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For the treasure freely given

Is the treasure that we hoard,

Since the angels keep in heaven

What the angels lent unto the Lord.

J. G. Saxe.

WAR HITS SCHOOLS

PROBABLY the last place where the average citizen, and certainly the average parent, would look for effects of war would be in the schools.

In fact, so serious is the outlook now that the State Board of Education has been called to discuss the problems arising out of the war.

A survey of typical districts among the 2,600 into which the State is divided has been under way and reports will be submitted to show how the call to national service has taken some of the best teachers of the younger generation; how their absence has increased the burdens of the older teachers and forced to the front still younger men; how the industrial activity with its greater rewards is summoning men and even women from school desks, and how the enlarged sphere of women is menacing the present mainstay of the teaching system.

Some of the school districts of Pennsylvania are not rich in natural resources and have had hard enough times scratching along with what taxes they can impose.

Now comes the irrepressible and unsatisfactory Mr. Hoover with the suggestion that we trim off the cuffs from about the bottom of our trousers; or, to be more accurate, with the recommendation that we give our tailors instructions not to make our blue serge and other kinds with rolls at the bottom.

We modestly desire to suggest that Mr. Hoover has neglected the seldom mentioned, but generally well-known, fact that most of us wear trousers made by tailors with whom we do not have a speaking acquaintance and that when the garments reach us it is weeks and sometimes months since the cuffs have blossomed and come to full fruition on the shelves of dealers in natty gents' furnishings.

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Cuffs on trousers are not essential, says Mr. Hoover. No more are ruffles around the bottom of a woman's skirt, but who would be brash enough to suggest that the ruffles be removed. By being mesmeric, we suppose, Mr. Hoover means they do not cover any length of skin that would not be covered otherwise, and

If that is the idea, why pause with the cuff? Why not trim the trousers neatly off exactly at the place where the sock stops and the bare leg begins? That would save enough stuff to make a pair of elbow sleeves, and why should coat sleeves be longer than to the elbow, any way? Here is another happy thought our conservationists at Washington apparently have overlooked, so while the force of it is sinking into the minds of those who so wisely direct our goings and our comings, if not our shortcomings, the conservation will arise and sing that well-known and appropriate old song: "Where the 'Serges' Cease to Roll."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE Chamber of Commerce directors in choosing Andrew S. Patterson head of that organization for the coming year, have taken a step that not only gives that body an energetic and very able executive, but which will encourage the younger men of the city to take more active part in public affairs than ever before.

The Chamber has further honored young men in the selection of George S. Reimold and Arthur D. Bacon as first vice-presidents.

This does not mean that the older members of the Chamber, who have been bearing the heat of battle for any years and who have served the city excellently, are being crowded to the wall. Far from it. They are as numerous on the board of directors and in the work of the organization as ever.

War work, he said, had occupied much of the attention of the Chamber of Commerce the past year and must have even more attention in the twelve months to come. It will devolve upon the new officials to continue and to enlarge upon this policy, so well defined and put into operation by Mr. Tracy and his colleagues.

There never was a time when the Chamber was in position to perform such wholehearted, unselfish service for the city and the country as at present. The opportunity is great and so is the responsibility. The young men who have come into office by vote of the directors have won their spurs in many campaigns. They have the confidence of their fellows. They may be relied upon to do what should be done, and to that end they will have the co-operation of the membership as a whole and of the citizenship at large.

VERY PROPER USE

THE Civic Club puts its house in North Front street to good use when it throws it open for weekly gatherings of the wives, mothers and sisters of Harrisburg soldiers in the service. The clubhouse is designed for just such community uses. The Civic Club holds title to it by bequest, as it should, but its membership is big enough and broad enough to co-operate just as it is doing with the Red Cross for these weekly gatherings of Harrisburg's patriotic women, whose men have gone to the defense of the nation.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Decision of the Philadelphia courts that if necessary every ballotbox will be opened to establish who won the election in Philadelphia, charges that commissioners named by the Governor to take votes of soldiers electorated among the men in khaki and announcement that Senator Penrose is now hunting bear in Snyder county, have been the main items in Philadelphia next week to start a bigger hunt for his opponents among the interesting developments of the last twenty-four hours.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says that the Penrose war council will be held the week ending the 10th inst. "In order to assure his followers that he is in the fight to a finish Senator Penrose has called a meeting ready to respond to a call to renege the war against the Smith-Vare combination at any moment. While the candidates for city and county offices have not been named, it is expected, owing to a dispute over the marking and counting of the ballots, Senator Penrose has told his friends in the evenings, headed by John R. K. Scott, failed in a determined attempt to block, in the election court at least, a full investigation of ballots which had been rejected by election officers, because they contained a mark for District Attorney Rotan in addition to the straight party mark for the Town Meeting ticket."

—In regard to the court ruling it is claimed it will be some time. The Public Ledger expresses this view of the day's happenings: "Council for the Town Meeting party won a legal victory in the public election court yesterday, when Judge Finletter pointed out that the city and county ticket, before Judges Martin and Finletter in the election court yesterday, was not a legal ticket. The result may have a decisive effect on the vote of the city and county ticket, before Judges Martin and Finletter in the election court yesterday, when Judge Finletter pointed out that the city and county ticket, before Judges Martin and Finletter in the election court yesterday, was not a legal ticket."

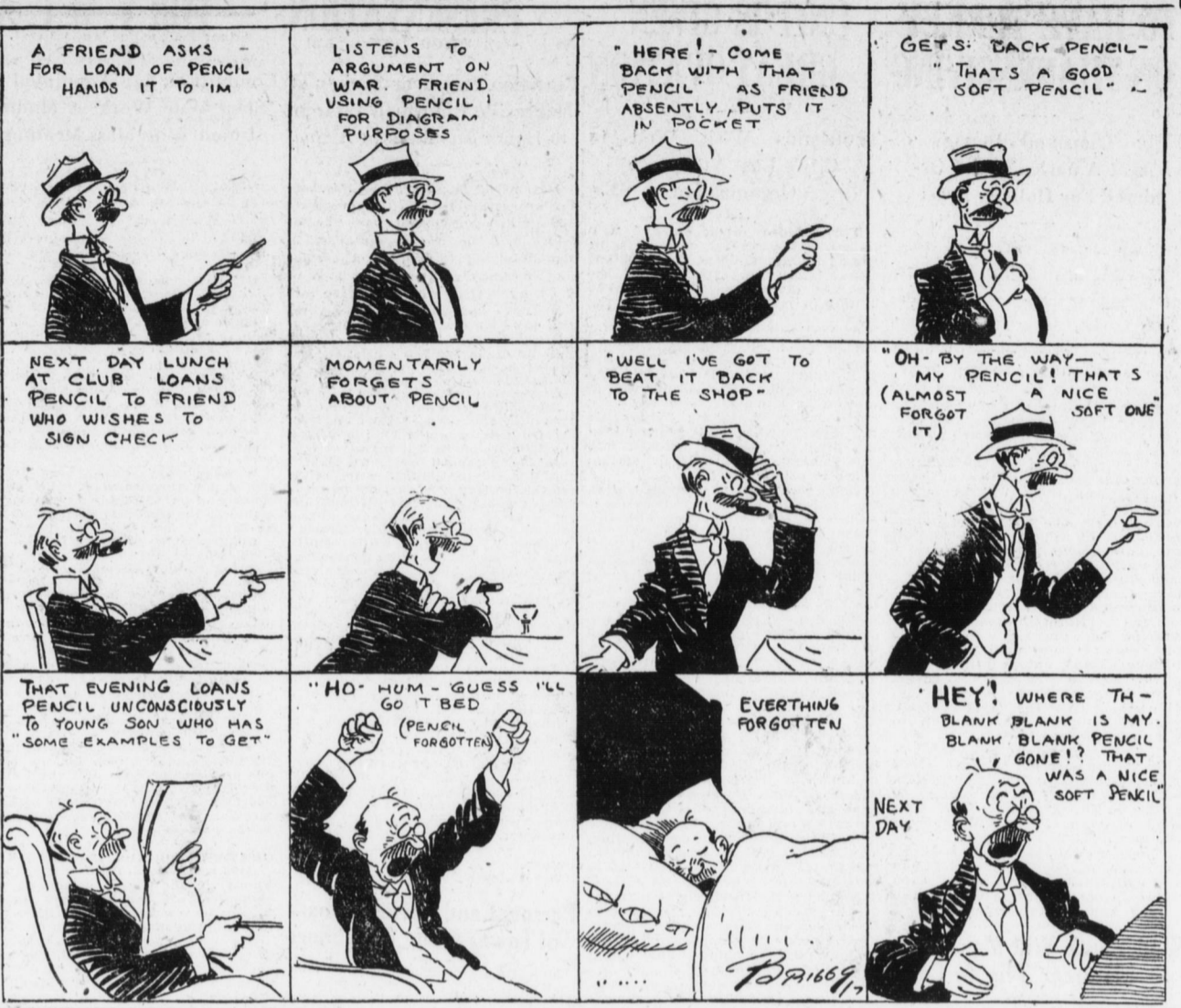
—There will be some thing of interest to Harrisburg in Philadelphia next week. The Philadelphia Record says: "The Philadelphia Record takes the witness stand on Monday he will be asked to explain the transactions referred to by Maloney. In the case of the Philadelphia Record, the witness stand on Monday he will be asked to explain the transactions referred to by Maloney. In the case of the Philadelphia Record, the witness stand on Monday he will be asked to explain the transactions referred to by Maloney."

—Appointment by Governor Brumbaugh of Samuel E. Shull, Democrat, Strouss, Democrat, to the office of the Monroe-Pike district, seems to have made a big fuss. A Strouss dispatch says: "The Democratic Party in Monroe-Pike district, seems to have made a big fuss. A Strouss dispatch says: 'The Democratic Party in Monroe-Pike district, seems to have made a big fuss. A Strouss dispatch says: 'The Democratic Party in Monroe-Pike district, seems to have made a big fuss.'"

—It is well known that the Monroe county Republican organization and the Brumbaugh followers in the county urged the Governor to appoint former Judge Wilton A. Erdman, Republican, to the office of the Monroe-Pike district, seems to have made a big fuss. A Strouss dispatch says: "The Democratic Party in Monroe-Pike district, seems to have made a big fuss. A Strouss dispatch says: 'The Democratic Party in Monroe-Pike district, seems to have made a big fuss.'"

—Inquiry as to procedure necessary for pre-empting name of the Town Meeting party at the Capitol to-day rather indicated that more pre-emptions were likely to be filed within a few days. There have also been inquiries made from up the state about various new party names.

MOVIE OF A GOOD SOFT LEAD PENCIL



State Capitol the middle of next week, will begin to fill vacancies now existing in various offices, including a judge or two, and a public service commissioner's office very soon. Before the Governor left the city it was announced that he intended to take up the matter of appointments after election. There are half a dozen important ones to be made. Much speculation exists as to whether the Governor will name William A. Magee to the Public Service Board again since he has been defeated for mayor of Pittsburgh. Reports have been current that the Governor might not select the Allegheny county, but would pick a personal friend in the western part of the state. No one appears to know where the place may be vacant by the death of Robert K. Young will go. It is generally credited to the Governor has been known to disregard such lines. There will also be a member of the State Industrial Board to be named.

Cup Defender's Humble Fate

SHORN of her masts and intricate rigging, which in a large part made her one of the prettiest sailing craft in the racing yacht Columbia, the first American cup defender of that name, which thrilled the blood of American and British sportsmen for nearly fifty years ago, is now in the harbor being further dismantled.

After finishing her days as a racer, the Columbia was purchased by Henry M. Flagler, of the Standard Oil Company, who for five or six years used her as his yacht. Later the yacht was purchased by Lester Wallace, an actor, who retained possession of her until 1906, when he sold her to a Mr. Kimball for use as a houseboat. In 1908 she was purchased by Charles A. Tucker, of New York, who cruised about in her and used her as his home off the Jamestown Exposition grounds while that was in progress. He removed the houseboat superstructure with the intent of converting her into a sailing craft once again, but she was towed to his country home on the Chesapeake Bay. He sold her only a few weeks ago to the Southern Maryland Company of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Columbia is constructed of seasoned white oak and white pine, but her interior is finished in Santos Domingo mahogany, rare teakwoods and bird's-eye maple. The yacht is 124 feet long, and there is not a piece of timber in her bottom less than seventy-five feet in length. The deck is of white pine planks three inches thick and three inches wide and of unusual length. She has a 26-foot beam and a slight free deck. The yacht as a racer was of the two-masted, centerboard type and spread 1,000 yards of canvas. It took a crew of twenty-five men to handle her.

FREE SPEECH

Freedom of speech, whether in college, pulpit, press or street, is subject to the same fundamental limitations as freedom of other activity. A man has no more right to use his tongue to the injury of his neighbor or his country than he has to use his fist to their injury. The right of free speech does not mean irresponsible speech. The right of free press does not mean to disseminate political opinion or religious faith, and incite mob violence; it does not mean that the press has a right to lampoon the government and incite readers to resist the law of the land and give aid and comfort to the enemy; it does not mean that a college professor has a right to conduct a strike in his position to conduct propaganda against the efficient conduct of the war and use the name of the college in doing so. The college is not a free press and should be uncensored still leaves the government unimpaired authority to punish the speech or the article if it violates the laws of the country. It is not necessary to complain if he suffers the penalty that is coming him. He cannot have the glory of martyrdom without its inconveniences.

INCONSIDERATE SIDDONS

There is a good deal of indignation among the women of our neighborhood due to the fact that Sam Siddons goes home to lunch. The women say it is a burning shame that Mrs. Siddons should be compelled to prepare three meals a day.—From the Topeka Capital.

NOT WORTH IT

Fifty per cent of the world's criminals, according to an authority, can be saved by surgery, but we doubt if the Kaiser is worth it.—Washington Post.

LABOR NOTES

Musicians of Quebec, Canada, have organized. Russian railway men have secured increased pay. Philadelphia street cleaners demand a nine-hour day. German labor leaders demand extensive labor reforms. Canada's Independent labor party is making progress. Connecticut will pension teachers who have taught forty-five years. Seattle, Wash., has a housemaids' union, with over 2,000 members. Chicago fur workers have secured increased pay and a 48-hour week. In the automobile industry women are beginning to do much of the lighter work. Plasterers at Philadelphia have secured a scale of 70 cents an hour. Of every 1,000 wage-earners employed in the industries of New Jersey, 274 are women. A separate wages board will be established in Ireland under the corn production act. Organized cooks and waiters at Pittsburgh, Pa., have asked for a ten-hour day and a six-day week. St. Louis (Mo.) Central Trades and Labor Union is conducting an organizing campaign among negro barbers. Women doing men's work are now admitted to full membership in the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. Macon, Ga., painters have organized and affiliated with the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

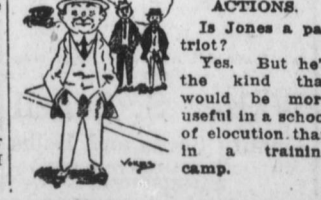
SOON DUE. It's gotta come, it's gotta come. Ere we go very far; I'm sure we shall be hearing from The \$100 car.



TO THE POINT. Lady—And what is your best seller this season? Book-seller—It is a very charming little volume entitled, "How to live on one's salary."



HAD KNOWLEDGE OF BOTH. Banker—Do you know anything about checks and drafts? Applicant—Yes, sir. I've run our turnage for years.



Evening Chat

Commissioners to take the votes of Pennsylvania soldiers in the various camps and cantonments who have been here the last few days to file their duplicate and poll books at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth declare that army life is doing the men good. The intensive training being given to the regiments and auxiliary organizations of what were formerly National Guard of Pennsylvania commands is making the men even better fit physically than ever. Many of the men went through the training at the Mexican border and came back much improved. They are going to be better than ever. But it is of the men in the camps of the conscripts that the commissioners speak as making the greatest progress. The operations of the draft reached many men who had not given much thought to their well being and who, while they may have played ball and gone on rambles when they were living in the city, more or less types. Country boys, who had been worked hard and given a rather monotonous diet were included in the draft as well as young men whose habits were not such as to make them physically fit. What the commissioners all say is that it is striking to observe the difference in appearance and manner of men that they knew in their home communities since they left amid tears and the blare of bands in farewell.

There is no question about what this military service is doing for these young men. It's the best thing, the very best thing that can happen to many of them. I saw one of the commissioners. "I observed the men in the camp as they swung along in their uniforms. They are very much soldier and the fellow who strikes your home city I hardly knew. Why, they all have put on flesh and are getting as hard as nails, well set up, have clear eyes and a way that shows that they would not have dreamed of some time ago. And then they are not only getting advantage of systematic exercises, careful direction, balanced diet, but have a sense of discipline that is going to be as valuable as what they have gained in a physical way. The training and the gain all around that will come to these young men is well worth some of the war taxes, I tell you."

Not until Christmas is here and thousands of pennies that have been let loose from the small banks of little folks, are in circulation, is relief expected from the present showing of coppers. To open those banks now and help out the railroad ticket office attaches would be a kind act, and will be appreciated. It is rather amusing at times to watch the Philadelphia clerks at the local stations go scouring for pennies. The first raid is made on the penny slot weighing machines. Next they go to the chewing gum boxes. At times there is a race between the ticket clerks and the attaches at the newsstand to get the pennies. Those slot machines are usually cleaned out two or three times each week. Now they are drained almost hourly. These efforts have not brought the relief looked for. Yesterday morning the Pennsylvania ticket office were given \$50 in dimes and nickels and sent on a trip through the city. They were going to have a back with only \$14 worth of pennies.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, says that the time is near when some steps will have to be taken to prevent ruffed grouse from being exterminated in Pennsylvania. The attempt was made last year to protect the ruffed grouse have not been very successful. "The weather conditions have had something to do with it," he says. "The weather has been favorable it has been hard enough for the birds and the sportsmen have come to the conclusion that steps will have to be taken. When we consider the success that followed the closing of the season for wild turkey for two years ago, it is not a little thing to be done for the ruffed grouse." He continued, "This resulted in the State Game Commission being notified day than known for many years and it may come that we will have to have a closed season on the ruffed grouse for more than one year. I am seriously considered. We are ready to do our part and I would be glad enough to see the subject being seriously considered. We are ready to do our part and I would be glad enough to see the subject being seriously considered. We are ready to do our part and I would be glad enough to see the subject being seriously considered."

State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery, who read the paper of Col. James Burd before the Dauphin County Historical Society the other evening, says that the work of this noted early resident of this community is too little known. He was among the most valiant of Indian fighters and a staunch patriot.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Commissioner of Health Dixon, who has been ill in Philadelphia, is able to leave his room occasionally. —E. V. Babcock, the new mayor of Pittsburgh, has issued a statement that any intimations that he has any pro-German leanings are simply malicious. —Mayor Louis Francke, of Johnstown, is visiting in Illinois for a short time. —T. Connell, the new mayor of Scranton, used to be prominent here in legislative affairs. —General A. J. Logan, who commands the old Second brigade, has been taking a command on moonlight hikes. —Judge Thomas J. Baldrige, of Blair, started his room occasionally, he stated in the court of proceedings for revocation of a license that he had seen a drunken soldier coming out of a saloon.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is making iron that is going to half a dozen cities to make special products? HISTORIC HARRISBURG This city had a municipal wharf along the Susquehanna about 100 years ago but the canal put it out of business. SOCIALISTS' BLAME If Socialists, as it is reported, are responsible for the defection in the ranks of the second Italian army, allowing the enemy to occasionally break through, they will doubtless be proud of their handiwork when the Hun swoop down on the Italian villages and the defenseless womenfolk there.—Buffalo Commercial.