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Men will struggle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but live for it.—Colton.

RAISING AN ARMY

THE friends of "selective conscription" have all the better of the argument. There is no reason to believe that a call for volunteers will meet the needs of the government at this time. Thousands who would rush to arms were the country in danger of immediate invasion will hesitate to go into the army under existing conditions.

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LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

IN view of the tremendous burdens which necessarily will be placed upon the business interests of the Commonwealth as a result of the war with Germany, it is the duty of the lawmakers to see to it that no unnecessary taxes of any sort are imposed at this time. Attention has been called to several bills which make radical changes in the law providing compensation for working men. These changes, it is pointed out, will increase the cost of compensation enormously and employers are naturally concerned about the outcome. It would appear that inasmuch as the workmen's compensation law has been in force only about one year that its operation should be more closely studied before proceeding to further radical amendments, either in favor of the employer or the employee.

There are many demands upon the Legislature for funds this year, but it ought to be kept in mind that State College is a purely State institution and should have first consideration. Under President Sparks and his co-workers the college has developed in every direction and it is to-day doing the greatest work in its history. For years the Legislature has been making generous grants to certain universities in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh which have little or no claim upon the Commonwealth. It is now time that State College, which is directly the ward of the State, should have first consideration.

NEWSPAPER PROBLEMS

ALTHOUGH readers of newspapers have seen so much concerning the menace of the print paper situation they are likely to fall in realizing what actually confronts newspaper publishers. The situation was serious enough before the war, but the decision to enter the great conflict has still further emphasized the unusual factors which now enter into the making of newspapers. It is the opinion of experts that it will be impossible for many newspapers to survive the increased burdens of expense and an effort is now being made to equalize these burdens through increases of rates, both subscription and advertising, and a reduction in the size of newspapers. On top of all this difficulty certain manufacturers of print paper have been indicted by the Federal Courts for practices in restraint of trade.

TOURIST TRAVEL AFTER WAR

ON account of the war, Switzerland has experienced greatly increased exports and decreased imports, with resultant advantage to the commerce of the nation and corresponding increase in national wealth. The only industry that has suffered because of the war is the hotel business—the tourist travel having been cut off. The Swiss expect, however, that as soon as the war is over, the tourist travel will be resumed and that America will send increased numbers of wealthy people to help restore the prosperity of Swiss hostilities. Maybe, then, again, perhaps not. Quite likely a lot of citizens of the United States have become deeply imbued with the spirit of patri-

way means much for Harrisburg, and all our citizens should have an interest in its development.

LET US HAVE AN END OF IT

RESENTMENT among many Republicans throughout the State over the factional difficulties which have engaged the attention of the party leaders in the Legislature for the last three or four months is rapidly turning to something more emphatic. With the entrance of the country into the war it was supposed that all political controversies would cease instantly and that constructive statesmanship would take the place of piffing factional party manipulation.

Without discussing the merits of the controversy which has rent the Republican party at the present session of the Legislature, it should be said that the people are sick and tired of the whole miserable business. They care nothing as to whose political interests shall be promoted or hindered by this or that action of the law-making body. They do care, however, that the important business for which the Legislature is supposed to have assembled shall be transacted without further procrastination. A Philadelphia political row, which has no end. Year after year the elements of the party in the city fight at each other and generally manage to embroil the party throughout the State in their unpleasant controversy. Some way should be found to eliminate this sort of thing and especially should the Legislature sidetrack the factional disturbance for and in the interest of the State at large.

There are some important measure which should have immediate consideration, and when the necessary appropriation bills shall have been passed the lawmakers with entire propriety could rest from their labors. Many of them would doubtless hail with joy the day of final adjournment. We wonder that they permit themselves chariot wheels.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Pennsylvania's new fiscal officers will assume their duties just two weeks from to-day and it is generally believed that when Senator Charles A. Snyder succeeds Captain A. W. Powell as Auditor General that a number of changes will be inaugurated in the department. Senator Snyder has declined to forecast any of the changes he plans for the department and he may not put them into effect all at once, but the belief is that he will make even more changes than did Captain Powell when he took the reins. The Auditor General-elect has had much business with the department in the years that have gone by and understands the system. It is said that he is disposed to make a number of inquiries into reasons for various changes in methods which have been made from time to time.

CITY MANAGERSHIP

WHATEVER else is done with the Clark act at the present session of the Legislature it should be so amended as to make possible the employment of a city manager by the unfortunate cities of the third class. These municipalities have been suffering for years through a multiplication of laws inadequate in their provisions and inconsistent with municipal advance. It is now time to give them some relief through a wider measure of home rule and the chance to work out their own salvation.

"MADE IN JAPAN"

NEWS dispatches convey the information that in the month of March imports of soy bean oil from Japan were valued at \$2,800,000. Thirty car loads of oil came in one shipment, according to a report from Seattle. And yet, the soy bean thrives in every State that will produce either corn or cotton, and also in the portions of the Pacific Coast States west of the Cascade Mountains.

How the Disaster Occurred

A gentleman in Cincinnati employs two negroes to work on his rather extensive gardens, which he personally oversees. One morning Sam did not appear. "Where is Sam, George?" he asked. "In the hospital," Mr. Hart said. "In the hospital? Why, how in the world did that happen?" "Well, Sam he was a tellin' me ev'ry mornin' 'oh ten year he gwine to lick his white, yastide o' her naggin'." "Well, yastide she done ovahheah him. Dat's all.—Ladies Home Journal.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

According to what has been told us by visiting insurance engineers, surveying squads and testing committees, the only thing that will ever bring down fire insurance rates is increased fire protection and the reorganization of fire prevention or fire extinguishing services on the ever progressing modern system. The modern system is something better. It never stands still long enough for any one to catch up to it, much less a city fire department under the manner in which it is conducted by the underwriters. But the fact remains that the use of motor fire apparatus has tripled and on some cases quadrupled fire protection because of the greatly increased mobility of the pieces. This can be very strikingly illustrated by the plans for the fire departments of Harrisburg and Steelton. Under the contracts let this city's department will be completely motorized, as the phrase goes, in the next ninety days, probably earlier. It now consists of fourteen companies in the city department, and some local organizations in the Pennsylvania railroad shops and in industrial establishments. Its collection of motor apparatus is a collection of motor apparatus for a city covering as much territory as Scranton or Reading. And all this without Steelton, which, with its own plant for motor apparatus, will soon have an equipment sufficient for a town of larger proportions. The point, however, is that with the Harrisburg and Steelton automobile fire apparatus they will have fire protection which can be speedily mobilized in either place in event of great emergency. With the highways of both places paved the mobility of the apparatus is greatly enhanced and concentration of fire fighting force will be possible in a very short time which should be taken into consideration by the business men's well known insurance people. The certainty with which Market Square was filled up with fire apparatus under the present system when half of the department was drawn and the quickness with which pieces from a distance reached scenes of the numerous alarms last week caused hauled tools and things for will be greater cause for study of the fire fighting system when the new apparatus is in service.

WE MUST BUY OUR BONDS

AMERICA must enlist its wealth as well as its manhood," is the opinion of the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York, expressed in a booklet, "Mobilizing Money for War," which it has just issued. The necessity of recruiting the nation's resources for the \$7,000,000,000 Government war loan is emphasized as the duty of every citizen. That the American people are not educated to the purchase of bonds, as are the people of other countries, is pointed out. In the United States, not one person in 500 owns a government bond, while in both France and England, eleven persons in every 100 have helped individually to finance their country in performing their part in the present war. Thousands of persons who never have been in touch with financial affairs, must become investors in this issue. It has an appeal not only to patriotism, but to reason and to business sense. The whole nation must be quickened to a complete understanding of the spirit and meaning of this investment. Our national income is estimated to have increased almost 33 1-3 per cent. In the last seven years, and nearly 117 per cent. in the last seventeen years.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Germany's characteristic thoroughness is best demonstrated in its overwhelming onslaught against a defenseless landscape.—Newark News.

A German navy officer said the other day that "God has called us by name." Now, we're curious to know by what name.—Atlanta Constitution.

Maybe the German spies who sought to separate Mr. Gerard from that now celebrated hand-bag thought it contained a sandwich.—Macon Telegraph.

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

Speaking of gold bricks: General Kuropatkin is reported to have accepted a bribe of \$8,000,000 from Germany for the surrender of Riga. He sent the \$8,000,000 to the Duma and held on to Riga.—New York Morning Telegraph.

The statement of a Russian newspaper that the growing strength of democracy in Russia will probably result in a republican government must sound paradoxical to an American politician.—Nashville Southern Lumbarman.

Every One Can Help

The sidewalks and streets bear the same relation to the city buildings as the landscape does to a suburban residence. No one with an ounce of pride would neglect his or her lawn or permit a distribution of debris over the same; then why not a little more care in getting the proper setting for our city buildings? Don't put it up entirely to the street cleaners' keep waste papers and rubbish out of the street and the sidewalks clean. A little green will also do much to help the looks of things. An appropriate size bay tree or two or a few evergreens in front of a place will materially make for attractiveness. A flower box, if there is a space for it, with a few bright-colored blooms, will add a hundred per cent. to the appearance of your place.

The Soldier's Calling

One of the numerous otherwise and cocksure sayings which the war has negated is the assertion so freely made that "modern war is all a matter of machinery; individual initiative counts for little," this being amplified into an argument that service at the front made no more drafts on personal courage than the operation of a steam shovel, which it somewhat resembled, plus a certain amount of noise. The impression seemed to be that high-power, long-range guns and rifles made warfare so remote and impersonal an affair that the difference between a coward and a hero had largely been obliterated, and spirit and devotion had all been superseded by cool calculation. How completely a thousand stories from the front have exploded that theory! The record of war decorations for service shows that there never was greater opportunity for courage and spirit, never greater need that a soldier be every inch a man. That is the kind of soldier Uncle Sam wants, and we believe is getting. This country values the right kind of soldiers; it never has been niggardly in appreciation and payment.

Getting Even

A young man and a young woman parted on the front gate. They were lovers. It was moonlight. He was loath to leave, as the parting was the last. He was about to go away. "I'll never forget you," he said, "and if death should claim me my last thought would be of you." "I'll be true to you," she sobbed. "I'll never love anybody else as long as I live." They parted. Five years later he returned. His sweetheart of former years was married. They met at a party. She had changed greatly. Between dances recognition took place. "Let me see," she mused; "was it you or your brother who was my old sweetheart?" "Neither," he replied. "Probably my father."—Chicago Herald.

Labor Notes

Tennessee has abolished the convict lease system. Hull House is furnishing garden plots to the Chicago tenement dwellers this year. An increase has been made in the wages of London, England, tailors of two cents an hour. Tiffin (Ohio) Painters' Union has raised wages from 20 cents an hour to 33 1-3 cents. Auchincloss (Scotland) School Board has decided to grant a bonus to all teachers. Five hundred thousand women are engaged in making munitions in Great Britain. Eighteen thousand applications for service in France has been received from English women. The American tractor for agricultural purposes is being largely introduced into China. Women are now eligible to full membership in the Machinists' Union, the International Association of Machinists having by popular vote amended its constitution so as to take in all women working in the trade. Arrangements have been practically completed by the Dominion government for co-operation between the Dominion and the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, who will send 22 agents to the United States in a campaign to attract agricultural laborers to Western Canada.

IF (After R. K.)

If you can lose your head when all about you Are keeping theirs, despising such a man; If you can break your word when all men trust you; And even try to see the best in you; If you can plot and not be tired of plotting; Against a land with which you are at peace; Not being hated, just give way to hating; And hate for aye, from hating never cease; If you can make destruction and disaster To women, men and children all your aim; If you confess e'en Satan's not your name; Devising tricks Beelzebub would shame; If you decline to use the usual weapons; And think the peoples using them mere fools; If you are disappointed in your Zeppelins; Because they cease to be destructive tools; If you can torture foes with poison gases; If you can further maim with liquid fire; If you are urged that by such hideous passes You can win the commendation of your Sire; If you can tear the heart and nerve and sinew From smaller peaceful nations one; If you can prostitute the soul that's in you; To serve the fiend that cries to you, "Go on!" If you can sink defenseless neutral shipping; And fire on lifeboats when they call for help; If you should dread that from your soul are slipping The rarest vices of the Devil's whelp; If you can fill the unforgetting minutes With sixty seconds' worth of carnage done; Yours will be Hell and everything that's in it; And—which is more—you'll have Kultur, my Hun! —E. H. G.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, wants motorists to display more flags on their cars, not only delivery vehicles but limousines. —Mayor Frank of Johnston, has issued a proclamation telling aliens that they are perfectly safe as long as they behave themselves. —Mayor A. D. Kewell, of Newcastle, in his public notice declared that he thought it a patriotic duty for people to keep chickens out of their neighbors' yards when everyone is trying to increase crops of foodstuffs. —Mayor Hughtowler, of York, says that people have no business to hold meetings to try to obstruct public sentiment in a time like this. —Mayor of Altoona, is having his own time with the enforcement of the Sunlaw blue laws. —Mayor Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, has issued a proclamation speaking a day and one every night at patriotic meetings.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has an army of the finest trained railroad men in the country? HISTORIC HARRISBURG In civil war days Governor Curtin used to present colors to the regiments at the Executive Mansion in South Second street every time a command was ready to move. Will Get Results It may require a little time for the United States Navy to learn the fine points of a coastwise campaign, but American ingenuity may be counted on to get results.—Charleston News and Courier.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE OFFICIAL NAME OF MAJOR JOHN C. GROOMER'S VERY EFFICIENT FORCE IS THE STATE POLICE FORCE, MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE POLICE, ARE CALLING IT THE PHILADELPHIA PITTSBURGH FIRE PROTECTION HILL, PERHAPS IN STYLING THEM THE STATE CONSTABULARY. IN FACT, THE TERM CONSTABULARY APPEARS TO BE APPLIED TO THE TROOPERS AND TO THE PHILADELPHIA PITTSBURGH FIRE PROTECTION HILL, PERHAPS IN STYLING THEM THE STATE CONSTABULARY. IN FACT, THE TERM CONSTABULARY APPEARS TO BE APPLIED TO THE TROOPERS AND TO THE PHILADELPHIA PITTSBURGH FIRE PROTECTION HILL, PERHAPS IN STYLING THEM THE STATE CONSTABULARY.