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Who steadfastly pursues his goal Despite what winds prevail, Nor loses courage for his soul Can never wholly fail.

—SUSIE M. BEST.

PRICE OF PROCRASTINATION THE government has taken over one of the pieces of fire apparatus built for the Harrisburg Fire Department.

If Commissioner Gross had purchased the fire apparatus last year, when all manner of machinery was lower in price and before the war made government confiscation a necessity, Harrisburg now would have all its engines and pumps and the government would be confiscating the property of some other city.

We are paying the price of procrastination.

THORNS OF DELAY THE watchword, "Too late," which has marked so many of England's contributions to the war is plainly to be attached to the proposal to inaugurate a great naval offensive against Kiel, Heligoland, Zebrugge and other German naval bases.

If the British grand fleet had attacked Kiel at the outbreak of the war, and before its waters were mined and its land defenses strengthened, there is no doubt that the German seapower would have been immediately demolished. That is possible now, but at a far greater cost than would then have been necessary and to which the American fleet—as Winston Churchill suggests—will be asked to contribute.

In the event of such a proposal we can hardly refuse. But we can make sure that the laboring oar is taken by our British allies. We imagine that even Joseph Daniels will insist upon this.

IN FIRST LINE TRENCH THE Republicans in Congress have done themselves great credit by the manner in which they have disregarded partisanship in support of every measure tending to strengthen the administration in the conduct of the war.

Not every measure has been passed in the form requested, it is true. In fact, most of the important bills have been freely discussed and amended, with manifest improvement as a consequence. By debating and perfecting the measures Congress has helped rather than hindered the administration in the ultimate winning of the war.

The one piece of legislation for which the administration made the most persistent fight was the so-called spy bill, which would give the bureaucrats almost absolute power over free speech and a free press. Undoubtedly the enactment of that law in the form desired would remove many unpleasant features from the management of the war, but it would hinder rather than hasten victory.

lean munitions he rendered a distinct public service for which he should be thanked rather than criticized. An examination of the record will show that Republicans have been constructive, patriotic and effective in their suggestions upon matters relating to the war. They have sometimes been the means of securing legislation over the obstructive efforts of Democrats.

TURN OUT Turn out to-morrow and pay tribute to the brave men of Captain Stine's company who will leave for their mobilization point at Chambersburg.

We who remain at home owe a debt of gratitude to those who take up the burden and the peril of the soldier in our behalf. It is a small thing to rise an hour early Sunday morning to see these, our neighbors and friends, off and bid them God speed with our hopes for a safe and triumphant return.

Captain Stine is an active and a useful citizen. He lays down the duties of business and official life at the call of the country. Once before he marched away on a somewhat similar mission. Some of the men who went with him then will be in the company he will lead to-morrow.

Turn out in the civilian corps if you are not a member of one of the organizations that will march, and give the boys a rousing send-off. Make them understand that the folks back home are with them, heart and soul.

OFFICERS AND GENTLEMEN WHEN our new crop of lieutenants leave Niagara, Plattsburg and other officers' training camps to take up their assignments with the national army, they will be "officers and gentlemen" in the best sense of that classic phrase.

And the second half of the phrase is held as important as the first in the United States army. There has been much marveling on the part of the public at the number of would-be officers who have been weeded out after two or three weeks trial in camp. There is a mystery story behind many a dismissal of a young fellow with every indication of being good physical and mental material.

There was a young man in his company who had shown first-grade qualities. He was a fine physical specimen, a natural executive and leader, and had done hard, faithful and efficient work. One day some ladies were watching the drill. As this man's file came past the drill sergeant overheard him make a joking remark about the lady visitors that was obscene in its nature.

He was hauled before the commandant at the close of drill. Others who overheard the remark were called as witnesses. He was dishonorably discharged from camp on the ground that a man who could make such a remark about a woman was not a gentleman and so unfit to be an American officer.

He might make an ideal colonel of a Prussian regiment assigned to Belgian raid duty, but he won't do to command Uncle Sam's "Sammy's" in France. "We don't keep a man, either, who expresses the slightest wish to go," said the officer. "No one is wanted who isn't consumed with enthusiasm and bent on making the highest mark of efficiency," and nearly all are men of this caliber.

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman The Democratic row over the re-appointment of Francis Fisher Kane as United States district attorney for Eastern Pennsylvania, is growing acute.

The fact that Morris came out and said that he never intended to see Kane reappointed indicates that the Democratic bosses have swung in for Kane and his reappointment can be expected.

The Democratic Philadelphia Record to-day summarizes the situation in the matter of the re-appointment of Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, who was a visitor here yesterday, persists in his determination to hold up the salaries of the eight State officials.

Likewise, shall ye be visited with the iniquities of your sins and the prosecution of this world war? Will ye be able to stand up to the works and annihilate the Soul-life of my plantations?

And yet, this Soul-life is forced across the line to start with Him as evidence of your guilt. Thou shalt not kill! It will not be necessary for the waters to give up its death toll.

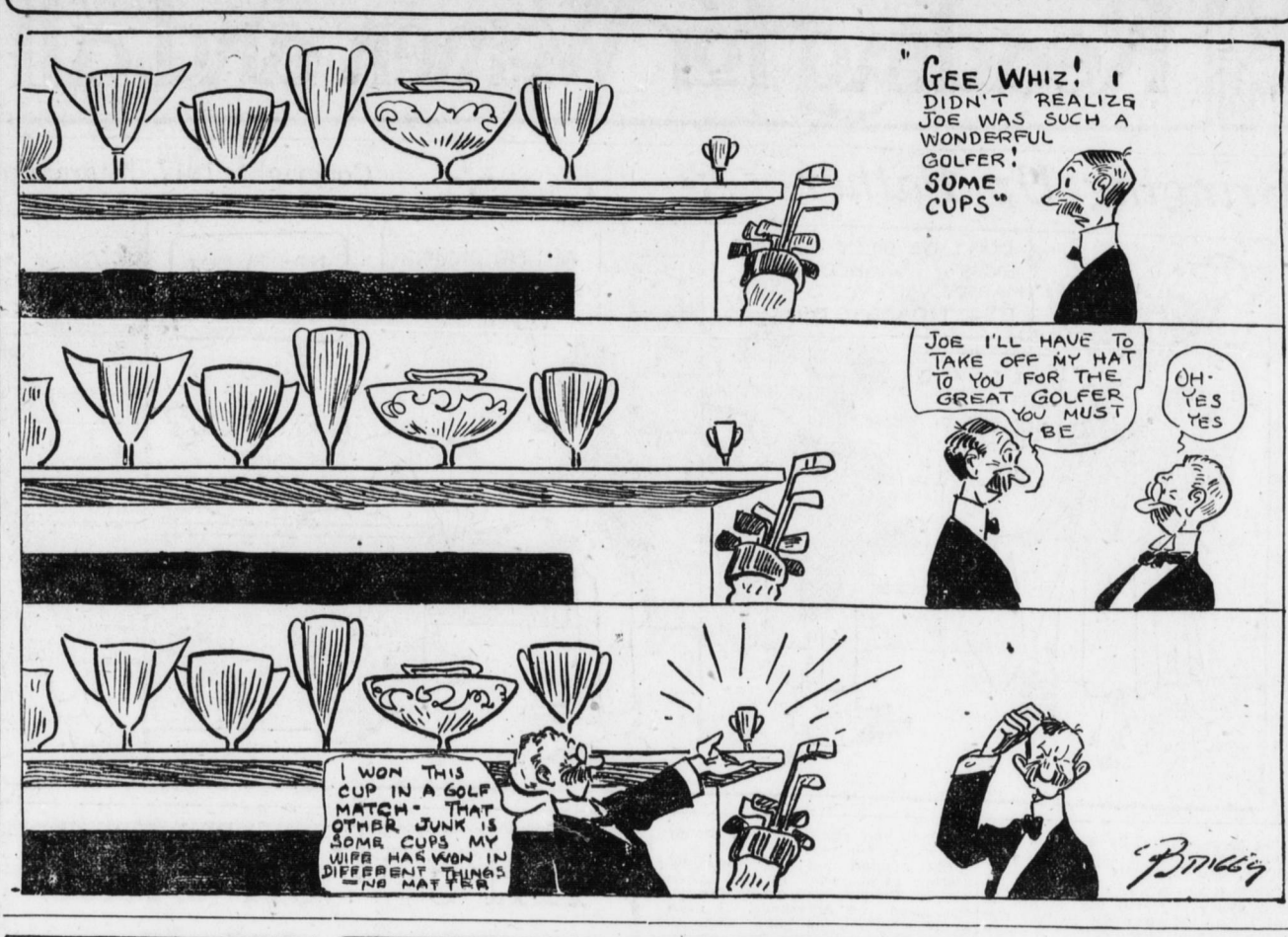
While this world war is the cause of a cup running over, he will no longer withhold your reward for the damage ye have wrought in his household as keepers of all Soul-life.

1917 We have heard the music ringing in the air these many days. We have seen the allied armies tramping forth to meet the foe; We'll now take up the battle song. That is the world we know. That we are marching on!

We have heard the voice of wailing, Belgium weeping in her pain; And our hearts grow cold with horror. At the tales of children slain; We are marching o'er the sea to Her freedom to regain. Old Glory's marching on!

To Citizen, Steelton If the correspondent from Steelton who signs himself "Citizen" will furnish this office with his name and address, I will be glad to have a paper with call and take up with him the matter about which he writes.

THERE ARE GOLF CUPS, AND THEN JUST ORDINARY CUPS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"A Message Unto All Nations" To the Editor of the Telegraph. See Genesis XI—In the land of Shinar, was Sh-m in the son of Noah, who lived five hundred and two years after the flood.

As every one who has thought the matter over at all well knows, there are certain costs of doing business, such as rent, heat, light, insurance, fires, general management expense, etc., which go on constantly.

Advertiser Has Fresher Stocks The growth of the business, bringing about the resulting economies, and the more marked because the advertising merchant, selling his goods faster—turning his stocks oftener—in the parlance of trade—has been able to have fresher stocks, the best styles, etc.

"German Press" of America "I have found here a very active German press, which neglects no opportunity to misrepresent and distort whatever may be said by a representative of the Allies."

Reviving Flying Wedge Old football players remember the flying wedge hard it was to break up, and what a consistent ground gainer it was.

CROP PEST LETTER By Prof. J. G. Sanders, State Economic Zoologist. THE ARMY WORM The army worm sometimes appears in great numbers without warning, devouring crops of several kinds, especially oats and corn.

Perils of Tarpon Fishing While fighting a large tarpon weighing about 200 pounds at John's Pass yesterday morning, Miss Freda Olsonson of Tampa came near losing her life when her necktie became entangled in the reel and tightened around her neck.

HOW ADVERTISING HELPS THE PUBLIC

No. 2—RETAIL ADVERTISING By P. S. FLOREA, Secretary-Manager Associated Advertising Clubs of the World THAT advertising does lower the cost of getting goods from the maker to the final user finds forceful illustration in the fact that advertising by speeding up the business of a retail store, brings sales up while other certain fixed costs of doing business remain the same.

Our Daily Laugh OUCH! Dr. Amos Skeeto—I think I'll take that fellow's blood pressure!

FROM AN ECONOMIC VIEWPOINT. Do you believe in early marriages? Yes. With the cost of living as high as now I'm inclined to the belief that the sooner the girls are married off the better.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Paul H. Galtner, named on one of the district exemption boards, is the first time seen on the Westmoreland county bar and a prominent Democrat.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg woolen goods are being used in the navy? Reggy—Will you marry me if I stop smoking cigars? Reggy—No, Reggy; I couldn't think of marrying a man who did nothing.

FEMININE INTEREST. What does your wife think of the special articles you are writing? Oh, she's very much interested—always asks me, as soon as I get home, if I have received the check yet.

FALLACY "Germany's claim that she imports nothing, buys only of herself and so is not growing rich on the war, is a dreadful fallacy." The speaker was Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American Food Board.

Evening Chat

An interesting fact in connection with the announcement that Augusta, Ga., has been selected as the place for the training camp for the Pennsylvania National Guard is that it was in a camp at Augusta, called Camp McKenzie, in which a number of Pennsylvania regiments saw their final service in the Spanish-American war.

An unusual application to be heard by the Public Service Commission next Wednesday is one by the Pennsylvania and Cornell and Lebanon road companies for approval of the right of the Pennsylvania to operate and maintain the railroad and rolling stock of the latter as agent.

A well-dressed, intelligent looking stranger wandered into the building last night, looked all about him in wonderment at the beauties of the interior as seen from the rotunda, and then accosting an official who was passing by said: "Beg pardon, sir, but would you please tell me what building this is?"

Thousands of dollars are going into the formation of new coal companies which are applying for charters from the state government and the number of such companies receiving letters patent to do business in the Keystone state since the first of the year is probably greater than ever before in the history of the state. As high as nine have been chartered in a week and many of them have utilized capital stock allowances of \$50,000.

Men who are on the National Guard training list will commence to find out that it means active service if they are willing and able to stand the test within the next few weeks. The call of the Adjutant General for the National Guard mobilize to-morrow contains references to the reserve for the first time in such an order.

Dr. I. K. Ulrich, Lebanon county legislator, was among visitors to the Capitol yesterday. Dr. Ulrich came to see how things have been going since the General Assembly adjourned.

W. H. Schwartz, the Altoona editor, has been ill at his home in the Mountain City. Dr. Russell J. Smith, active in Philadelphia food conservation, is making speeches on practical ways to cut down what is not needed at meals.

Agnew T. Dice, president of the Reading, in an address to employees, assured the workers that they can have their jobs back by promptly applying for them when their terms end.

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