A MAN WHO WAS ONCE A CZAR



By BRIGGS



Evening Chat

A little paragraph carried in news dispatches from Washington the other day contained some information that eased the feelings of a good many people in this country and, incidentally, quite a few more in the German empire. It meant that about \$2,000,000,000 of insurance business would not be disturbed.

Automobile owners who have been making their early spring trips speak of the activity of the State Highway Department in repairing the roads and getting them ready for the spring traffic and any emergency military matters which may arise.

The display of flags being made about the city recalls the days of the Spanish war, which was started in April. When the news came that war had been declared flags were displayed all over the city and many business houses and residences put out flags which remained until the end of the year, being treasured as evidences of solid, substantial patriotism.

The Pennsylvania Department of Fisheries has been receiving many inquiries from fishermen throughout the State in reference to fishing in bodies of water which are on the watersheds of the several cities of the State and which heretofore have been open to the general public for fishing.

While the law allows fishing at the breasts of dams with rod, hook and line, this privilege, due to present conditions, has been withdrawn in many instances and no fishing of any kind is permitted.

The Department of Fisheries feels sure that the fishermen and the public in general who live on the banks and co-operate with the authorities in charge on the various watersheds throughout the State.

The Canadian Department of Labor has informed the city of Montreal that the city has full powers to investigate charges of combining to maintain high wages and to prevent persons believed guilty of so combining.

Farmers in Pennsylvania and Ohio are making good wages mining coal on the Pennsylvania and Ohio railroads clearing as high as \$30 a day, being paid at the rate of 15 cents per bushel.

During the year 1912, the workers' day in the mills in New England ranged from 12 to 15 hours in length. Even so late as 1844 the day started at 5 o'clock and ended at 7 o'clock in the evening.

You tell me your faith was the surest. It is fortunate that you are under a dark sky and the light has been increasing to this day. My passion for happiness spent itself in my youth in reveries. I never thought of realizing my wishes and dreams and yet it has, in an humble manner, been realized. My faith in God, schooled by trial, looked to Him first and alms exclusively for virtue, for deliverance from the great evil of sin, which I early felt to be the only true evil. The consciousness of unworthiness repressed all hopes of immediate conviction of the justice of my suffering, turned all my reproaches from Providence on myself, and not only made me incapable of virtue, but really taught me gratitude for the discipline of life.—William Ellery Channing.

Let the calf live and later on it will furnish food for twenty times as many people as it would if it were an idiotic stomach that craves fat and a bonehead that slaughters the calf.

We see that prominent individuals are offering their services to the government. The best way is to hunt up a recruiting officer, and enlist, just as the modest, brave American boy does. There is no king's highway into the service of the country. Every man stands on the level when it comes to fighting for the country. And every man who is honored must be able to present for recognition, not a name merely, but an energy and purpose that will take rank of themselves. This war is going to turn out many a splendid name, and achieve many a great favor, is to do it.—Ohio State Journal.

AN EPOCH-MARKING TRUCE

It would be impossible to exaggerate the importance or the far-reaching significance of the pledge of national service given by the committee on labor of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense. Although in the form of advice to employers and employees in our industrial plants and transportation systems and to the State Legislatures to make changes in existing standards of labor without the approval of the council as "essential for the effective pursuit of the national defense," this declaration comes with all the force of a law binding upon the nation.

more potent in organizing the latent forces of the nation in times of peace. Whether it marks the beginning of a radical extension of the power and initiative of executive agencies of administration, as contrasted with the legislative, or whether it is merely a step in the direction of a more sane utilization in public affairs of the technical experts so indispensable to the conduct of the private and semi-private undertakings of the nation, time alone will determine. But that it is a step forward few will deny.

Belgium was devoted to peace, but it was overrun by the German army, its people were slaughtered, and its cities burned. But that was still very far away from us, and we could go on in the ways of peace, ignoring the cannon and the rifles.

Dirty Windows—Poor Eyes (From The Scientific American) The factors largely responsible for poor illumination are small, narrow windows, low power artificial lights placed too far from the point of operation, and neglect of facilities at hand for obtaining light.

Will Extend Sympathy The Kaiser is complimenting his men on their brilliant retreat. If he will come across with a distinguished surrender the world will at least extend sympathy.—Washington Herald.

Depends on Viewpoint It's all in the point of view. While America is raging at the wholesale plotting done by Von Bernstorff, the Kaiser is just as wrathful because he did not do enough.—Washington Herald.

Futility of Legislation 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 Hawk-eye.

Were in a Hurry How hurried the German retreat was is evidenced by the fact that in some of the towns evacuated they did not have time to even smash the dishes before leaving.—Kansas City Times.

Against the Rules If it would be against the rules of civilized warfare, how would it do to capture a U-boat crew and make 'em attend a Bryan lecture every night until they holler enough?—Macon Telegraph.

Uselessness of Wealth The deposed Czar, it is reported, has a private fortune of two billion dollars. But the tough part of it is that just at this time he can't get out to buy anything with it.—Macon Telegraph.

Acres of Officers There is no need for any cry about shortage of officers with tactical experience. Let the President summon to the colors all those actors who have been generals in the movie war dramas.—Hammond Times.

Looks That Way Although the sun is yet high, it is believed the Central Powers would like to call the game on account of darkness while the Allies have men on second and third.—Kansas City Star.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A BORN SCRAPPER. Pugna come Bug: Aw come on! Take off your coat and fight, Snalley!

HER ALIBI. Professor: Daughter, you will kindly refrain from smiling at gentlemen we pass. Daughter: Why father, I was only smiling to myself and that man got in the way.

OBEDIENCE TO LAWS Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; for so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men; as free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.—1 Peter ii, 13 to 16.

"My Own United States" The poet sings of sunny France, fair olive-laden Spain, The Grecian islet, Italy's smiles and India's torrid plain; Of Egypt, countless ages old, dark Africa's palms and dates; Let me acclaim the land I name, my own United States.

I love every inch of her prairie land, each stone on her mountain top; I love every drop of her waters clear that flow in her rivers wide; I love every tree, every blade of grass within Columbia's gates; The queen of the earth is the land of my birth—my own United States.

The poet sings of Switzerland, brave Scotland's heathen moor, The shimmering sheen of Ireland's green, Old England's rockbound shore, Quaint Holland and the Fatherland their chorus high praise relates; Let me acclaim the land I name, my own United States.

What are you sneezing out here in the field for? Are you a tramp? No sir, I'm merely a statesman wot fell asleep with his ear to the ground.

THE PATRIOT

Whether right or wrong in its domestic or its foreign policy, judged by whatever standard, whether of expediency or of principle, the American citizen can recognize no social duty intervening between himself and his country. He may urge reform; but he has no right to desert. Intrusted with the precious inheritance of liberty, endowed with the gift of participation in a popular government, the Constitution makes him at once the beneficiary and the defender of interests and institutions he cannot innocently endanger; and when he becomes a traitor to his country, he commits equal treason against mankind.

—John Albion Andrew.

Faithful Citizens [St. Louis Westliche Post] The historic moment in which the loosened bonds of friendship between the United States and Germany, which have lasted more than one hundred and fifty years, have finally been torn apart, arrived last night with the reading of the President's message before Congress.

Example of Ready Repartee (Kansas City Times) The egg resembling a W, which the Hopkins Journal took to be a sign of war, has come to grief. A caller was holding it in his hand when a second man entered. The Journal office and announced the sinking of the American steamer Algonquin by the Germans. In his excitement the first caller sneezed the egg a little too tightly and there was an explosion. But the laughter which followed dwindled when the unfortunate man finished mopping off his face with a handkerchief and remarked without a smile: "I'd rather have the yellow on my face and shirt front than up my back, like it is with a lot of fellows I know of."

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