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Step is the way and toilsome,
Long and hard and slow,
Yet a wider view and a purer air
Are ours, each step that we go.

—PRISCILLA LEONARD.

STIPULING THE TRAITOR

THE stupendous might and unshaken 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. "A man who doesn't think we are justified in this war has yellow blood in his veins—not red blood," declared the cabinet officer.

"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. We will finish him (the Kaiser) before we get through—this infamous despot, this sacrilegious egotist, who claims a partnership with God."

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. Here is no faltering, no collusion, no wavering. This is from the shoulder. It will do more to muffle the traitor, active or passive, than anything which has been said.

Pennsylvania Railroad officials have given full consideration to the part that great corporation will have in the development of the Capitol Park zone and its environment so far as it may affect the property of the railroad company. It is obvious that the new passenger station must be located at the foot of Walnut street, fronting the park, and the State authorities are going forward on this assumption. The city authorities likewise will proceed with the municipality in this great improvement.

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, while the nation is marketing four per cent. Liberty Bonds, is a commentary upon existing financial conditions. The government has let it be known that it does not approve generally of bond issues for local or private enterprises during the war, but Mr. McAdoo in his letter to the Dayton commission makes it clear that there may be exceptions. Public and community needs must be met and big enterprises in some instances must be carried on despite the war. In Harrisburg we have as an example the Penn-Harris Hotel, financed before the war and designed to meet a very urgent demand. The growing importance of this city as a military, munition and war supply center makes adequate hotel facilities necessary. Very properly the work of construction is being hurried along.

As Mr. McAdoo says, "it is only by subordinating local and personal interests to the public welfare, and by enforcing the most rigid economy in matters of public and private enterprise, as well as in matters of personal expenditure, that the United States can hope to bear its part of the financial burden of the war and to release sufficient labor and materials for war purposes without depletion of our resources," and just how far any community or corporation

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

Of course, you are a member of the Red Cross. If not, why not?

NATIONAL PROHIBITION

NATIONAL prohibition won a 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 Senate having adopted a similar resolution, 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 "59-60" 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.

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, when she aured back to health a Civil War soldier who fell ill at her home on his way back from the army, after having been seriously wounded. For five years, it has developed, ever since she lost her own means, she has lived on the pension of the man who, dying, left her sufficient to keep the wolf from her door for the remainder of her life.

The story reads like fiction, but there is nothing much out of the ordinary about it, after all. The little girl scattered her bread upon the waters and in old age it was returned unto her, a hundred fold.

There never was truer proverb than that which advises us to "scatter our bread." Not always do we recognize the harvest, or know we are garnering it, but "as we sow, even so shall we reap," and if we go back far enough the effect may be easily traced to the cause. Scatter your bread upon the waters, and it shall be returned unto you. And if it be sour, and heavy, and full of lumps, unsavory and unwholesome, be sure it will be that kind which comes floating back to you. But if it be sweet, tasty and nourishing, that also will be your harvest.

Scatter your bread, but make sure of the kind you are scattering. Of all the literature of the war, none is so illuminating as the letters from the Harrisburg boys in France and elsewhere in the service of their country. There is a spirit of devotion to duty manifested in these communications to the Telegraph which must leave a deep impression upon those who are behind the lines.

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 than this daily record of the doings at home?

It was rather to be expected that the property owners in the Hard-scrabble district would accept the

proffers of the city, to the end that the prolonged controversy over the necessary improvement should come to an end. It is only fair that those who have been ready to accept the awards of the city should be given an opportunity to locate elsewhere, as they have been ready to do so for more than a year.

Colonel Roosevelt wants Lafollette 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 Lafollette's company when he starts for Berlin.

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman

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 discussed 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 the members of the Pennsylvania Legislature. The Governor many include in a call for a special session any objects he sees fit.

Advisers of the Governor have urged him against reassembling the Legislature on the ground that the amendment would come up in the natural course of events within thirteen months; that an extra session would cost almost half a million dollars and that the majority in more earnestly to the Governor, to anti-liquor legislation and eager to take advantage of anything for the sake of political capital against the state administration.

The matter has been seriously considered by the Governor and friends and some administration counsel have been out around the state sounding sentiment.

Auditor General Snyder's inclusion of Stanton L. Carson among his counsel in the appointments test suit means a battle royal in the Supreme Court next month. The former-Carson party, says the Auditor General is confident that the Supreme Court will overturn the Dauphin county court in the final determination.

Highway Commissioner O'Neil has a number of speaking dates for the next month, but it is said that the administration leaders are not yet convinced the measure has enough strength to turn in for him. It is said that the personal feelings of the Vares and Magee toward the Commissioner, says the Auditor General, with the approach of the holiday season although he is stoutly championed about the Governor's office.

In an unprecedented ruling yesterday the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ordered Judge William Wilentz, Common Pleas, Luzerne County No. 4, who has been sitting in Quarterly Sessions Court, to show cause why he should not accept from the Commonwealth the position of Justice of the Peace for the county of Luzerne.

Thomas W. Cunningham, president of Philadelphia's Republican Alliance, the city committee of the Penrose ward has sent out a call to all of the division workers affiliated with that organization to have every Republican whose name is on the list appear at the polls tomorrow when the assessors sit to-day and to-morrow to revise their lists.

The law requires the assessors to sit at their desks and make up their minds upon these extra assessment days between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. and from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Pittsburg is having an interesting time over the selection of officers under the new Mayor, Mayor-elect Babcock, keeping his own counsel pretty well.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



EDITORIAL COMMENT

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

Count Karolyi says he is going to "get in touch with the Allies." Quite a number of his countrymen already are, but there is always room for a few more.—Chicago Herald.

A visiting French representative declares that Germany went to war largely to get iron. Well, she has had a lot of French iron and steel in a fashion she not exactly anticipate.—Chicago Herald.

A red rag to a bull, and a red cross to a Prussian.—Boston Herald.

The compiler of the Russian "Who's Who" has our sympathy.—Macon Telegraph.

Our soldiers need new clothes more than you, and other.—Wall Street Journal.

If God is leading the Germans forward in Italy, who is leading them backward in Belgium.—Wichita Beacon.

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 the headmasters have shown that they have a head in deciding that this is the time to bring about closer co-operation in the matter of educational essentials. That the primary cause for the organization is also a patriotic one, in that the headmasters wish to train the boys along the mental and physical education which will make them more intensely fitted for the national service, is a thing to be expected. The fact that the headmasters are high ideals who are back of this new movement. But at the same time even patriotism does not lead every one to wise action, and here common sense which underlies this new organization is not found every day in the educational world either in the school or in the college.

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. When the Attorney General of New York was hammering the baker's business in that state to bring it into conformity with the statutes of Montgomery county, the Democrats group with Governor Brumbaugh, John Gribbel and our Attorney General, Francis Shunk Brown, waiting to board a train at Harrisburg. Suddenly Colonel Kolb doffed his hat to somebody out in the street. The others followed suit.

A B C OF KULTUR

J stands for Junker. My! he looks fine! See! He is singing "Die Wacht" on YouTube. You could bet on the Rhine he would much rather be Than helping the Kaiser to get to Paree.

THE STATE PRESS

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

"Our navy is wonderful," says Daniels. Ye Gods! Daniels just found out?—Erie Dispatch.

Distinguished Chicago psychopath announces that the longer you kiss the same woman the less thrill you get, because the electro-chemical action diminishes. Darn, eh, they're trying to walk us toward a kissless day.—Allentown Chronicle.

An abused Benedict appeared in a Pittsburgh court yesterday to plead that his wife had threatened to kill him! that she threw an alarm clock and powder box at his head, hit him in the eye and threatened to stab him with her middle finger, tore his night shirt and then whacked him over the head with a broom when he tried to escape. A mere plea for his life asks the court to grant him legal separation from his gentle spouse! He must be a pacifist.—Lebanon Daily News.

Now that a Russian general has been killed by being thrown off a railroad train, the Russian officers are leaping to the conclusion that they must implicitly obey the commands the private soldiers give them.—Reading News-Times.

The dialect who cannot find his native dialect somewhere in Chester must have had his "igloo" near the Hittites.—Chester Times.

Now that Jerusalem has fallen the Kaiser will be under the necessity of explaining that his Junior Partner went back on him.—Baltimore Sun.

If the fitness of things is to be subjected to the test of the American cow as the great national bird? We may be a bit mixed on the ornithological data, but a case of the war under centuries with the Hittites.—Chester Times.

INDUSTRIAL LOYALTY

The dissipation of German hopes that there would be fertile soil in this country for a Bolsheviki 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 disloyalty, the figures are chiefly disconcerting 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.

No extraordinary magic attaches to an appointment as federal mediator. The universal appeal which will be effective against industrial disputes under all circumstances. In the majority of instances 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. The Commission is charged by law to allow adequate rates or "an adequate annual return," 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.

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The sparrow wears the title "boid." In Jersey City.

The second drink precludes the "hoild." In Jersey City.

And what they hear they say they've "hoild." In Jersey City.

—Life.

LABOR NOTES

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

When it comes to working in the fields the Chinese woman is equal to any man.

A colliery roadman was fined forty shillings for unloading and relighting his safety lamp in Cornsilloch (Scotland) Colliery.

About 20,000 employes have been added to the Government payroll in Washington since the war began.

The maximum salaries of surveyors' assistants in the County of Wexford, Ireland, have been increased from £100 to £120.

The British Electrical Trade Union has asked the Ministry of Labor for a 48-hour week and an advance in pay.

High wages for boys in unskilled occupations, thereby drawing them from school, and an increase of young boys in street trades are reported from England.

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.

An arbitration board has decided in favor of telegraphers employed by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. The men were awarded hours of eight and 10 a day, a 26-day month instead of the present 30 days, a week's holiday each year and overtime for Sunday work.

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Over the Top in Penna.

Shamokin: The Government will acquire a new insight of anthracite miners' earnings through an order requiring all coal companies to report to the internal revenue collectors the names and earnings of individual miners earning in excess of \$1,000 per year. Payrolls are being gone over, and clerks report that they have found many miners who come within the scope of the federal income tax law.

Antoniau Antopolis: Allentown Greek, who was drafted for the army, but who failed to appear for examination, was arrested at Allentown City and was sent to Camp Meade without further delay. It's a long way from Tony to Themistocles.

The father of a four-year-old boy in Yorkville, Pa., reports that the youngster has asked Santa Claus for a road roller. Gee whizz, the State Highway Department should look up this live wire.

This war is going to make many big fliers in Schuylkill County, predicts its editor, "besides those who are profiting through Government commissions and high prices. Just look at the big aviation squadron we sent away."

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Secretary of the Commonwealth Cass E. Seaman, who has been receiving from a severe operation in Philadelphia, was able to visit the Capitol yesterday and was warmly greeted by friends.

Col. L. A. Watres has been chosen organization of the Scranton Boy Scouts and is interested for years.

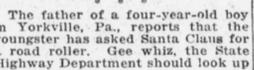
Col. E. A. Deeds, of the United States Army, says he thinks the floods which have caused so much damage in Western Pennsylvania valleys can be controlled.

Rudolph Blankenberg says that he would like very much to go through just one more campaign.

W. Heyward Myers, vice-president of the Pennsylvania and former Harrisburg, has been elected president of the David's Golf Club.

William Flinn plans to stay at Pittsburgh all winter and will forego his usual southern trip because of work.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



A KNOCKER.
"Pa, what is a knocker."
"A knocker, my boy, is one who not only hammers for the worst, but boosts for it also."



A BUGVILLE JEST.
Snail—I've been tracing up my ancestry.
Bug—Originated in Philadelphia I suppose.



TWO DOLLARS, PLEASE.
"Do you know anything that will make me stout, doctor."
"Yes, flesh."



REPORT COURAGEOUS.
Old Grutch—Here, sir, how is it I catch you kissing my daughter?
Suitor—By asking in on ya, sir.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is being used for some of the new ship-building plants?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
In old days there were half a dozen pumps along the River Front which were just famous for the quality of water they furnished.

THE LORD IS GOOD
And let these my words, where-with I have made application before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require; that all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else.—1 Kings viii, 22 and 60.

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. Mr. Danforth has been giving the boys talks on the glories of the United States Navy and explaining to the lads the meaning of the flag and how it came to be developed. The other day he had an audience of about seventy in which there were over a dozen nationalities and the demands for further talks were so insistent that he has arranged to explain not only the ensign, but to talk about the services flags, illustrating them with lantern slides. The series of talks will long be remembered by the boys. One effect has been to make every book in the children's branch of the library and dealing with the sea in tremendous demand.

In connection with the library it may be stated that it is once more showing people how to buy Christmas gifts. The library has opened it started to demonstrate that books were a much better thing to give at Christmas time than some of the things which are purchased. Miss Eaton, the librarian, had some of the best books and some of those which did not cost so much, but contained real stuff, put out on a special Christmas table. People crowded around and it is said that every book put out for more than one purpose. This custom has been continued and in line with the serious nature of the reading of the people, as evidenced by the demand for books at the library lately, the list is worth looking over.

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 or more and the demand for historical works in all countries 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.

Here is another interesting slant on books. It is from a representative agricultural journal, the Pennsylvania Farmer, and is as follows: "Every farmer should possess a good working library. Standard, up-to-date, practical books treating of the leading enterprises in which one is interested are as essential to successful farming as are books on medicine or law necessary to the successful doctor or lawyer. There is now a wealth of literature on all phases of agriculture from which to select. The books most likely to be of greatest value are of the type of farming on location and engaged. At least one good book on each of the subjects—soils, fertilizers, farm and home crops, and needed on nearly every farm. Many farmers should also have one on farm management and one on building and farm machinery. Books on horticulture, market gardening, dairying, etc., will be selected according to the kind of farming. One book on general agriculture will always be found especially useful."

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