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## THE CAPITOL PARK BILLS

GREAT credit is due all those concerned in the working out of a proper treatment of the Capitol Park zone. Prominent members of the Senate and House in charge of the several measures which have been introduced to authorize the change in the regrading and planting of the park are co-operating with the State officials who have presented a plan so generally acceptable that there has been no criticism of it in any essential particular.

Harrisburg as always is co-operating in the making of a proper environment for the splendid building on Capitol Hill and there will be entire harmony in whatever is done hereafter to complete the comprehensive scheme of treatment submitted by Arnold W. Brunner and Warren H. Manning, the noted landscape designers and planners engaged by the State.

The extent of the farm movement in Harrisburg and vicinity and throughout Central Pennsylvania is surprising many persons not familiar with what has been going on during the last few weeks. Great areas of unused land are being cultivated and the yield of vegetables is likely to be much larger than originally anticipated by those who have been most active in this campaign. Governor Brumbaugh has been going on during the last few weeks and his activity in this direction and his general proclamations respecting planting and seeding have had a wholesome effect upon those who had not previously given serious consideration to the subject.

## ROOSEVELT IN FRANCE

COLONEL ROOSEVELT yet will lead an American army into France. He has the people back of him without regard to party and all the machinations of politicians and the army clique at Washington will not avail to keep him from going to the help of the Allies with a fighting force of Americans who believe in him and are willing to fight under his leadership.

It is significant that he and those associated with him already have recruited 150,000 men and that these are ready to go at once across the seas. There should be no politics in this war and great care will have to be exercised at Washington that the confidence of the people in the good faith of the administration is not shattered by moves which suggest political motives.

Colonel Roosevelt has demonstrated the highest type of patriotism in his offer to raise an army and go as a subordinate commander, and why his tender should not be seized by the government is inconceivable to the average American citizen.

Thousands of those who have not always agreed with the Colonel in his political policies are now with him and are ready to fight with him for the great principles underlying this titanic controversy. It is said that several thousand surgeons and medical men have proffered their services through the Roosevelt recruiting headquarters and that scores and thousands of men who are outside the provisions of the conscription act are anxious to don the uniform of Uncle Sam and fight with "Teddy" against the imperialism of Germany and the world.

Two important labor bodies are in session in Harrisburg this week and more and more this city is becoming the mecca of those who represent not only labor, but every other interest of the State. When the Penn-Harris Hotel shall have been erected the city will be better able to entertain its frequent groups of visitors and to extend a more hospitable hand to all who come this way.

## CORNERING POTATOES

POTATO speculators are busy in Central Pennsylvania and throughout the State. The TELEGRAPH has printed several stories of their activities and now comes a report from Berks county that these Philadelphia speculators are offering to buy the entire 1917 potato crop in advance, offering \$1.60 a bushel, payable on delivery. Fortunately the farmers are not being caught; few are entering into contract. It is generally believed that

these men are attempting to corner the potato market so as to impose additional burdens upon the people next Fall.

There is nothing that the Committee on Safety appointed by Governor Brumbaugh can do which will more effectually protect the poor people than the adoption of some means by which this sort of outrageous speculation in food products may be checked. It is bad enough, in all conscience, that the people must pay unreasonable prices for the things they eat, owing to war conditions, but it will be infinitely worse should they be made the victims of conscienceless individuals and associations through arbitrary price fixing and the cornering of the supply.

State Treasurer Kephart was the recipient of a distinguished tribute in the dinner tendered him at the Harrisburg Club last night by the members of the State Senate. "Keppy," as all his friends are pleased to call the good-natured and stalwart ex-clerk of the Senate, has come up from the ranks, a self-made man, and it is said the secret of his success has been his readiness to learn from those who have passed along the highway of life before him. Generous to a fault, he has surrounded himself with many warm friends who are not confined to any party or faction.

## OUR TREES

GVERNOR BRUMBAUGH has urged strongly the planting of native Pennsylvania trees in the transformed Capitol Park and this plan has been widely approved, especially his suggestion that municipalities and boroughs throughout the State each be requested to supply a tree to be named in honor of the donor. It is proposed through this plan to have York day, Lancaster day, and days for all the other towns and cities participating in this important tree planting program. All will thus feel that they have a part in the permanent treatment of the Capitol Park zone.

There are still many great trees in Pennsylvania, but most of the monarchs of the forest have fallen in the great timber operations of other years. It is said, however, that there are still in the Cook tract along the banks of the Clarion river white-pine trees towering 250 feet in height and more than 150 feet from the ground to the first limb. There are also trees on this tract said to have been standing when Columbus discovered America.

Whether the State will ever take title to this property remains to be seen, but for years efforts have been made to have it turned into a great national park, as attractive as the Yellowstone Park or the Redwood trees of California.

The Cook forest comprises the breeding place of much of the wild life that inhabits Pennsylvania mountains and it is said birds and animals are seen there never observed elsewhere in the State.

Bringing German prisoners to the United States may result in some of them getting just where a large number of them have been longing to be ever since the war started.

## PATRIOTIC UPPED END

THE people of the upper end of Dauphin county are responding nobly to the call of the Red Cross. Halifax, Millersburg, Lykens, Williamstown, Wiconisco and Elizabethtown together have enrolled more than 1,000 members and in a few weeks those in charge of the auxiliaries promise to have at least 500 more. This is good work. The people north of the mountains never let Harrisburg and the towns to the south excel them in any effort for the public welfare. The spirit of wholesome rivalry existing there is well illustrated by the fact that Williamstown, in an effort to surpass its neighbors, last night rolled up a membership of 154, breaking all records for suburban towns.

Perry county is doing almost as well. Duncannon to-day reporting more than 100 Red Cross members. Unless Harrisburg responds more generously, the suburbs may show a larger enrollment in proportion to the population than the city itself.

Secretary of War Daniels thinks maybe the submarine menace has been solved, but the proof of the pudding will be the sinking.

## LOYAL MINERS

THE men of the Short Mountain colliery of the Susquehanna Coal Company are to be commended. Yesterday they sent to the superintendent of the mine the pledge of their union to use its best efforts to procure a maximum of production during the war to meet the threatened shortage. Workmen and employers alike might take a lesson from this. Production of manufactures as well as of fuel must be kept up. Capital and labor will perform a patriotic duty by following the example of these upper-end miners.

Buying a war bond on the installment plan is only another way of laying something aside for a rainy day.

## ABLE AND WILLING

REPRESENTATIVE JULIUS KAHN, of California, handling the President's conscription legislation in the House, offered an unusual spectacle.

Mr. Kahn is a Republican, staunch and unconditional; yet the crucial measure of the war was piloted through its course by his capable hands after the Democratic chairman of the committee on military affairs had flunked his duty to his own President and to his country. The incident will not be forgotten and it will serve a good purpose in the next Congressional campaign, when the record of the two parties, individually and collectively, is under consideration.

In the meantime, there will be, we are confident, many more proofs of the unstable balance which may

be placed upon the Democratic party and its Congressional leaders in time of real stress. This war will go on, the legislation to provide for it will be drawn, and the largest support which it will receive will come from Republican ranks.

The country will not be unmindful of this when the day comes to take a reckoning and to render unto men and parties their political recompense.

All Good Scouts will help the Boy Scouts.

## Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Members of the Legislature who have evidently been hearing from home were to-day demanding that some action be taken within the next week to expedite the return of the Legislature would close its sessions. The suggestion of June 14 and the agreement of the House leaders to recommend a date on Monday night were the big topics of discussion in newspapers throughout the State as well as in Legislative halls to-day. The general sentiment appears to be for an adjournment and not a recess.

Senatorial leaders to-day intimated that they would favor the selection of a June date and there were signs that every legislator was going to get things into shape for the home stretch. It is pointed out that the Legislature would close its sessions in various counties based upon what has been done here and there in the last three or four months.

Chairman of committees of both branches of the Legislature were hunting to-day to get reports on all bills in their hands and there will be plenty of action by committees in the next few days.

Friends of Colonel Harry C. Trexler, of Allentown, quartermaster general of the National Guard, have revived the boom for him for Governor, but the Legislature and some of the newspapers suggest that the pay be equalized by eliminating some jobs. Senatorial leaders are said to have this in mind.

It commences to look as though the State Treasury organization would be reorganized as presented by State Treasurer Kephart and that Auditor General Snyder would be rather conservative about his appointments. The men in service will be the true figures of the general program of changes is determined upon as the new Auditor General is not disposed to have efficiency interfered with for a minute, but speeded up instead. It has been looking into the way things have been conducted with a view to making haste slowly and records of the last two years are being studied.

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Representative T. J. Graeff, of Tamaqua, enlightened the House yesterday on bills and salaries. He declared that a bill to raise salaries of judges and justices, not a salary raiser, because it makes the salary what it should be. In another instance he told a Westmoreland judge that he was not one man who was on the Schuylkill bench who could not earn more than the salary fixed in the bill.

Representative D. C. Russell, of Adams, is crusading for payment to townships of the "dirt road" allowance. He says the State owes the townships \$3,000,000 and that it dates back for years.

## Back to the Soil

The young k-nut, unfit for general service, volunteered for work on the land. He went down to his father's "place" and is now farming. He is now passing that way spied him in legging and Norfolk jacket striding across a wide stretch of moorland.

"Hallo, Smutty!" he cried as he came up. "What are you doing in this forsaken land?"

"Farming. I've gone back to the land. 'Any good at it?" grinned the friend.

"Should think so! See this piece of moorland? Before I came it was going to waste—no use at all; but with a lot of work I've turned it into a rippin' golf links."—New York Globe.

## Flashes of Genius

Silence is the best resolve for him who distrusts himself.—La Rochefoucauld.

The man who cannot laugh is not only fit for treason, stratagem and spoils, but his whole life is already a treason and a stratagem.—Carlyle.

To give alms is little unless you give thought and heart also.—J. M. Jamison.

The only reform that really reforms is the reform that comes from the heart of the individual. Not all the king's laws nor all the king's statutes can reform an evil community.—Duke de Boulogne.

As we love happiness and liberty we should not attempt to curtail or circumscribe the liberty or happiness of others.—Thomas Paynton Cooper.

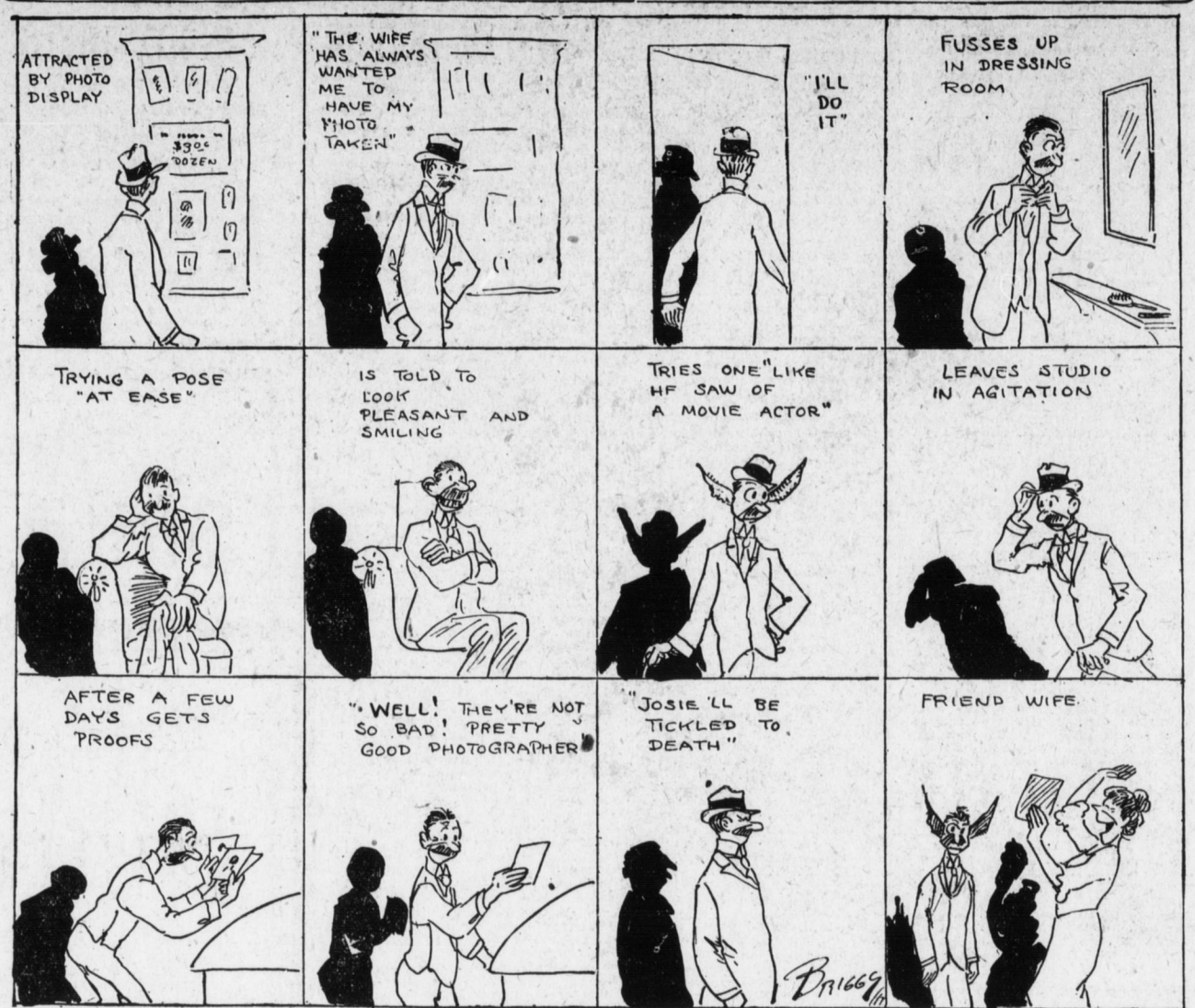
Conviviality and the merry intercourse of men are among the important relaxations of life when many evils and grievances are either forgotten or forgiven. When the means is denied an important feature of sociability has gone which nothing else can replace.—E. A. V. Maltby.

Charles M. Schwab says:—Recently we have heard much about investments. To my mind, the best investment a young man starting out in business can possibly make is to give all his time, all his energies, to work just what he likes to do. After a man's position is assured, he can indulge in pleasure if he wishes. He will have lost nothing by waiting—and gained more!

The Russian Bear  
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# OH, MAN!

By BRIGGS



## Hungary Now Bankrupt

[From the New York Times]

Dr. Edz Palffy, in a recent article in the *Az Est* of Budapest, entitled "Hopeless," makes some startling revelations in regard to the state finances of Hungary. Doctor Palffy is not only a prominent Magyar political economist, but he is an ardent supporter of close economic relations with Germany.

He leads up to the statement that Hungary is insolvent by pointing out that, while the productions of Hungary realized in the year before the war 950 million dollars, the war had reduced the state up to March 15 billions, and that an equal amount would be necessary to liquidate national expenses at the close of the war—if the end came soon. Hence, while the whole national production has never exceeded 950 million dollars, the true figures of which have never been published, he predicts "a revealed catastrophe" with the floating of the new war loan.

The Hungarian situation, he declares, "were to pay 50 per cent. income tax and the farmer 50 per cent. of their produce in taxes, and the industrial products would be reduced entirely, even then the needs of the state would not be covered. And if the state were to seize the entire agricultural products of the country after the war from the producer, 18 million dollars would still be wanting to cover the interest the state has to pay on the war loans."

## A Flying Start

As the result of lectures administered to him by both his father and the young woman of his choice, a certain young man decided to turn over a new leaf and show some interest in business.

"Well, Molly," said he to the girl one evening, "I am really going into business in earnest. Made a beginning today." "Good!" exclaimed Molly. "And what was the nature of your start?" "I ordered my tailor to make me a business suit," Philadelphia Ledger.

## The Only Way

President H. H. Wright, of Pisk University, was complaining in Nashville about the worship of wealth which characterizes the twentieth century.

"A young man," he said, "asked me the other day which was more essential, riches or brains. I said, 'Brains,' said I, 'of course, but in these times the only way a man can convince people he has got brains is to get riches.'"—Washington Star.

## Little Boy in the Morning

He will not come, and still I wait; He whistles at another gate Where angels linger. Ah, I know He will not come; yet if I go I shall I know he did not pass Barefooted in the flowery grass?

The moon leans on one silver horn Above the silhouettes of morn; And from their nest-sills finches whistle.

Or, stooping, pluck the downy thistle. How is the morn so gay and fair Without his whistling in the air?

The world is calling; I must go. How shall I know he did not pass Barefooted in the flowery grass? —Francis Ledwidge.

## The German Noah's Ark

The German sheep, dear children, grow To ordinary size; Their wool is long and silky, though, And falls about their eyes; And thus they do not see so well—I'm also told they cannot smell.

## The German Goat

The German goat, my little dears, That wild and skippish beast, Conducts the sheep from east to west, And then from west to east; And when the sheep all down to rest He tells them of that awful pest.

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## GROWING UNREST IN GERMANY

THE little that leaks out of Germany concerning the work of amending the Imperial Constitution is strongly suggestive of existing contentions with the existing political conditions.

Contented nations do not stop in the middle of a bitterly contested war to remedy flaws in their industrial law. Questions of ratios of representation and of executive responsibility are not pressing at such times as long as all goes well with the armistice. The position of a Chancellor defies attack as long as the foe is on the run and the bullets from the battlefields are uniformly victorious. It is only when the military outlook is dark, the foe everywhere advancing, the rolls of death growing longer, the lists of victories shrinking to nothing, and the people at home feeling the pinch of hunger that the politicians begin crying for reforms in the executive offices.

The incidents are significant. They indicate a degree of unrest in political Germany that few supposed to exist there. We may be sure that exaggerated reports have not been allowed to pass the censor. What we have read probably falls far short of the entire story. There is every reason to believe that the Government has suffered in the war has at last stirred the German people to protest, and even to organized opposition to the government responsible for them.—New York Sun.

## War Needs at Home

[Philadelphia Bulletin] With seventeen separate requests from foreign powers for assistance out of the national war chest, aggregating almost the entirety of the \$7,000,000,000 loan, Congress and the administration Tuesday confronted the rival demand of our own army and navy in the shape of an appropriation bill totaling nearly \$3,000,000,000, and which was said to be only the beginning.

Thus far provision has been made chiefly for the organization and equipment of the new army which is to be raised, and even then only for such part of it as is in more or less immediate prospect. The actuality of war has not yet been reached, and the costs of preparation, or even of the initial stages of actual operation, are not the full measure of the ultimate expense of maintaining the army and carrying it through to victory.

The new navy is yet in the making, but when it shall be in commission, and the money as speedily as possible, there will be a largely increased charge for its maintenance.

## Clean-Up Week

Every housekeeper knows the necessity of periodic house-cleaning supplementing even the most careful and painstaking daily routine of housework; and municipal administration in this particular is only housekeeping in the broader degree. Clean-up Week, which now, for the fourth time, is officially proclaimed, is simply an application of the commonplace practice of every houseowner and housekeeper.

It is an effort in co-operative cleanliness; it serves the better health of the community by its riddance of the breeding places of dirt and disease; it contributes to the brightness of the city by its improvement of the surroundings; this year it is proposed that it shall aid in economic development by its preparation of vacant ground for purposes of cultivation.

But the chief purpose and service of Clean-up Week are in its enlistment of popular interest in municipal housekeeping. There is more or less difficulty in prodding municipal bureaus and contractors to a competent performance of their work in cleaning streets, but with patience and persistence that can be done. It is far more difficult to reach the individual citizen effectively and to prod him to his part in keeping the streets—or even his own premises—clean, and the occasional appeal of this nature, even though heathenish in its origin, is far more effective, less fantastic, is of practical value because it makes an unusual appeal to the great majority of citizens, and leaves a permanent influence and inspiration with a great many.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

## Labor Notes

Joplin (Mo.) Iron Molders' Union has secured an agreement with employers in the city and near-by localities. These workers will be paid \$4.00 per day for a nine-hour day. This means a total increase of 50 cents a day.

The creation of a state constabulary, as recommended by the California State Council of Defense, will be opposed by the California State Federation of Labor, representing all the organized wage-earners of California.

In one year Toronto metal polishers have raised wages 22 per cent, and established a minimum rate of 45 cents an hour; reduced the work day from 10 to 9 hours; secured the Saturday half holiday in a majority of the shops and made better working conditions possible.

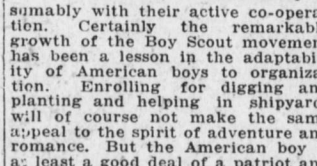
The executive council of the California State Federation of Labor has decided to co-operate with the State Building Trades Council of California in invoking the initiative on the bill defeated in the Legislature to abolish privately-owned employment agencies.

Lieutenant General Goener has proposed to the Governments of the Federated German States that representatives of labor be appointed to various organizations to satisfy the people that foodstuffs available are actually distributed justly and in accord with the requirements of the working population.

## A Natural Ambition

We should think the Kaiser would want to come over here and shoot us up, in the hope that in the general melee he might happen to hit the man who told him that this country would not stand by President Wilson against the Imperial German government.—Ohio State Journal.

## OUR DAILY LAUGH



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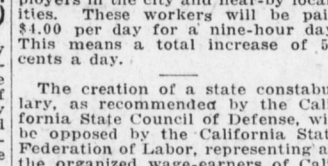
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## HISTORIC HARRISBURG

John Harris commandeered wheat and other provisions grown hereabouts for the army when it was at Valley Forge.

## JUST REVERSED.

Doctor: Did he take the medicine I prescribed for him religiously? Nurse: No, sir, he swore every time.