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THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 30

Oh, the littleness of the lives that we are living, denying to ourselves the bigness of that thing which it is to be a man, to be a child of God!

—PHILLIPS BROOKS.

WASTEFUL DUPLICATION

THE pretext upon which was created a bureau of information was that such a bureau was necessary as a war measure—to give proper war information to the public.

Newspaper correspondents at Washington treat the bulletin as a joke, and a dry joke, at that.

At a time when the government is urging the practice of economy upon its citizens in their private affairs, it would seem that needless duplication might be restrained in a new administrative bureau which has little excuse for existence at best.

SELECTING PUBLIC OFFICIALS

CITY SOLICITOR FOX, whose comment upon the difficulty of getting men of vision and ability and character in the average community to serve in public station evoked much discussion in the convention of the League of Third Class Cities, has exactly the right idea as to the cause of the present indifference of the people to municipal administration.

This newspaper has more than once dwelt upon the weakness of the uniform primary system and it is responsible for much of the difficulty to which our able City Solicitor refers. The uniform primary law was the outgrowth of a public protest against the abuse of the convention and caucus system of nominations.

One of the causes of the breakdown and rejection of the convention and caucus system was the indifference of the voters to their civic duty. If those whose protest brought about the uniform primary as a panacea had given strict attention to their duty as citizens the old system would have been satisfactory inasmuch as in the choosing of candidates for public office they would have exercised such care as is now seldom exercised.

CHAIRMAN AINEY'S ADDRESS

CHAIRMAN Ainey in an admirable address before the League of Third Class Cities yesterday afternoon discussed the practical features of the work of the Public Service Commission in its relation to cities of the class with which Harrisburg is identified. He pointed

out the difficulties which had been encountered and the problems which had been submitted from time to time for solution.

The speaker made a fine impression and was given a vote of thanks, the president of the League stating, in putting the resolution of appreciation before the convention, that the remarks of the Chairman of the Public Service Commission would result in a better understanding and more efficient co-operation hereafter between the State body and the several municipalities.

All of which enforces and emphasizes the importance of these statewide organizations having their annual conferences here at the Capital, where they may come into direct contact and conference with the officials of the Commonwealth.

Chairman Ainey and his colleagues are becoming better understood as time goes on and the functions of the commission are better appreciated by the people at large, and largely because of the common sense attitude toward the municipalities, the utilities and all the interests affected by the public service law.

The newspaper publishers of Pennsylvania owe a debt of thanks to Senators Penrose and Knox, who so ably defended them against the unjust tax of five per cent. on their earnings.

On the manner in which the non-partisan election laws works out in the selection of Judges and mayors and county commissioners in the second and third class cities of Pennsylvania this fall will depend the future of the non-partisan law of the Keystone State in the next Legislature, according to men who have been observing the trend of things.

There was a pronounced movement against the non-partisan law in the last Legislature, but it did not come to a head because of the attitude of influential Republicans. It was then agreed among men who oppose the law that they would await the manner in which it worked out this year.

There are several contests in which judges are candidates for renomination in which they are being opposed on the part of the non-partisan law and in other counties the attacks upon judges of approved ability and standing have become so strong that they are being ousted.

Philadelphia the general municipal election of so much importance this year that it is being held to have some effect on the non-partisan movement. The effort to establish a council for that city failed in the Legislature and the attempt to get the non-partisan feature out of the second class city law failed.

Whether or not it is wise to tax war profits as heavily as is designed is a question, but evidently the Finance Committee of the Senate feels that business can stand thirty-three per cent. or it would not have recommended that figure as a compromise.

The Pennsylvania Senator, in a speech advocating the bill as it came originally from the Senate Committee the other day, summed up the situation admirably in a few words when he said:

The war-profits tax, Mr. President, is pre-eminently, and just one at the present time, and just one at the present time, and just one at the present time, and just one at the present time.

Porto Rico Trains at Home

The training camp to supply officers for Porto Rico's brigade of 7,000 men to be drafted soon will be held in Cayey, in the mountains fifty miles from San Juan, and will begin on August 27.

Spread of Civilization

Various public prints combine to tell the story. One notes a Leavenworth barber shop sign. "Why muss up the kitchen every Saturday night? Hot baths, twenty-five cents."

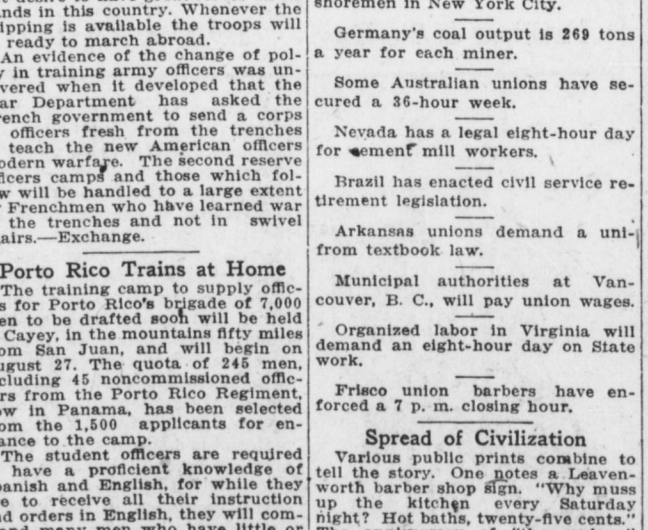
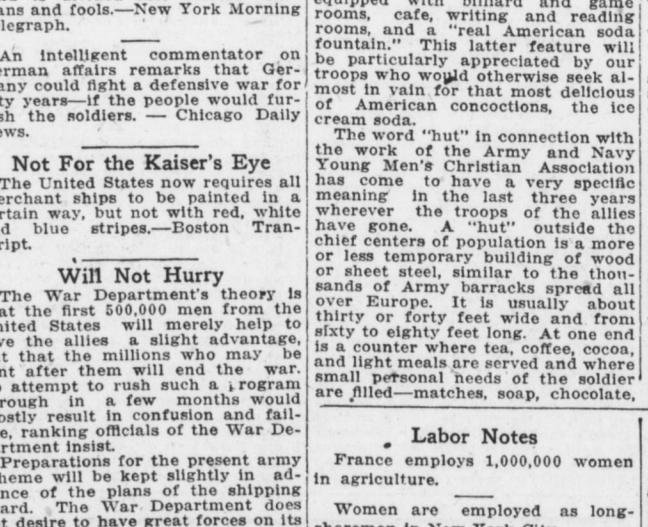
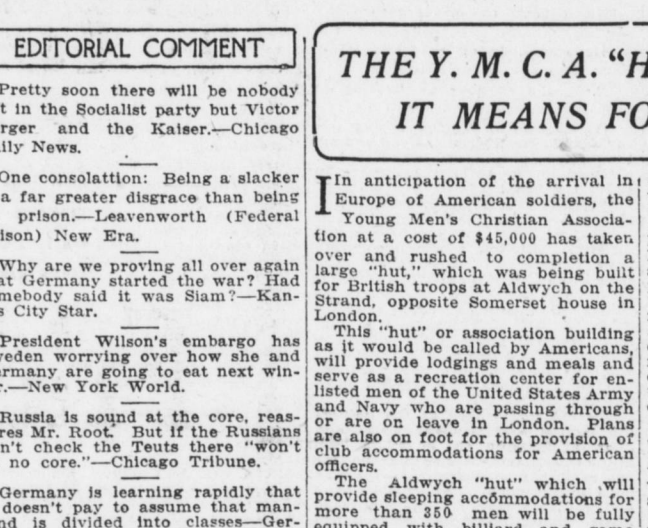
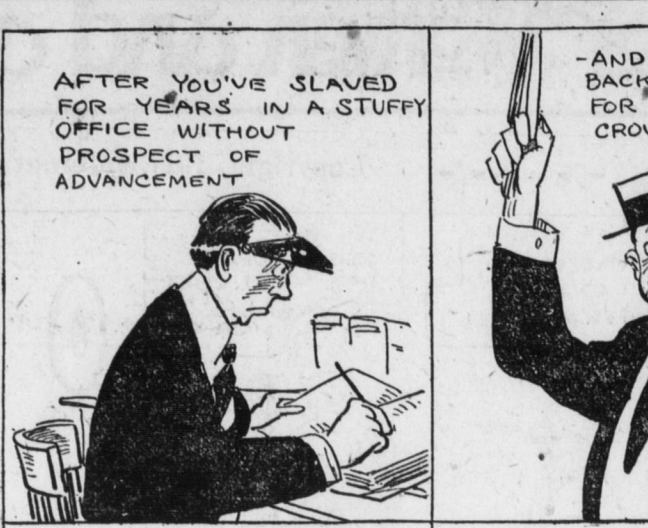
Our Job to Restore It

There is no longer any international law, said the Canadian Ambassador Gerard's visit to the great headquarters at Charleville, in France.

THE TEST

"How shall I know whether or not I love a girl well enough to marry her?"

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



By Briggs

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Pretty soon there will be nobody left in the Socialist party but Victor Berger and the Kaiser.—Chicago Daily News.

One consolation: Being a slacker is a far greater disgrace than being in prison.—Leavenworth (Federal Prison) News-Era.

Why are we proving all over again that Germany started the war? Had somebody said it was Spain?—Kansas City Star.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Army Y. M. C. A.'s

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Any one who has the slightest question in his mind as to the good that is being done by the Young Men's Christian Association among the soldiers in the various training camps throughout the country should visit some of them, and witness the varied manner in which they assist the men, and contribute to their comfort and happiness.

The writer spent a day this week in the camp at Gettysburg composed of men of the Regular Army and was greatly impressed with the scope of the work being done by the Y. M. C. A. It was the busiest place in the camp. There are two Association tents in the campground, but the one which came under the observation of the writer more especially is so located as to serve conveniently three regiments, the Fourth, Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth U. S. Infantry.

There are five or six trained secretaries in charge, and the men are supplied free with writing material, books, papers, magazines, games of various kinds, such as checkers, dominoes and the like; baseball and football outfits, wrapping paper for wrapping packages, telephone, and in fact everything that men would need under the circumstances. Postage stamps, postals, and postcards are sold at cost, and all mail matter taken care of and sent out for the men. Moving pictures are a feature of the entertainment every night. A Victrola is part of the equipment. A new piano has been installed and several of the men are fine players. This is used for the religious services, and at the disposal of the men at all times, and it is not unusual to see a hundred or more men around it, singing hymns and popular songs.

Bible classes, and classes in French are being conducted for any who wish to take up these studies. Books, papers, magazines, illustrated papers, especially sheet music and Victrola records. Any persons having articles of this kind that they can spare, could not do better than to better service than by sending them to the Y. M. C. A. Tent, care of Fourth Infantry, Gettysburg, Pa. HARRISBURGER.

A State Flower

In looking over this month's Geographic Magazine I found an interesting article on the State flowers. I was sorry to see that Pennsylvania has no choice.

I see that many of the State flowers have been chosen by the school children. And I am wondering if it would be possible for the schoolchildren of our dear State, to select a flower.

I wish it were possible to start a campaign among the school children of our city, and later of the State, to suggest the crimson rambler, as every one remarked how beautiful they were all over the State.

Sincerely, Nancy Keffer 236 Woodbine St. City.

Two "Peace" Messages

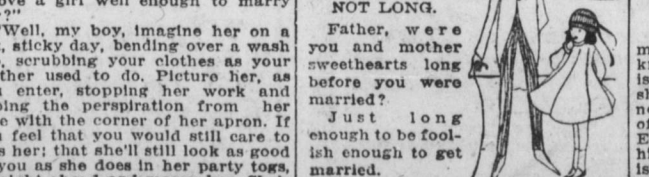
Two significant news items appeared recently. Both of them were short and were given no particular prominence in the news of the day. But they may have a bearing on peace and the end of the war far beyond the expectation or realization of the average reader.

One dispatch was from Austria, by way of Paris and Bohemian newspapers, and stated that Austrian churches, as well as organ builders, have been notified that all organ pipes in all churches of the monarchy will soon be requisitioned to "fill the needs of war industries."

In other words, to make shells and ammunition. The other dispatch was from Canada, and announced that Canadian plants heretofore engaged in the manufacture of munitions, would (except in some cases) return to the regular production of whatever they were engaged in manufacturing before the war opened. The government announces that the production of munitions in Canada is no longer needed by the allies.

The significance of these two items cannot be underestimated in any calculations for determining the possibility of when to expect peace.—Kansas City Times.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



NOT LONG. Father, were you and mother sweethearts long before you were married? Just long enough to be foolish enough to get married.

Evening Chat

Lieutenant Governor McClain knows beef as few men do. When he says that beef is going into the luxury class it behooves the lover of roast-rib or sirloin to give heed to the subject.

Chatting with a Telegraph representative the other day the Lieutenant Governor said that the beef situation promises to be a serious one, said Governor McClain, "and it may come to pass that porterhouse steak and roast will not be available at the present price."

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"Beef cattle the other day made a new high record in the Chicago market. Several cars sold at \$14.60 and a great number of cattle brought 15 cents and upward. The top price in the New York market was \$14.75. Two months ago I suggested 15-cent cattle during the summer months, and this prediction was ridiculed. I shall now say \$14.75 a bushel, and cottonseed meal or bran from \$50 to \$60 per ton, corn-fed beef will cost 15 cents per pound to produce, and it will, like wise, cost 15 cents per pound to produce pork," continued Mr. McClain.

and no better evidence of the cost can be found than that pork is selling at more than 17 cents per pound live weight, at the present time. A 1,000 pound steer, weighing 1,000 pounds, will like cost the farmer this fall from 9 cent to 10 cents per pound. As a basis of comparison, I will say 3 1/2 cent per pound, which will mean \$38. When, in the course of a seven or eight months' feed, he puts into the bushels of corn at \$14.75 a bushel, 1 1/2 tons of hay, at \$18 per ton (and hay will be worth \$18 per ton), and one-third of a ton of bran, cottonseed meal or bran from \$50 to \$60 per ton (cottonseed is \$54 per ton now), he has invested the first cost of the steer, \$30, plus \$90 worth of corn, \$14.75 worth of hay, and \$18 worth of cottonseed meal, a grand total of \$225. The average maximum weight produced from such a quantity of feed, plus shoddy feed, etc., for 400 pounds, making the steer, when fed out and ready for the market, 1400 pounds, and these 1400 pounds of steer have a net weight of 1200 pounds, or a net weight of (divide \$225 by 1400 pounds) 16 cents. This includes no cost of the labor involved in caring for the animal, and which, however, the farmer has to manure. Heretofore, when farmed labor was one-third to one-half of the cost of the animal, the cost of labor was one-third to one-half of the value of the manure, but present day conditions have changed, and the value of the manure, when fed to the hay consumed by the animal, the cost of making the manure, and the highest price paid in Eastern Pennsylvania during the months of January, February, and March, is one fine for our best wintered steers."

"The prospect of having to go certain a \$4 per hundred weight advance, and perhaps a \$5 per hundred weight advance, doesn't furnish a strong stimulus to farmers to feed their wintered steers. The top-notch price paid for the best cattle in Eastern Pennsylvania this spring when the crop was marketed, was 12 cents per pound, and only a few bunches at that. Most of our good 1300 to 1500 pound prime wintered cattle sold at 12 cents per pound, and everybody thought these prices were extreme high. We can't have the cake and eat it, too. If we want cheap beef, we must have a low price for corn, and that was in Eastern Pennsylvania during the first six months of 1917. Corn must come down, and a shortage of feed, and a high price for feed, doesn't, the result, after the grain season is done, surely will be prohibitive to all but the rich at the highest earnings of our best wintered steers."

"This country at the present time is experiencing a demand for fresh meat which is not being met. Labor is profitably employed and when labor in this country has the price it gets meat. We are experiencing a shortage of meat, and that are sent 'somewhere in France and we have already a large number somewhere in France that we have to feed and care for. It is not the fault of the Republic are very small because of lack of ships plying between South American ports and the continent."

"One of the plans of the food conservers is to have everybody possibly can, to adopt a call in order many beef calves are being vealed that should be matured, but on the other hand, the ordinary dairy calf is being raised for beef-making purposes. The plan, however, has merit, and if some of the worst of the plans of the present day were combined with their bull pups and Pomeranians and adopt a bull calf and feed him molasses cake, that would have the advantage of the beef-making and on and on at the same time, they would be helping to less the beef shortage."

Few people know that the most important livestock market between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia is Lancaster. The market is carefully watched and quotations are known wherever cattle are sold.

Silent Partner's Tips

Every wheesharrow needs a mate with a push. A good man sees something good in everybody, and a bad man sees no good in anybody.

The man with a small mind usually gets up the most trouble. The fellow who wades in a small puddle always gets the most mud on him. Some women are as unreasonable as hard to handle as a horse that wants to "set."

Just as we're to be in the past, the farmer to make us what we are, so now must we rely on him to save the world.

Most of us feel too smart to make mistakes, and this is the reason we cannot learn from the experience of others.

History of Great War

It will be a surprise to many admirers of Arthur Conan Doyle to know that he is, besides being a registered physician, a poet, a famous short story writer, a historical note. One of the very best, and one of the few reliable histories of the European war is being written by him. The second volume, "The British Campaign in France and Flanders," is about to be published by George H. Doran Company.