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Drudgery is the gray angel of success.—DR. GANNETT.

THE DAYS OF NOAH'S ARK

THE days of the Noah's Ark, the tin tee-gee, the toy train and train! How we who have outgrown the period of the Christmas stocking look back upon them with reminiscences smiles that are half sighs and tugs at the heart that are half thrills, half pain.

But they are not dead, no indeed! They're only sleeping, and very lightly at that, for those of us with young folks about the house, or grandchildren homcoming for the holidays, or even for those who must go out into the highways and byways to find the little folks whose homes are so humble that they escape oftentimes even the watchful eye of good old Santa Claus.

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President Wilson is believed now to be fully advised as to the business situation and Congress is also hearing from the people so that it may be expected that conservative action will be taken with respect to matters affecting the business interests of the nation.

AMERICANS who have not studied closely the eastern situation with respect to the war are not in position to understand or appreciate the vast importance that will be attached to the capture by the British of Jerusalem, in Russia, the Balkans and even in some parts of Austria and Germany, where religious convictions are deep and where the redemption of Jerusalem from the infidel has been for years a household prayer and as strong a desire in the heart of the worshiper as it was in the days of the Crusaders.

left them to face alone the hopeless task of staying the British advance on the ancient city. All through Russia there will go up a mighty rejoicing when the capture of Jerusalem becomes known, and, as some writer has pointed out, if the British continue their advance the Turks may find it necessary to fight their last decisive battle at Armageddon, thus fulfilling in a measure Biblical prophecy.

Jerusalem from earliest times has been a center of religious and military activity. Early authors trace the name to a phrase meaning "vision of peace" and while there may be some doubt as to the authenticity of this, certain it is that the Arabs were wont to call it Belte Makdis, which means "the sanctuary."

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A prosperous nation can win the war far sooner than if regular industry lagged. The great and small businesses must be spurred to larger profit-making by the prospect of employment of skill, industry and ingenuity.

A man on the car this morning told us that this snow storm was nothing as compared to the kind they have up North, but that didn't make us a bit jealous.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Partisans of Senator William C. Sprout, Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil and other men who have been in the "mentioned columns" of the newspapers in connection with gubernatorial honors, sat up and took notice last night when they found that Gifford Pinchot had been making speeches before the State Grange at Williamsport and had thrown a hay rake over his shoulder and declared that he and the other farmers proposed to be recognized.

—The people who are talking Griest are insisting that the candidates for Governor should not come from either Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. They thus chafe at Senator Sprout, Commissioner O'Neil and even George E. Alter. However, it is easier to talk than to act.

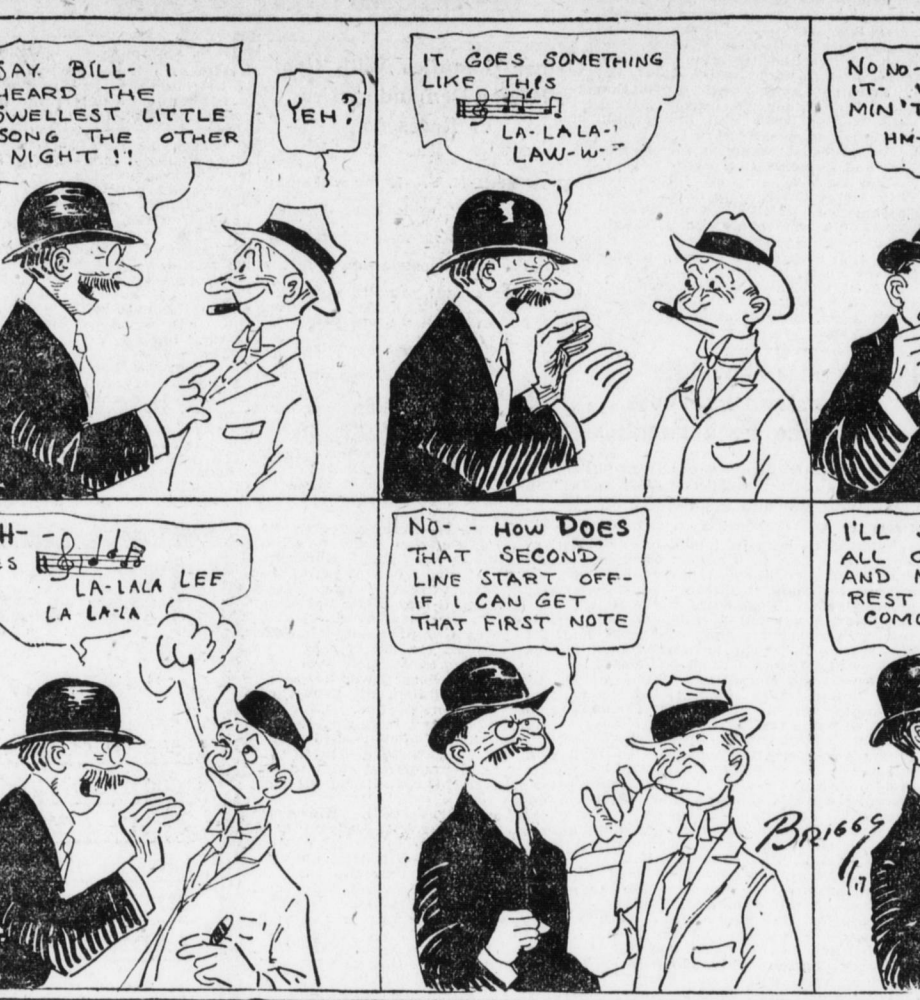
—Auditor General Snyder went away yesterday afternoon without seeing the Governor and the questions of extra places on the Hill, reinstatement of men who were dropped and quarters for department of mercantile exchange, District Attorney Samuel P. Rotan.

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SOMEbody IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



Over the Top in Penna.

Marie Romanoff, one of the ex-Czar's daughters, is learning stenography now and a Western Pennsylvania newspaper comments: "We bet the little girl will have more sticking her gum under the office chair than she would under the throne."

Well Are You?

ARE you a civic mendicant, receiving the unequalled benefits of American citizenship without giving anything but the taxes forced from you? Are you a civic whiner, always complaining about the way "they" who govern you do things, despite the fact that "they" really you?

FATE'S HAND AT HALIFAX

Not the least astonishing aspect of the Halifax disaster is the seemingly trivial and avoidable cause of the vast amount of ruin. The colliding vessels were both in charge of experienced harbor pilots and were moving under control in fair weather.

RUSSIA NO HELP

So long as we speak in general terms, Russia as a source of supplies for Germany appears hopeless indeed; but when we descend to details, and particularize as to just what supplies the Boche is to get from Russia, and how he is to get them, we discern a great light.

DON'T PROPHESEY

There's a boy in our town perhaps that's grown folk don't think much of because he's always getting into mischief. Grown folks have a way of looking at such fellows as bad eggs, and pretty soon they manage to give them reputations which are really hurt.

OUR SHIPPING DANGERS

The American Shipping Board's theory for getting rid of the U-boat ravages is building more ships than in Germany they are building. Colby, a member of the board, says "the solution is found in the enormous shipbuilding program of the United States."

RED CROSS KNIGHTS

I will be a Red Cross knight! I will wear the sign! I will help the goodly light! With the strength that's mine.

GOUGING THE PUBLIC

According to the New York Commercial, the public is being unconscionably gouged by wholesalers and retailers of necessities of life. It is making some revelations which are of interest in the hope that Mr. Hoover can put a stop to profiteering. On the whole, it considers the retailer the great offender, but the manufacturer and jobber also come in for blame.

BY BRIGGS



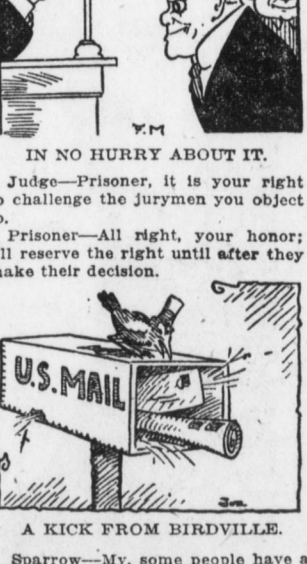
LABOR NOTES

To equalize unemployment in the winter months, members of Seattle (Wash.) Painters' Union will work five days a week. Saturday will be the 'off-day.'

An immediate effort will be made to organize waitresses, stenographers, telephone workers, cracker and confectionery workers and all other industrial lines in Philadelphia.

Dozens of justices of the peace are considered as likely to lose chance of having office for the terms for which they were elected last month because of their failure to file acceptances of the election with prothonotaries of their counties. The vacancy is created by the fact that the State Constitution requires the acceptance of the electors to be filed with the prothonotaries.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—President Pro Tem. Buckman giving his services as chairman one of the draft legal advice boards.

Evening Chat

"There is more saving being done in Harrisburg now than probably ever known before. The Liberty Loan campaigns and the numerous other calls which have been made upon the public for funds have checked recklessly spending and I think that you will find there are more people laying by money now than you realize," said a man who has been connected with financial institutions for years and who is an observer of conditions.

Attorney General Brown has been asked to furnish some expert advice to a debater in a western county regarding the terms for which they were elected last month because of their failure to file acceptances of the election with prothonotaries of their counties.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, Secretary of the State Game Commission, today expressed the belief that the total kill of deer this year would run ahead of any other season.

All branches of the Pennsylvania railroad employes are important, but now employes are expected to work on the holiday. Of course some branches are more essential than others and keep going day and night.

—Louis A. Watres, former Lieutenant-Governor, who was here yesterday will retire on St. John's day grand master of the Masons of Harrisburg and while here met a number of friends who congratulated him upon his administration of affairs.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is manufacturing dozens of things that are used for national defense and are doing its bit and more?