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MARVELOUS MECHANISM

The marvelous mechanism of the news gathering associations of the country and the vast operations of the telegraphic companies were never more brilliantly demonstrated than by the draft drawings in progress the past two days in Washington.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteer system is not a failure so far as Harrisburg is concerned. If men had volunteered the country over in the numbers they have in Harrisburg since war was declared there would have been no need of a conscription law to raise the first National Army which was called to the colors yesterday.

FIRE COMPANIES MOVE

There doubtless will be entire harmony between the four fire companies of Harrisburg which will double up as a result of the removals from the Capitol Park zone.

MUNICIPAL SINGING

HARRISBURG is lagging behind other progressive cities of the country in the matter of municipal singing.

the draft, came the news that not one man would be drafted from the city and only a handful from the county at large, and with it assurance that for three or four months more industry may go forward uninterrupted until the second call for troops shall be made.

This is a big thing for a community so clearly allied with many of the lines of trade and transportation upon which the nation relies for the speedy prosecution of a successful war. It means there will be no let-up in the railroad service and that the munition and steel mills can continue with capacity unabated and with skilled workmen guiding the whirling wheels.

But though Harrisburg may rejoice that its men have volunteered to the number required as its quota, it has no thought of reproach for other communities where the young men have awaited the draft. Ever since the passage of the conscription law the citizens of enlistment age have gone about their business, doing a full day's work and carrying on as cheerfully as may be their usual every day activities, fully realizing that any time they might be called upon to lay aside their tools or their pens for the accoutrements of the soldier.

All hail the men of the First National Army!

HATS OFF TO THE STARS AND STRIPES!

PENNA'S PROUD PLACE

PENNSYLVANIA occupies the proud position of leader in the recruiting of a great national army. Up to and including July 18 this State had enlisted 17,184 men since the first of April for the Regulars.

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mental well-being more than song. People who sing together are the better for the experience. They become better citizens and better neighbors.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Less than two score bills of general character and about 450 appropriation bills remain in the hands of the Governor at the start of the final week of the session.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks the TELEGRAPH

I want to thank you for the very fine co-operation you are giving our nation-wide drive for the canning and drying of fruits and vegetables.

Our Honest People

Those splendid women who have braved inclemency of weather, fatigue of body and endured the jeers and insults of creatures called men, would have still been in the Virginia workhouse had it not been for the splendid women of the State.

President and Pickets

Dr. Anna Shaw in a telegram to the President mentions the army of suffragists who deplored the picketing of the White House. But there was a greater army of suffragists who applauded such work and who have failed to see the courtesy and patience on the part of the President.

New Ambassador to Japan

For the second time during the Wilson administration Pennsylvania has had the distinction of furnishing an ambassador to Japan.

KELLY—PUTTING DOWN THE LAST BALL



THE ARMY IN FRANCE

THE War Department has not announced the numerical strength of the regulars and marines now in France. Nor will it announce the size of the force in the very near future, if this guess is guided by sane military precepts.

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Members of the State's farm counselor corps who were detailed for advisory work to help farmers gather their crops and to stimulate the marketing of grain and other foodstuffs for 1918 have been almost overwhelmed by the number of letters that have been sent them by farmers and other people throughout the State who want information on various phases of husbandry.

Weather conditions have been interfering with raising of quail in a number of sections of the State, according to what the game commission officials have been hearing. Many quail have been distributed and have been carefully looked after in State preserves in the county districts; however, the weather conditions have been unfavorable.

The codification of laws of Pennsylvania this session seems to have attracted attention in other States as men are writing to the State Capitol for copies of facts. This State began codification of its laws about a decade ago and the fight over the soft coal code and the first school codes are worth remembering. Now there is a marked preference for codes in the Public Service Code of 1913 and the borough code of 1915 have with them the decedents' code, the game code and the township code. The codification of laws which simplifies law amazingly and a person does not need a lawyer when he wants to go hunting or to discuss township affairs. Efforts to secure codification of insurance, banking, lunacy and pauper laws failed this year.

Men of the National Guard units are having considerable fun with friends in the city over the results of the draft. Some of them were forming men who were selected that they would be glad to initiate them when they got to camp. Others told woe-begone men that it was not too late to join the Guard and "go with your friends from your home town."

Dr. J. B. Carnett, the former college football player, has been appointed a major in the medical corps for the war.

Morris Knowles, Pittsburgh engineer, has been named to charge of southern camp construction.

More advice is given and less followed on the subject of marriage than on anything else. A woman teacher who has preached against teachers marrying has acted contrary to her own advice. —Buffalo Commercial.

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