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We are not what we think we are, but what we think we are.

—ANON.

COLUMBUS DAY

TODAY we celebrate the fame and good name of Christopher Columbus. But who can remember the names of the little men who used their wealth and their position to ruin his happiness and blacken his reputation for their own personal gain?

There is a lesson for all of us in the observance of Columbus Day, and it is this—that in the long run right must prevail. Sometimes it appears that "truth is ever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne," but it is not so. There is more truth in the saying of Goethe that "every wrong is avenged on earth."

Certainly, the good name of Columbus has come through the fire unscathed, while those who maligned him we know for the miserable back-biting, self-seekers they were, even though their dishonored names have long since been lost in the obscurity of the ages; gone down to "the dust from whence they sprang, unwept, unhonored and unsung."

POISON AT PRINCETON

THE nation would approve the summary execution of the plotter or plotters guilty of the attempt to poison the aviation squad of the United States Army at Princeton. The example must be prompt and the action of the government vigorous. German sympathizers or murderers in the pay of the Kaiser must be given a wholesome lesson. The only thing such as they can understand is the firing squad before a wall at sunrise, and once they learn that America, as well as Germany, can and will use this weapon the sooner will their enthusiasm for plotting begin to wane.

Have you ever noticed the chap who talks to his wife about the beauty of the scenery, while he is really admiring the pretty girl in the center of the picture?

VALUABLE INFORMATION

BY all means let us have more of such reports as the Bureau of Municipal Statistics of the Department of Labor and Industry, issued last week from the pen of J. Herman Kniesly, relating to third-class city police costs and operation. The information is valuable and should be extended to all other lines of municipal activity. Such compilations not only let the people know their own city expenses compare with those of other towns of like size, but they give to councilmen and heads of departments material upon which to base economies or extensions.

REGULATING TRAFFIC

MAYOR Bowman and Chief of Police Wetzel have had a conference and agreed upon an experimental introduction of semaphores at two or three of the street intersections with a view to relieving the traffic mixup. At the present time the officers are compelled to wave their arms from morning until night and it isn't always possible for drivers of vehicles or pedestrians to understand the signals. With the "Go" and "Stop" signs there should be substantial improvement in the handling of traffic.

LAW WITH THE 'DRYS'

TEMPERANCE forces throughout the State are jubilant over a decision rendered in the courts of Clearfield county Tuesday, and not without reason. It would seem from the decision of Judge Whitehead, of Lycoming county, who heard the case under consideration for Judge Singleton Bell, of Clearfield, that "dry" federations, W. C. T. U. organizations and temperance bodies generally are coming into their own. In 1916, Prothonotary Moore, of Clearfield, published a list of the applicants for wholesale licenses in two Clearfield newspapers, following a custom that had been followed for years. The Clearfield Dry Federation had contested the granting of every license in the county, both wholesale and retail. In 1915, a motion picture, containing more than two thousand names, was presented to the court, begging that wholesale licenses be refused. Most of the licenses were granted, but the dry

forces girded up their loins for another contest in 1916. Previous to license court, an attorney for the "drys" discovered that the names of the liquor applicants had been improperly advertised, the law requiring the names to appear in three newspapers.

As a result of a hard-fought legal battle, Judge Singleton Bell told the wholesalers that there was a question regarding the right of the court to grant the licenses, and that they would engage in business at their own risk.

The wholesale men decided to take a chance, and lifted the licenses. The Dry Federation carried the issue to the Superior Court and won a victory. Suit was brought against E. D. Schwem Co., of DuBois, as a test case.

Judge Whitehead refused the motion for arrest of judgment and directed Mr. Schwem to appear for sentence. The judge stated that inasmuch as the defendant was a corporation the officers could not be sent to jail, and due to the extenuating circumstances he would not assess the maximum fine, but directed the corporation to pay \$1,000 and costs of prosecution.

Other wholesalers of Clearfield county will be summoned for trial at the December term of court. All face the possibility of heavy fines, jail sentences and the probability of having their licenses revoked.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Governor Brumbaugh said this morning before leaving McElhattan to participate in the reunion of the "Bucktails," that things were practically completed for the naming of the commissioners to take the votes of the soldiers and that he was working on a list of men to handle the work.

"I have named Ben Branch, an attorney of Carbon county, to take the votes of part of the Fourth infantry in the 'Rainbow' division," said the governor. "I named him this early as he must make arrangements to accompany these Pennsylvania units no matter where they may be on election day. He is an attorney and familiar with what the interests of the men demand."

A number of prominent men have been suggested for the commissionships and those familiar with military matters are being looked over. They will be given the regimental and other organizations, while men take care of the men in drafted men's camps.

Chief Clerk Thorn has the book of nominations ready and all information supplied will be prepared and at hand next week.

The Philadelphia Town Meeting committee launched its ticket last night and proposes to make stirring campaign. The statement issued is signed by prominent men as follows:

"After a most careful consideration extending over a period of nearly a week, the Town Meeting committee, composed of the following names for the city and county offices to be filled in the coming election on November 5, is as follows:

SAMUEL P. ROTAN, District Attorney.

THOMAS F. ARMSTRONG, Receiver of Taxes.

WALTER GEORGE SMITH, Register of Wills.

WILLIAM E. NICHOLSON, Chief Magistrate.

WILLIAM EISENBROWN EDWIN K. BORIE JOSEPH S. BOYLE

"The committee has insisted that its chairman, Thomas F. Armstrong, should be elected by a vote of the personal desires to the unanimous judgment of the other members of the committee, and, by accepting the nomination, he has accepted the responsibility of the committee, and shall be one of the standard-bearers of a cause which must appeal to the entire honest and patriotic citizenry of Philadelphia, regardless of party."

"As with Mr. Armstrong so with the other candidates, the committee believes Philadelphia is to be congratulated in this crisis in our local affairs, when popular government is at stake in the place where it was born, men of their character and ability will never put aside their personal interests and inclinations in answer to the call to public duty."

"Under the law the minority party is entitled to representation in the minor judiciary. At the recent primary election the Democratic voters nominated four judges and magistrates who are well qualified for these positions. We accept and endorse the Democratic party's nominations and bespeak for them your support."

Philadelphia papers report some interesting incidents connected with the election of the city officers. The Philadelphia Inquirer says that Mayor Smith declared that he had stopped reading newspapers. This is a bit of a novelty, as he has been saying such mean things about me and treating me so unkindly," said the mayor, who has stopped reading them incidentally. I am saving a few pennies in that way."

Senator Vore last night charged that newspapers of Philadelphia were in a conspiracy against the Mayor. Senator Vore is quoted as follows: "There is a conspiracy between nearly all the Philadelphia newspapers and the National American agency near City Hall, headed by Sam Maloney. This conspiracy was planned by Maloney and the higher-ups of the National American and assisted by Judge Gordon. As a result of this Maloney brought his thugs and roughnecks into Philadelphia to vote into the office of the Fifth ward and vote. The North American was to have these men arrested for illegal voting and thus bring about the entire primary election. The whole plot was to come on when the primary election was running on our side. When I say our side, I mean your side, and every time where we entered the fight our candidates won, fairly and easily. They saw a splendid victory and they came out of the battle a genuine hero."

This is the measure of the American boy.—The Silent Partner.

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

BY BRIGGS

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FIRST ARMY A HALF MILLION MEN

FIRST LIBERTY LOAN FULLY SUBSCRIBED

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Hope the new-born Republic of Russia won't turn out to be twins.—Toledo Blade.

Nobody is exempted from fighting the enemies within. Christian Home and School (Erie, Pa.).

General Kornloff is probably not so anxious for the restoration of the death penalty as he was.—Dallas News.

"Mexico to be normal again in six months. Is this report circulated by pessimists or optimists?—New York Evening Post.

Somebody has figured out that it costs the Kaiser only \$7,000 to discover America. It will cost the Kaiser more.—New York Sun.

Most dangerous of the Kaiser's allies in this country are those who protest that they are not and act as if they were.—Chicago Daily News.

To sum up Germany's answer: "Give us a legal title to what has been seized by force, and we will abide by the law."—Springfield Republican.

Bernstorff's allusion to a bribery fund may help Latin-American republics to fathom the motives of some of the German defenders in their midst.—Chicago Herald.

GUARD THYSELF

All truly great men have been healthy. The prime necessity of life is health. With this, for mankind nothing is impossible. But if we do not make use of this good health, it will waste itself away and never come back. We should get into the habit of reading inspirational books, looking at inspirational pictures, hearing inspirational music, associating with inspirational friends, and, above all, we should cultivate the habit of thinking clean, and of doing wholesome things.

"Guard thyself." That is the slogan. Let us "take stock" often and see where we stand. We will not be afraid of the weak points. We will get after them and get hold of our selves at the same time.

This dynamo called the mind can be trained to do anything.—Douglas Fairbanks.

UNFAIR TAXATION

(Philadelphia Record, Dem.)

A person earning \$20,000 a year would pay income taxes, a special war income tax, surtaxes and excess profits taxes amounting altogether to \$2,992.90. Another person with an equivalent income, but derived from interest on bonds, mortgages, etc., would be required to pay altogether \$1,086. The taxes in the first case would amount to about 10 per cent, and in the other to about 5 per cent. of the income. This is the simplest way of showing that the new law subjects salaries and professional earnings to double taxation, and the demonstration is unanswerable.

THE AMERICAN BOY

You say that the average American boy is a fun-loving, light-hearted, witty and laughing lad. He is. But place before this American boy an interest greater than that of his individual self, a task involving mankind, freedom, liberty and the love of home, and all of this heedless or happy nature vanishes in the boy, and in its place you will find the high course of a faithful, loyal, resolute soldier who will go into a fight as bravely as any human and come out of the battle a genuine hero.

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Labor Don't Want Pacifists

H ERE'S a little sample of what is happening to the pacifists when they go pussy-footing around the labor movement. This description of a pacifist exit is from the issue of the Union Advocate.

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the test of the "sole nominee" clause on Monday. A number of prominent lawyers will be in the case.

Wilkes-Barre post office has been made the distributing point for these Pennsylvania newspapers and a few other towns.

Highway Commissioner O'Neil has declined to talk about the suggestion of the Union Advocate.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

AN IMPOSSIBILITY

Is your son taking intensive training at the officers' camp?

Yes, he's training, but not intensively. The only thing he takes intensively is sleep!

NOTHING DOING

Thirsty Fly: Just my luck. This soda fountain place is closed up!

QUESTION OF EFFICIENCY

You seem troubled about your gardening.

Yes, I am worried, but I can't raise enough to take care of the big appetite the exercise will give me.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Howard B. French, prominent Philadelphia business man, is the Philadelphia of Philadelphia's ship building.

Col. Asher Miner, commanding the 3rd Artillery, is urging people of Wilkes-Barre to get more recruits for his regiment.

Joseph P. McCullen, one of the attorneys at the Federal building, is one of the prominent Democratic lawyers of Philadelphia.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is one of the big centers for distribution of automobile supplies in this state?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The Duck Tavern was up around Front and High streets, and that section was called Ducktown for a time.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THE RETINUE

Archduke Francis Ferdinand, Austrian heir apparent, is reported to have held them back from the attempt?—Margaret Prescott Montague in the Atlantic Monthly.

CAUSE OF HIGH PRICES

In a recent lecture at Berkeley, Cal., Professor Fisher, of Yale, said that the war has caused the country to regulate the prices. The idea that speculation, scarcity of goods, the middleman, foreign demand, labor unions, cold storage, the tariff, transportation or any of the usually ascribed influences controlling the price of commodities is determined by the quantity of money in the country; and as this quantity is reduced or increased, the prices of goods go the same way. Since the war there has been a constant inflation of the currency, and it still keeps up. In a nutshell, the professor says, "The war has drained us of goods and flooded us with gold; so goods are high in gold." This good old doctrine we seem to have forgotten in looking about for any cause of high prices.

ADVICE TO A YOUNG MAN

Give up money, give up fame, give up science, give up the earth itself and all it contains, rather than do an immoral act. And never suppose that in any possible situation, or under any circumstances, it is best for you to do a dishonorable thing, however slightly so it may appear to you. Whenever you are to do a thing, though it can never be known by you, ask yourself, ask yourself how you would act were all the world looking at you, and act accordingly. Encourage all your virtuous dispositions and exercise them whenever an opportunity arises; be assured that they will gain strength by exercise, as a limb of the body does, and that exercise will make them habitual.—Thomas Jefferson.

Peer in wonder at the war, tragical commander, Archduke Francis Ferdinand when shall his train be ended Of all the lords of Shadow Land most bravely attended!—Katherine Lee Bates in the Atlantic Monthly.

Flocking from the murderous seas, from the famished lowland, From the blazing villages of Serbia and Poland, Women phantoms, baby wraiths, trampled by war's blindness, Horses, dogs, that put their faiths in human, loving kindness, Tamerlane, Napoleon, envious Alexander Peer in wonder at the war, tragical commander, Archduke Francis Ferdinand when shall his train be ended Of all the lords of Shadow Land most bravely attended!—Katherine Lee Bates in the Atlantic Monthly.

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