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Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do when it ought to be done.

—Prof. Huxley.

SLACKERS—THAT'S ALL

THE resistance to the draft in Oklahoma, North Carolina, Georgia and Texas is not opposition to the principle of conscription, but to military service of any kind.

A vast majority of the people of the United States recognize the justice of the selective conscription system.

While it is, of course, impossible that human beings should be above making mistakes in the administration of that portion of the law which relates to physical examination and exemptions, and although there will probably be many instances in which the officers administering the law display exceedingly poor judgment, yet there has up to this time been no complaint of deliberate unfairness.

It is apparent that those who forcibly resist the draft do so not because of any feeling that an injustice is being done them individually, but because they refuse to recognize any liability on their part to serve their country in its time of need.

THE optimism regarding Russia which the members of the Root commission have brought back from Petrograd is fully justified if only the mathematics of the situation is to be considered.

THE difficulty at present, however, is to unify and make use of the essentials of victory.

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of experience, ability and fair reputation. He is just the type needed in City Council. His election was as certain as anything of the kind can be and his retirement will be a distinct loss to the city.

THE POPE'S MESSAGE

WASHINGTON dispatches are to the effect that President Wilson is disappointed in the Pope's peace proposals, as outlined in his message made public yesterday.

They are not specific enough to provide a basis for peace negotiations, he believes, and with that a majority of Americans, we think, will agree.

for they leave to the President the opportunity of making a reply which would not commit this nation to anything and would place the burden of responsibility for refusing peace upon the shoulders of Germany.

One big outstanding fact is entirely missed by the Pope in his very laudable effort to bring the war to an end—the utter unreliability of the German government as it exists today.

Two things, or either one of them, will bring peace, and nothing else. Either Germany must unhorse the rascals now in control of affairs there, or Germany must be clubbed into submission.

No! Unless Germany is willing to consider steps that under present conditions are unthinkable, the war must continue until the German people are aroused to the enormity of the crimes their rulers have committed or the allies smash the armed forces of the country or starve them into submission.

Nevertheless, the Pope's message can be of vast service to the allies, who should see to it that their expressed terms of peace are so shaped as to eliminate any differences of opinion that might work to their disadvantage.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The Attorney General's Department will to-morrow file answers in behalf of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in the mandamus proceedings brought to require filing of nominating petitions by General Willis J. Hullings, Oil City, candidate for Republican congressional nomination in the 28th district, and George Sterner and T. P. Twibill, aspirants for judicial nominations in Philadelphia.

Richard T. McSweeney, candidate for Judge in Philadelphia court No. 4, Charles Y. Audenreid as it is expected that men not learned in the law will withdraw in this and in other court contests. Judge Ebery is not expected to have opposition either.

The greatest interest has been aroused among men in politics by plans of Senator Boies Penrose for a conference of leaders at Atlantic City to-morrow.

Germany expects every Hessian fly in the wheat belt to be true to the Fatherland.—Boston Transcript.

When Edison discovers a method of safety from the submarine peril, he might tackle the automobile.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

In the list of names of experts who have been selected to run American troop trains abroad we fail to note that of Mr. Mellen.—Boston Transcript.

Chicago's Mayor is right in thinking that we should protect ourselves against invasion. A good place to begin would be our politics.—New York Evening Post.

The Home Guard

You have heard this talk of heroes, of the man who grabbed the flag and with death-defying daring leaped the bulwarks, with the ragged pieces, torn and tattered, gone through many a ripping mill, but with sacred ribbons fluttering, our good old Glory still.

In a show-down—say they need us; say they mow our first wave down, and we've got to empty substitutes from every State and town—Well, you'll see the hordes advance, Uncle Sam will send them on, like a mighty cloud that rises from the troubled horizon!

Right and Wrong

There is one great trouble among men, and that is because they have not clear conceptions of what is right and what is wrong.

Hate

Hate is ill-will. When you dislike another person intensely, when you detest and abhor some human, your mind creates a poison in your own system; and no man can make good while poisoned.

Does It Seem Fair?

OH, MAN!



WOODEN CROSSES

"Go live the wide world over—but when you come to die, A quiet English churchyard is the only place to lie! I held it half a lifetime, until through war's mischance I saw the wooded crosses that fret the fields of France.

For them the Broken Column—in its plot of unkempt grass; The tawdry tinsel garland safe-guarded under the glass; And the Squire's embazoned virtues that would overweight a Saint On the vault empaled in iron—scaling red for want of paint!

Who says their war is over? While others carry on, The little wooden crosses spell but the dead and gone? Or a living soldier sees them and sets his teeth anew!

THE tenants of the churchyard where the singing thrushes build Were not, perhaps, all paragons of promise well fulfilled; Some failed—through Love, or Liquor—while the parish looked askance, But—you cannot die a Failure if you win a Cross in France!

Loyalty of Your Children

There is hardly a mother of average intelligence, I am sure, who does not try to protect her child from companions who are coarse, untruthful, insincere; from bullies and braggarts; from children who are badly-mannered or ill-tempered, says Laura Spencer Porter, in The Mother's Magazine for September.

Willie Lamb; a War-Time Portrait

He danced through life, through many a cabaret. At Babylonian feasts he graced the floor. While the loud orchestra its chords would pour Like crimson wine, until the break of day.

His Wife's Support

Did your husband claim exemption when he registered, Mandy? Deed he did, mam. He done told dem officers that if he was taken to war Ad have nobody to take home the washings.

Siem Can Help Some

Labor Notes

Women are not allowed to become drug clerks in Germany. Bolivia has 804 miles of railway built and 3,000 miles projected. Printing presses throughout Canada are making splendid progress.

In the Van

The lecturer was most emphatic upon the point. "It is to the pioneers of big movements—the men who are always in the forefront—that the honor of this fair country belongs."

OUR DAILY LAUGH

HE WAS WISE. Oh Jimmie, let's play war and use your balloon for an observation balloon.

STAR CLEANER WANTED TO REMOVE SPOTS. PERHAPS IT WOULD. Pup—My, I wonder if it would take them off of me!

WOMAN'S VULNERABLE SPOT. If you don't stop nagging at me, I'm going to start retaliatory measures. What will you do? Refuse to argue with you.

Evening Chat

The State of Pennsylvania is making its first efforts to help its people move the peach crop, which is one of the largest crops, the southern counties have ever produced, according to estimates made at the Capitol, and for the first time is acting as the agent for carload lots of this new line of State activity has been undertaken by the new Bureau of Markets, which made a survey of the peach crop in the southern counties, which have increased materially in the last few years, that they could not get enough people to pick the fruit and that they were confronted with unsatisfactory marketing conditions.

Payments of licenses by the counties of the State are commencing to be made at the State Treasury Department and checks of varied sizes are being received. Some counties run from \$10 to \$10,000, and on one day this week three for over \$100,000 each were received at the Capitol.

Over 500 letters have been received by the State Treasurer and Adjutant General of Pennsylvania from men in the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps since the commencement of the war asking for the bonus of \$10 which it is erroneously reported the State is paying for its sons who enlisted.

Local railroad officials have just received copies of one of the drastic laws ever adopted by Congress for the regulation of railroads. The statute was approved by President Wilson on July 1, 1917, and other things provides that until January 1, 1920, no rate shall be raised nor classification changed or passenger fares increased.

Chicago hotels are considering the replacing of their men waiters with women.

Archibald Johnston, who is being boomed for the first mayor of Bethlehem worked in the steel works at that city.

John G. Neeland, for years with the Steel Corporation, is the new president of the New York Shipbuilding Company.

Lieutenant Colonel F. A. Snyder, who is the chief of the West Virginia Engineers of the Seventh Division, is well known here.

Paul Littlefield, secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, will State Chamber of Commerce, will State Chamber of Commerce convention at Atlantic City next month.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is using quantities of coal in its industries every day that would have run them for a month twenty years ago?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Peace Talk Is Pro-German

The peace talk is being persistent and insistent now in purely a pro-German move, intended to save for Germany whatever can be snatched, by craft and dishonest guile, out of the wreck. It should be absolutely ignored by Americans.

Anyone, then, who is for peace under the present status is either pro-German or a misguided fanatic, dangerous to the country. It is treasonable to be in the wreck. It should advocate peace at this time or at any time until Germany has been forced to a complete surrender.—The Barch Review.