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Make the true use of those afflictions which His hand, mercifully severe, hath been pleased to lay upon thee.—ATTEBURY.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL

GOVERNMENT control of the railroads is the first step toward government ownership, but whether or not that will come about depends very largely upon the success of the experiment about to be undertaken by proclamation of the President under powers conferred upon him by act of Congress.

As to the present outlook, the gradual assumption of authority by the government ought to prevent much of the confusion that inevitably would have followed a sudden and complete transfer.

Every other nation now at war has found it necessary to place its transportation systems under government control, the United States being the last to come in.

HELP WANTED

CAPT. J. H. MOFFAT, of the Ordnance Department at Washington, announces that he needs 1,200 clerks, stenographers and bookkeepers and finds only twelve applicants for the positions.

A DIFFICULT TASK

IT is a difficult job which the City Council has undertaken in its efforts to keep expenditures for 1918 within the possible revenues.

so wisely in cutting out items that are necessary for the maintenance of a modern city. First of all, attention must be given to the vital and indispensable things which relate to the health and welfare of the community.

LAY YOUR PLANS NOW

STATE COLLEGE authorities point out the importance of the home garden next year and say that while last season it was an important factor in living, next season it will be an absolute necessity for those who wish to have vegetables for immediate use and to preserve or can for the winter.

These growers are to be informed that the government will purchase vegetables after sending out circular proposals, and that the award will be given to the grower or firm that offers the vegetables at the lowest price.

It is believed that this plan will stimulate, during the coming season, the production of those crops most desired in the region of the cantonments, where otherwise they might not be plentiful.

COLONEL HOUSE

Puzzled, like most everybody else, to understand where Colonel E. M. House, the President's personal representative, got his wide acquaintance with notables.

"SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY"

NEVERABLY, the disclosures which have been made of Army deficiencies have brought about renewed talk of a "coalition" Cabinet.

be the retirement of some of the present Cabinet officers. But if Baker is compelled to quit, there is little likelihood that Roosevelt, or Root, or Wood will succeed him.

Politics in Pennsylvania

The coming week is expected to bring series of announcements of candidates by members of congress and possibly some of the men talked of as possible candidates for State nominations may speak.

THE STATE PRESS

The Italian army has retrieved its reputation which was threatened during the early stages of the Teton drive. All reports indicate that the Italians have been fighting to the death, preferring extermination to surrender.

A great many Germans and Swedes have settled in Wisconsin. These are the men to whom LaFollette catered.

There is no use mincing words, the Sheriff of York county has been waxing rich at the expense of the taxpayers.

LABOR NOTES

Virden (Ill.) Co-operative Society has paid a quarterly dividend of 9 per cent to its members.

ALTONA'S EXPERIMENT

While lacking the completeness of the city manager form, resting on legal provisions and the full authority and responsibility for the general administration of the city is in Dayton and other city manager cities.

OH, MAN!



NOW LISTEN ANDREW YOU ARE NOT TO GO NEAR THE PHOTOGRAPH. NO NO. MUSTN'T TOUCH. PAPA SPANK.

JOE! ITS TWO O'CLOCK ARE YOU EVER COMING TO BED?

WELL I GOT TO CLASSIFY THESE RECORDS ITS GOTTA BE DONE N MIGHT AS WELL DO IT. - SAME JOB!

LUCY! HAVE YOU CHANGED THE NEEDLE! GEE. WHIZ! STOP!

JOE DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT PRINCE'S BAND RECORD IS? WE HAVEN'T ANY MORE NEEDLES EITHER. WE'LL HAVE TO USE THE OLD ONES AGAIN. IT DON'T MATTER.

LISTEN LUCE - I BOUGHT THIS BRUSH TO WIPE THE DUST OFF THE RECORDS - YOU CAN RUIN A RECORD BY NOT WIPING IT OFF BEFORE YOU PLAY IT!

I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHERE IT IS - LOOK IN THAT STACK ON THE BIG CHAIR.

THE NEW "MACHINE"

MONTH LATER

STATE PRESS FOR HARMONY

Down With Factionalism

Realizing that factionalism having only their own selfish aims in view are rushing the Republican party heading toward defeat in an important gubernatorial election, the Harrisburg Telegraph, to thwart such a disaster, has taken the initiative in a movement looking to harmony and success at the polls next fall.

Down the Factionalism

Under the above heading the Harrisburg Telegraph of last evening indulged in an editorial introductory to a number of expressions of sentiment from Republican editors in the state in reply to a letter sent out by the editor of the Telegraph asking for an expression of opinion concerning the factional differences now existing among the self-constituted leaders of the party in Pennsylvania.

MEASURES TO SAVE COAL

New orders received by the local coal administrator greatly curtail the use of electric light in Wilkes-Barre and vicinity.

LABOR NOTES

Membership of the Austrian trade unions has been reduced by the effects of the war.

KINNARD'S INVENTION

[Philadelphia Public Ledger.] Leonard H. Kinnard, vice-president of the Bell Telephone Company, of Pennsylvania, told a good one on himself the other day.

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Children of South Lancashire, England, were given two weeks' holidays for potato picking, and their earnings amounted to \$15,000.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Economy is a saving grace.—Wall Street Journal.

It appears now that the original Maximalist was little Oliver Twist.—Boston Herald.

The world also has the spectacle of the bear that walks like a lamb.—Newark News.

We have in the world too many Germanized Socialists and too few socialized Germans.—New York Sun.

"Bolshevik" is singular. "Bolsheviki" is plural. Also Bolsheviki are singular.—Chicago Daily News.

President Wilson says we will fight till "the last gun is fired." Also till the last Hun is fired from Belgium, France and various other countries.—Chicago Herald.

Has the editor who referred to Mr. Caillaux as being disloyal arranged all his bequests and testaments, in case Mme. Caillaux sends word.

The next time it is announced that Russia has staged a "bloodless revolution" we're going to wait for the official report before tendering congratulations.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Thirty-six billions, Secretary McAdoo's estimate of the cost to the United States of war for two years, is an item hard to grasp, but democracy has no price that democrats can not pay.—New York World.

The average citizen will find that one of the easiest things he has been asked to do in order to help the war along is a faithful compliance with Secretary McAdoo's request to restrict the use of gold coin.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

IN BRONCO TOWN.

Do you miss the old excitement that Bronco Town offered before the town went dry?

Not so much. Prices have gone up so that two buckwheat cakes and a fried egg seem like regular disipation.

BOND TO HAPPEN.

Bon-bons and roses. The young girl supposes she's surrounded every wife, she's likely to shiver.

When onions and liver come into her life.

FLAT BROKE.

My girl gave me a pair of silver-backed brushes that cost \$25.00.

Were you mean enough to go and price them?

No. I had to pawn them.

FOOLISH TO TRY.

He threatened to blow his brains out.

And what did you say to him?

I told him he'd be foolish to try it, as he had never been successful shooting at small targets.

DO YOU KNOW

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HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Abney Wayne made history by the Susquehanna river valley at the Revolution.

THE SICKENING SAINT

Oh, I am like young Robert Lee who spurned with scorn the filth weeding.

I also used piercing whoops "Gads" sending cigars to troop. Though homelick some poor I may be.

He'll get no cigars from me. But I will send him all the facts about the weed in tiresome trade. I am as pure and meek and mild as skipping lamb or prattling child. In fact, so good that I've not done one single thing to fight the weed. But, mercy! how I fight the weed. For I'm a saint that's gone to see Penneyson J. Duff, in the Kan. City Star.

Evening Chat

Officers of the State Game Commission say that not only will the state's issuance of hunters' licenses this year run over 300,000, but that it may, possibly go beyond the 300,000 mark established in 1911 and they are awaiting with great interest the returns of the county treasurer which will be made shortly after January 1.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, the Secretary of the Game Commission, writes that he is receiving some gratifying responses from his circular urging people to feed the birds, especially the insect-eating varieties.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Col. Louis J. Kolb, of the Governor's staff, is giving a dinner to-night to a number of Philadelphia friends at which the Governor and other prominent men will be guests.

Robert Small, the newly-named chief of news for The Associated Press, is well known to many Pennsylvanians as he has covered big stories here a number of occasions. He lately returned from the western front.

Dr. Charles B. Penrose, chairman of the State Game Commission, is spending the holidays at his country estate near Devon.

D. W. Kuhn, Pittsburgh fuel administrator, says he has enough in sight for the winter for his city.

Congressman C. H. Rowland, Clearfield, is preparing to retire from business as soon as his term ends.

Dr. W. J. Holland, Pittsburgh scientist, returned decorations given him by the Kaiser.

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