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The saddest sight in all the world is not a grave of the dead, grievous as that might be, but it is a grave of the living—humanity sepulchred while yet alive.—FRANCES E. WILSON.

MAYOR MILLER

Sorrow for the death of Mayor Miller will not be confined to Harrisburg alone, for the late mayor was a State figure known throughout Pennsylvania as an expert in municipal law and generally loved for his kindly disposition and willingness to serve.

After nearly a lifetime in public office Mayor Miller died without an enemy in the world, surrounded by a host of friends and honored by all who knew him. Active in politics for many years he nevertheless so conducted himself that when it came to the choice of a mayor to succeed the late Dr. E. S. Meals, Republicans and Democrats alike, voted for him unanimously to fill the vacancy.

SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING

THE public will support the County Commissioners in anything they may do toward putting the Harrisburg Rifle Club on a permanent foundation. The club members have gone down deeply into their own pockets for the establishment of a range and the purchase of all the paraphernalia necessary.

WOULD BE WORTH WHILE

JOHN HODGE, member of the British parliament, writing in the New York Sun on the war situation in England, has this to say: I believe that in this country we are, in certain trades at least, on the brink of a splendid new economy between capital and labor.

ANNEXATION

IT is significant that on the day the Bethlehems were voting almost unanimously to consolidate, the West Shore towns sent a delegation of representative citizens to take up with City Council the consolidation of the West Shore communities with Harrisburg.

Schwab's plan for the union of the Bethlehems required ten years to reach fruition, even though it was made plain that the Schwab interests would spend millions upon the community if the citizens did their part.

So West Shore people need not be discouraged if their annexation scheme does not meet with immediate success. For one thing, it is likely that special legislation would be necessary to permit the city to annex territory in the adjoining county of Cumberland. Eventually, however, the plan will be worked out.

SLACKERS

HAVING accused Governor Brumbaugh of playing politics in naming exemption boards and having been caught lying when the Governor announced that they themselves had been made members of these boards, Mitchell Palmer and his pals have gone weeping like spanked children to the President, begging that they be excused from service. It is to be hoped that the President will have better judgment than to listen to their whimpering.

Those who know Palmer and his pals are not surprised, Palmer and those who train with him never have been noted for their patriotism. There has been the brand of politics known as "machine." They have grabbed at public office every time the chance offered, but it was always an office that paid handsomely and to which there was attached lots of opportunity for political "pap."

Now comes the Governor asking them to be members of the exemption boards and, of course, they don't want to serve. There is honor aplenty, but not a cent of pay and no chance of favoring political henchmen. Hence they don't like the job. They know they will have to work long hours for nothing, with the chances of making enemies of those they do not exempt from military duty.

NO STALEMATES IN THE SKY

IN war in the air there is practically no defense except a superior offensive. The House of Representatives reported to the House of Commons on the raid of last Saturday, announced that of the twenty-one German airplanes which came to bomb London only one was destroyed by the machines "actually protecting" the city.

EDUCATIONAL

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OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMPS

THE wonder is that more men do not apply for commissions in the officers' training camps, especially men of military age. The places are going begging in this district, although the pay is \$100 a month, with a second lieutenantcy at the end of the instruction period, which is certainly more desirable than being drafted into the ranks.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

The fact that eleven of the forty-five men named on the exemption boards by Governor Brumbaugh are Democrats and at least half a dozen of the others are more or less independent in politics has caused considerable sadness among Democrats who have been following the lead of A. Mitchell Palmer and his pals in the crusade against everything Republican.

It is understood that Mayor Joseph Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, has not been allowed to resign as a member of a committee on board. The Governor last night announced about thirty substitutions and it became known that ten men had attempted to get on the board. The Governor would not accept their reasons as sufficient for relieving them from a duty which he considered that they owed their country.

It is in part because we have to pay for it that we value the advice of a physician more than the advice of a friend.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Booze Reform

THE senate proposal to prohibit whisky and other distilled spirits is a move in the right direction. We do not believe that beer and light wines should be prohibited at least for the present. But we think it would be unfortunate to allow the manufacturers to raise the alcoholic content of these drinks by the addition of distilled spirits. The chief value of the proposed legislation is the opportunity to bring about booze reform, but the reform won't amount to much if wine containing 20, 30, or 40 per cent alcohol can be made and sold.

California Advice

A subscriber writes to know what he can do to aid the country. He can do much. Quit cursing the government, stop knocking the army, preach patriotism and optimism and go to work and keep working.—From the San Diego Union.

Another Name

An observer from an altitude can see into the water below. The aeroplane will be known as the hawk of the war.—Washington Star.

His Consolation

A friend of ours went to church for the first time in two years and while he was there he saw his automobile from the church door. But everybody in town knows he went to church.—From the Arkansas Gazette.

Reed and Hoover

Senator Reed of Missouri, says the country never heard anything of Mr. Hoover until a few months ago. On the other hand, the country has been hearing too much of Senator Reed for a long time.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Suggestion in "Schrecklichkeit"

[From the Columbia State.] So far the German universities have had the fortitude to refrain from conferring the degree of D. D. on commanders of U-boats.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

By BRIGGS

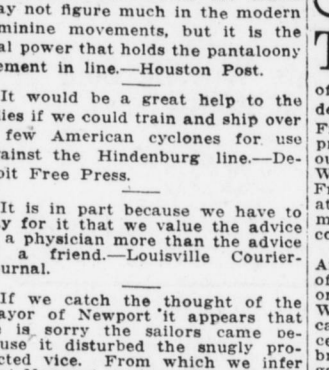
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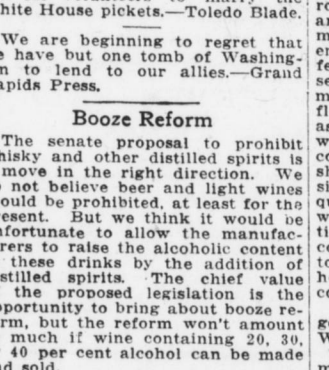
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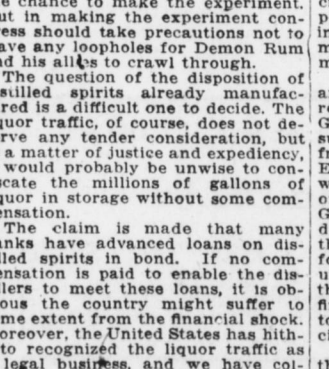
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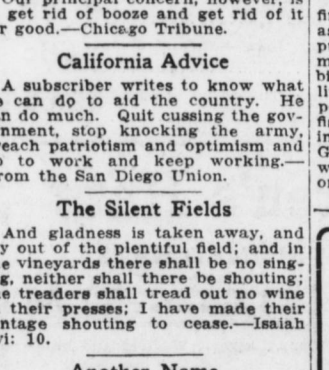
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OH-H-H-BABY!!! AIN'T IT A GR-R-RAND AND GLOR-YUS FEELIN'?



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EDITORIAL COMMENT The hand that rocks the cradle may not figure much in the modern feminine movements, but it is the real power that holds the pantaloony element in line.—Houston Post.

GERMAN VIEWS OF OUR ARMY

EDITORIAL COMMENT

THE lofty contempt for America shown by the German press will presumably change into a shout of hate, following the usual precedent, now that our troops are in France and have the opportunity to prove to the gentle German that our is no "contemptible little army." Writing before our army reached French soil, The Westminster Gazette attempted to explain why the German press raised the war to such a count. It says: "The prospect of the appearance of America in force on the battle-fields of Europe has been a source of uneasiness to the German people."

Labor Notes

Attorney General Lewis of New York has ruled that war is not an extraordinary emergency within the meaning of the provision of the labor law which forbids employees on state contracts to labor more than eight hours a day.

The factory inspector for the Board of Public Welfare in Kansas City is making a survey of employees of stores, factories, restaurants, offices and other places where girls and women are employed in order to get accurate lists of those who are getting a wage of \$8 or less.

Beginning with July 1, all government employes throughout the country who are now getting less than \$1,200 a year will receive a 10 per cent increase in pay and all those who get more than this amount will receive 5 per cent increase.

The California State Commission on Housing and Immigration announces that its labor camp sanitation department will confine its activities during the summer almost exclusively to rendering assistance to farmers in erecting and maintaining sanitary and livable housing conditions.

Women and girls may be used for light farm work under the Department of Agriculture's plan for enlisting a volunteer work army for the harvest season. Women would be employed to feed and care for harvest hands of extra labor and to can and dry surplus perishable products.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

VERY POPULAR. What is your favorite book? The materialist: The bank book of course.

Show Devotion

A number of Mobile girls have adopted the fad of branding upon their bare arms the initials of their sweethearts who are in military service. The process is said to be as painless as it is startling. It is usually accomplished by the devoted one pasting copperplate initials of her fiance on the skin. A few trips to the Eastern Shore, where the skin is browned by the sun, completes the work and the letters of the loved one's name stand out in pure white after the plaster is removed.—From the Mobile Register.

CROP PEST LETTER

By Prof. J. G. Sanders, State Economic Zoologist THE HORN FLY This imported pest is familiar to all stock raisers and cow owners, but few realize the great damage it does to the industry of the country from the constant annoyance and nervousness of the tortured cows.

THE CIRCLE

Mr. Doughtag—When I was you age I didn't have a dollar.



Reggy Doughtag—Well, dad, when I am your age I probably won't have a dollar.



DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg machinists are noted for their good work and are in demand in other places? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first fire company was formed in Harrisburg after a big fire in 1796.

Strained Relations

A Milwaukee man is suing for divorce because his wife threw a coffee pot at him. Evidently their relations were strained.—From the Detroit Free Press.

Echoes

God said, I am tired of kings, I suffer hence no more. Up to my ear the morning brings The outrage of the poor.—Emerson.

Evening Chat

The two fire companies which will be required to remove from their houses in Fourth street within the next month because of the plans of the State authorities for immediate improvement of the park extension district have occupied their present quarters for about half a century. In fact, there are many people living in Harrisburg who do not remember these companies in any other locations and the Citizen company's bell has sounded alarms for a couple of generations of people living in the central part of the city. The Citizen company, which was formed October 11, 1838, at a meeting held in the Seven Stars hotel at Second and Chestnut streets, first had quarters in Court street near Strawberry. It is believed that this place was in the rear of the courthouse. Henry Baeder, prominent in town affairs, was its first president. It occupied that place for years and then moved to a house located in Walnut street, between Third and Dewberry, moving to its present location in the middle fifties. The building now occupied was erected in 1867, the first building having been a frame structure. The Mt. Vernon company was formed on April 5, 1858, its first home having been in Locust street near Court, about opposite the home of the HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH. It had as its first president W. C. A. Lawrence, well known for many years. It moved to its present location in 1890, but the Civil War and had a couple of very fine trucks. The predecessors of many Harrisburgers are an object of interest to firemen from many parts of the State. Perhaps the moving the companies may bring about a long desired consolidation of the fire departments, but the company organized, like those in Philadelphia, will be maintained. Many Harrisburgers are in the life of the city have been their members ever since organization.

George D. Thorn, chief clerk of the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, who yesterday issued the schedule of political dates for the year, has been preparing that list for over a dozen years. He began it before the special session of 1905 changed the political machinery of the State and each Legislature has forced a change. One of the odd things is that the registration days which used to come on the first day of the week are now all different days of the week. Instead of Tuesday is primary election day.

When the Harrisburg Guardsmen pitch their tents on the city's island on Sunday it will be the first time since the days of Camp Curtin that the Guardsmen have been in active service in camp at home. There have been occasions such as last summer prior to the mobilization of the Guardsmen when the men mobilized at their armories before being sent into service. In 1938 they went from armories to Mt. Gretna, Pa., where they had some preliminary camp life and training before going into the cantonment point which the government has selected for the Keystone State troops. In the Civil War Harrisburg companies went directly to Camp Curtin, the 127th regiment, Col. Jennings, resigned among those organized at that point.

When the National Guard takes the field this summer to prepare for foreign service it will contain nearly 30,000 men. First and last, the division now contains between 22,000 and 23,000 men. There will be some additional units being formed. The Guard will be the only tactical division in the federal service. New York has more men but they are not in one division and Illinois does not have as many. The Pennsylvania division will probably go into the service as a whole.

The changes in the election schedule are getting to be almost as bad as in the days of the Civil War. They are continually being moved around. The change of the primary one day to avoid a religious holiday has caused a rearrangement of dates all along the line. The time for circulating nominating petitions is considerably less than in former years.

Harrisburg, always warm in its admiration for the French and the county seat of the only county in the country named for the son of the king of France, has been making quite a display of the French flag in Basile week. There will be more flags flown today and tomorrow.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—D. J. Berry, Pittsburgh member of the exemption board, is a prominent printer. —C. H. Gregg, Westmoreland county lawyer, is taking steps to get road improvements made by going after county commissioners. —James E. Lantz, recorder of deeds in Philadelphia, says that he is going to accomplish transit improvements before he leaves office. —Senator Penrose says he does not mind staying in Washington in hot weather.

GRASPING THE IDEA

Driving Instructor—You will find that a horse will act much better if you keep a tight rein on him. Mrs. Hunt—Something similar to a man, I take it.