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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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Now, if only somebody would come out for the conservation of Easter bonnets.

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 a man to be Governor of Pennsylvania.

While it is asserted by the Philadelphia Ledger and other newspapers and generally believed that Senator Sprout has the support of the majority of the voters, 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.

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Over the Top in Penna.

Trotsky used to be a dock rat and bellhop in New York.

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.

Germany lost out when she traded Christ Krupp the cross of Jesus for the Iron Cross. The Prussian eagle to-day is a dirty buzzard!

UP TO CONGRESS We are told from Washington that the end of the first half of the fiscal year "shows that actual disbursements have fallen far below the estimates."

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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.

What other ways are there? There is an old golf maxim which advises—"Keep your eye on the ball." This maxim is incorrectly arranged.

There are too many who keep their eye on certain injunctions to "Help Hoover," "Cut down the most supply," "Economize," "Buy Liberty Bonds," "Help the Red Cross," etc., etc.

There is a game upon a mighty scale. Like any other game, it requires leadership, material, team play, training, tactics—and support back of the lines.

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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.

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.

The work of supplying the American Army with machine guns is going ahead rapidly. Some factories are now preparing to make the guns.—Kansas City Star.

The eastern Siberians should not be encouraged in their demand for purchase by the United States. We have enough Siberian weather already.—New York Evening Post.

Coal has become almost as valuable as gold in some sections of Pennsylvania, the great coal state and it is grabbed quite as eagerly as food in many cases. A few days ago sixty tons of soft coal which had been in storage for three years at a manufacturing plant in this city was thrown upon the market, offering a change of the plant to other than a manufacturing concern.

THE MAIN POINT. "Phil, what are you laughing at?" "I heard a funny story today." "How did it go?" "I don't just remember, but it was terribly funny."

Evening Chat

At the rate the proposed display of tractors is growing the mid-winter exhibition of agricultural products will be more or less dwarfed by the number of pieces of labor saving machinery to be assembled here.

Filling in on the line of the proposed highway across the Capital Park Extension has been started by Superintendent Shreiner, who has contracted for thousands of tons of concrete and filling from various plants and railroads.

State game wardens and special protectors, who were working in the woods during the hunting season just closed, are getting ready to run down some of the men who are termed "hunting outlaws" because of the reckless manner in which they go hunting and their utter disregard of the provisions of the game code.

In spite of the chilly blasts and the almost zero temperatures these days there are some people who appear to like to walk over the Susquehanna bridges and the Mulberry street viaduct.

An interesting thing in connection with the annual meeting of the State Society to be held Saturday night in the hall of the House of Representatives is that the two army officers invited to deliver the address. They would have been glad to come here. In fact, one of them had made all arrangements to be here.

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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.

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

DO YOU KNOW —That Dauphin county sausage is on the diet list in camps? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The space east of the Capitol where the extension will be built was used as a drill ground during the Mexican War.