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The noblest question in the world is, "What good may I do in it?"—Benjamin Franklin.

THE SCOUT CAMPAIGN

WE have had no finer demonstration of the real spirit of Harrisburg than the campaign just closed for the Boy Scouts.

Most of the speakers during the three days of activity referred to the get-together spirit of Harrisburg on all occasions and predicted just what happened—a fine culmination of the earnest efforts of all concerned.

Once more the old town has covered itself with glory in a most worthy cause. Our people always may be depended upon to do the right thing when they understand what is expected of them.

To one and all, congratulations. To Howard C. Fry and his fellows of the Rotary Club, all hail. It was a piece of constructive effort and creditable to all and of special importance to the city as a whole.

Kansas City is thinking of plowing up its golf courses. Why not turn a bunch of beginners loose on them with drivers, irons and an unlimited supply of balls?

REGISTRATION DAY PROGRAMS

THE National Chamber of Commerce has suggested as a program for Military Registration Day under the conscription act, parades, music by school children and speeches, all the communities arranging for some such exhibition.

It is further suggested that all classes of citizens should have a part in the demonstration, that the church and fire bells should be rung and that the place of honor in the parade shall be given to the young men of registration age.

Local Chambers of Commerce throughout the country probably will take up this suggestion and work out some plan for general cooperation.

After working on the lawn for several hours, we begin to understand why the farmers charge so much for the dandelion they bring to market.

GOOD ADVICE

AS the country is being widely organized for the production of foodstuffs, the people are beginning to understand that conservation of food products does not necessarily involve false economy in other directions.

Remember, when you pull blossoms from a fruit tree for decorative purposes, you are cutting down the fruit supply by the amount you thus destroy.

MORE VIGOR NEEDED

DISCUSSING the making-over of the nation from a country of peaceful pursuits to one prepared for war, a recent writer says it is a difficult task to swing a great nation from a strict neutrality into active and effective belligerency.

ed. Great Britain in the first thirty-three days of the war had mobilized her great fleet, had transported an army larger than our whole available force across the channel; that army had fought two pitched battles, retreated more than 100 miles and was at the point of beginning an attack upon the Germans at an important point.

Partisanship is believed to have had a good deal to do with our failure to make more rapid headway, but the pressure of the people is beginning to be felt at Washington. Those who would promote selfish political or personal ambitions at the expense of the country at large will be forced into the open and driven to the rear.

The people of the United States are essentially patient, but they will not long endure anything which may interfere with their patriotic impulses and purposes. This is a time for caution, of course, but it is no time to do anything which will seriously impede the national development of the country or its industrial or commercial activities.

"Germany has the freest election system in the world," says the chancellor. Then for mercy's sake let's stick to the restricted American plan.

ROOSEVELT TO FRANCE

CONGRESS is certain to approve the proposal to permit Theodore Roosevelt to lead a volunteer expedition to France. In reversing itself on that section of the army bill on Saturday the House responded to overwhelming public sentiment. Under these circumstances, although President Wilson is known to look unfavorably upon Colonel Roosevelt's offer, it is difficult to see how he can withhold his approval.

There has been more than a suspicion that the Roosevelt contingent was being frowned upon at Washington for political reasons; that it was feared in Democratic circles he might come back from France an unconquerable presidential possibility. President Wilson will have opportunity to set all such reports at rest by gracefully setting aside his personal feelings in order to let the public have its way in this important matter.

Nothing will move the men of the United States so much as knowledge that an ex-President of the country is to be the first American to set foot on France in the great struggle for liberty and democracy upon which we are about to enter. The raising of a Roosevelt expedition would sweep the nation with just such a wave of enthusiasm as the administration has been trying in vain to create.

On the other hand, if the Colonel is denied this service the people are apt to become distrustful of sincerity in high places at Washington, which would be the greatest misfortune that could befall the country at this time.

MR. SHREINER'S APPOINTMENT

CONFIRMATION by the Senate of the appointment of George A. Shreiner to be State Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings would be highly pleasing to the people of Harrisburg, who know his sterling worth and real ability. More than that, it would indicate to the State the services of a man not only well qualified for the office, but acquainted with the development of the park extension scheme in all of its details.

As a member of the City Planning Commission since its creation, Mr. Shreiner has given much attention to the problems of city development, hinging upon the Capitol purchases and improvements and there is no man in Pennsylvania better fitted than he to deal with them as superintendent. In addition, he is an expert on building and real estate and a man of unquestioned integrity and high ideals.

THAT CHARLESTON PLANT

CHARLESTON newspapers are rejoicing over the selection of that city as site for the proposed government-owned armor-plate mills. Charleston newspapers ought to be ashamed of themselves. It is all very well to rejoice in the good fortune of one's city, but when good fortune is created at the expense of the country's best interests in time of war we have a bird of quite another feather.

Aside from the folly of government ownership of such a plant on the plain course of everyday economy, is the fact that the erection of the armor-plate mill, as contemplated by the Honorable Josephus, will be one of the greatest construction enterprises going forward during the next two years. Thousands of tons of steel that ought to be put into new war and merchant shipping will be used in its building. Thousands of men who should be at work on steel for the navy or the army will be drafted in order that this purely experimental idea of the eminent Josephus may be given a trial. By the time the plant is completed the war may be over.

We need the money, we need the materials and we need the men that will go into the making of the Charleston plant. We need them badly, but what matters that?

AN IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE

IN 1898, one year after William McKinley had taken the Presidential chair to which William J. Bryan aspired, came the war with Spain. The friends of Mr. Bryan were insistent that he should be given a "place in the sun." McKinley raised no objection and Bryan became a colonel of volunteers.

President Wilson takes a different view of Theodore Roosevelt's ambition to lead American troops upon French soil.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

A Pocket Garden Library.—Pocket color guides to popular garden favorites—perennials, shrubs, evergreens, and some greenhouse plants are found in the four volumes of the Pocket Garden Library to be published by Doubleday, Page & Co. on May 15.

"The Hundredth Chance," by Ethel M. Dell—"The Hundredth Chance," by Ethel M. Dell, which the Putnam's publish, deals with the marriage of a girl to a man who is socially her inferior. She marries him for reasons, but all her affections are centered upon a man of her own station, who, however, has always been the shadowy figure in the background.

Our Pet Prejudices

It is going to be hard for many Americans to lay aside deep seated national prejudices. Each of the numerous groups that make up our population has its own pet likes and dislikes. Many of British descent have forgotten Bunker Hill and the Redcoats of their school history. The descendants of Irish immigrants naturally share this feeling of racial superiority. Americans of German antecedents find it hard to get away from generations of antipathy for the French.

Belgium's Heroic Women

The only American woman member of the Commission for Relief in Belgium has written a book that should be read everywhere in the country. It is entitled "Women of Belgium Turned Tragedy to Triumph," and was written out of Mrs. Kellogg's own personal observations and experiences in that smitten country. The introduction is by Herbert Hoover, that great American through whose tireless efforts the deplorable condition of the Belgium people is being alleviated.

This unique volume is not a "war-book" in the sense that it details horrors of battle, but rather it covers a period of unbroken martyrdom and philanthropy never before known. It recites the splendid service and the noble service of true Americans by ordering a copy of the book to be sent to the Commission for Relief in Belgium. It has 230 pages, is well printed and illustrated, is bound in cloth, and will be sent to any address, postpaid, on receipt of \$1.10, by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 254-260 Fourth Avenue, New York City. Buy one, five, a dozen, copies, and distribute them and you will be doing a noble deed.

Labor Notes

Union laborers have raised wages 10 per cent. for the unloading of lumber in the ports of Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo.

Wages have been increased to 35 cents an hour by organized painters and paperhangers in the twin cities of—Marquette, Minn., and Menominee, Mich.

Laundry workers in Cheyenne, Wyo., have organized with the aid of local unionists, who are determined to secure better conditions for these poorly-paid workers.

Membership of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America are voting on a plan to amalgamate with the International Lithographic Protective Association.

In Petrosgrad the factory workers are working to the full extent of their opportunities, and the news of their spirit in the army is extremely encouraging.

The German military authorities at Petrograd have many munition factories under military law, owing to their anxiety as to the intrigues of the extreme Socialists.

Flowers and Children

God made the fields and waving trees,

All fresh and fair and green; And then looked down with pleasure On the Heaven tinted scene.

God spoke: "The good to look upon But something's lacking there." Then dotted He the hills and plains With flowers, wondrous fair.

God made the world; then peopled it With Man and Woman, too. Then looked to see if any more Were left for Him to do.

God spoke: "I've made them, it is true, Still I must look to see 'em." "Still I must look to see 'em." Then fashion'd He the children of men.

The Children at his knee, —Edna Groff Deihl in the Church Advocate.

Charles M. Schwab says:—The man who has done his best has done everything. The man who has done less than his best has done nothing.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

People active in legislative affairs and in politics are awaiting with interest the result of the conference to be held in Philadelphia this afternoon between Senator Boies Penrose and legislative leaders on the subject of closing up the session. The Governor and his allies are also awaiting the decision of the Penrose people.

The last twenty-four hours have brought about a revival of the gossip that the Legislature may take a recess after all in the middle of June instead of adjourning on July 1. There is much opposition to anything except final adjournment. One story to-day was that in the event that the decision is to adjourn, the appropriation bills will be rushed so that the Governor will have to act on them while the Legislature is still in session. Another story was that the Governor would send in most of his appointments the final week.

A very general hope that some protocol could be signed was expressed about legislative halls to-day.

Democratic ringmasters will come to the walling place to-morrow. The men who have been running the Democratic machine in the State lately will appear to-morrow before House committees and point out what a dreadful mistake the general assembly is making in not adjourning immediately. Floorwalker Sarig will stage the hearings to-morrow on the corrupt practices act. He said to have been borrowed from the old Progressive committee, and on Wednesday the charities bill will be talked about. After that, the Democratic members will hustle for their hospital bills, which they did in the days when E. Lowry Humes was preaching reform in charity appeals, and taking the care of Crawford county institutions at the same time.

The mourners who will attend will be the National Chairman, McCornick, Ringmaster Humes, Roland S. Morris, untitled and unsexed and other, who have been very vocal in their denunciations of the people of the State to put deservingly Democrats into positions of power and puff.

Much sympathy was expressed at the Capitol to-day for Senator William E. Crow, the Republican State chairman, whose wife and two children died in the cholera epidemic in Uniontown. Their illness will prevent the senator from taking much part in legislation this week.

A driver got their presidential voting bill out of committee. They have been sending in many letters and plan to appoint more committees if action is not taken soon.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says:—"There is a spirited canvass in Blaine for Republican nominations for county offices to be voted for next fall. In the line-up it is evident that the most aggressive fighter is the Taylor-Critchfield-Clague Co., of Chicago, New York, Boston, Detroit and Minneapolis, to emphasize the danger of over-pricing the question of economy in buying."

There is a most unusual condition existing in Pittsburgh. They can't find enough men to fill the extra places on the police force.

Registration officers in Philadelphia are offering to party are offering their services for the draft.

Opposition to the third-class city legislation will collide in Senate on the 15th inst. The are several bills on which men differ.

Granger members are making lists of salary raisers and there are reports that they threaten to fight the Rural Members' League who will meet to-morrow night to talk over the prospects for highway and school legislation.

State College is to get a new post office building and it will cost \$48,000.

The anniversary of Dr. Edwin E. Sparks as president of State College was made the occasion of a patriotic rally at which the state of Dr. Sparks in the agriculture in Pennsylvania were lauded.

It is said that the Smith cabinet bill will be amended in the Senate so that private dining in hotels will not be interfered with.

The Philadelphia Central Labor Union voted 139 to 1 against prohibition for the war.

The Philadelphia Ledger says that harmony or no harmony, there will be no lack of candidates for the job of Philadelphia, salary \$10,000.

Hazleton will have a Fourth of July celebration without fireworks, says Mayor Harvey.

About Our Looks

Kansas City had an opportunity to realize a dream—and did realize it. A tremendous asset good looks may be to a city. We may be sure that nothing our French visitors took away with them was so valuable as the impressions they spent here dwell more pleasantly in their memories than the impressions they received of the city in their drive over the boulevard and residence streets.

We were conscious that we were looking our best. Brilliant sunshine and balmy spring air brought us out. We were in our best spring dress set out in the colors that best become us. Lawns, trees and shrubbery were putting forth their vernal beauties, and our homes showed the freshness and neatness that testified to housewifely pride and the emulation of the season.

We heard often in praise from our visitors to confirm us in a suspicion that we have something of a reputation as a reigning beauty. So be it and let us deny it. We deny it. We think ourselves we have a point or two. But we ought to guard against becoming a spoiled beauty, or one of the "old maids" necessary to keep us up to the level of our reputation. Pride goeth before a falling complexion, and eternal vigilance is the price of a good figure.

Let us not fall into the careless way of letting our looks take care of themselves. The freshness of youth will pass, and if we would have it succeeded by a maturer charm, we must preserve the vigor of our civic body and face it as we really are. We ought not to sit before the mirror admiring the looks we have not, but should be bestirring ourselves to make sure we shall have some looks to admire twenty years from now. Let's keep on touching our looks up, so we can keep on having these parting glances be the ornament of our face.

When a Feller Needs a Friend . . . By BRIGGS



SIT TIGHT---DON'T BE TIGHT A Preachment to the Wise

(The following is the viewpoint of one of the large advertising and merchandising agencies regarding the present business situation. It is written by the Taylor-Critchfield-Clague Co., of Chicago, New York, Boston, Detroit and Minneapolis, to emphasize the danger of over-pricing the question of economy in buying.)

Judiciously invested in land and wisely spent for better working and living conditions.

Regulation of food prices by the government will have only a beneficial effect upon the buying habits of class on America's farms. For the agriculturist will receive a liberal profit and the volume of his output will be materially increased.

In Canada, business has gone ahead during all the months of the war. In lines having to do with the production of foodstuffs there is unprecedented prosperity. In other lines there is no display of false economy to clog the wheels of trade and thereby cripple the government in its efforts to meet and master the most critical situation that Canada and its mother country have ever faced.

And so will it be in the United States as soon as those people who are now practicing it learn that false economy is unjust, unprofitable, and unwise.

The surest way to throw thousands of wage earners out of employment, and to make many more unemployed than imaginably is to permit false economy to put a stop to ordinary buying on the part of the masses and thereby put a stop to the wheels of business.

Speaking to and for the great agricultural class, the Farm Journal says that "wise spending is the true economy. It urges its readers not to become panic-stricken or needlessly tight with their purses. And the same doctrine may safely be accepted by the other millions who live in our cities, villages and towns."

This frantic desire to fill the basement with canned goods and staples is gradually disappearing, as it should, and the buying habits of the public will soon be back in their customary channels.

Probably the most important warning voiced by Howard E. Coffin, of the Council of National Defense, is that the United States must meet its international obligations "with the least possible disarrangement of our own vast commercial and industrial machine."

An effective way for you to "do your bit" is to assist in preventing such disarrangement by the way you do it. The American people face several duties. One is to fight, and fight hard for the principles involved in this tremendous international struggle. Another is to produce all that can be produced, to buy all that is needed to keep the channels of business open and the progress of it active and unhindered.

"Business as Usual—and More of It" represents no false sentiment. There is nothing emotional about it. Facts and conditions substantiate it.

As business advisers, and because of our relations with many of the representatives of the government, we are urging clients and all those with whom we come in contact to take this view of the proposition and assist in holding our domestic commerce steady by the way we buy.

The avowed determination of the authorities at Washington to maintain our commercial affairs on an even keel, and to buy more and produce more, is a commendable policy. Every manufacturer, wholesaler and retail merchant, but should establish public confidence in a manner not to be moved. When that is accomplished, this false economy which is being urged from certain sources will disappear, legitimate buying will go forward unhindered and domestic trade will enjoy its customary stability.

The buying power of farmer, miner, artisan and tradesman is unaffected by the war. On the contrary, there is every reason to believe that such buying power will be increased. Take the farmer, for example. All these appeals for increased production for the planting of every possible acre, will mean a vastly increased production. It will mean more money for the farmers of America; more money—not to be hoarded, but to be

Evening Chat

All over the State registrars of voters, assessors and election officers are volunteering their help for the conduct of the registration of the young men of Pennsylvania within the limit of the selective draft in the event of Governor Brumbaugh choosing to adopt the plan of utilizing the registration machinery outlined by Secretary of the Commonwealth Woods. Newspapers in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh tell of offers by registrars to give their services on the day picked for registration and not to ask one cent of compensation, while in various counties commissioners are sending word that they will use their efforts to obtain similar services free to the Commonwealth from the registrars and assessors and election officers under their charge. In Pittsburgh Registration Commissioner David Lawrence, who is well known here, gave the names of eighteen volunteers and said that he expected every registrar in the big western city to offer his services. In Philadelphia several of the officials connected with the registration work declared it afforded a splendid chance for them to do good. It is probably true that the smaller cities and the great army of assessors and election officers in the boroughs and townships will do their best. In instances, the men who served on these boards are beyond the age of conscription and they are eager to do the work as a public duty. In some instances, the men who served on these boards are beyond the age of conscription and they are eager to do the work as a public duty. In some instances, the men who served on these boards are beyond the age of conscription and they are eager to do the work as a public duty.

What some visitor to Harrisburg once called "the most neglected spot in Harrisburg" is now one of the prettiest. It is the grave of John Harris, the first settler on the banks of the Susquehanna just 200 years ago and in whose honor the State Capital of Pennsylvania was named. For years the people of Harrisburg allowed the trunk of the historic mulberry tree to which he was tied when the Indians tried to burn him to be his monument. Then the Harris family was successful. Successive generations of Harrisburg children have played about that tiny graveyard and thousands have peered into the trunk of the tree, some wondering why greater not was not taken of the place where was the genesis of Harrisburg. But the Harris family was successful. Successive generations of Harrisburg children have played about that tiny graveyard and thousands have peered into the trunk of the tree, some wondering why greater not was not taken of the place where was the genesis of Harrisburg. But the Harris family was successful.

The suggestion of Dr. Joseph Kaibfuss, secretary of the State Game Commission, that the sportsmen of the State plant such grains as kafir corn or sorghum or other seed-bearing plants which survive the winter and rear aloft their tassels as food for game birds is based upon observations in the Southern States. The sportsmen of the Southern States, some Southern lands fields or localities where the dried shanks of the kafir corn are to be found in winter. The sportsmen, who have quality and other game are abundant and fat. He suggests that this year there will be little of foodstuffs wasted and that sportsmen, who have an interest in providing grain for quail and other game should plant kafir corn or strew it about and let nature do the rest. "The price of nature where a princely city forgets."

We need all of the available sinews of war in order that our national cause may succeed. One of these is public confidence, and that can only be retained by means of normal conduct on the part of the people in their daily living and their daily expenditures.

Business as usual—and more of it. Sit tight; don't be tight.

It Often Happens

When it's all over the pacifist Congressmen will be loudest in telling how we licked 'em.—Washington Post.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

PATRIOTIC. They're very patriotic. Very. They're even going to plant potatoes in their window boxes this spring instead of geraniums.

ANOTHER SLAP AT CHOLLY. Cholly—I made a perfect fool of myself today. Miss Keen—There, I always said you could make something of yourself if you kept on trying.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Howard Eaton, former Pittsburgher and noted ranchman, has come back to his native city and is ready to go to France with Roosevelt.

Commissioner of Health Dixon is having everyone of his farms put under cultivation to the limit.

Major Daniel E. Sable, just appointed surgeon of the First Artillery is police surgeon of Pittsburgh.

Mayor Smith has ordered the city hall tower cleaned and painted and again, as he thinks it is not in danger from night fliers.

Herbert Hoover, who may be at the head of the food control, has to spend in several Pennsylvania cities.

Dr. James Tyson, former president of the State Medical Society, and dean of Philadelphia's Jefferson medical men.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg billets are used for making of many things used in motor vehicles?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG In old days recruiting used to be held in tents in Market Square.

The Going North of the Lord Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come into us as the rain, as the latter and former rain into the earth.—Hosea vi, 3.

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