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To thine own self be true, And it must follow as the night the day Thou canst not then be false to any man. —SHAKESPEARE.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH PRESIDENT WILSON'S definition of America's war aims will be received with bitterness by the German government and with unalloyed delight, no doubt, by all of the allied peoples.

While there is still all manner of dark clouds with little of the silver lining in any of them, there is a growing impression in certain quarters that Germany is reaching the end of her tether.

A GREAT STATE FAIR THERE is a chance that the mid-winter exhibition of corn, apples, dairy products, wool and other things which are making Pennsylvania great from an agricultural standpoint, to be held in Harrisburg week after next, can be expanded into a great show of State-wide character.

When the mid-winter show was started it was to be a sort of annex to the annual conventions of the State Board of Agriculture and allied organizations which meet in Harrisburg in January.

It is the City of Harrisburg which will provide a hall the mid-winter show can be made something which will bring here yearly thousands of farmers and others whose work is interrupted by the weather and who plan in January for the crops of August and September.

"Dillsburg makes shirts for the army."—News item. Now, if some other town will only make some coats and shirts and shoes and rifles and machines and things, one of these days we shall have a well-equipped army.

A German writer says the "key to peace lies in the Capitol at Washington." Maybe so, but the Kaiser is sitting on the keyhole.

We hope this sugar shortage lets up before the strawberry shortcake season arrives. Have you given your Knights of Columbus donation? If not, the lists are still open.

is not strong enough to hold the whole world beneath its thumb. In one way or another we shall attain this end. There runs through the President's utterances a note of confidence as well as of fearlessness—as though he clearly foresees the end he is striving for. The public will know that he has inside information concerning both German weakness and allied strength in keeping with the tenor of his address. But, whether the contest be long or short, whether the war be won by revolution within or by force of arms from without, Americans generally will stand ready to fight it out along the lines laid down by the President, no matter what the cost.

When Secretary Lansing recently declared respecting our new agreement with Japan that "in a few days the propaganda has been undone and both nations—the United States and Japan—are now able to see how near they came to being led into the trap which had been successfully set for them," he gave a hint which ought to be of benefit to those pacifists of this country who are still listening to the siren voice from Berlin. Germany has dreamed of world empire, but it is now proving a frightful nightmare.

OLD THINGS PASSING WHAT a change has come over the theory of our Government regarding the ownership and control of the railroad systems of the United States. For years there had been a gradual barrier built up by legislation against any pooling of transportation facilities, but the outbreak on the Mexican border in 1916 and later our entrance into the world war forced new conditions and a wider vision of railroad necessities.

For years the great carriers have been compelled to live, as one expert puts it, "from hand to mouth." Material betterment was out of the question because they had been denied access to the money market, and decreased net earnings meant impaired credit. The wiping out of the anti-pooling embargo immediately corrected the ruinous competition of the transportation lines and whatever may hereafter transpire regarding governmental ownership of the railways it is practically certain that the prohibition against pooling and the unification of traffic will never again be imposed.

Many things are changing in these days of world transformation. The political interests which were formerly emphatically opposed to concentration of power are now at the head and front of the movement tending to intensive concentration of the national control. Surely, old things have passed away and will probably continue to pass until the new day that shall be ushered in with the close of the great war.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

A two-column editorial in the Philadelphia Inquirer to-day declaring that Senator William C. Sprout possesses in a marked degree all of the qualifications of the man to be Governor of Pennsylvania is generally regarded by men who follow politics as the prelude to a formal announcement of candidacy by the man from Delaware county. Indeed, it may almost be said that the Inquirer editorial is the announcement for it concludes: "Pennsylvania and all of her people would get a square deal from Senator Sprout, and we are delighted to know that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination, and likewise delighted to give him our sincere support."

Senator Sprout will be one of the guests at the Armstrong dinner tomorrow in Pittsburgh, a function at which Senator Penrose and many Republicans of prominence will gather and which will be part of a general party campaign for the western part of the state.

While it is asserted by the Philadelphia Ledger and other newspapers and generally believed that Senator Sprout has the support of the Senators Penrose and Vares, it is well known that Governor Brumbaugh and Attorney General Brown are not for him and it is well within the possibilities of the state administration putting up a candidate of its own in the person of the Attorney General or Highway Commissioner O'Neil, even with the South Philadelphia leaders and some of their allies throughout the state with Sprout. Such a condition would be extremely interesting to the extent that such a candidate as O'Neil, Watres, Magee and Leib, it is generally believed that such men as Johnson and Grundy will be with Sprout.

An interesting feature of the situation is that Lieutenant Governor McClain and Auditor General Snyder are in a way receptive candidates and that there is a possibility of Western Pennsylvania leaders insisting that Senator Crow become a candidate.

Judging from the preliminaries there have been few gatherings of the kind of importance in years than the Armstrong dinner. It is strongly suspected that while Attorney General Brown is the favorite of the administration leaders and Governor Brumbaugh's personal choice for the office, there is a pretty thorough understanding between Mr. Brown, O'Neil and Gifford Pinchot. Pinchot has been here the last few days attending the food conference and while refusing to discuss politics and insisting that his puping here is solely to talk over the labor situation with his farmer and labor friends, he has been strengthening himself with elements which other leaders have not appreciated at their real value this year.

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Over the Top in Penna.

Trotsky used to be a dock rat and belcher New York. Now he is in control of 180,000,000 people. Some hop.

The first negro to sit in any law-making body in New York state, Edward A. Johnson, Republican, New York city, has just been sworn in as member of the 1918 Legislature.

If you live in the neighborhood of Scranton and say "the-by-the-way m-m-m-untains" go to the new school for stammering in Boston. Dr. Swift, laryngology expert at Harvard, says he can cure any thing from baby lisping to chronic stammering with the new methods just installed.

The Juniata river has frozen over so solidly that in some districts it is climbed by the fastest hitches to a smart cutter engaged in old-time racing, the pilots famous drivers of days gone by when trotting contests reigned supreme.

One thing may be asserted of "Billy Sunday without chance of error" is that he is a fast talker. Speaking of Kaiser Bill he said the other day: "Germany lost out when she traded Christ Crucify the cross of Jesus for the Iron Cross. The Prussian eagle to-day is a dirty buzzard!"

"When our boys turn loose on that fighting line the Kaiser and Hindenburg and the rest of that mendacious, dirty, rapacious low-down bunch of bum sports, snakes, harlequins, charlatans and degenerates will know that Sherman was right."

UP TO CONGRESS We are told from Washington that the end of the first half of this fiscal year "shows that actual disbursements have fallen far below the estimates." As an example, the total for the year to \$3,750,000,000 has been \$1,311,000,000 for the six months, as against estimated outlay of \$8,790,000,000 for the twelve months ending June next.

"Some doubt" is accordingly felt whether expenditure in the coming six months can rise to a rate bringing the total for the year to \$3,750,000,000 for the military and the \$12,316,000,000 estimated for all government expenditures, exclusive of \$6,000,000,000 to be raised by taxes.

Either this or we must suppose that the war machine will decline rapidly in speed after next June, which is the date when the military is speeded up in the coming six months to a rate of money consumption equal to the estimates it will make for the remainder of the year. The club finally became the main thing for that year in actual outlay for itself around \$15,000,000,000 and for all domestic accounts over \$20,000,000,000 or \$26,000,000,000 including loans to Allies. And this would be \$8,000,000,000 in excess of the estimates now before Congress for the fiscal year.

NO TIME FOR DISRUPTION The action of the United States Attorney General in asking the Supreme Court to defer argument on the seven anti-trust cases pending before the body until another date, has been hailed by the labor movement as a victory for the need of the Government that every energy and facility of business enterprise and organization shall be devoted to an operative effort for the conduct of the war.

At a time when the supreme authority of the Government has been invoked for the formation of the biggest railroad combination ever known, when the anthracite and bituminous coal producing interests have been pooled, and there is serious talk of further combinations in the name of the Government for the purpose of standardizing prices, establishing a coal cartel and also of regulating trade and distribution, it would be folly to denounce industrial and commercial combinations as inherently evil and to attempt to maintain, compulsory competition.

The obvious result is offered that the present would be an unpropitious time for the disturbance of the money market consequent upon a dissolution and reorganization of these great corporations. It is not more deserving of recognition than the fact that the formula of centralized control which has been worked out and set up, by the management of modern business enterprise is the method by which the Government hopes to solve the most serious of its problems in the way of war management and economy.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

ANYTHING HEATED Textile workers in Tennessee are organizing. City firemen at Everet Wash., are 99 per cent. organized. New York city has 1,200 organized window cleaners. Musicians at Three Rivers, Canada, have formed a union. Over 200,000 British women are engaged in agricultural labor. Teachers' International Union now has over a thousand members. A new Alabama law provides for compulsory education. San Mateo (Cal.) unions have opened their new labor temple. Bakers at Murphysboro, Ill., are 100 per cent. organized. Wisconsin does not allow the employment of children under 12 years old. Textile mills in Georgia employ 2,000 females between 12 and 16 years. Pennsylvania has five public employment officers in operation. Porto Rico contemplates a minimum wage law for women. Carpenters at Austin, Tex., have been increased to \$5 a day. Co-operative companies are in process of formation at Taylor, Texas. Ohio unions hope to establish state inspection of ropes and scaffolds. The Union label is now required on all Shamokin (Pa.) municipal work.

THE CALL FOR MEN Bring me men to match my mountain. Bring me men to match my plains; Men with empires in their purpose And new eras in their brains. Bring me men to match my prairies, Men to match my inland seas; Men whose thoughts shall prove a highway Up to ample destinies; Pioneers to clear thought's marsh-land; And to cleanse old error's fen; Bring me men to match my mountains—Bring me men. Bring me men to match my forests, Strong to fight the storm and blast, Braving toward the sky's future, Rooted in the fertile past; Men to match my inland seas; Tolerant of sun and snow; Men out of whose fruitful purpose Time's consummate blooms shall grow.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



Back of the Lines

By GRANTLAND RICE

EVERY one knows about what the fighting man has had. His business, in the main, is to fight.

But how about the work of those back of the lines? I have in mind, as a prelude, two major league ball clubs. The first is the "Cubs" and the second is the "Reds." There was no question of this. But the fan support for or against their club would be the pennant and for this, or other reasons, were lukewarm in their support, and over-critical of any managerial or playing mistakes.

The result was a purely human turn. The club finally became the main thing for that year in actual outlay for itself around \$15,000,000,000 and for all domestic accounts over \$20,000,000,000 or \$26,000,000,000 including loans to Allies. And this would be \$8,000,000,000 in excess of the estimates now before Congress for the fiscal year.

War is only a game upon a mighty scale. Like any other game, it requires leadership, material, team play, training, tactics—and support back of the lines. What are the concrete, definite ways of giving this "support back of the lines?"

LABOR NOTES Textile workers in Tennessee are organizing. City firemen at Everet Wash., are 99 per cent. organized. New York city has 1,200 organized window cleaners. Musicians at Three Rivers, Canada, have formed a union. Over 200,000 British women are engaged in agricultural labor. Teachers' International Union now has over a thousand members. A new Alabama law provides for compulsory education. San Mateo (Cal.) unions have opened their new labor temple. Bakers at Murphysboro, Ill., are 100 per cent. organized. Wisconsin does not allow the employment of children under 12 years old. Textile mills in Georgia employ 2,000 females between 12 and 16 years. Pennsylvania has five public employment officers in operation. Porto Rico contemplates a minimum wage law for women. Carpenters at Austin, Tex., have been increased to \$5 a day. Co-operative companies are in process of formation at Taylor, Texas. Ohio unions hope to establish state inspection of ropes and scaffolds. The Union label is now required on all Shamokin (Pa.) municipal work.

BALLADE OF GREAT CAPTAINS Of men of arms who've lived and died, Who conquered nations in their day, Who dared the world, and in their pride Held all mankind their rightful prey, I've studied much; I know their way In every trifling circumstance; But now—how small seem such as they! My son sets out to-day for France! I've marched by Alexander's side, And with him fought in bloody fray; Achilles' hosts have I defied, And struck with Hector, young and gay. I've watched the hordes of Cyrus slay, I've seen kings shrink at Caesar's glance; But now—these are these the terrors? Nay! My son sets out to-day for France! I've marched by Alexander's side, And with him fought in bloody fray; Achilles' hosts have I defied, And struck with Hector, young and gay. I've watched the hordes of Cyrus slay, I've seen kings shrink at Caesar's glance; But now—these are these the terrors? Nay! My son sets out to-day for France!

DIFFERENT WILDS. "Dad, I'm wild about Percy Goofe." "Yes, that's the way I feel every time I see him."

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By Briggs



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The coal famine served one purpose, anyhow. It made New York go to bed early.—New York World. Civilization is now looking to the Cossacks.—Cleveland Plain Dealer. One of the redeeming features of the war is that the man who lacks initiative has some chance of getting to the front.—Emporia Gazette.

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Two members of the Light family are new Lebanon officials. They are District Attorney Dawson Light and Coroner John J. Light. —Dr. John P. Garber, re-elected head of Philadelphia schools, succeeded Governor Brumbaugh in that office. —Paul J. Sherwood, the Luzerne county lawyer who figured in the supreme court decision yesterday, was one of counsel for Dr. Stouffer and the action grew out of that case. —Jay Cooke, Philadelphia food administrator, says he is becoming an expert on prices of things he seldom heard of a year ago. —R. L. Fox, who will have charge of Bethlehem's new sewer system, has a large of similar work at Johnstown.

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