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A life on service bent, A life for love laid down, Is the life for others spent

Which God will crown. —ALLENSON.

MAD DOGS Another German air raid over London! More women and children slain.

THE APPLE CROP Lovers of apples will be delighted to hear that conditions in the Franklin county fruit belt are not as bad as first said to be.

Municipal Band Concerts GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH having approved a bill permitting cities to appropriate money for municipal band concerts.

U-Boats Losing Heavily Announcement has been made several times that American gunners on merchant ships have destroyed U-boat submarines.

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is still open, but the time left is limited. For the man who expects to be conscripted and who prefers to go as a volunteer there is no better way than to get into either the Regular Army or one of the National Guard units at once.

MONEY FOR RIFLE CLUBS

It is to be hoped that the commissioners of Dauphin county will take advantage of the law approved by Governor Brumbaugh yesterday permitting counties to give financial assistance to rifle clubs.

The Harrisburg Rifle Club is a fine example of the spirit and service such organizations may render.

It has been in existence little more than a year, yet it has sent to the officers' training camps or to the army more than half of its enrolled membership.

These men are sacrificing their own time, money and effort for the safety of the people as a whole.

A soldier who cannot shoot straight may as well not be on the battlefield or in the militia body entrusted to home protection duties.

A crack shot is worth a dozen whose marksmanship is poor.

The rifle clubs make sharpshooters of their members. They should be supported.

SPIES SPIES are everywhere in this country and little has been done to prevent their operations.

The story runs that the Cabinet also highly approved of the project, and thought that it ought to be done at once, until it came to be done.

Secretary McAdoo said that, of course, the central intelligence bureau would be organized under the Treasury Department.

This is a fine time for the little men who make up the big cabinet to air their differences.

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MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO LOCATE A FIRE

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

"From all accounts there are some free for all races being conducted in smaller counties where there will be associate judges elected this fall.

The time for circulation of nominating petitions began on Monday and in some counties there were half a dozen candidates before night.

There are only one judge to be elected and there are several candidates. In Juniata, Montour, Sullivan and Union counties there will be two judges selected.

The demands for petitions this year have been pretty extensive and the supply is being used up rapidly.

The first changes of any consequence to the judicial departments of the State government will be started the end of the coming week.

Auditor General Charles A. Senter, who has been appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to succeed the late Auditor General H. M. Kephart has managed to keep their own counsel pretty well about their appointments to be made and they will be made in the next few days.

In the Treasury, Corporation Clerk H. D. Jones will retire on Saturday and there may be some changes in the Auditor General's Department announced next week.

Reports of changes in the Public Service and Insurance Departments are denied.

Governor Brumbaugh last night announced his approval of the Stern House bill fixing the date of the September Primary for the third Wednesday after the first of Tuesday.

The Philadelphia Record to-day says that it looks as though the rival race has been decided.

Philadelphia offices this fall. Senator Penrose is to have the district attorney, the Vares, the city treasurer, the city clerk, the city engineer and the city auditor.

Senator E. W. Patton will become city treasurer.

According to the Philadelphia Record, Ex-Senator Ernest L. Tustin has been appointed as caretaker at the Fairmount Park.

The ex-Senator was downed by a Vares combination but appears to be all right at several places every now and then.

Democratic National Committeeman A. Mitchell Palmer is still suffering from the effects of the influenza which he contracted here at Brumbaugh will approve appropriations to amount of \$82,000,000.

The appropriations as made aggregate \$82,822,126 and the Governor will tackle the job on Monday.

The amounts carried are all higher than approved two years ago and the chances are that the original figures were agreed upon in the committees.

The appropriation bill carries two items for the Fire-Marshal's Department which are the reorganization goes through.

Home With Heads Up I believe that many of the men who have "dropped out" here at Plattsburg have come to the conclusion that they should never have "dropped in."

That in itself goes far toward settling the "policy" of the new method of selection of officers whether of the new army or of the reserve corps.

It means that the man who must leave Plattsburg or the other camps can go home with his head up. He has been convinced that that he was unfit to serve his country, but that he was not fitted to serve it in the capacity that appealed to him.

And the mere fact that he displayed enough initiative to seek command should be everlasting in his favor.

Some of the earlier dropped men from the encampment were perhaps bitter about it. The later homesteaders have been even philosophical about it.

They have been enthusiastic, ready to return to their homes and do what they could for the benefit of the New York Independent.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"The maddled fist of Germany, with further aid from Almighty God, will restore you to your throne."

"Your Williams' message to Constantine, his jobless brother-in-law. By this time even Constantine must suspect that that "maddled fist" is being held by the Allies for insufficient postage.

Frederick Palmer, writing in Collier's, says there are no extraordinary happenings any more, and that he may yet have to write about a siege of Jerusalem conducted by the Kansas National Guard.

There are some fascinating speculative possibilities in the above remark, the Lawrence Journal-World points out. One can imagine a Kansas boy in the Mesopotamian expeditionary force, standing on the site of the Garden of Eden, thinking of Kansas and wishing he were back in "God's country."

There is flattery in calling them food-gamblers. Gamblers take chances.—Newark News.

A Kentucky woman shot at her husband and killed a Jersey cow worth \$100. A gun is a dangerous plaything in the hands of a woman who can't shoot straight.—Kansas City Star.

Liberty Bonds are not yet listed on the Berlin bourse.—Wall Street Journal.

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The observer has to be continually on the alert, and the bomber must also keep all his wits about him, so that he can make his blind throw as efficacious as possible.—London Times.

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MUNICIPAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

IT is a noteworthy fact that the United States is beginning to appreciate botanic gardens.

This appreciation may be relatively superficial as yet, but the superficial is usually the preliminary step that leads to the fundamental.

The desirability of botanic gardens was not obvious when large areas in a state of nature were available to almost every one; but when we developed congested populations in cities and made artificial most of our open areas, the thought of botanic gardens began to take form.

Those of you who have traveled in Europe must have been impressed by the multiplicity of such gardens. They began there in the form of monastic gardens, in which the so-called "simples" used in primitive medicine, were cultivated.

Then they came out into the open as city gardens, chiefly for the enjoyment of the people and to beautify the city.

Finally, they became also scientific, and gradually led to such great establishments as the botanic gardens at Rome, Geneva and Paris, the great modern gardens on the outskirts of Berlin and Munich, and that greatest of all garden establishments, the Royal Botanic Garden of London.

These are but conspicuous illustrations of what almost every European city had developed before he began to think of garden establishments.

There is nothing more artificial than city life, and therefore nothing more abnormal. Some are able now and then to renew their contact with the natural and normal, but most are not.

A botanic garden brings to the many a touch of what only the few can secure for themselves. You have doubtless developed some very definite and effective ways of expressing the social contribution of this kind of life and welfare of this community.

Down With Autocracy July 1, 1917. U. S. S. Promethes, Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Would you mind putting this great piece of poetry in your paper and waking some boys up at home please, and oblige me. I got this from Our Navy, the magazine of the service. Harry S. Clark, formerly of 557 Clinton street, Lemoine.

Prussianism at Its Purest There is a world of meaning in the words of the German General von Blume, who publishes a review of the military situation in the semi-official North German Gazette.

"With our three allies," he says, "we now have to guard ourselves against thirteen entirely hostile and nine half-hostile states, comprising the greatest part of the earth's inhabitants. The more enemies the more honor."

Nothing could be more typically Prussian than that. Nothing could illustrate more powerfully the extraordinary vanity, the amazing conceit of the German ruling classes, which has convinced them that the Germans are the chosen people; that German Kultur is superior to any other culture, and must be imposed, by force if necessary, upon the other and "inferior" peoples.

This vanity is utterly unshakable by the fact that the great majority of the earth's inhabitants entertain a very different opinion of the Germans, of German Kultur, and of Germany's cause in this struggle.

General von Blume points out that Germany and her three allies are now opposed by "thirteen entirely hostile and nine half-hostile states." He seems to take pride in this. It has not dawned upon him that he is praising the very fact which is most damning to Germany—the fact that the opinion of the great majority of mankind is adverse to her.—Charleston News and Courier.

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By BRIGGS

"HELLO, THE FIRE WHISTLE!" "I'LL COUNT IT THE NEXT TIME IT STARTS!" "NOW - ONE - TWO - THREE - FOUR - FIVE - SIX - SEVEN - EIGHT!"

"THERE MUST BE A FIRE HEAR THE WHISTLE?" "NOW - ONE - TWO - THREE - FOUR - FIVE - SIX - SEVEN - EIGHT!"

"NOW - ONE - TWO - THREE - FOUR - FIVE - SIX - SEVEN - EIGHT!" "DADDY THEY'S A FIRE HEAR THE WHUSSE!"

"TALK WHEN I'M COUNTING I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT WHERE 'TIS!" "FRIEND CHILD!"

"WAS THAT FOUR - OR FIVE - THAT FIRST ONE?" "NOW IVE LOST COUNT!"

"HELLO CENTRAL WHERE'S TH' FIRE?"

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT. So you think war is always wrong? I do. Can you imagine what this country would be like if nobody ever had died for it.

MORE WAYS THAN ONE. Mr. Titewad: If you married me for my money, why do you want a divorce? His wife: Because I have decided that that is the easier way to get what I married you for.

GAVE IT UP. "Going to plant potatoes in your garden this spring?" "I thought I would, but when I looked up the way to do it I found that potatoes have to be planted in hills, and our yard is perfectly flat."

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Evening Chat

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh is writing out all of his vetoes in his own handwriting this year.

Two years ago the governor made his notes and dictated the messages, often after studying or discussing the comments on bills given to him by the attorney general and his deputies.

Governors Stuart and Tener used to dictate their messages, but Governor Brumbaugh has abandoned that plan and now writes out his own messages and sends them to his office to be copied.

The governor has been working on bills at the Executive mansion and plans to handle all that kind of business at his official home, only going to the Capitol to meet engagements, which are being held down to a minimum during the consideration of bills.

Very few people are being permitted to call on him and to save time he has asked for briefs in hand, he looks over his briefs and writes out his thoughts. Many of the vetoes are characteristic of Brumbaugh, phraseology and quite a few of them have been surprises.

After the vetoes have been written out and compared the