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A Christian is one who does for Christ's sake what he would not do otherwise. Alexander Mackenzie.

TIME FOR ACTION It is beginning to dawn upon the minds of people throughout the country that participation of the United States in the world war means more than military and academic discussion of the situation.

There has been a disposition to look upon our entry into the war as something rather than interesting from the standpoint of the great humanitarian principle involved, but as the facts develop thoughtful men and women realize that this is no holiday performance.

We must be prepared for all the eventualities of a titanic conflict. Germany is far from crushed and we are to some extent weakened in this country by the pacifist attitude of many good people who fail to understand that peace without honor is not peace at all.

Nor must we forget that we are not only to fight for a great world-wide democracy; we are fighting for the rights of a nation which have been invaded outrageously by an imperialistic dynasty that hopes to perpetuate itself by crushing and overrunning all the peoples who have the courage to resist its brutal aggression.

We must be ready as a patriotic people to place at the service of the government all the resources of a prosperous and favored nation. We should halt at nothing in definite preparations for the continuance of the struggle.

Even the sending of our soldiers to Europe should not be regarded as something impossible or unnecessary. Whatever we can do to end the conflict so that permanent peace may come and that the rights of all shall be maintained ought to be done and done promptly and without serious division among our people.

In addition to increasing our shipping facilities, the manufacture of munitions, the raising of food stuffs, the making of materials for the sustenance and comfort of an army in the field, we must be prepared to continue with increased energy the industrial and commercial activities of an intelligent people. There must be no let down or minimizing of our ordinary activities. We should be pressing forward with renewed effort in every direction.

Fortunately for us, the experience of England and France will aid in preventing mistakes on this side of the water which were so serious a handicap on the other side at the outbreak of the war. Thousands of lives will be saved because we shall enter the war with our eyes open and be ready to anticipate much that was uncertain and unknown in 1914.

Perhaps the most important thing which now confronts the United States is the producing of food not only for ourselves, but for our allies abroad. No army can fight on starvation rations nor can the people back of the lines continue to produce necessities without sufficient food.

Harrisburg be relieved of the intolerable conditions which now confront the city with respect to hotel facilities. Many of our people fail to appreciate that night after night strangers are compelled to walk the streets of the city hunting suitable accommodations. A progressive city like ours cannot allow this situation to continue even at the cost of still larger subscriptions to the hotel fund.

There will be no looking backward so far as those identified with the hotel proposition are concerned. They are going to build the finest hotel it is possible to provide at this time. All the plans have been made and the Telegraph has been advised by the architects that the estimates of builders will be ready for submission to the directors of the hotel company within a few days.

It ought to be the pride of every Harrisburger to have a part ownership in the new hotel. Even one share of stock, if more cannot be subscribed, would indicate interest in this important community enterprise.

Twenty submarines and their crews were captured by the British on one day. "Enland is getting a lot more submarines than you people in America have any idea of," said a member of the commission from Great Britain now here for consultation regarding cooperation in war.

Alfred Noyes, the English poet who addressed an audience here at one of the evenings, remarked that the crews of submarines are much more important than the boats themselves because they must be of certain temperament and training to be of service. It would thus appear that more increase of submarines is not everything in submarine warfare.

SCHOOL BOARD CONTROVERSY SCANDALOUS and sensational developments of the controversy over the selection of an architect for the school building program have aroused the citizens of Harrisburg as scarcely ever before in the history of local school affairs, and charges have been made, supported by affidavits, which should not be dropped with mere newspaper publication. If these charges be true, then the citizens are entitled to have them established by legal evidence.

If they are not true, then the good names of all involved and of the school district as well demand a prompt and effective vindication. But whatever the outcome of this deplorable business, the incident emphasizes the importance of eliminating for all time any suspicion of improper influence in the management of school affairs.

The statement of one of the competitors for the architectural commission that he had never known "a situation so appallingly corrupt as that heretofore existing" in this city, should not be permitted to go unchallenged. The fair fame of Harrisburg is more important than any other matter involved in the subject under discussion.

The public will expect the school directors, regardless of this phase of the controversy, however, to get together promptly for the purpose of selecting an architect. The building season is slipping rapidly by and school conditions are becoming constantly worse.

While there has been some reaction in business activities owing to the entrance of the United States into war, there is likely to be a swinging back within a short time and a reasonable adjustment to war conditions. This greater activity, than before and a widespread prosperity in many directions. It is pointed out that money and credit are in good condition and that when Congress shall have finished the necessary legislation so that business men can get a line on credit, there will be a going forward with added impetus.

THEY'D KNOW THE PLACE "Charley" Ross had been a resident of Harrisburg and suddenly returned after all these years, he'd know the place.

Ernest Arden had gone forth from Harrisburg and had strolled back to the scenes of his youth he would not have had to peep into the back-window of his erstwhile home to have been sure that he was in the old town.

If Rip Van Winkle had gone to sleep somewhere along the Rockville mountain after a hunting trip from his home in Harrisburg and if he came tottering back to town some fine morning, he'd have one landmark to remind him of the days ago.

If some of our beardless youths tramp away to war and come back three or four years hence with shoulderstraps and beards they will march right up the Federal Square and feel perfectly at home.

For those who return after long intervals of time the unfinished postoffice building always will be a distinguishing mark in Harrisburg.

Attention has been called by an authority to the imperative need of more railroad cars to move the enormous crops which will be raised this year. Unless these cars are provided the extra energy now being displayed in food production will have been largely wasted. The railroad corporations are going to do the best, but they are suffering from the anti-railway regulations of recent years and we are now caught in an emergency with thousands of cars less than are actually needed to avoid emergency cargoes. It may be that the Government will have to provide cars as part of the national defense scheme.

It is probably all right to give the Department of Parks the right to sell surplus shrubs in from the nursery on the island. Might it not be possible in the transaction to induce some experienced planters to exchange their labor for shrubbery and in this way provide for a much more extensive planting of the city park strips?

President Sparks, of State College, who usually manages to stay the right thing at the right time, observed in the beginning of an address recently that "for want of a nail a shoe was lost, for want of a shoe a horse was lost, for want of a horse a battle was lost and all for the want of a horse-shoe nail." Paraphrasing the illustration, it might be suggested for want of cars coal is short, for want of coal light and power will be short and all because of the hampering of the railroad systems.

Harrisburg never fails in its support of any philanthropic, charitable or humanitarian enterprise. There has been general response to the appeal for an increased membership of the Red Cross, and the interest in the movement increases from day to day.

The Days of Real Sport



REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT GOING OUT OF THE YARD MELVILLE

THE FIRST BAREFOOT OF THE SEASON AND THE COOL GREEN GRASS.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Auditor General-elect Charles A. Snyder is the central figure in Pennsylvania politics to-day and the question of what the Schuykill man is going to do regarding the Governor's recess appointees is what is interesting every one.

Speaking in the Senate last Wednesday, the new Auditor General contended that the Governor had failed to comply with the constitution and that men appointed by him but not sent to the Senate had no standing. Therefore, he argued, they were not entitled to compensation.

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Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

In all probability the State's permanent camp site at Mt. Gretna will within the next few months be converted into an establishment little dreamed of by the National Guardsmen of Pennsylvania when they mobilized amid its rocks and trees and dust last summer.

The War Department has not outlined what its plans in the making such as that it contemplates a cantonment, in other words a camp where the men will be housed in wooden buildings instead of tents.

This is significant, if it is true, because it will mean that the camp will be used for training of men and that it will be utilized eight or nine months of the year.

The work now under way under direction of Colonel L. V. Roush, the active superintendent of the camp, will begin the construction of several State ways entering into the camp area and providing better means of reaching the site and the main railroad line.

The National government will probably spend three or four times that sum if the cantonment proposition goes through. In any event, Mt. Gretna will be a great military training camp this year, and probably next, and the mobilization of the National Guard for war service, which is expected next month by people at Washington, will be followed by the occupation of the camp by regiments of the United States Army.

In the closing weeks of the Spanish-American war the site is going ahead with its preparation by and by the War Department will get its plans working.

Harrisburg people will be interested to know that the officer who is to command the army reserve training camp at Port Niagara, N. Y., where many Pennsylvania boys are being trained to be officers, will be Colonel Samuel W. Miller, commander of the Twentieth United States Infantry, who was formerly in command of the recruiting station here. Colonel Miller is a native of Huntingdon county and has been in command of United States soldiers in the Philippines, Hawaii and at Panama.

He has also had charge of troops in Cuba and Porto Rico and has been in most of the army posts in this country on leave last summer. Colonel Miller, because of his familiarity with militia matters, was detailed as inspector of the militia of the National Guard at Mt. Gretna, where he spent two weeks and made observations regarding the camp site which will probably be put into effect some day.

The city and vicinity have taken an interest in recruiting as well as stimulating the movement to get youths to help in gardening is upholding the traditions of the State in a splendid manner. As has been shown in the HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH from day to day this city has been making a list of the number of recruits furnished to the three services and in enrollment for the reserves. Furthermore, it has been noted that the city has been getting the youths lined up to help in raising of food. Harrisburg's steel workers, railroadmen and others in the industry are being urged to go by the National Council of Defense, which knows what Harrisburg can do and what men it has available.

On either side of the city, many of the men here the men will be chosen so as not to disturb industry or business. According to reports which have been going the rounds the National Guard organizations employed in the unexciting but highly important work of guarding bridges and other means of communication which so vital to national life and defense, protecting water works and industrial establishments, which so much depends, will be relieved soon after the Guard is mobilized so that they can get the advantage of service in the field. Their work may be turned over to new organizations as part of training. In some parts of the country corporations are getting ready to form committees to take over police and protective work eventually, so that the soldiers will be relieved for defense. In Pennsylvania, State policemen have been helping to organize guards for various town properties, works and other enterprises and have been rendering a service which is well known but which is highly creditable to the force to which Major Groome has given the best years of his life.

THE MANNER in which the Harrisburg Red Cross organization has gone about the task of enrolling members and getting work done has attracted attention in nearby towns and there are very favorable comments heard about the patriotic energy of the Capital City folks. Pennsylvania is developing a surprising number of Red Cross organizations and they are doing a work which is well felt in the real stress of war comes along.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Judge George B. Orlady, of the Superior Court, delivered the oration on Grant at the big patriotic dinner in Pittsburg.

J. K. Johnson, secretary of the Johnson Chamber of Commerce, has gone to Asbury Park to take charge of the chamber in that vicinity.

—Captain John S. Davis, U. S. A., who has been on duty at Pittsburgh, has been detailed to Buffalo. —Andrew Carnegie has resigned as trustee of the Schenley estate. —Andrew Wright Crawford has been named to represent Philadelphia at the national city planning conference. —W. I. Shaffer, Chester lawyer, says the Eddystone company which is trustee of the Schenley estate, has inquired into the cause of the explosion.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Jerry: By Jack London, who best of all you speak of in this remarkable story of an Irish terrier. His "Call of the Wild" was another story of a dog which brought him fame as a writer, but that other wonderful dog of Alaska was not a white dog but a black one.

It is expected that the new Auditor General will promptly in his first report to the Senate will take his office until next Monday.

—Discussing the Progressive party, from which the big Pennsylvania Bull Moose withdrew in the last campaign, the Philadelphia Press says of the St. Louis conference: "One thing that the Progressive conference at St. Louis is sure to do is to hit its members in their true political colors as anti-Republicans."

Their new action then is a taking away of support from the Democratic party. The new party is drawing away from the Democratic ranks. The Republican party loses nothing of it had last year, for none of the men who came out of the caucus council table were of his side."

—The Philadelphia Bulletin intimates in an editorial that Senator Snyder's long experience in legislative matters and his intimate knowledge of State government will be a great asset to the committee before and a widespread prosperity in many directions. It is pointed out that money and credit are in good condition and that when Congress shall have finished the necessary legislation so that business men can get a line on credit, there will be a going forward with added impetus.

Francis Thompson as Katharine Tynan Knew Him. —Katharine Tynan makes a most interesting study of the coming generations, to a knowledge and understanding of Francis Thompson, in her volume of poems, "The Middle Years," just published by Houghton Mifflin Company.

Our Mental Apathy "We're unprepared! Of course we are, but this is a hopeless war to preparation if we would use all our means in making good. But there is something worse with us, a something that we cannot see, and which we are unprepared, for we are numbered by mental apathy. Our bodies are in good repair to meet conditions anywhere; not so our minds, which will not wake to realize the grave mistake of our inaction when the call sounds loudest for us to get up and fight."

—The Philadelphia Inquirer in discussing the dinner to be given for the line of Republican Party in Philadelphia to-night says: "Senator Penrose, who arrived from Washington last evening, accepted an invitation to give the address. He will be given this evening to Auditor General-elect Charles A. Snyder at the Bellevue-Stratford, and at which Mayor Smith and Senator McNichol and Vane will be among those present. The function will be held under the auspices of the Pennsylvania State Senatorial Society, composed of present and former members of the State Senate. The occasion may be productive of political developments along the line of Republican Party harmony. Mayor Smith has expressed a determination to strive to that end among the local Republican factions with a view to bringing about an agreement upon a local ticket which can be supported by both factions at the September primaries."

—The Philadelphia Ledger to-day gives prominence to a story that Mayor Smith is seeking a "harmony ticket" to be issued this week. Meaning that the Mayor is commencing to take the importance of real harmony.

—The call for the congressional election in the 28th district is exciting the line of Republican Party. While candidates multiply. —Indications are that W. P. Gallagher, reading clerk of the Senate, will be the successor of State Treasurer-elect Harmon M. Kephart as chief clerk of the Senate.

—State Treasurer-elect Kephart will make changes in the Treasury for some time. Cashier Crichton is expected to remain for a short period.

WHAT THE BUSINESS MAN SAW IN THE BACK YARD

By W. F. French, in "The Nation's Business"

MILLIONS of back yards and vacant lots await the hoe and the spade on the on-coming and swelling ranks of the amateur gardener. Everywhere ground which has been an eyesore will bud and blossom.

The Department of Agriculture has placed the stamp of its approval on the home and club garden movement by appointing H. M. Connolly, of the States Relations Service, to direct the work in the City of Washington. He will tell the thousands of amateur grubbers what to do and how to do it.

The city will be divided into districts, and in each district a number of gardens, some of them boys' and girls' club gardens, others home gardens, will be selected and treated as models. Mr. Connolly will visit these model gardens at regular intervals, giving instructions and demonstrations as to how to plan a garden, what to grow, and how to plant and care for vegetables. All gardeners in a district are invited to attend these conferences, and each will be asked to keep a record of the results obtained.

That is the opinion generally expressed by business men of the garden clubs organized among their employees. The plan is simple. The employers furnish the land, and each member enjoys the privilege of using one of the small garden plots for the raising of vegetables or flowers for home use.

The membership fee, usually about fifty cents, is just enough to cover the cost of the implements furnished to the members. The average family takes two memberships, one for the husband and one for the wife. And sometimes they are taken out for the children.

Ordinarily each plot can, by careful cultivation, be made to produce about thirty dollars' worth of truck. Thus, the small garden club memberships can grow over a hundred dollars' worth of garden stuffs a season."

Push Our Activities A more vigorous pulsing of the arteries of trade, not a checking of their flow, will result from our entrance into the war with Germany. All consumers are also producers, and the stimulus of unprecedented demands will increase their production and earnings. The announced program in Washington that at least \$400,000,000 a month, and possibly \$500,000,000 a month, called for in Secretary McAdoo's program of financing the Allies, will "virtually every dollar of it" be spent in this country for foodstuffs, munitions, coal, clothing, railway equipment and other supplies, should set at rest any uneasy emotion that retrenchment is needed, save retrenchment in the consumption of luxuries. It is because labor is needed in every field for tremendous added supplies of necessities, not that the standard of living and of legitimate comfort will be lowered in this national emergency, that a campaign of thrift and the cutting off of luxuries has been urged.

During the two years and eight months of war the standard of living in Great Britain, which has borne the brunt of expenditure in money and supplies and is now spending freely the lives of her men, has steadily risen. The efficiency and volume of England's labor have increased enormously. The great army of the employed of Britain's peace time is now at work, and she has spread throughout the United Kingdom, in the stress of London that seemed with poverty and wretchedness before the war, that it is all too poor to-day. The men of the docks and the mines, the teamsters and factory operatives who squandered their earnings in gambling and drink are drawn into the vast machinery of the war industries or are fighting their country's battles at the front, while their wives and children benefit by separation allowances, enhanced pay, both to man and wife, and by the regime of thrift that has spread throughout the United Kingdom. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Wipe Not Out Good Deeds Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof. —Nehemiah, xliii, 14.

Labor Notes

Queensland, Australia, has 43,000 factory workers.

Frisco Stevedores' Union has a closed-shop agreement.

Porto Rico operates a free employment agency.

Railroad section men in Hawaii get \$1.50 a day.

Japanese factories employ 535,297 girls under 14.

Canada has 2,733,634 persons employed in gainful occupations.

There are two federations of labor in Argentina, South America.

South Carolina's industries employ over 80,000 workers.

Arkansas has put a boiler-inspection law in operation.

Painters at Springfield, Mo., have increased five cents an hour.

The fire companies in England are run by women.

Retail clerks at Belleville, Ill., have received a 20 per cent. increase.

The average wage of masons in 1793 was 50 cents a day.

Women are now employed in Germany at digging sewers.

Garment workers at Birmingham, Ala., have received a 10 per cent. increase.

Masters, Mates and Pilots' International has a membership of 4,900.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

COMMIDIUS QUARTERS Which side of the street do you live on, Mrs. Whipple? asked a counsel, crossexamining a witness. On either side, sir. If you go one way, it's on the right side, if you go the other way, it's on the left.

HE'S FIRST HOME FORTUNE. What reason did Mr. De Hunt give for wishing to break the engagement. He said the report that he was engaged to her had not extended his credit nearly as much as he expected.

SOME SUPPORT. Mr. Frank—I am a candidate for your daughter's hand. Mr. Willing—Well, I'm unpledged my boy. If a ballot is taken you can have my vote.

GLOOMY ASSUMPTION. She—Are you for peace at any price? He—There isn't any such thing. Even if you were willing to bargain on that basis, sooner or later you'd get into a row about the price.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg steel plates are used in making armored automobiles?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The town had twenty hospitals during Civil War battles on Pennsylvania and Maryland soil.