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Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect.—MARCUS AURELIUS.

WOMEN DOING THEIR BIT

MANY of the chronically tired citizens who are everlastingly asking for work, with no intention of accepting it, are now taking advantage of the general theory of labor shortage.

A contractor of Harrisburg said the other day that there was a good deal of flub-dub in this sort of talk; that he had no difficulty in getting men for steady jobs and that many had come to him for employment.

There will undoubtedly be a demand for all classes of labor as the armies are called into the field, but it is outrageous that chronic loafers should take advantage of the present situation to avoid honest toil when they ought to be helping in the important industries which are now contributing to the great work of preparation.

A PROPER TRIBUTE

THE tribute paid to J. L. Cunningham, who has just retired as master mechanic of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad in this city, was worthy the man and his associates in the railroad service.

This recognition of Mr. Cunningham's fitness and loyalty was also an appreciation of his just attitude toward those who were under his direction and control. There is a growing good feeling among all railroad employees and it is a significant fact likewise that the relations between the company and its army of men are so generally satisfactory.

COPPERHEADS!

DURING the Civil War those who were not in sympathy with the Union cause were frequently characterized as copperheads. During the Liberty Loan campaign in this city a number of men have talked about our course in the present great war much as the copperheads talked during the Civil War.

ROAD TO GETTYSBURG

WHEN Governor Brumbaugh and his distinguished guests motored to Gettysburg yesterday they must have been impressed with the importance of making a permanent highway between this city and the famous battlefield, and hence to Washington.

nia, which has demonstrated its loyalty to the country in every crisis, there is a strong sentiment in favor of making the battlefield easily and comfortably accessible to the thousands who would go there under proper road conditions.

Governor Brumbaugh is awake to the necessity of a permanent State highway between Harrisburg and Gettysburg and it may be hoped that before his administration ends some definite steps will be taken to provide such a road as shall be worthy the State and a desirable connecting link between this city and the ground consecrated by the blood of a reunited people.

OSTRACIZE THEM

IT is a pity that the management of the Liberty Loan campaign has decided not to make public the names of the "slackers"—or worse—who refused to buy bonds on the grounds that they did not believe in the purposes for which the money is to be expended.

The public ought to know the names of these men in order that it might ostracize them. Such utterances smack of treason. The concentration camps for alien enemies are the places for such.

It is conceivable that there are those whose financial circumstances are such that even a \$50 bond bought on the installment plan is an impossibility. These are to be pitied, for usually they are good citizens, whose only regret is that they cannot buy many of the bonds.

But there is absolutely no excuse for the prosperous "slackers" who will neither fight nor buy bonds. If you know any such, keep your eyes on them. They will bear watching. But be careful of your dealings with them. They are not to be trusted. They should be ostracized.

THE LITTLE BROWN BROTHERS

THE FIFTEEN THOUSAND Filipinos to fight for America," is a newspaper headline. The president of the Filipino Senate has declared in a statement that his people are ready to stand on "the democratic principle that he who is unwilling to serve his country in the hour of need as a soldier is unworthy to help govern his country as a citizen."

HOOPER HANDICAPPED

HOOPER, the man who fed Belgium and who has been picked out now to feed the United States and her allies, finds himself in disagreement with the administration at the outset.

Lunatics as Soldiers

The official report of one of the great military geniuses has just made it very clear that the conscription of the insane into the German armies has been attempted, but that it has failed miserably.

The Kaiser and Revelations

Those who accept literally what is written in Revelation read there certain doom for the Kaiser on or before February 1, 1918. About two years ago I first printed this strange prophecy and now repeat it in Verse 4, Chapter XIII, of the Bible.

ing a physical valuation of railroad properties, which is taking millions of money from the treasury and from the railroads and the results of which will be of doubtful value even if the work is completed on schedule time. This work can well be put in abeyance for the time being and the money devoted to other and more pressing uses.

If those who are employed on the valuation job feel that they are being unjustly cut off from the federal payroll, there is always a chance for them to join the army and thus ensure a continuance of their stipend.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Governor Brumbaugh has acted upon exactly 300 bills to date. There are hundreds more pending and within the next few weeks it is probable that the appropriation bills will be sent to him. The number of bills acted upon is smaller than at a proportionate period of the 1915 session.

The new laws relative to time of filing nominating petitions for such offices as are to be filed at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, will become effective this year.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, discussing the proposed direct inheritance tax, says that legislators, national and state, seem to have a craze for direct taxation.

The Philadelphia newspapers appear to think that the reporting out of the small council bill was the answer to the "two big guns" of the House.

The salary increase bill vetoed yesterday could not have affected any of the present members, several legislators pointed out today.

Philadelphia's warring factions are at get around a table and three hours after the meeting of Friday.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Blest is the bond that draws a man closer to his country.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Ireland should give support to a king who will hoe potatoes.—Wall Street Journal.

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How Hindenburg must wish he could move the Masurian Lakes to the western front!—New York Sun.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Russia is beginning to understand that a separate peace means separate pieces as far as she is concerned.—Chicago Herald.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

As we understand it, a retreat to victory and beating it while the beating is good are so much alike you can't tell 'em apart.—Macon Telegraph.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"TWO BIG GUNS" To the Editor of the Telegraph: Sir: The above title is the way the Independent Brewing Company has of describing its two beers, named "Silver Top" and "Pale Export."

It is not often that liquor advertisers tell so much truth in so small compass. Guns are made to kill. That is their only reason for being.

The names of these guns are also well chosen. For in most cases they bring in to their makers, and that the company in turn divides with Uncle Sam receives he would not mind to be counted as a soldier.

The "two big guns" are intended to do, "bring down" the objects their leads are leveled at and strike. So with these "two big guns."

Yes, Messrs. Independent Brewing Company, we are glad to bear testimony that you do sometimes tell the truth in your advertisements. Advertise it in great flaming characters across the skies that your beers are "two big guns," and that they inevitably "bring down big business."

DR. B. E. P. PRUGH.

CHEMICAL SCIENCE PROBING POTASH

DR. CURTIS H. THWING of the University of Washington, has been examining the ashes found in the incinerators of lumber mills in the Northwest with a view to conserving the potash from the ashes.

Of course, the amount of wood that goes to waste in the lumber industry is a scandal and a shame to all of us, but until we have worked out ways of using the vast waste of sawdust, small branches and slats, there is no use in blaming the lumberman.

Comment on Value of Singing [New York World.] Major General Bell recently spoke of the value of singing to an army, its helpfulness on the march, its consolation in camp and even its inspiration in battle.

The Road to France Thank God our liberating lance Goes flaming on the way to France! To France—the trail the Gurkhas found!

THE Monitor Comes Back [From the Buffalo Express.] British monitors are playing an important part in the Italian advance toward Trieste. The monitors have again proved themselves in this war.

Bill Comes Home Yesterday Bill came home from the war. He was thin and pale, and his hand shook when he lifted his hat.

Cuba's Sugar Crop [From the Providence Journal.] Cuba's contribution to the war promises to be a bumper sugar crop, notwithstanding the recent depredations upon some of the plantations by the lawless element.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

QUITE A DIFFERENCE. "Do you think there is any chance of our breaking into the smart-set here?" "By smart-set do you mean high-brow or low-neck?"

A HOLD-UP IN BUGVILLE. Bug (the thug): Hands up, your honey or your life!

STILL FISHING. He—Pardon me, I didn't catch your last name. She—I haven't caught it yet myself.

LABOR NOTES

Workers in Portugal have an eight-hour day. Paris dressmakers have won increased pay. New York has 800 schoolteachers not naturalized.

New Jersey factories employ 232,000 operatives. Russian municipalities are about to engage in the boot and shoe business.

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Evening Chat

A good many people in Harrisburg are just now considering the appointment of watchers and not of the political kind, either. They are after watchers who will watch their gardens and from all accounts they are going to be considerably needed about this city and its environs.

Senator William C. Sprout, who spoke at the dinner of the Legislative Correspondents' the other evening, said that one of the most inspiring things about the registration was the way that the press of the country lined up behind the President and the national officials.

This is the open season for bills to buy various things for the State Museum. No less than five bills are pending in the Legislature to purchase collections of various kinds.

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TIME WILL TELL. "I hear we are to have a new show by the name of 'Hitchy-Koo.'" "Sounds like a sneeze, doesn't it, but perhaps it will be a yawn."