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Pity and need make all flesh kin. —EDWIN ARNOLD.

HIGH SCHOOL LOCATION WITH the reorganization of the School Board next Monday the question of a site for the proposed new high school ought to be settled.

It is unfortunately true, perhaps, that many citizens cannot visualize the park area as it will be under the comprehensive and artistic plans practically adopted by the State authorities.

Any mistake in the placing of this important structure will only emphasize the criticism which has followed the more or less mixed building program of the year.

Our boys and girls merit everything that is good in the way of education and the quality of the city's future citizenry will depend in large measure upon the intelligent treatment of the questions which are now uppermost in the local school district.

LANDSDOWNE'S LETTER LORD LANDSDOWNE'S letter suggesting a restatement of the peace terms of the allies before the civilized world is brought to ruin by war, is untimely only with respect to the fact that it was made public at an inauspicious moment.

Lord Lansdowne must know that the United States, for one, cannot quit this conflict until it is assured that the menace of Prussianism is for all time removed, and while we have no desire, as he says, to dictate the form of government Germans shall choose for themselves, we must insist that it be not such a government as would put women and children before the lines of its solid German in Italy the other day.

What Lord Lansdowne meant to accomplish by his letter probably was to impress upon the German people the wisdom and importance of reforms at home which automatically, so to speak, would bring about a permanent and lasting peace for the very simple reason that the allies would be left without excuse for fighting. But the great danger is that the German government will choose to misunderstand and the juggling editors of Germany will use the letter to make the public believe England is weakening.

COAL CARDS NOW that we are using the card index system as applied to orders for household supplies of coal, with sugar and bread cards scarcely hull-down in the office, we begin to have a faint understanding of the hardships which it is possible for war to bring to us and the necessity of self-sacrifice and the submission of the individual to such governmental regulation and discipline as we have not known in more than a half century.

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And when the coal finally does arrive how we cherish it. How fondly we contemplate its grimy grains. We never before realized just how good a ton of coal could look. Having the dealer deliver a load of coal used to be a nuisance; now it is sufficient cause for a celebration.

But if buying and using coal has been elevated from lowly drudgery to the place of a popular indoor sport, what shall we say of the exciting life of the man who sells the coal? Our conception of a coal dealer used to be that of a large, prosperous-looking gentleman, whose principal occupation was sitting in an office chair with his feet on a nearby desk smoking quarter cigars and watching the money roll in.

Chickens come home to roost, and if the coal dealer committed a tenth of the sins he was accused of in the halcyon days of yore, when coal controllers were undreamed of and \$5 a ton was regarded as highway robbery, he is paying for 'em now.

But there's one thing for which to be thankful, it's been a mild fall, and at all events every time we are cold we have simply to think of the Kaiser and get hot all over.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S formal endorsement of the movement to put a Bible into the hands of every American soldier is an expression of his belief in the value of militant religion as a factor in the development of high morale in the troops we are sending to France. The Bible always has played a large part in the lives of our soldiers and the conduct of our wars. It is the mainstay of society in times of peace and it should be the soldiers' textbook in time of war.

It is perhaps the emphasis on sacrifice, on the trivial values of life, as compared with great principles, which makes the Christian religion so comforting and sustaining to the man in the trenches. "He that loveth his life shall lose it," says the Book; "And he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal." Confidence in immortality, belief in a force stronger than ourselves, "which makes for righteousness," purity, courage, and loyalty—these are the things which make armies formidable, preserve morale, win wars.

A recent number of the Literary Digest reports Admiral Sir John Jellicoe to have sent these words to the British navy: "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God will keep thee whithersoever thou goest. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God, Honor the king."

meet that demand, it will perform a service for the fighting forces of Uncle Sam not second to that which satisfies physical needs. This campaign, which is to be concentrated into the period between December 1 and 11, should have the support of every patriotic Christian American.

Politics in Pennsylvania

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In addition to the Supreme Court decision yesterday the Philadelphia judges decided to have ballotboxes open in the morning at 10 o'clock. The Philadelphia City Council in boosting the city tax rate to \$1.75. When these administrative acts were held the city rate was \$1. When the school tax is added it means \$2.35. Observers say that with all of the anti-coal taxes and the increased tax rate, it means difficult work for the down town people not only in their own city, but in the surrounding areas.

—Twenty-two affidavits pre-empting the name of the Town Meeting party for all of the Allegheny county congressional, senatorial and legislative districts were filed in the Dauphin county court and at the State Department to-day. They were the largest single lot of pre-emptions of the new party name to be filed. Allegheny has four congressional, six senatorial and twelve legislative districts. The names were held for a year in all but three senatorial districts.

—E. Dawson Coleman, well known here as the head of the Lebanon county vigilance board. —The Norristown Register, the only Democratic paper in Montgomery county, was placed in the hands of receivers yesterday. —The Philadelphia Record charges that State administration officials are "unwinding" the state to frame up the selection of Governor next year. Just what federal officials have been doing for some time is not explained.

—At least one fourth of the counties of the state have to file their returns of the election held on November 6 for county and municipal offices. The returns were held by the soldier vote, which could not be computed until November 23, but in spite of the week that has elapsed there still remain some returns to be filed with the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Some of them are small counties. The Philadelphia returns were held by the county in the courts and those from other counties have been made late by returning boards. Allegheny, Luzerne, and Schuylkill were held by the county in the courts and those from other counties have been made late by returning boards.

—Payment of the expenses of the commission to take the vote of the soldiers in the various camps where there were Pennsylvania soldiers on election day has about been completed. The total was not expected that the total will be much over \$7,000 if that. The commissioners were allowed ten cents a mile and the traveling expenses of the bills being paid by the state. The latter bills have not been computed.

—The future status of the State Board of Agriculture is going to be one of the big questions when the Board holds its annual meeting here late in January, and a number of the older members of the Board think that it should be something more active in direction of official study special commissions and a debating society twice a year. The money spent on the commission if put at the disposal of the Board would stir up considerable more of the kind of thing that the functions of the Board should be enlarged. It is likely that there will be framed a demand for abolition of the commission and substitution thereof of a commission to be made up of representatives of the Board to help run the department, study special commissions and the institutes and other activities.

MOVIE OF A CERTAIN KIND OF PATRIOT



"WE CAN SEND A FEW RECORDS TO THE SOLDIERS - THEY UNDERSTAND THEM."

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

SAFETY ON BRIDGE To the Editor of the Telegraph: I desire space in your columns to say a word in favor of protection to pedestrians on the sidewalks of the Mulberry street bridge.

OUTLOOK FOR WINTER In an address to the press correspondents, Herr von Waldow, Secretary of the State for the War Food Ministry, gave an account of the prospects for the winter as summarized in the Hamburgischer Correspondent and the Munchner Nachrichten.

PAY CHEERFULLY Don't begrudge the government the war taxes it is charging you. Remember other Americans are paying their share of their obligation to the country with their lives.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

POSITIVE PROOF "How fast was this man going?" "Easily forty miles an hour." "What makes you think so?" "He admitted that he was going twenty."—From the Detroit Free Press.

LABOR NOTES Portland, Ore., cooks and their assistants have organized and joined the bona fide trade union movement. Hoquiam, Wash., tailors' union has succeeded in negotiating a higher wage scale with improved working conditions. In France a ministerial decree requisitioning all the shoe factories, effective November 15, has been announced. In Australia holiday work must be paid for at one and a half rate, with a minimum payment of about 12 cents per hour. Sioux City, (Iowa) Packing-House Union has broken one organized labor record in that city. In the last two meetings its membership has increased 402.

BY BRIGGS



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DESERVES HELP I note that Pat Nellson, head of the Salvation Army here, is asking for Christmas dinner donations. He should have them. He is doing a good work. Thursday, while most of us were eating our Thanksgiving dinners, Pat was preparing one for the poor folks of the city, to which many sat down. But that was not enough for this hard worker. In canvassing in the morning that the Russ Fish Market had left over three barrels of fish that the firm wished to give to the poor for Thanksgiving use, Nellson hauled these three barrels, by hand, into the poorer quarters of the city and distributed them where they were most needed. This ought to be proof sufficient that his Christmas dinner fund is worthy.

NO SURPRISE IN IT Union labor is loyal! The great danger of unionists at Buffalo voted, almost solidly, for endorsement of the war.

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Evening Chat

Requests for reservation of scores and numbers of automobile licenses and dozens of applications for certain numbers have been made at the State Highway Department, but the department's files are not saying much about what they are going to do. For years it has been the custom to continue special numbers for those who have been given to change and this plan is likely to be changed. The requests for special numbers are beyond the possibility of grants. The Highway Department has a dozen letters are sent asking for certain numbers while all sorts of combinations are asked. These requests for odd combinations are known to people at the Capitol as "poker hands." Often in the applications requests are made for tags with "aces" and "deuces" and "aces and eights" and the first 100 are reserved by the State, the Governor's car being No. 1, while Nos. 2 and 3 are officials of the Highway Department. The State Highway Department has certain series of numbers for fire apparatus, the Harrisburg fire department's license having No. 10,000. Senator W. C. Sprout of Delaware county, has for years had numbers containing the figure seven, while the Governor's car, C. J. Buckman, of the Senate, favors another number. Some years ago he was notified to the department for the "hook" numbers of the State Commission to-day. "The reports are that there are many bucks and conditions are favorable for good hunting." Many deer have been seen by parties in the woods after other game and in the South Mountain and Clearfield-Clinton regions they have been noticed along the roads. In the vicinity of the game preserves some fine bucks have been seen. The game warden will be reinforced by State Police and special protectors during the game season. The number of nonresident hunters licenses indicates that the usual number of hunters who seek to the state, mainly into eastern counties for the deer season. Dr. Kalbfuss in discussing the small game season, says that even though the season there was good sport and the new code was pretty well tried out. There was a heavy kill of rabbits and squirrels and with spectacles for assignment. The wild turkey shooting was also good. "It is a little early to tell much about unusual kills," said Dr. Kalbfuss. "But one thing is certain, a large amount of game was added to the food supply this year. We shall hear of much more when the deer season opens. The warden's reports to us on the skills and expect some interesting figures. From accounts there have been many cats and other animals shot, too."

A decision will soon be made in regard to the appointment of members of the volunteer State Police for different terms than one year as has been done by the Governor in the past. The law under the act of 1917. The law empowers the Governor to name for the duration of the war and until an order is issued by the Governor, General's Department it was held that the commissions should be for a year only. Steps to equip the policemen will be taken soon.

Men connected with the State Fishery Commission offices are speculating with the appointment will be able to send out fish this month. If it is done it will be the first time in December for a long time that the State will be able to distribute young trout to within a few days of Thanksgiving Day and some sportmen have arranged to distribute trout to within a few days of Thanksgiving. The fish "planted" are all young trout at least a year old.

James A. Steese, of the mediation bureau of the Department of Labor and Industry, is wearing a service pin with three stars. He has three sons in the United States Army service.

The close of the state fiscal year yesterday brought to the Capitol dozens of checks of all sizes. The closing day is always marked by very heavy payments of corporation taxes and there were checks for \$100,000, \$50,000, \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, the smallest was for \$1.50. All have to be certified.

Just exactly what some people find in picking over the ruins of the properties which have been demolished in the city is a matter of some interest. Almost daily men can be seen combing the piles of brick and rubbish of the old churches and buildings in the "rubble" for things that they are apparently hunting something.

Ex-Senator James M. Campbell, of Mercer, who was here a few days ago, says he likes to come back to Harrisburg to get the state viewpoint. The Senator says he comes here with opinions and finds so many that he wishes that he has fun in revising them.

Work Service Commissioner John S. Rilling is becoming known as "the chief dissenter" because of his dissenting opinion in cases. He does not seem to mind it much either.

John C. Frazee, who resigned a place in the Philadelphia educational system, in a volcanic letter, has already read some offers of places.

The Rev. J. S. Fulton, prominent Johnstown clergyman, well known here, is seriously ill.

Dr. J. George Recht, Secretary of the State Board of Education, was in Harrisburg on one of his addresses to institutes this week. It promptly snowed again.

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