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But noble souls, through dust and

Rise from disaster and defeat The stronger.

-Longfellow.

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The story of Crozier's inefficiency his stupidity has been overcom a retired United States Army officer, States Army and Crozier, his personal enemy, declined it without a adopted it and given him an enortories and all the allies are using are the highest type weapon in the equipment little better

Now comes Colonel Lewis to offer manufacture back to the government and to give his own services happened. absolutely free, to which Crozier turns a deaf ear, and goes forward with plans to make what is known gay is superior to the Lewis gun. That may or may not be true, but it cannot be manufactured beis only now advertising for the tool very much of an experiment. Meanour boys abroad are at the mercy of the French government and - abdeclines to give them, although he might have 2,000 every month if he

desired. Now if the Germans only will wait politely until we can turn out sufficlaimed for it, why everything will be all right.

about continuing in office a man to France when he might have jugglery in office. equipped them with a very superior type of weapon? How about an offiwho puts personal antagonisms before patriotism? What is to be done with such as he?

TO SHOW WHAT IT MEANS

SUPERINTENDENT GEORGE
A. SHREINER's request to the distinguished planners of the Capitol Park extension and beauti-fication to advance the studies for that part of the great undertaking which will demonstrate the advisability of locating the bridge at State street is important for Harrisburg. The city is vitally interested in the relation of the proposed park to its plies

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH rapidly developing Hill section. The relocate the structure authorized vote of the people to be built at Walnut street, and the opinion of the experts, to say nothing of great many people who are not experts, is that the bridge should be so located that it will be in harmony with the wonderful plan for a beauty spot in the center of Harrisburg and at the same time facilitate communication with the highland

When these plans are received shown for the benefit of Council and explained for information of the people who will vote on the question. It is hard to believe that there be much opposition to the change. But at the same time the should know exactly what the State plans to do and how the bridge will fit into the general scheme which everyone knows will mean much to Harrisburg.

Food conservationists are now using

THE WATER SUPPLY

they use less water until the supply ourg is now suffering for the mistaken economies practiced some years ago when upon recommendation of the then superintendent Council agreed to reductions of rates that left the department hampered for funds for the purchase of pered for funds for the purchase o

TOO LITTLE FOR THE JOB

SN'T it about time we got rid of General Crozier as chief of the ordnance bureau?

We are 'talking of 'sending a radiuon men to France' next spring and due to Crozier's backwardness and his personal antagonisms even if we do have the men we will not have the machine guns with which the equip them and without which they cannot fight. Worse than that, it may be spring of 1919 before the American Army has sufficient guns of the kind to make it an efficient military force—unless we borrow more weapons from poor, hard-pressed France. And even so they

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Back of all this is another failure of the Babcock expense account in Pittsburgh. Dreadful things are alleged.

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Colonel Harry C. Trexler's election as chairman of the Allentown Chamber of Commerce yesterday, is taken to mean that he intends to be very much on the map when gubernatorial candidates are considered. The colonel would like to round out his career as a pre-eminent business man by giving the state a business man by giving the state a business.

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no Army man can testify from change in office every few years, its is a sad one, for it is going to cost of practically every man who. had thousands of American lives before been responsible for the growth and The allies are to-day using 70,000 development of the water plant and Lewis machine guns, on every one of the substitution of others who had which the inventor, Colonel Lewis, to learn from experience what the receives \$50 profit. Colonel Lewis first former commissioners and employee offered this gun free to the United already knew. Political expedient trial. Afterward the Germans, un- rates, and it was done. Came an der the guise of Belgians, almost got other campaign, and another cut. it, but Colonel Lewis withdrew when he discovered the ruse and in 48 And now, with the city larger than hours after he had landed in Lon- ever, with munition plants running don the English government had over with urgent Government wa mous contract. He is now turning orders, all requiring an ample supout 8,000 a week in English facthem, having demonstrated that they supply insufficient and the pumping and working overtime every day o 2,000 a month to the United States, the week. Under the old form of he to turn all his profits from the government this would not have Council must, as the Mayor has

outlined, back up the present su as the Browning gun, which he and perintendent in an effort to correct The matter already has been to fore the tools are made with which long postponed. When Commission to turn it out and the government er Dunkle retired he left with Coun That means months and cil a complete outline of the condition months before a Browning gun can and needs of the department, but, be made, and even then it will be notwithstanding this, little or noth while, our boys in the camps are ing was done, other than to include drilling with wooden models and appropriations for improvements in the annual budget. The water desurdity of all absurdities-are using partment head should have know the very kind of guns which Crozier that the city was on the verge of have taken whatever radical steps he found necessary. Instead, he waited cient Browning guns, and the Browning gun proves the success essary. Harrisburg must have wa ter, whatever the cost. We are pay-But how about men like Crozier ing the piper for ill-considered exin the government service? How periments in municipal government who will let our armies go unarmed and for inefficiency and political

> Some of these days when American soldiers get machine guns, and rifles, and uniforms and other things of the sort, Germany may be prompted

The Mt. Carmel man who lost ten toes in a blizzard has the consolation of knowing he will never have his toes frozen again.

The only man who ever broke New Year's resolution is the chap who never made any.

The German "shock" battalions usu ally get just what their name im-

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Governor Brumbaugh's declaration that candidates for the Legislature pledged to ratification of the "dry" amendment should be supported by the people of the state without re gard to party affiliations and Chair there will be opportunity for the people to study them. They will be had come to bury factional differences were big topics among men active in politics in Pennsylvania to day. The Governor in his Philadelphia speech amplified what he had already said in an interview here The chairman, who has been talked of as a possible gubernatorial candidate, expressed an opinion which is general in the Keystone State and regarded as highly important at Wash. ington where a number of congress-men insist that differences shall be harmonized so that the elections next year shall not be a Donnybrook fair.
The Philadelphia Inquirer says

DOUBTLESS Harrisburg people that the Ainey speech looks like system first bid from the Brumbaugh camp The North American views it very request of Mayor Keister that cautiously and says it is a call fo service for the state, while the Ledg-er says, among various speculations, can be increased, but that is not the that it is "an indication that the ad ministration is willing to discuss har-mony." The Ledger also remarks that the administration has not de-clared for O'Neil, Ainey or any one else. The Press says it is an appeal for an undivided state.

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til it is submitted at the reorganiza-tion of Council. The city has been without a chief the past eighteen months. While considerable pressure has been brought to bear on Mr. Heidenreich for the naming of a sealer of weights and measures, at a salary of \$1,500 a year, he will not fill this office, but will combine its duties with some other department.

—Ruling that the objections made by the Town Meeting party in the Fortleth ward contest case should have been filed with the court of common pleas before election day, Judge Ferguson, in Philadelphia quarter sessions court yesterday, quashed the petition to contest the election of Joseph Louderback as a member of Common Council from the Fortleth ward and sets a state precedent. Judge Ferguson ruled that the court has no jurisdiction to act in the matter now, and points out that the complaints in the case refer to the regularity of the nominating papers and do not suggest fraud or irregularity in the count of the votes.

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—Wilkes-Barre policemen awarded a substantial increase in wages by the City Commissioners on Christmas now threaten to strike unless they are given a higher wage. At this time the salaries of the patrolmen are \$1,000 a year, but the increase the other day gives them \$1,100. Now they want \$100 a month, and the commissioners are willing to stand pat against the latest demand. Commissioner Nelson Bennett, superintendent of finance, says the city's taxes are too high now.

—The Philadelphia Record says the Vares will use the ax in Philadelphia county offices, The first important victim is James F. Herron, holding a deputy collectorship, at \$100.

portant victim is James F. Herron, holding a deputy collectorship, at \$2,500 a year, in the branch tax office at Germantown avenue and Tloga street. Herron was called into the office of Receiver of Taxes Kendrick yesterday and requested to hand in his resignation. He did so at once, and will retire on January 1. Four other employes, all clerks at \$1,100 a year, felt the ax welded by Mr. Kendrick, who is selected as the chief headsman to start the job of ridding City Hall of all the men who were loyal to United States Senator Penrose and to the late State Senator McNichol.

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

WHEN YOU HAVE HAD CINDER WHICH FEELS AS LARGE ASMA HEN'S EGG IN YOUR EYE - AND YOU'VE RUBBED IT AND POKED AT IT WITH A HANDKERCHIEF



WHEN --- SOMEHOW YOU WINK YOUR EYE - YOU GIVE A START



HAD IT PEERED BY AN AMATEUR I CAN'T

YOU WINK FURIOUSLY TO MAKE SURE IT IS TRUE - AND LO! THE CINDER IS GONE



AND IN DESPAIR ARE JUST STARTING FOR A DOCTOR

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Boy !!!! OH-AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-RAND AND GL-L-LORIOUS FEELIN'? 1 TES TA TATA

in Penna.

take his spade,
For the trench work that we must be plying,
An underground dugout must also be specified by the space of t

wherever the fighting is done under earth,
Bavarians are wanted and have, too, their worth.

Two Labor party candidates will run for the Middlesborough (England) electoral districts.

The gallant Bavarians—this is their fate; At everyone's pipe to be jigging; While the lazy bone Prussian reposes

in state,
The Bavarian's delving and diggins;
He's kept at it still—with no chance of escape;
For there must be commands, and there must be red tape.

The Prussian is fed like an ox in a stall, Or his gullet would split with his gaping,
But the hungry Bavarian gets nothing at all.

'Tis the veriest fast that he's

keeping; Bavarian, then, what will happen to With nothing but digging and dog's work to do?

The Frenchman, he doth the Bavar-

him; But seeing the skunk of a Prussian instead, He's ready to go in and whack him;

Why didn't they put us Bavarians their association, have raised their association of Distillers and Wholestand Sper week.

So long live the gallant Bavarian corps,
To them be a coat of arms given;
Two shovels laid crosswise, a pick-ax before,
And, as a supporter, a bavin—The best of all badges for each common man,
Who digs when he's got to, and diss when he can.
—From the Literary Digest.

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Over the Top TO THE BOTTOM

glories of a distant past and giving International Machinists' Union in national character and a national made,
As a place for the Prussian to lie from 60,000 to 200,000. spirit to millions who had long cherfrom 60,000 to 200,000. ished a common language and com-

Two Labor party candidates will mon habits of life. A retirement law for superannuated Government

ated Government employes is favored by the A. F. of L.

Twickenham, England, has now five horse butcheries, owing to the influx of Belgians to that district. About 90 per cent. of the German masons and their helpers are in the military service.

Thirty women wearing khakit travers your working as plossiters in

trousers are working as pipefitters in a large New Jersey chemical plant. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld the El Paso antipicketing ordinance.

England is sending from 8,000 to 10,000 women workers to France every month. Policemen in Dallas, Tex., have won their long fight for the eighthour day.

ian dread.

He takes good care not to attack

The five Plasterers' unions in St.
Paul and Minneapolis have amalgamated.

ished a common language and common habits of life.

Two great statesment were foremost in the achievement of that splendid historical result. Bismarck in Germany, Cavour in Italy. Both were men of the highest genius, of wide insight, of profound diplomatic skill and of indisputable patriotism. But their aims were totally different. Bismarck had no faith in the people and sought to make an absolute empire on the medieval model of fixed classes, each working in its sphere for the good of the state, and the whole culminating in a God appointed, God supported monarchy. Cavour, although he believed it best to retain the monarchial form, worked from the beginning to establish a thoroughly modern democracy; a government that should be essentially of the people. Bismarck summed up his theory of government in the celebrated phrase that power must be sustained "by blood and iron." Cavour said of himself in a phrase far more deserving of celebrity, "I am the child of bliberty, and to liberty I owe all that I am." The hearts of modern Germany and modern Italy are distilled in those two sayings of their greatest sons, and we can see today what different results are produced by different teachings.—From the Youth's Companion.

"BLOW TO PROHIBITION" secure a 10 per cent increase on January 1. "BLOW TO PROHIBITION" The latest clip sheet of the publicity department of the National Association of Distillers and Wholemust clear—
Why didn't they put us Bavarians their association, have raised their rate \$5 per week.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

have so many of his fighting men killed off that there will not be enough left after the war to start a revolution.—New York Morning Telegraph. It is said that "Bolsheviki" is in

no standard dictionary, which is not strange when it is considered that the Bolsheviki are not up to standard in any other way, either, -Philadelphia Inquirer. If Lloyd George's latest proposal,

free medical attendance for everybody, goes through Parliament, good health will not longer be the dis-tinguishing characteristic of the poor.—New York Evening Post. Why not a synthetic substitute for Kaisers?—Wall Street Journal.

Mount Lassen has quit. There was too much competition.—Chicago Daily News. The German idea of an armis

tice is that the other fellow stops fighting.—New York World. On the instant that Mr. Kerensky said he was tired, he disappeared. No man can afford to be tired in a reyolution.—St. Louis Globe-Dem-

OUR DAILY LAUGH



GOT A FEED. Lady-1 said "No." didn't I? Why

don't you go away? Hobo-Ah, lady, a beautiful wom



A PARLIAMENTARIAN. "Has Diggs kept the resolutions he made on January 1?"

"Yes. But he has tacked on ser amendments and discovered a few jokers."



IN BUGVILLE. Bug Driver-Hanson cab, mister



SOMETHING MORE. "The staff of life is all very well." "Well?"

stick now-a-days.

Ehening Chat

Harrisburg's war-time Christmas has three or four features about it that are rather impressive. In the business section of the city there are some store windows which have hardly recovered from the inroads made by Christmas shoppers and it is significant of the conditions here that the merchants say that they had a big trade, which in some cases seriously depleted stocks hard to replace, and that their cash sales were very gratifying. Charging at Christmas time is bad business, but there were not very many folks who did it. The bank people say that the day after Christmas they spent most of the morning taking in the money from the stores. Some of the stores sent their cash to the vaults Monday night, but others locked it up in safes and started it to the banks Wednesday. Out in the residential parts of town it is surprising the number of homes in which service flags and the Red Cross emblems have completely taken the place of wreaths as window decorations. Night time shows that Harrisburg has lost none of its old fondness for well decorated Christmas trees and the number of trees which sparkte with electric lights and are respiendent with gilt toys shows that thoservance about the hearthstone is as great as ever. But the thing which must impress one most of all. as great as ever. But the thing which must impress one most of all which must impress one most of all is the manner in which ... city has taken hold of the Red Cross membership campaign. There are blocks on which every house displays the emblem which shows that dollars have been paid to aid the men "Over There." The spirit of liberality and self sacrifice which was shown in the drive for the Y. M. C. A. work funds has appeared stronger than ever in response to the appeal from the Red Cross.

Ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart is celebrating his birthday in Philadelphia today and some of his Harrisburg friends remembered him with best wishes for many happy returns.

Wilmer Johnson, the able penman who fixes up judges and state officials so that they can serve Father Penn, is rejoicing in a fine meerschaum cigarholder which was sent to him by his nephew LeRoy Donahoe, now in France with Uncle Sam's flyers. Mr. Donahoe was in the State Police for a little training before he went to the first aviation training camp at Ithaca, where he passed a fine examination and was next heard of "Over There."

Somehow or other men of draft age and in doubt make a bee line for the office of Prothonotary Henry F. Hollar. They pass by the sheriff and the recorder and head for the prothonotary's office. And the questions they ask are enough to make one dizzy. Mr. Hollar tried to oblige at first, but he soon learned that the safest way was to direct the anxious ones to the main courtroom where the lawyers are working over

ious ones to the main courtroom where the lawyers are working over time.

There are a lot of men in Harrisburg who are grateful to Judge George Kunkel and the members of the Dauphin County Bar as well as men of experience with Government documents for helping them out with their questionnaires the last week. The Courthouse was a place of interest for everyone who has been following the operations of the draft law and the manner in which the puzzled draftees had their doubts cleared away was well worth noting. the puzzled draftees had their doubts cleared away was well worth noting. More than one lawyer who felt somewhat disgusted when told by Judge Kunkel to take off his coat and help a man in need was glad that he had responded and tackled his own work with renewed vigor. Incidentally, there can be no excuse for any Dauphin county man'submitting to any charges for making out his questionnaire. The members of the Bar of this county have made it plain to every person applying that they are giving their services for the Government and that any one standing for a charge for guidance is being for a charge for guidance is be

ng imposed upon. Tonight's memorial meeeting at the convextion of the State Educational Association in Johnstown will be for Dr. Henry Houck. It was a year ago that the Secretary of Internal Affairs, one of the former presidents of the organization and one of its most loved members, delivered an address to the association at the Technical high school in this city. Dr. Houck had his own way on the stage and the teachers always sat back and had a good time when he talked. Governor Brumbaugh, who will be one of the speakers tonight, remarked a few days ago that he was never certain whether the teachers or Dr. Houck had the most pleasure out of the address. Half a dozen men with whom the secretary was long associated will be speakers tonight.

John P. Dohoney, investigator of accidents for the Public Service Commission, was forced by the exigencies work to spend Christmas Da usburgh. He had to eat dir in Pittsburgh. ner in that city. When he went to one of the big cafes he ordered wha he would have gotten at home. "Meatless day, sah," said the wait

"But I want turkey," persist Sorry, sah, dat's meat. We go fish, sah," replied the man with th tray.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Speaker R. J. Baldwin is set ting up pins to run again in Dela ware county.

—John C. Bell, former attorne general, says it is a mistake to discontinue instruction in German be cause some one has got to know th language to spot those who use for unpatriotic ends.

—H. H. Rowand, the new district attorney of Allegheny count was assistant district attorney for seven years.

—Dr. R. H. Harte, prominent Phi adelphia surgeon, was seriously hu in an accident in France.

—Calvin Pardee, Jr., the Hazlete coal operator, is arranging for a present accident in granging for a present seven accident in grance.

coal operator, is arranging for a p rade for the drafted men of his ditrict.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is used for gun carriages for the Army? HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Signal corps men were establish the dome of the Capitol duri Gettysburg campaign. THE SILVER LINING

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The Army investigation h
brought out some depressing thin
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know they are the result, the n
ural and unescapable result, of
wrong system. The system is
part of democracy, it is merely
growth upon democracy and can
cut away.—Kansas City Times.