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Long and hard and slow, Yet a wider view and a purer air.

STIPLING THE TRAITOR

The stupendous might and undaunted loyalty of America, just beginning to be recognized by Germany, which is plainly planning for peace, has never been displayed since the war began as it was last night at the great meeting of the Union League in Philadelphia, where Secretary William McAdoo was the chief speaker.

In the language of the day, Mr. McAdoo "cut loose." That is what America wants. The singing of the "magnificent and terrible strains of 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic'" aroused the huge audience to a frenzy.

"As for those who are not heart and soul in the war we must make them feel that they stand apart. We aren't hesitating to waste lives in order to save liberty. The people of Russia have failed to establish themselves because they failed to deal with traitors. It is our purpose now to make America an unhealthy soil for such as these.

Mr. McAdoo is the first member of the cabinet to fully express what the great bulk of Americans feel. His resolute words form a wall of adamant for the patriot to back up against.

BREAD ON THE WATERS

A GOOD story comes from a little New England town where a poor and aged woman has just come into an inheritance as the result of a kindly act done early in her life.

ENTERPRISE AND THE WAR

McAdoo of the recent \$10,000,000 five and one-half per cent. bond issue of the Miami Conservancy District, which has for its object the construction of such a system of flood control in the Miami Valley, as will prevent a repetition of the Dayton disaster of a few years back.

Not only are the people of Harrisburg interested in the progress of the Penn-Harris Hotel, but visitors, commercial men and all having occasion to stop here on official or other business, are constant boosters of the million-dollar structure now rising skyward at Third and Walnut streets.

Many of their friends are sending the Telegraph to the boys in the Army and Navy as a Christmas remembrance. What could be more acceptable to duty manifested in these communications to the Telegraph which must leave a deep impression upon those who are behind the lines.

may deviate from that policy is a matter for careful thought and consideration.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION

tremendous victory yesterday when the House, by a decisive vote, passed the resolution putting amendment of the constitution forbidding the manufacture or sale of intoxicants up to the legislatures of the several states.

The prohibition question is settled so far as Congress is concerned. It now remains for a majority of states to approve the proposed amendment, after which it becomes an irrevocable tenet of government.

Seven years will be allowed for this and the prohibitionists have the advantage, since any State may vote down the amendment one session and adopt it the next, whereas if the amendment is once passed it cannot be recalled. No doubt there will be a great scramble in many States to be first on the prohibition bandwagon and the growth of temperance sentiment is so rapid everywhere that liquor manufacturers and merchants may as well begin to prepare for the end.

The whole nation may well rejoice in this action of Congress. The drink evil has been a curse to the country. It must go the way of slavery and similar institutions. A century hence men will wonder why it was permitted to exist so long.

The most gratifying feature of the House vote yesterday was that party politics played no large part in it.

For example, a majority of Republican members from Pennsylvania, including Congressman Kreider, voted in favor of the resolution, while a majority of Democrats of this State opposed the prohibition measure.

The State representation as a whole, regardless of party, voted "59-59" on the measure. No party is the party of "booze" and neither of the big parties is the party of prohibition, but a majority of all parties favor it, which is the best augury in the world for its success before the various legislatures.

Congress has given the nation a Christmas gift worth while.

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to the prolonged controversy over the necessary improvement should come to an end. It is only fair that those who have been ready to do so for more than a year.

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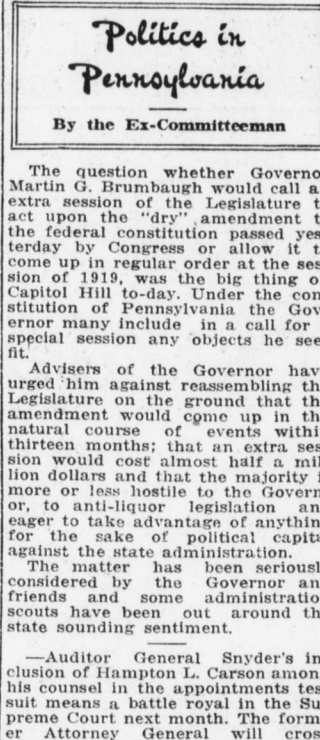
Colonel Roosevelt wants Lafayette sent to Germany as a member of the Reichstag. And every pacifist of the German type, the anti-American I. W. W.'s and all others of the same ilk should be in Lafayette's company when he starts for Berlin.

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The question whether Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh would call an extra session of the Legislature to act upon the "dry" amendment to the constitution was settled yesterday by Congress or allow it to come up in regular order at the session of 1918, was the big thing on the minds of his countrymen.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT

OH ISN'T IT PERFECTLY LOVELY? I THINK HE'S GOING TO BE AN ARTIST.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The information that Russia's gold reserve is in "safe hands" is indelible, but it makes it plain that the Maximilians haven't got it anyway—Kansas City Times.

LABOR NOTES

More than 100,000 women and girls are employed in Philadelphia in various occupations and in many trades.

THE STATE PRESS

Although Prussians are "the freest people on earth," the Kaiser's faithful Socialist, led by Philipp Scheideemann, found that a Sunday mass meeting in Berlin is "verboten."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

LABOR NOTES

Five thousand women are now in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad on the lines east of Pittsburgh. This number represents approximately three per cent.

THE STATE PRESS

Now that a Russian general has been killed by being thrown off a railroad train, the Russian officers are leaping in to the fray.

Headmasters Who Have a Head It is perhaps unnecessary to say, when one looks over the list of able educators from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland, who have just formed the Philadelphia Headmasters' Club, that they have a head in deciding that this is the time to bring about closer co-operation in the matter of educational essentials.

KOLB AND BROWN

Colonel Louis Kolb doesn't care who knows that he is a master baker as well as a bon raconteur and a prince of good fellows.

FORGOTTEN THINGS

Now that National Guardsmen from every state have arrived in France, who remembers the controversy whether they could lawfully be sent on foreign service?—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

GERMAN "EXPLANATION"

Germany's explanations do not explain. To cut a man's throat cannot be compensated by a click of the heels and a polite phrase. Pro-German propaganda is too dangerous to be like this.

INDUSTRIAL LOYALTY

The dissemination of German propaganda that there would be fertile soil in this country for a Bolshevik program, operating through the I. W. W. and kindred elements of industrial discontent, is evidenced in the report of the Secretary of Labor that in six months since the declaration of war, although there have been 52 separate instances of industrial discontent to which the attention of the Department of Labor has been called, in but 43 has there been a failure of any efforts of mediation and conciliation.

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The universal appeal which will be effective against industrial disputes under all circumstances, there has been no attempt made to arbitrate carefully the differences as to wages or conditions of labor. The fundamental condition of adequate railroad revenue and credit is not Government credit, but adequate railroad rates, but it has dawdled over that issue all summer long without being able to decide anything until now the situation is concededly out of hand.

INDUSTRIAL LOYALTY

It is a confession of failure without excuse.—New York World.

CONFESSION OF FAILURE

The Interstate Commerce Commission pleads the extraordinary conditions of war as its excuse for handing over the railroad to Congress for pooling and other legislation, or to the President for operating during the war under Government guarantee of an "adequate annual return."

PASSING THOUGHTS

It's strange how people say "I can't" in Boston: And how a nephew says "My ahn!" in Boston.

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One rides around within a "cah." And streets are smeared with sticky "ah."

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Two dollars, please. "Do you know anything that will make me stout, doctor?" "Yes, fesh."

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Evening Chat

Lieutenant G. W. Danforth, recruiting officer of the United States Navy, has won the hearts of some hundreds of young Harrisburgers and at the same time instilled valuable and patriotic thoughts in juvenile minds by his Saturday morning talks at the Public Library.

In connection with the library it may be stated that it is once more showing signs of revival. The library was opened in 1858 to demonstrate that books were a much better thing to give at Christmas time than some of the things which are passed out by Miss Eaton, the librarian, had some of the best books and some of those which did not cost so much, but contained real stuff. One of the special Christmas tables, people crowded around and it is said that every book put out sold more than one copy for the purpose. This custom has been continued and in line with the serious nature of the reading of the people, the demand for books at the library is steadily increasing.

Speaking about books, it is said that practically every store that deals extensively in books has sold copies of every title of a "war book" it had in stock. These books have been sold at a great price and the demand for historical works in this country at war has been unprecedented. Another interesting thing is that there has been a great jump in the demand for books on the Holy Land since the British took Jerusalem.

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