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He's true to God who's true to many wherever wrong is done

To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the all-beholding sun.

That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaved most base

Whose love of right is for themselves and not for all their race.

—LOWELL.

CITY MANAGERSHIP

MAYOR BOWMAN, in his statement given to the public today, relating to the city manager plan of government for Harrisburg, has given the people something big to think about during the next two years and which ought to be productive of better and more efficient conduct of municipal affairs.

This conclusion of Mayor Bowman, made after a close study of municipal government from the standpoint of a practical and successful business man on the inside, is in full accord with the findings of similar investigations in other cities.

This commission-manager plan has worked out well elsewhere. The lines of responsibility are left clear and straight. They never fork or leave one wondering who is responsible.

The plan gives a strong single-headed executive presiding over all departments, co-ordinating their activities and acting as a court of appeal in cases where departmental rivalries or frictions develop.

Major Bowman has hit upon a big and vital subject for public consideration. This newspaper from time to time has dwelt in a news way and editorially upon the city manager plan, but this is the first time that it has been given serious consideration by a city official.

LET US HAVE IT THE residents of Devon—shrinking, sensitive souls that they must be—have made it so unpleasant for the government that the War Department is looking elsewhere for a home for cripples and incapacitated soldiers.

than that surrounding Harrisburg—more healthful or bracing climatic conditions than are to be found in the mountains roundabout, or even right here in town.

ROBBING THE SOLDIER

TRYING to deprive the soldier of his vote is small and despicable business.

The Democratic candidate for coroner, the Democratic City, County and State Committees in making themselves parties to an effort to disfranchise Dauphin county soldiers have placed themselves in an unenviable light.

The situation is this: Hundreds of Harrisburg and Dauphin county citizens during the past summer and early fall laid aside their own affairs and went out to fight for the preservation of the nation.

Now, when it is discovered that Dr. Hartman, Democratic candidate for coroner, would have a majority, and John K. Royal, Democratic machine lieutenant and chronic office-holder, would, perhaps, defeat Charles W. Burnett for City Council, if the soldiers are robbed of their votes, an outrageous attempt to disfranchise the most patriotic element of the city and county is proposed.

This step actually will be taken in incomprehensible. No wonder Judge Kunkel protested against the lateness of the proposed action.

No! The thing cannot, must not be allowed. Democrats as well as Republicans will make it warm next election for the party management that places a tawdry political office above the rights of citizenship.

It is fair to assume that the man who took the trouble to vote in camp would have voted had he remained at home. It is also apparent that he would have voted at home for the same candidates he did in camp.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

State wide attention has been attracted to the proceedings launched in the Dauphin county court yesterday by James A. Straanah, counsel for prominent Democrats, to test the right of the soldiers to vote.

The Dauphin county court is the court wherein ballot laws are tested and it is naturally the place where a move to question legal status of the voting by the soldiers would be taken.

In Philadelphia to-day the soldier vote was brought into question because of the manner in which men voted. There were claims that things did not look well, especially where some negro regiments voted.

The Philadelphia Inquirer to-day says: "No sinking fund surplus exists and the \$1.25 city tax rate must be increased, probably to \$1.51."

One of the Y. M. C. A. men was approached at the counter recently by a young fellow, who said: "I want to send \$40 home. Do you have express money order?"

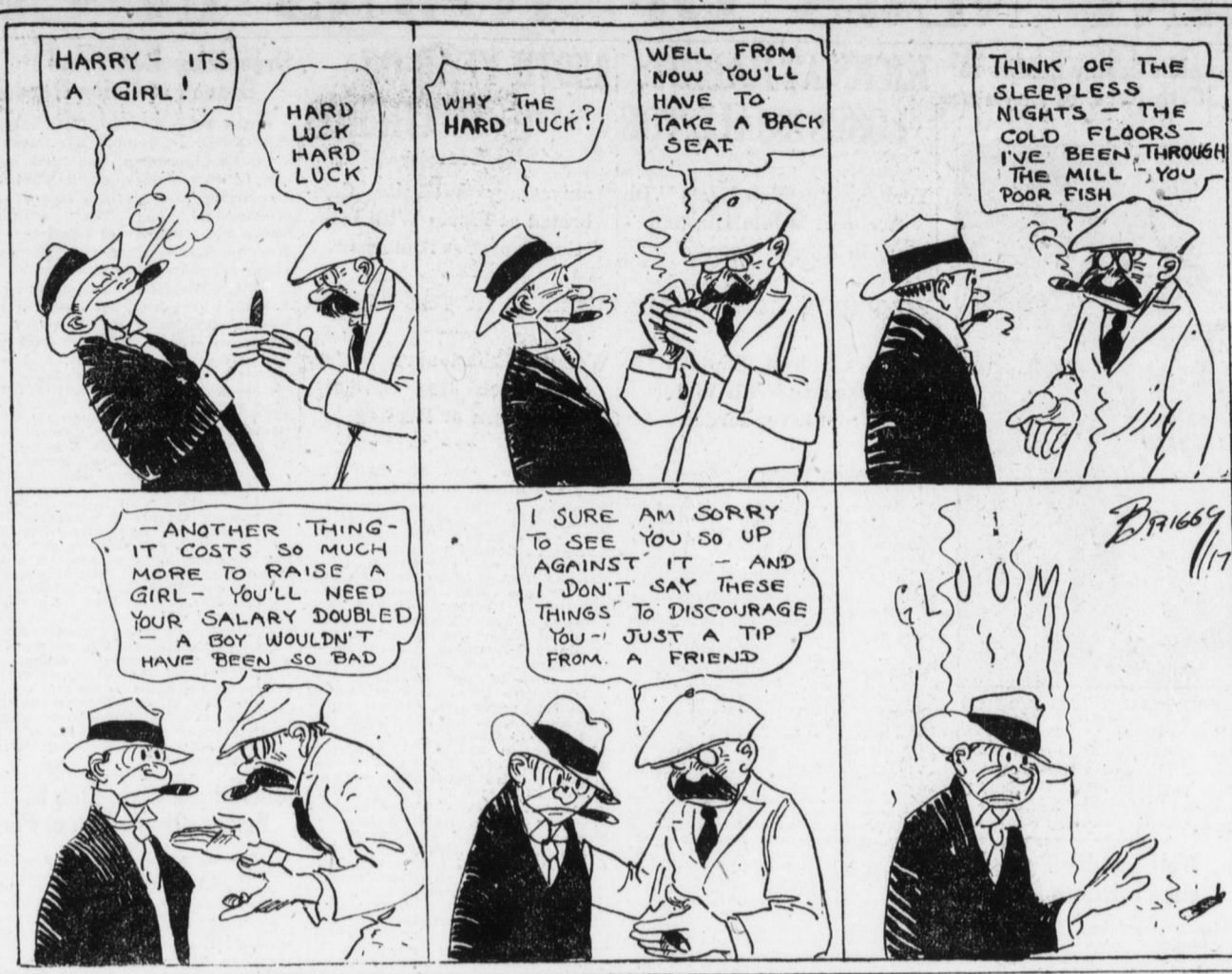
The secretary at once flashed the money order book on the counter and said: "That's fine. I'm glad you're sending your money home, old man."

Between 7,000 and 8,000 persons are employed in and about mines, quarries and dredges in Alaska, about 50 per cent of whom are in the lode mines.

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



We Might Be Prussians, But Are We?

By EDMUND VANCE COOKE

But for the grace of God, there goes Isaac Watts. The statement has been attributed to several theologians, but Watts will serve.

Similarly, some charitable people are still excusing the heinous offenses of Prussian autocracy and militarism by saying that German civilization is as high as ours, and that therefore we would do the same.

When we shoot Nurse Cavells, when we execute Captain Fryer, when we bomb schoolhouses and hospitals, when we use our diplomats stationed under the protection of a friendly power to hatch schemes to burn and slay, and while our enemies against her, when we adopt the watchword "Spurles veranekt!"

When we do these things, not as civilized, when we use our expressions of governmental policy, then maybe there will be some democratized Germany to call us to account.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

GARBAGE FOR PIGS To the Editor of the Telegraph:

The people have read so much of the garbage question that they are utterly tired of the whole proposition, and I believe that City Council should get on the job and do something to take care of it.

ROCKPILE FOR SONS OF REST To the Editor of the Telegraph:

To the Chief of Police and Council of Harrisburg, also— My attention has been called to an article which appeared in the Patriot, November 13, 1917.

Now comes the proposition for the cities and towns to turn their waste into a paying proposition. City Council grasp this opportunity or they will drag and haggle over this question all winter and put the people up against the same shortage as they were up against all of last summer?

UNREASONABLE Willie was playing in the doorway with his little brother. "Ma," he shouted, "I wish you'd come out here and make Bob behave himself."

TAXPAYER The president of the Idaho State Federation of Labor has been appointed one of the commissioners to enforce the workmen's compensation act, passed by the last Legislature.

Norway proposes legislation which accepts the principle of the minimum wage by law and extends the protection of the factory code to home work.

THIS IS HIS RIGHT NAME The Oakley Graphic advertises William Allen with the unique title of William the Last.—Kansas City Star.

Evening Chat

BY BRIGGS

Pennsylvania should have close to 80,000 men and women and young people knitting in its penal and state charitable institutions if Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh's idea of inmates of such places to work with wool and yarns is carried out.

Pennsylvania's National Guard is growing again. According to records in the Adjutant General's Department a few days ago it consisted of 29,000 men.

Mark Twain, who, when alive, had to emphasize that fact by an announcement that the "rumors of his death were exaggerated," had a comparatively easy job proving it.

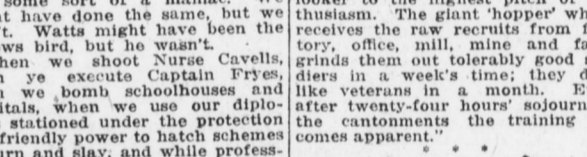
Over the Top in Penna.

Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, of the Governor's staff, says in the Altoona Tribune: "Watch the National Army! It is going to perform some prodigies of valor and efficiency in the battle to make the world free, and very soon."

Here was an enterprising man. He lives in West Chester and he dug over 200 bushels of potatoes by securing permission of owners of patches who had gathered their crops to again plow over the ground.

Burgess David McCormick, of Lehigh, was here yesterday for the discussion of ways of utilizing mine gas. John R. Sawyer, Potstown mine manufacturer, has designed a huge flanging machine for his own works.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



WELL KNOW PEOPLE —Dr. August Steinhil, Alleentown minister, has accepted a call to New York.

GENERAL W. M. BLACK, Chief of Engineers of the Army, paid a flying visit to his Lancaster county home.

DANIEL POST, president of the State Commerce Commission, says this week, says he can do as much work with his tools as the next man.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg Red Cross methods have been highly commended by visitors from other states?

During the Civil War regiments used to march from Camp Curtin to the State Capitol. They were escorted by the bands of the city and committees of citizens.

THE FIGHT The battles that we win are forgotten as we march from the front to the rear.

ENVOIOUS. Bugs (in background)—My, she's stuck up, since she's had that new Caterpillar neck piece!

GRATITUDE. "What did Mrs. Cutting say when she was informed that her husband had deserted her?" "All she could say was, "Henry is so thoughtful!"

Nothing counts with the purpose as we dig in as lovely as a smile.

Like the thing we cannot have or the thing we have to win with a struggle and a service that may turn us into steel.

And that give the gods around us such a chance to Jeer and grin.

—Polger McKinley in Baltimore Sun.