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Adversity borrows its sharp sting from our impatience.—BISHOP HORNE.

A PATRIOTIC SERVICE

THE members of the Dauphin County Bar who have been giving their services to assist drafted men in properly filling out their questionnaires, have performed a patriotic duty of a very important character.

When a lawyer or a physician gives his services he gives his entire stock in trade, which is more than most of us who deal in mere material things would care to do.

UP TO THE COUNTIES

FOR years the farmers of Pennsylvania have been complaining that it was unprofitable to raise sheep because when the market prices for wool and mutton were satisfactory dogs raided the flocks by night and the owners had all kinds of trouble to collect the money the State allows and requires the counties to pay.

Under the terms of the dog code every Pennsylvania canine outside of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Schuylkill, and there are some hundreds of thousands of them, will have to wear a tag after January 15.

It is thus up to the County Commissioners to enforce the dog law. It may be a hardship on some owners to pay the license and it may be difficult to kill some dogs, but there are too many, it must be admitted.

A PLACE TO COUPLE UP

MOST amazing lack of uniformity in regulations for the control of smallpox between the States east of the Mississippi has been revealed by the efforts of Pennsylvania's State Department of Health to check the outbreaks which have occurred in western and central counties.

War breeds disease. There should be little difficulty about compelling isolation of smallpox.

WON'T SLACK HERE

HARRISBURG'S reputation as a city which does what it sets out to do will not be dimmed as a result of the forthcoming campaign to raise \$25,000 for the Knights of Columbus War Camp Fund.

Devitt called attention to the great good being accomplished by the Knights of Columbus through their activities in all training camps; and from time to time the Telegraph has published letters from Harrisburg soldiers who praise the Knights of Columbus and the Young Men's Christian Association in no uncertain terms for the great good they are doing.

"All war and no play," it might be said, "makes Jack a dull boy." And these recreation centers in the training camps are going to go a great way toward keeping the United States soldiers clean morally and physically.

The sum of \$25,000 is not a large one. Harrisburg owes it to all its several thousand soldiers to be liberal in its contributions to the K. of C. fund.

OUT WITH THEM

SERGEANT EMEPEY, speaking in Harrisburg Friday evening, said:

The soldiers in the field will cheerfully do 60 per cent. of the fighting; it is for you at home to do the rest, fighting the German effort in this country to nullify our determination to win the war.

The arrest of a German who had tampered with parts of torpedoes he was engaged in turning out in a government factory for the use of the American fleet, illustrates the danger Empey had in mind.

LOCAL FREIGHT PROBLEMS

GOVERNMENT control of railroads doubtless will do much to stimulate freight movement, and elimination of competition should go a long way toward the prompt handling of traffic, but neither government control nor ownership will solve the country's transportation problem, which is largely of a local nature.

What is the answer? There are two answers, the motor truck and good roads. The gasoline driven freight vehicle is just coming into its own.

truck is replacing the local freight, in many localities, the rural "accommodation" trains. All this, of course, being dependent upon the improvement of roads.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Pennsylvania's Democratic state machine, which has been run around the horns of resolutions which keep the place-holders in mind of the fact that it takes money to keep an organization going in cold weather as well as in warm.

The VanDyke resolutions were not given much publicity by the Democratic machine organs to-day, although big Democratic papers like the Philadelphia Record gave the subject prominent place.

Whereas, the uniform primary law has not abated the holding of a state convention, and it is desirable that delegates from every county in the state should thus assemble in order to give expression to the wishes of the constituents and formulate into a party platform the fundamental principles on which the Democratic party stands, as well as give expression to the prevailing sentiment of the voters as to who would make the best candidates for state officers to be elected in the state at large, and also for the purpose of choosing the best candidates for the office of Governor.

Major-elect E. V. Babcock, of Pittsburgh, has announced that he will name Stephen Stone, son of the former Governor, as his city solicitor. The directors will be named Saturday.

Jefferson county is real "dry" and the present day German can understand in the kind Empey himself displayed during his demonstration of trench warfare—a wire-bound, lead-loaded, two-handed club, as long as a baseball bat and designed to be laid across the backs of the skull with the full force of a two-armed blow.

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CRINOLINE DAYS

Grandmother sits in her old rocking chair, telling the stories so daintily there, Draped in a shawl of an ancient design, Features all wrinkled with love in her eyes.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



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ated with his brother in the law firm of Buckman & Buckman and will be re-elected easily say his friends.

Governor Brumbaugh, while in town yesterday met a number of his friends, with whom he discussed the matter of filling the vacancies on the State Public Service Commission, says the Sunday Inquirer.

William E. Babcock, former Media postmaster, will become chief sheriff's deputy of Delaware county. Representatives—Cyrus M. Palmer and R. J. Graetz have ambitions to succeed Auditor General Snyder in the Senate.

APPLE A DAY

The apple industry in the United States to-day represents a stupendous commercial achievement. It had grown to 69 million barrels in 1906; it dropped to 28 million barrels in 1911, and went up again to 40 million barrels in 1912.

TRANQUILITY

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"FINEST CLUB IN WORLD"

The front line trench is the street of adventure. No matter how quiet the day or night, there is always an element of excitement in the air.

Land of Afterwards



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FROM my new edge of consciousness I looked about. Back in the distance, leaning against a wind-chent old Sergeant, Death through the blown powder smoke mounting to the posts of cinabar.

Once the Mad Major asked him, with his high Oxford manner and drawl, "I say, sir, did you really pull up the mountains by the roots and throw them about, that time of your close-in with Lucifer and the rest?"

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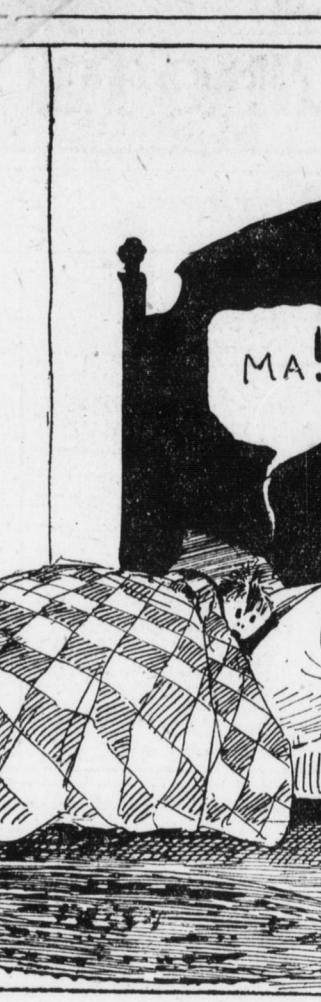
DRINKING FALLS OFF

By our effort in the prosecution of this war we are attaining temperance. From the time we were declared the arrests for drunkenness in the city of New York steadily decreased until in August they reached the unprecedented low figure of 969 for the entire month.

HAVE A PUNCH TO 'EM

Suggestions as to how Germany should be treated have recently been set forth by the Marquis of Lansdowne. But the real ruler for proper treatment under the circumstances have been laid down for all time by the Marquis of Queensbury.

EDITORIAL COMMENT



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Now that a few mutinous soldiers have been hanged, what's the matter with a cheerful execution of a German spy or two?—Chicago Herald.

Roumania, deserted by the Russians, registered its opposition to a separate peace, but decided that it didn't want a separate war.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The fact that British bulldog tenacity won Jerusalem after 700 years makes Germany's peace feelers seem a trifle premature.—Philadelphia North American.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

MADE IN GERMANY. Mother—What do you mean by beating your little sister and taking her candy away from her? Small Son—I was fighting her for my very existence and the candy I took for indemnity.

AND GOT COLD FEET.

I sent my daughter to a cooking school to fit her for marriage. Was the experiment a success? No, the man she was engaged to found it out.

STYLISH.

It was a swell affair. I was sure thing. We had to stand up and eat the refreshments in a most uncomfortable and awkward manner.

BY BRIGGS



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While you can still get scrapple or ponhaws, as we know it better, and country ham is procurable, the war seems to have driven from the cards of Harrisburg's hotels and restaurants, its cafes and quick luncheries.

Our friend the lunch counterman probably feels about as badly over what we do because he hasn't got now and then some Sicilian maledictions against the men who protest that the orders of sauerkraut are so small that it takes two to make a meal.

It may be remarked in passing that recent events in the war have been a real test of the manhood of the demagogue of the men from the land of the goulash and that he no longer has much to say to the Italian.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

John F. Short, the Clearfield editor, has been named on the food administration for his county.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg had more money distributed in Christmas savings than ever before?

LABOR NOTES

The average pay of women typists in England is \$10 per week. International Boilermakers' Union has signed an agreement with the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad.