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GETTING NEARER

HE latest "peace terms" of the Kaiser approach more nearly the demands of the allies than any yet submitted. They indicate two things-that the imperial family finds it increasingly necessary to put as good a face on Prussianism at nome as is possible, while still maintaining control of government, and there is no hope of victory for Ger-

return of Germany's African colo-nies, the annexation of all or part of Beigium, and other impossibilities of the kind. Now the humbled Kaiser would let go his great African empire in order to dodge financial responsibility in Belgium and is willing even to talk disarmament. A ing even to talk disarmament. A little later he will be willing to grant from the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle an still more, and by and by we shall editorial under the head of "The Man still more, and by and by we shall

present terms. One cannot make "truce with a bear," much less a saber-toothed man-eater. There is the old rhyme of the lady who "went out to ride on a tiger, but returned from the ride with the lady inside and a smile on the face of the tiger," and we have no desire to play lady to the Kaiser's tiger. President Wilson is fully acquainted with the facts and very skillfully he has made pubic. just at the moment of Germany's fully inclined she is, the efforts of he imperial government to stir up trouble for us in South America One of the most statesmanlike quali-ties the President has displayed has been his ability to checkmate Ger-man plots to win sympathy for herself among Americans. He has not only shown himself as keen-witted as the cunning diplomats of Berlin, but in every instance he has come out of the encounter with honors more than even.

MORE GERMAN PROPAGANDA? THE Telegraph is in receipt to-day of the following letter with the request to "please publish:"

Under the head of "Publish the Under the head of "Publish the bisloyal," I would suggest the first one published should be the Harrisburg Telegraph. Your constant harping and criticizing the conduct of the war is nothing more than sedition and comfort for Germany. Your news dated Washington should be dated Locust street; is nothing more than trash written in your own office. Be wise, or you may have some callers you may not like.

"AMERICAN."

As was to be expected this letter was unsigned. The Telegraph would he only too happy to have this fellow "call." The Telegraph would like him to explain why such a patriot" has not long ago donned the uniform of his country. could like to know, too, how many Liberty Bonds he owns, how much he has given to the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. funds. It would like to know also why such a heroic figure should be willing to hide its German-like threats behind an un-

One man out of every five in the ing force, from the highest to the lowest, is in the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. war work. It has as a corporation and individually subpay to take part in every war work campaign that has been conducted since the nation entered the conflict. It has been a constant sup-

But if this unnamed "American" frightened into winking its eye at official incompetence in high places
he is mistaken. When beef that ash collection problem will solve should have gone to American sol-

diers in France is left to rot in the hold of a ship, when wheat and po-tatoes are spoiled and thrown over-board, when a large percentage of our boys in camp are left without uniforms, when official incapacity results in our men depending upon France for rifles and machine guns

FRIDAY EVENING

Every offer of Germany yields something. First, there was talk of retention of the "lost provinces," the for giving space to dispatches that return of Germany's African coloraper in the land. If "American" doesn't like this let him come around to the office with his objections-but not at night with mask and blackjack.

win all for which we are striving.
But let nobody be deceived. We cannot talk peace on Germany's will agree with the sentiments therein expressed as to the side in the of General Leonard Wood in the

A POTENTIAL FORCE Now that the powers and periods of service of the volunteer State police, the organization of which was provided for by the last Legislature, have been defined, it is expected that Governor Brumbaugh will complete the namng of the men who are to act in ase of emergency in their home communities. The volunteer State policemen will be a body separate from the Reserve Militia, which is to replace the National Guard to all tents and purposes and which will e armed and equipped and given uarters in armories by the Comnonwealth, but it will be a fully ualified body for sheriffs and chiefs of police to fall back upon. Many men of prominence in affairs have een enrolled as members of this police force, and as they will serve on call, they will form a potential force

In a number of communities men connected with home defense organ-izations have been commissioned as members of the volunteer police, giving the force the value of training and discipline and in many cases of military experience. There is a place n industrial Pennsylvania for the volunteer police and as the powers of government and men have been carefully laid down there should be within a few months organization

effected in every county.

employ of this newspaper is in the is in charge. There are rooms esservice of the United States, and pecially fitted up for them. They more are preparing to go. Its work- are taught how to take care of their

association, and if you have no boy scribed liberally to each Liberty of your own and do have the money Loan and it is prepared to do so to spare, look about you for a man again. Its employes have been who has a son but who has not the granted leave of absence with ful; means. After that your duty is clear.

Mayor Keister has properly sought to inform himself specifically as to the real need of the people of Harris burg of coal. When he called upon porter of every war principle laid the dealers for accurate reports of down by President Wilson. It yields those who want fuel and can't get it, to none in loyalty or patriotism and its record speaks for itself. the assurance that coal is on the way for Harrisburg will please those whare suffering for the lack of it.

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## Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

uniforms, when official incapacity rewiths in our men depending upon France for rifles and machine guns and when lack of preparedness prevents the second draft from being put into effect because there is no clothing for the soldiers, it does feel called upon to raise its volce in protect. The Telegraph would not be true to its readers did it hide these facts and it proposes to publish them in full, so that inefficiency at Washington may be discouraged and cur boys at the front and in the camps given the fair deal to which they are entitled.

Every error in the conduct of the war is costing the lives of our own soldiers and those of our allies. Every publication of true conditions and in questions the patriotism of Secretary Eaker. Both are true blue Americans. But they hold. They have had to learn by experience and this is no time it to acquire knowledge in that washington dispatches, they are none too good for the work we have in hand. The President should be surrounded by the ablest men of the land and the Telegraph for one, will be content with nothing the theorem of the land and the Telegraph for one way are being conducted by the Fresident's closest friends and they are men who desire nothing but that the people know the truth so that existing errors may be corrected.

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—The movement for the renomination of Superior Court Judge W. llam D. Porter, which has been taking form at various meetings of county bar associations for some weeks and which it is hoped will result in the state escaping another scramble at the primary, was given a big impetus at Philadelphia yesterday by prominent men without regard to party or faction. The Philadelphia Inquirer says of, it: "Judge William D. Porter returned to his home in Pritaburgh yesterday after having received assurances that the ladders of toth factions of the Kepublican party in this city will support hi, candidacy to succeed himself on the Superior Court bench. Judge Porter's term expires aext year and his successor will be elected next November. It is the aim of the supporters of Judge Porter that he shall receive more than fifty per cent. of the vote cast at the primaries on May 21 next on the Nonpartisan ballot, which would mean that his name would be printed on the fall election ballot without a competitor, the primary vote virtually re-electing him. Judge Porter is finishing his first term of ton rears on the Superior Court beach. He had previously been a Common Pleas Court Judge in Allegheny county. -The movement for the ren

—Senator Boies Penrose, who spent part of the day in Philadelphia yesterday, said last evening: "I shall be pleased to vote for the re-election of Judge Porter to the Superior Court. He has made a very creditable record and I believe that he will be supported by members of the bar generally throughout the state, irrespective of their political affiliations. I have always favored the re-election of the judges of the Superior Court, and in the case of Judge Porter I am particularly pleased to advocate his continuance on the bench."

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

"In the National Army Hopper." (J. B. Lippincott Company. 25 cents net). The boys in camp are going to send home to their people, to give a vivid realization of what they are doing from day to day. And the people at home are going to want the sook, in order to understand that new world into which they have sent their sons, brothers, fathers and sweethearts.

Written by a noted Army officer, who knows his subject from A to Z.

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AN ALL THE YEAR GIFT

O you want to give your boy a Christmas gift that won't cost very much, but which will be a source of pleasure and benefit to him constantly for fifty-two weeks and which will leave its impress favorably upon his physical and spiritual being all his life?

The Harrisburg Y. M. C. A. is the thing.

The association has been rejuvenated. Boys are welcome there now. Special arrangements are made to care for them. Gymnasium classes are open to them. A boys' secretary its in charge. There are rooms especially fitted up for them. They are taught how to take care of their bodies and live clean lives.

Every boy whose father is able to invest the price ought to be in the association, and if you have no boy of your own and do have the money —Altoona, which recently adopted —Altoona —Altoona —Altoona —Altoona city in providing concrete foundations for the control of the Editor o

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'? ....



the report of County Treasurer E. D. Friebertshauser on the taxes collected during the past year. This is an increase of \$25,000,000 over the an increase of \$20,000,000 over the 1916 valuation. There was a much greater increase in 1917 in the valuation of personal property subject to tax, which includes stocks, bonds and money at interest. In 1917 this was assessed at \$340,510,792, an inse of more than \$50,000,000 over 1916, when the personal valuation was \$289,865,640.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A PREACHER'S MAIL

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LABOR NOTES

THE FERMENT

TRACTORS FOR FARMERS Our stocks of horses have been depleted by the demands of war. The supply of labor has been made insuf-There are 1,000,000 Mexican la-borers in this country. ficient by the same cause in almost every field of industry. The farmers feel both these shortages more than any other class. England has had Baton Rouge (La.) painters have the same experience in an even severer form, and she has found relief in the greatly increased manu-

Railway signalmen have 17 local stations and a membership of 855. facture and use of steam tractors. Farmers are rather slow to make British co-operative societies did business of over \$800,000,000 last changes, but in this country, be-cause farm labor has generally been scarce, the farmers have been quick Virginia labor unions demand the elimination of convict-made goods. to adopt labor-saving machines. The sickle and the scythe gave way to the reaper and the mower as soon

THE FERMENT

People everywhere are learning some things from war which makes them critical. The experts were them critical. The experts were billion dollars a year each for three tyears running. Germany and England could not raise five or six of billion dollars a year each for three tyears running. Germany and England have done it. The authority of and have done it. The authority of expert judgment is weakened.

The established scheme, taking it by and large, got the world into a frightful calamity. There is less respect for the established scheme, with half of her best male labor cut of the country, and merely concurt of the country in the section of the country in the co

a western state recently married a Miss Drum. Bango! When little Cymbal arrives there will be music.

## **OUR DAILY LAUGH**



MATTER OF OPINION. Maude-Do you write poetry?



MERCENARY.

"She's marrying him for his money. "That so? I know a man who's marrying a girl for her ten pounds

of sugar she has hoarded."



"What was Quill convicted of?"

Writing three consecutive joke with the word camouflage in each."



# Ebening Chat

James S. Auter, the Governor's ressenger who knows more men in the public life of Pennsylvania than any one connected with the state government, is going to celebrate his twenty-third anniversary as the of-ficial Santa Claus of the Keystone state on Tuesday next. He will give an example of methods in maintaining discipline among a crowd of several score of youngsters in front o the Executive Mansion, see that everyone gets a package of candy and goes away satisfied. The custom of distributing candy at the Executive Mansion, which was inaugurated by Daniel H. Hastings when he filled the Governor's chair, is now one of the events of the great holiday in Pennsylvania's capital. And James S. Auter has been the boss of the job ever since the big man from Bellefonte bought half a wagonload of candy and invited the kids t come around and see him on Christ-mas morning. It was a great mornmas morning. It was a great morning and the Governor enjoyed it so much that he had it repeated every Christmas while he occupied the mansion. Governor Stone took a hand in distributing candy himself but took orders from James when it came to handling the crowd. The late Governor Pennypacker said that it was a custom that should be preserved and suw that it was, while in aturally appealed to Edwin S. Suart and John K. Tener, both bit hearted men. Governor Brumbaugh had heard about it before he came to Harrisburg and the youngster found him a bountful provider. Thother day the Governor issue Christmas order No. I in his owi handwriting. It was to James & Auter and commanded him to be the official dispenser of candy to the youth of Harrisburg on Christma morn. And it will be worth watching.

Friends of Thomas H. Garvin chief clerk of the State House of Representatives, who has been her so much that we almost think of hir as a Harrisburger, are hearing wit interest of his experiences as a fu interest of his experiences as a furadministrator for Delaware count. Mr. Garvin is a man of affairs an large acquaintance. His friends havendeavored to make him appreciation the honor conferred upon him. The other evening several of them calle him on the telephone. The convex sation ran about like this:

"Mr. Garvin, why can't I get som coal? I am freezing. I have nir children and my wife is very ill."

"Where do you live?"

Some mythical address given.

"All right, I'll look it up—sa what street did you say? There is any street by that name in that tow Another conversation was the way.

"Mr. Garvin, please, Mr. Garvin "All right, all right. What is it "Can't you send me a ton of coal I am a widower with four children, just buried my mother-in-law at my wife is very sick."

"Widower, eh! And your wife sick? That'll do,"
And the genial Garvin says the people do not appreciate what pulls cervice means in this solemn ho when they make him write down page full of data and then tell hit they hope he's enjoying the job.

A news story from Camp Ha administrator for Delaware count

A news story from Camp Ha

cock has this to say about a form National Guardsman who is w known here and who was a memb of the staff of the late General P. S. Gobin in the Spanish-Americ war and who was placed in comand of the Pennsylvania Engine at the outbreak of war: "Lieutena at the outbreak of war: "Lieutena Colonel Frederic A. Snyder, con mander of the One Hundred a Third United States Engineers, Williamsport, Pa., is himself a ci engineer of high repute and one w has had considerable military exprience. He retired a Class A may to become attached to the Instruction Cadre of the Fourth district Wartsea Canada in 1914 where

the proclamation in behalf of Red Cross, and says that he confident of Pennsylvania makir great showing.

Secretary of the Commonwea Cyrus E. Woods yesterday receivaleter from a very irate farmer with the common weater from a very irate farmer with the common weater demanding justice on a weater demanding function which was styled him, had been killing chickens and he wanted "justic As proof of his assertion he closed the skin of the weasel. Secretary is interested in the fatof Pennsylvania only from a distand opining that the outraged mer wanted a bounty for the weater wanted a beauty for the weater wanted as weater was strongly for the wanted was such as weater was strongly for the wanted was such as weater was strongly for the wanted was such as weater was such as weater was such as weater was such as well as weater was such as well as we

## WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

'—General J. E. Kuhn, comma ant at Camp Meade, is giving pr for athletic events among his me —Gilbert Kulp, well known many Harrisburgers, bagged a bear on his annual hunting trip, —C. LaRue Munson, noted V —C. LaRue Munson, noted Vimsport lawyer, was here yes day at the hearing of a Public Svice Commission case.
—Mayor-elect Arch. Johnson, Bethlehem, does not want any elorate inauguration.
—William H. Wilson, Philadelp safety director, was presented va silver service by bureau chiefs.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg tin is bein used in the Orient?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG John Harris used to pasture le where Market Square is locat

WE'D LIKE TO MEET H DISPOSED OF.

"Brillicht ideas Dobbins has."

"Yes," I understand he burns
Christmas cigars on his tree instead of candles