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"The three W's is my maxim; plenty of work, plenty of wifery, and plenty of wages."—THACKERAY.

A WAR TIME CONFERENCE

HOW industry and its owners, managers and workers are standing up under the strain of the war, and in what way the lessons learned in protecting workers and speeding up production under the forced draft conditions which the manufacturing establishments of Pennsylvania have been sustaining for well nigh half a year, will be told at the annual Welfare and Efficiency conference to be held at the Capitol next month.

Representatives of the largest industries of the Keystone State, the big railroads, mercantile establishments, organizations of labor and capital, have met with national and State experts and talked over suggestions and orders, not always agreeing, but ascertaining viewpoints of others. The conferences have been gradually passing from a purely State Government proposition, although the Commonwealth has been liberal in making provision for the sessions, and in assuming a form which will make them of great value in straightening out conditions after the war.

STARTING AT HOME

WHEN one comes to think about it there is a good bit of force in the suggestion of State Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil that counties should take the initiative in moving to abolish the toll gates. The State made a liberal appropriation this summer to assist in buying up stretches, but it should be borne in mind that prior to this year the Commonwealth had been rather stingy in such grants and the demand for assistance from the State Treasury was considerably greater than expected when the appropriation was approved.

THE NEWSPAPER'S SIDE

THE Dillsburg Bulletin points out, for the benefit of some folks down that way who have been "knocking" the newspaper, that it has followed \$30.90 worth of advertising, as follows, to the various government and other war service movements the past week:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Local Red Cross, 10 lines, \$0.50; York County Red Cross, 72 lines, \$3.60; Farmers' Day, 11 lines, \$0.55; Liberty Bond campaign, 48 lines, \$2.40; Dr. ... 29 lines, \$3.95; Public Safety Committee of York County, 47 lines, \$2.35; State Public Safety Committee, 351 lines, \$17.55; Total, \$30.90.

MILLS IDLE HERE, ALSO

CHARLES L. HOOVER, United States consul at Sao Paulo, Brazil, reports that in the territory which he is studying almost every branch of manufacturing prospered during 1916.

MORE BEEF—LESS GRAIN

YOU cannot eat your cake and have it too," is an old saying that has many practical applications. Recently the Department of Agriculture urged farmers not to kill their young livestock, but to raise the animals to maturity so that the supply of meat shall be greater. The only reason farmers had been killing stock while young was because they

Politics in Pennsylvania

Senator Bols Penrose's reputation of the Republican "fifty-fifty" ticket in Philadelphia and his endorsement of the Town Meeting ticket as more representative of the sentiment of the community at the present time and Senator Edwin H. Vore's comments thereon have attracted attention all over the state and who's as yet newspapers have not commenced discussing the situation.

Senator Penrose makes it plain that his move into the Republican organization in Philadelphia, as was done in other years, and Senator Vore contends that men who take the Town Meeting ticket can not take part in the Republican primary in 1918. However, there have been so many returns to the party since the war that it is probable that the Vore position probably sounds better now than it will next April.

FOR WISE SPECULATORS

ARE United States Government bonds in the second Liberty Loan good? They are. Objection was raised by a farmer the other day to the three and one-half per cent. and four per cent. rates. But American investors have bought the Government's securities with a return less than is now being paid.

The Spanish War, while small in itself, has had a far-reaching effect on the policy and economics of the United States, bringing as it did a large and for the first time colonial increase in territory. A \$2,000,000,000 three per cent. war loan offered at par was subscribed seven times over, and went to 106 inside of three months.

In 1897, before the war began, the national debt was \$986,656,089; and in 1899, when the war was over, it was \$1,155,320,235. A steady reduction took place through the years to 1908, and this was accompanied by a great expansion in commerce and trade.

The war had brought no perceptible drop in the prices at which the Government securities were selling and in this subsequent period they rose to a maximum of 139 3/4 for the 4s and 103 3/4 for the new 3s issued to finance the Panama Canal. These latter were issued at or above par, which shows the high credit standing of the country. They caused an increase in the national indebtedness, and since then there has been no decrease, the 1916 net indebtedness of the United States standing at \$1,132,639,195; and having interest rates of four per cent., three per cent., two and one-half per cent. and two per cent. Sixty-six per cent. of the gross debt was non-interest-bearing and twenty-four per cent. was bearing interest at two per cent., the lowest rate. The high level of prices maintained by United States bonds is partly due to the circulation privilege attached to some of them.

Harrisburg people have been urged to buy Liberty Bonds to show their patriotism—to aid in the defeat of the Germans—to back the boys in France. These are all good reasons. To them may be added a fourth—United States Government bonds are a good investment. The second Liberty Loan bonds are the best investment offered by any government since the loan made by Carthage to finance her struggle with Rome for the supremacy of the Mediterranean, two thousand years ago. That, by the way, was the first foreign state loan ever made.

THE PITTSBURGH SIDE

THE Pittsburgh Dispatch gives William A. Magee credit of having done a good general town meeting, Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times flays the Magee partisans' charges against Babcock. The Dispatch says: "A trade meeting, at which not only the two candidates for mayor, but the nine of the candidates for council will speak from 8 to 9 o'clock on the night of the Schenley High school, to-night under the auspices of the Allied Board of Trade. Councilman John H. Dalrymple, in the hospital with pneumonia, cannot appear. It will be the first and possibly the only occasion on which all the other candidates will appear at the same time on the evening. It will be the second time the two candidates for mayor have spoken from the same platform on the same night, the other occasion being a meeting of the Pittsburgh Board of Trade a week ago Monday night."

Commenting upon the decision of Judge Kunkel in the "sole nominee" case, the Philadelphia Bulletin says the nonpartisan judicial election law is a mistake.

Reading's councilman election is attracting national attention because of the effort to down the Socialists.

Speaker R. J. Baldwin, who was here yesterday, says Delaware county is furnishing enough excitement for him in its judgeship battle.

It is regarded as very improbable that any test of constitutionality will be given. There is no chance that any service will be made. Auditor General Snyder and Attorney General Brown say they have no idea of doing anything.

Reports that plain and definite orders are to go out to Harrisburg men in employ of various departments of the state government under Governor Brumbaugh on the subject of the mayoralty were heard about the Capitol again to-day.

ONE THING CERTAIN

As it is certain that the French do not intend to invade any Germans at Baden-Baden who were taking the cure there for gout. —New York Evening Post.

WHAT GOLF DOES TO A MAN

THE DEPARTURE FOR THE LINKS (MORNING)

THE RETURN FROM THE LINKS (EVENING)

A LESSON IN LOYALTY To persons it may be surprising that there are men in Milwaukee who do not realize that this country is the United States, not Germany; who do not understand that the United States being at war with Germany, Milwaukee stands and must stand with the United States, and who do not comprehend the simple, obvious facts that they cannot and must not oppose the United States by endeavoring to advance by word or act the cause and interests of Germany.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

MINISTERS IN POLITICS. To the Editor of the Telegraph: "The Prince of this world" is wise and cunning and always ready to adapt himself to the conditions he finds surrounding him.

LABOR NOTES

Since the Washington State Industrial Commission started its compensation benefits a total of \$8,297,838 and \$5,401,111 has been paid out in claims while \$2,636,929 is held in reserve.

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