BY BRIGGS

Ebening Chai

Now that Harrisburg has had a week or ten days to get accustomed.

to the war taxes there is a crop of

interesting stories to be told about the way they are being taken and

how the new means to help finance the great conflict are working out. Naturally, the place where the new

law hits oftenest is in the mails and

the number of letters held up be-

cause of neglect to put on the extra-

stamp is proof that there are very forgetful people. It is comical to

forgetful people. It is comical to see a busy man get a paper to "call' at the window" and then be confronted by a demand for one centure on a letter addressed to him and then open it to find some choice advertising matter or to hunt all through his pockets for one cent to pay on a postal card announcing at meeting which he would not attend if he could. The men at the stamp windows are helping out by reminding stamp buyers of the new rates. The railroad ticket proposition and the validating of mileage form a pair of procedures which are apt to be annoying if one puts off waiting until just before train time. And the wise person is the one who will have a supply of pennies and small change

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old and have had many troubles, but most of them never happened .- ANON.

ONLY HANDS NEEDED

ROM what traveling men whose of men from all parts of the State of various kinds, it is only the scarcity of farm labor that is preventing and that corner of every farm which the way it is—all because there is not a quarter of the farm labor that selfish service. there ought to be in Pennsylvania.

It is naturally regrettable that when the national government, is calling for increased production of food that the summons to the colors, the demands of the vital shipbuilding industry, the necessities of the munitions plants, the iron and steel mills and the railroads should interfere with the working out of what we all may be found to distribute labor next in the Keystone State that possibly

folks on uppent work.

Until that comes we will have to agricultural leaders of the union as tremendous areas in this State which ful. Stern as is the experience of war it may show us a way to support pecially if the chemistry that now feeds big guns is called to provide the tain fertility and the inventive genius mobilized for war machinery is devoted for a time to helping, earth might as well get used to it now. yield that increase upon which man

quotas. Some of the towns already patriotism of the practical sort. The they are backing their soldiers to the limit. The Red Cross fund, the Lib-armies fall before the German hosts erty Loan response and now the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. contributions prove this. Let Harrisburg and the rest of the county follow this splendid example.

ENFORCE THE LAW

on the docks at Baltimore. How many other pieces of destruction may be recorded we do not that changes in the Fleet Corpora know; but it is welcome news to learn that the United States marshal week, will be followed by other inat New York is at length to apply dications of concentrated energy and common sense. Germans to live or to enter within a' zone half a mile from the wharves AGREEMENT WITH A SERPENT and military reservations.

acts of sabotage are of enemy origin the task of finding deserving Demo- should be, but can we place any con

crats to go on the payroll. Germans from the zones of war ac- and hope to have it kept

tivity should be accompanied by a much more stringent guard upon property in such localities.

THE HALF-WAY HOUSE THE Y. M. C. A. "hut" of the Army encampment is the Half-

in uniform craves; but above all, he finds there men who take a per- Vare.

great, big home-like building, warm, well-lighted and provided with all

C. A. "hut" at hand the soldier need look no farther for means of relaxation and social enjoyment. Without it he must find his "fun" elsewhere, and not always where he is benefitted.

More than 200,000 French and English soldiers have been sent home, physical wrecks, because in the soldiers that war, before the soldiers that the soldier than 200,000 French and the county has neither sheriff nor coroner. Unless the Governor appoints there will be vacancies until January 1 when newly-elected men will take charge.

—Anong other things that Democratic state machine leaders are Y. M. C. A. "hut" provided the neces-BOM what traveling men whose business takes them among farmers say and from remarks harpies who are awaiting them who come to the Capitol on matters behind the lines of every battlefront.

Pennsylvania from developing agriling camps. If not your very own Pennsylvania from detections culture upon a scale that would daze son, at least a lad who has taken say that literally thousands of acres ould be added to the land now in wheat or put out in foodstuffs next spring if men could be had. Land "hut" to keep him out of temptation year; brushland will not be cleared the battles of his country efficiently the owner or tenant has been waiting and return home strong and clean for "a few slack days" to put in shape for corn or potatoes will stay

> In turn, the Y. M. C. A. needs funds that it may provide these

would like to see. Perhaps some way given to the Red Cross. We know, may be found to distribute labor next spring. Such splendid examples of patriotic service have been furnished conditions hard. But we know also farmers will be given help by city that whoever you are who reads this, think what a splendid thing it would salary than ever before in your life. be if Pennsylvania was among the We know also that unless this war well as a leader in iron and coa, and is won the money you now count so oil and manufactures. There are precious will be absolutely worthonly await farming to become fruit- less. We MUST win this war, and our millions from our own soil, es- Y. M. C. A. fund. To-morrow it nitrogenous products needed to main- mistake about it, you must give, give,

T HE people of the upper end of the county are beating Harrisburg to it in the matter of raisburg to it in the matter of raisb ing their Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. They will ask you only for your cash have given more than asked and the contribution. Give as generously as campaign is not yet started. This is you can, both for the sake of the boys upper end folks have not only sent at the front and for your own sake, their young men to the front but for God help you and all of us if our

A FEW weeks ago the shipyards were being robbed of men who were being coscripted for the Army. Now comes the proposal of the Fleet Corporation that men who pledge themselves to go into ship-THIRTY-TWO suspicious fires pledge themselves to go into ship-have taken place along the building shall be exempted from water front of New York with- army service. In view of the anin the last six months. The other nouncement that our part in the war night five million dollars' worth of must be delayed until we have the unitions for the Allies were burned ships to transport the men, this would seem a wise decision very readily reached. It is to be hoped

If the fires, explosions and other cts of sabotage are of enemy origin

HE United States is very properly solicitous for the treatment of such American soldiers as -as many of them surely must be- may become prisoners of the Ger it is high time that some more dras- mans and to that end is seeking an tic measures of protection should be agreement with Germany that Unittaken. The administration does not ed States soldier prisoners of tha lack for the power of law, it does not country shall be as well treated as lack for money to put the law into Germans shall be by the United execution, and it will not shrink from States. This is all very well and as it fidence in German agreements? Can In consequence, the exclusion of we make a contract with a serpent

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

With most of the counties of the state trying to forget the election, Philadelphia will to-day have two very interesting events. One will be the attempt of the regular organization to have ballot boxes opened as a counter move to the demand of the Town Meeting party that boxes be other little luxuries which the man taken into court, and the other will be the Maloney hearing into which it is planned to take Congressman

Senator Penrose, who senator Penrose, who passed through this city late Saturday on his return to Philadelphia from a hunting trip in Snyder county, is expected to meet prominent Republican leaders this week in Philadelphia. State Chairman W. E. Crow went to Philadelphia yesterday,

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Numerous close contests will have to be settled by the soldiers' votes and there have been outbreaks of charges that commissioners election-eered at camps, which are denied. Some of the commissioners say that Town, Meeting party agents fairly buzzed with political activity at camps. However, the Town Meet-ing men were not commissioners. The commissioners say that their talks to give instructions were dis-torted.

—Among other things that Democratic state machine leaders are thinking about is that the Democratic candidate for sheriff of Berks was elected by a greatly reduced majority.

—It will take the official count to settle who has been elected county treasurer of Mercer. The Governor made an appointment in that county last winter and there was a hot campaign.

Paign.

The Philadelphia North American comments upon the fact that the election takes the last of the Democrats out of the Schuylkill county offices.

—There is mourning in the streets of Stroudsburg and the hills of Monroe are echoing with the indignation of A. Mitchell Palmer, Democratic state machine boss. Samuel E. Shull, appointed judge of Monroe county, bemocratic faction that has earnestly fought Palmer and the "handsome boss," as he is called here, in flaying the Governor with bitter words and wailing over the slight put upon him. Mr. Shull was a candidate for Congress-at-large on the Democratic ticket in 1914 and made his fight with Palmer as an issue. And what he said is well remembered here. Mr. Palmer is writing pieces about the Governor's selection that read like the book of lamentations.

—The Philadelphia Record calls

—The Philadelphia Record calls for the police because the Johnstown Democrat takes Senator Edwin H. Vare seriously as a political factor. It also is inclined to make merry over reports that Senator Vare is behind the boom for Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil for governor. —Politics has been pretty well crowded off the first page by the war and the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. drive and even at Scranton they have quit fussing and are trying to take the mine cave problem out of politics.

As to ma for Highway for New York Canada and the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Pittsburgh dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer sums up the situation in that city as follows: "With the election of a mayor and row embers of city council now reads this was a transfer of the control of the Republican party or control of the Republican party or canadata to be something else. Make no vabut it, you must give, give, peace is declared and you il get used to it now.

Yee as well was a will be the fact that, in the the incoming administration failed to elect the full councilmanic toted for enough councilmen to give it a majority in that the properties of the district behavior of the properties of the various departments of city government at the council manic been elected as Magee candidates, is the desire expressed by W. Y. English, Magee candidates, who was re-elected, that Mayor-level and the properties of the various departments of city government at the council manic budget sessions with will will convene shortly."

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-W. B. Stewart, burgess-elect of —W. B. Stewart, burgess-elect of Monessen, was sworn in Friday as postmaster of that town. He won out Tuesday over F. C. Duvall, the Republican candidate, by 53 votes. On January 1, when Postmaster Stewart takes the oath as burgess the will likely resign one or other of the positions. Dr. Stewart was

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

YOUR DESK A LONG INTERNAL REVENUE "OFFICIAL BUSINESS"

WHEN YOU FIND ON



gess in Monesson.

—Charges of fraud against election boards in Plains, Nanticoke and Plymouth were not sustained and Judge Strauss dismissed the cases at In Plains it was

campaign.

an everwhelming majority.

was re-elected burgess of Farrell by

acvocating a municipal coal yard.

Lessons in Contenting.

It's a trite old saying but true that lots of times we are well off and don't know it. Just think what an 18-k soft snap the Kaiser went out of his way to get himself jerked loose from.—Macon Telegraph.

YOU FINALLY

AND

OPEN IT BECAUSE YOU "FORGOT" A FEW SMALL A FEW SMALL ITEMS WHEN YOU MADE YOUR LAST INCOME TAX RETURN AND FIND THAT YOU HAVE

AND YOU'RE AFRAID TO



AND YOU HAVE VISIONS OF \$1000 FINES WITH THE ATLANTA PEN" IN THE OFFING OH- H- H- H- BOY OVERPAID THE GOVERNMENT



How Bill Cured the Blues

Judge Strauss dismissed the cases at Wilkes-Barre. In Plains it was charged there were more votes than there were voters at the rolls. This charge was not proved. No irregularities were found in the Nanticoke and Plymouth counts.

Bill's sister had a membership —Says the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times: "Theodore Morgan, a mem-ber of the Pennsylvania Legislature, To put the Kaiser down.

citizens, was elected burgess of this; place by a large majority last Tues-day. He conducted a vigorous cam-paign through the newspapers and says the newspapers presented the 'cheapest and most effective method

of getting ideas before the people; which was merely the applying of modern business methods to a poli-John H. Moody

Congressman Guy E. Campbell, heny, is If he should learn to knit; Magee, But husky Bill thought of his And almost threw a fit.

—Congressman Guy E. Campbell,
Democrat accident in Allegheny, is
not sorry he backed Magee.
Babcock carried the Pittsburgh
wards which are in Campbell's district.
—Just what the Governor meant
by naming Magee on the Free
Library Commission, is interesting
many men who follow State politics. He couldn't think of anything
A youth like him could do,
And he was getting grumpy,
And desperately blue.

SOLE DUTY OF THE HOUR Stern times are ahead of this country, but there is only one way to meet them and that is resolutely. Yellow may call to yellow, but equally courage calls to courage.

The reasons that led to our entry into the war have been intensified and multiplied by what has occurred in Italy and Russia. For more clearly than ever before is it revealed what sort of world will exist if Germany as at present dominated is able to impose its will. A danger hitherte considered imaginary now faces us. If we would avert a late whose nature need not be described we must put every ounce of our power into the fighting line. Words and talk will not save to us our freedom and our right to develop further, a pacific civilization.

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freedom and our right to develop further, a pacific civilization.
Foolishness should cease. Idic wrangling over minor matters must stop. But one business is before us, and that is to get behind the government and do everything in our power to help in the great struggle and to make sure that our aid does not arrive too late.—New York Globe.

On the other hand, there should be an end to all illusion. Russia is out of the war.—New York Tribune.

A PATRIOTIC GIRL

Said the pretty girl To her sweetheart: "Son, For goodness' sake Don't call me Hun."
—Florida Times-Union.

l'ut Bill got glorious-happy When his chum came 'round to say That boys could help the Army Through the great Y. M. C. A.

The Y-man's up there with him In the very foremost trench, A-sharing all the shot and shell, And rats, and mud, and stence

We can stop the Kaiser coming. And hand to him his fill, If a hundred thousand Y-boys Earn a crisp ten dollar bill.

"A million bucks, Old Top," he said,
"What do you think of that?"
Said Bill, "To that same nifty scheme
I'll sure take off my hat."

so Bill cut out some movie shows.

Who now omit "the foolish stuff"
And are saving up their "mon,'
To help the boys across the seas
To save us from the Hun.

Now here the tale diverges

And got himself a job

By working after school, you know,
And helping swell the mob.

They keep the soldier happy,
And they help him save his pay;
And help him be a fighting man,
The highest kind of way.

Her nerves were getting raspy But she said, before she flopped, That she'd do a little something To get the Kaiser stopped.

His best girl took to knitting In a wild and feverish way, And was serving on committees At least forty times a day.

Moody what really was the hardest, rell by And gave Bill the fiercest rub Was his cousin, keeping U-boats From stealing England's grub.

Bill's mother said it would be fine

Now nere the tale diverges,
For Bill's father says, he can
At last discern some hopeful signs
That Bill will be a man.
—By Clarence C. Robinson, in The
American Youth. **OUR DAILY LAUGH**

SUBJECT Artist: It's much money in Poet: Is there? THE FIRST

So they were

end their first spend their first Christmas day

DIFFERENT

Mottoes differ

When I was a the

youngster



'Tis true of many THE HO tion's pride, knows least about

> est blame. \$

Learn to say Well? the cry is Forget it!

> ALL IN THE POINT OF VIEW. (In unison) he: My what a funny little man! He: My what a large and cum-

nertisation of pay wir tax amounting to five cents on a trolley trip from
Greensburg to Uniontown cost
Charles Harrison, aged 60, of
Brownsville, \$7.05 when he came
before an alderman. I've been payin'
enough war tax t'day," said he, "and
by heck I wasn't going to give up to
that sassy conductor." that sassy conductor.

—Over in Waynesboro they know what the soldiers like. A local bank there has just shipped to Company K, One Hundred and Tenth Infantry, encamped in Georgia the largest pumpkin ever grown in the country. It is a sugar pumpkin weighing seventy-five pounds. It was grown by Guy M. Jones, living near Waynesburg.

A-Here is what an Allentown company, machine gun battallon, went through the other day at Camp Hancock, the test being to disqualify soldiers who are minus a nerve system to battle. Every soldier was compelled to place his heefs and toes together, open his mouth, stick out his tongue, close his eyes and raise his arms forward in front of the body. The nerve power is determined by the tremble of the hands so stretched out. Try it and see, whether you are cool enough to ogle a Hun with his dander up.

TO WHOM GOOD IS DUE Withhold not good from them twhom it is due when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.—Pro

A GERMAN ADMISSION

I From Koelnische Volkeszeitung:
A year ago we could only content with our enemies as to whether Bel gium and the north of France should come into Germany's hands and it what form. Today, after a slow ster by step retreat and after all the various peace offers, we have got safar that we must discuss with our enemies whether Alsace -Lorrain shall still remain with Germany onot.

just before train time. And the wise person is the one who will have a supply of pennies and small change in hand when the ticket is bought. The situation about the theaters solves itself. People want to go to shows and will pay. It is a form of amusement which is legitimately taxable, but which patrons of shows can speedily correct if unjust by going somewhere else. The course has brought more than one gouger to time in other places. The rise of the ordinary five-cent cigar to six cents has caused the stogy to regain some of the favor which it lost last winter when the "three-fers" were abolished and all were made "two-fers." Tobacco men admit that it does come hard and men accustomed to paying five cents for their favorite "smokes" for years to have to produce an extra cent and recitals of incidents are more sulphurous than the smoke of the finest York county product. Another effect has been to decrease sales of high-priced cigars. That has had a good local influence because there are some fine cigars made right here in Harrisburg and they are much better for the average smoker than the heavy goods that retail for eleven and sixteen and twenty-six cents.

Over the Top in the heavy goods that retail for eleven and sixteen and twenty-six entry.

—Among the thousands at Camp Meade there are forty-six men from Annuille who have something very particular to think of every night, namely that a little blind girl in their native town is praying for them. These recruits when about to depart from Annuille were tendeded the usual reception, but it was the loyalty and kindness of this 7-year-old girl, blind from her birth, which made the hardy soldiers gulp in the throat and pass a rough hand out of the grant of the gran

—This is a tough time for booze fighters. In Lehigh county court the other day Judge Gromein added six months extra sentence to a chicken thief who pleaded intoxication as an excuse. The criminal no doubt hoped to asphyxiate the unfortunate hen with his booze breath.

—Refusal to pay war tax amounting to five cents on a trolley trip from Greensburg to Uniontown cost Charles Harrison, aged 60, of Brownsville, \$7.05 when he came before an alderman. I've been paying the bank on the subject of income taxes. "In the next three months I taxes. "In the next three months I will do mighty little else. I have been studying the law from all arrisburg's chief investments and the various slants. We have to give this advice. People look to us for it and we are glad to help our customers, but it is going to put a strain on us for a time that few people will realize. What people should do is to study the income tax law now and be ready to count up their income on January 1."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Judge H. A. Hall, of Elk county, who retires next month, is seriously ill in Philadelphia.

—Judge J. Willis Martin, presiding in the Philadelphia election cases, is one of the most experienced judges in such matters outside of the Dauphin county court.

—Judge-elect A. B. Smith, of Susactive members of the bar of the most active members of the bar of the county.

—Judge J. O. VanSwearingen, relected in Fayette, was the head and front of the J. V. Thompson boom for governor in 1906 and the prominence he won then made him a judge.

—Judge Eugene C. Conniwell, who was highest of candidates for judge in Philadelphia without being elected, plans to visit a number of counties to address fremen this winter.

—Judge W. N. Seibert, of the

tion.

—Judge W. N. Seibert, of the Perry-Juniata district, is expected to make Perry "dry" again this winter.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is furnishing large quantities of hay from its district for Army use?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
About the second industry in Harer isburg after the place was laid out
was making bricks. Transportation
was the first business.