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It is not much business that distracts any man; but the want of purity, constancy, and tendency towards God.—JEREMY TAYLOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN AND OTHERS IN his civic activities covering a period of several years, Mayor J. William Bowman has never shown greater earnestness and enthusiasm than during the campaign just closing in behalf of the War Work of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. As chairman of the city committee he has again demonstrated his ability as an organizer and the results have established once more the unselfish character of his public service and the high ideals which animate him in all the work in which he has so cheerfully engaged for the betterment of the community. Mayor Bowman is the type of citizenry to whom we must look for the future development of Harrisburg and his course is an inspiration for the other young men who are proud of their city and who want to help in every proper way.

As the Telegraph has frequently indicated, Harrisburg is fortunate in the number and character of the men who are constantly doing all within their power to advance the interests of the community as a whole, and Mayor Bowman and those like him are deserving of all public honor.

Edward Bailey, chairman of the county committee, who has labored quietly but effectively; the many good women who co-operated in a great campaign, the zealous and industrious men of the press, without whose efforts the drive for funds would not have been so successful, and the forces of the two local institutions directly concerned in the canvass, all merit the congratulations which have been bestowed.

ONWARD WITH GOD! WHILE the Kaiser was mouthing his blasphemous "onward with God," the other day, Bavaria, a German State, officially abolished the Sabbath.

No nation has ever done this and prospered. One day of rest in seven, given over to the worship of God, is perhaps the earliest injunction of Holy Writ.

ONWARD WITH GOD! and a Godless Sabbath form an odd combination. No country ever set itself up as superior to God's commands and escaped God's penalties for those who break his laws. Germany is no exception.

If this war continues any length and the first fences to go down will be many of the old social distinctions by which many mistaken ones among us used to set great store. We are one people, bound by common ties, whose prime interests and fundamental aspirations, once we get down to them, are identical, and some of us are experiencing a growing admiration for the wisdom and insight of those who wrote that thought into the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States.

Which is why we are great among the peoples of the world, and why we are going to win this war. In the last analysis—when the final test comes—it finds us all for one and one for all.

NEXT YEAR'S GARDENS NOW is the time to be thinking of next year's war gardens, and Donald McCormick, who is at the head of the Chamber of Commerce garden department, with Shirley B. Watts as active director, is already outlining the campaign for the coming spring.

War gardens played a big part in the food program of Harrisburg last summer, but the need for a more careful conservation of the food supply, with urgent necessity for increasing it in every way possible, will be far greater next year than it was during the past season or is at present. Every family that can raise a stalk of tomato or a hill of corn or potatoes must be pressed into service the coming spring and summer.

It is no longer merely the part of thrift to have a war garden—it is a necessity of vital proportions. If every family raises at least a part of its own vegetable supply next year we shall plough through without much hardship, but if the war gardens are neglected most of us are going to have hungry days next winter and our allies will be in sore distress for lack of provisions.

PUNISH THE SCAMPS MAYOR BOWMAN was not so busy with the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. drive this week that he did not have time to act vigorously for the protection of United States soldiers visiting Harrisburg, when it came to his attention that they were being lured from paths of rectitude by harpies and panders making it their business to lie in wait for the man on furlough.

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GIVE US SHIPS THE government apparently has muddled sadly at the one point in war preparations where muddling counts most against allied success, namely, the ship building program. One incompetency after another has developed, largely due to the selection of land lubbers to perform a work that should have been entrusted to men familiar with the sea and its ways.

THE Democrats having captured all the county offices in Berks, announcement of the distribution of patronage has been eagerly awaited. Constable John Smith first deputy and Dr. N. Z. Dunkelberger deputy for the Kutztown district. Prothonotary, H. H. Schmitt, named W. E. Bechtel as legal adviser. John G. Rhoads as deputy. Both are of Reading. Recorder-elect Meck has chosen B. Morris Schaefer, of Mohnton, as legal adviser and Charles W. Swover and Henry F. Kemp as deputies.

Without ships our armies are powerless to go to France, or, if they would be terribly handicapped by lack of supplies. Our great and immediate need is ships. All else must be subordinated to efficiency in this department.

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman

The name of the Town Meeting party has been pre-empted for the state election next November by no less than four groups of men who are bent upon making the name of the county court and of the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Two of the pre-emptions declare the exclusive right to nominate voters, but the name of the party for the state at large, while the others specify the right to elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs and Congressmen at large.

Officials of the State Department state that the state will cause no show that may or will be duplicated returns of votes cast by soldiers were to come in. The time, however, does not expire until November 21st.

Former Representative Daniel J. Shern has denied he had influenced the making of any ticket. Mr. Shern was the commissioner who supervised the vote on the Republican ticket.

LABOR NOTES Fur workers in Minneapolis have secured the union shop and 50-hour week.

PROOF that nearly 25,000 ballots cast in the election on November 6 were thrown aside by election boards was obtained yesterday by the Town Meeting party.

ARTICLEVILLE (Okla.) contractors have signed a union shop agreement with their inside electrical workers. Wages are increased 10 cents an hour for eight hours a day.

FIGHTING IN BELGIUM An illuminating explanation of just why fighting in Belgium is harder and more trying than fighting in France is given in "The First Hundred Thousand," just published by Houghton Mifflin Company.

THE PHILADELPHIA Republican city committee, which is in control, held a special meeting last night and elected Senator McCormick.

THE new register of wells of Northampton county, C. S. Messinger took charge yesterday and Auditor General Snyder's men will start the investigation on Monday.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



TREASURE.

has taken the place of the solicitor of Conshohocken, who has gone to war.

The Allegheny county official office has been closed and it is said that it will not show surprises. The elections appear to have been emphatic.

William Walsh, former legislator, will succeed Frederick Shoyer as Philadelphia registration commissioner at \$4,000 a year.

Indications are that the closeness of the soldier vote and its effect upon a number of contests throughout the state will cause Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh to postpone making any appointments of consequence for another week or two.

The soldier vote returns have been rather surprising here. It was expected that all would be in hand promptly, but commissioners are apparently taking their time.

Y. M. C. A. WORK The clipping follows: I am writing this to knock on Chief Kinder as the chief is one of the best chiefs that Harrisburg has ever had.

OUT OF LABYRINTHS If you ever find yourself environed with difficulties and perplexing circumstances, on which you are at a loss how to extricate yourself, do what is right and be assured that what will extricate you the best way out of the worst situations.

FOR THE MEN AT THE FRONT Lord God of Hosts, whose mighty name is God Almighty, send down Thy dominion holds on sea and land.

When death flies swift on wave or field, Be Thou a sure defense and shield, Console and succor those who fall.

For those who weak and broken lie, In weariness and agony, Great Healer, to their beds of pain, Come, touch and make them whole.

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TAKING A JOKE Learning to take a joke is much like learning to take medicine. It can be done, but it is not pleasant.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

WANTS BRIDGE CURBED To the Editor of the Telegraph: Some highways are more dangerous than others and the most dangerous should always be safeguarded to prevent accidents.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFICIENCY I saw a piece in your paper on November 14 to the effect that the fire engine is in need of repair.

OUR DAILY LAUGH HALF a loaf is better than no bread. There's no doubt about the respect to which half a loaf is entitled.

THEIR INTENTIONS I don't intend to be married until after I am thirty.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE E. F. Stobert has offered a flag of peace to the Liberty Loan in Philadelphia.

PROOF OF BEAUTY She's a beautiful woman, isn't she? Beautiful. I should say she is.

OUT OF REACH DUCK—It's awful, Grub is going up again!

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg is shipping large amounts of produce, raised right near here, to New York?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG French trappers had a post at the mouth of the Susquehanna River in 1790, before William Penn. granted the land hereabouts to John Harris.

BY BRIGGS



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