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Our deeds determine us as well as we determine our deeds.—GEORGE ELIOT.

THE COMING CAMPAIGN

Governor Brumbaugh's public statement on the gubernatorial succession is the first gun in the big campaign which is about to open.

Whatever it may mean, however, it should be understood by all factional leaders that the Republican voters expect harmony of action after the primaries shall have declared the party nominees.

Republicans have a right to expect and will demand co-operation of all the elements of the party after the nominations shall have been made next May.

It is not fair to involve the party in an unnecessary and hopeless factional quarrel beyond the date of the primary. To-day the Democratic party is in power at Washington through Republican division and it is the hope of the Democratic bosses in Pennsylvania, through the aid of this same national administration, to take control of the government in this State.

There are signs of sanity here and the symposium of editorial opinion from Republican publishers throughout the State, as presented in the columns of the Telegraph recently, indicated the general desire of the Republican forces to get together and fight the common foe instead of fighting each other.

Within the last twenty-four hours the Republicans in Congress have indicated a purpose to reorganize in some effective way as to maintain a strong alignment against the encroachment of the party in power. There is an insistent demand for a restatement of party principles. Straight talk is necessary from now on and nowhere is the maintenance of the principles which have made the Republican party great so absolutely necessary as in Pennsylvania.

With the prospect of eggs going to \$1.25 a dozen operating an incubator the coming spring may prove a less costly form of sport for millionaires than running their steam yachts.

Those Southern planters appear to be finding cotton to be a very soft thing.

CHILD'S PLAY

We wonder whether the gentleman of City Council realize how most of their fellow citizens regard their backing and filling over the choice of a City Treasurer. Surely the business of Harrisburg is quite as important as the personal ambitions or political interests of individuals or parties.

about time to quit the playing of checkers and giving the matter the serious consideration it deserves? Perhaps when the next Legislature, as it should have done long ago, places the City Treasurer on a salary basis instead of under a fee arrangement, there will not be so much fiddling over the filling of the place.

A COALITION CABINET

THE time has come for the creation of a coalition cabinet. If the United States is to win the war in the shortest possible time, the best brains and the widest experience of the nation must be brought to bear on the problems before us.

Nor need the President be placed in the embarrassing position of tearing his own cabinet to pieces to bring about this very much to be desired result, although there are those who easily might be spared.

There is need in England or France at this time of some one with authority to consult with the allied leaders and to speak for the United States without the necessity of consulting the national capital every five minutes.

In similar ways, or by creating special war cabinet seats, places could be found for the unquestioned patriotism and great talent of Taft and Roosevelt. It is shameful that these men, so well qualified to serve their country in this crisis, should be allowed to stand in the background while far less able men, of little or no experience, are at the helm and with untrained hands guide the ship of state in waters rough enough to daunt the spirit and test the seamanship of even the oldest and most skilled of pilots.

A coalition cabinet would strengthen the hands of the President mightily, would stir the enthusiasm of the people to unsounded depths and inspire such confidence in the Government as would have tremendous effect both at home and abroad.

Are we to take this step or are we to "muddle through" along the purely partisan lines upon which the President up to this time has insisted? It is not too much to say that the length of the war and the extent of American sacrifices in men and money hang upon the answer.

Now is a good time to push the Americanization of aliens. Those who want to become citizens of the United States should have the opportunity; those who never intend to become citizens ought to be given to understand that the time is rapidly approaching when their room will be more desirable than their company.

SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

THE adoption of the suffrage amendment by the lower House of Congress is in line with the action of Legislatures in many States and was inevitable, sooner or later. It probably forecasts a similar victory in the Senate. It is in line with yesterday's vote in the House of Lords, England, where by the rejection of a bill to exclude the votes of women the advocates of equal suffrage won a sweeping victory in what was formerly considered a citadel of ultra conservatism.

ately, was unquestionably assumed for political reasons. He saw Republican Congressmen lined up almost solidly for the suffrage amendment while his own pet Southern Democrats opposed to it. He knew this spelled the loss of suffrage votes to the Democratic party in States where women already have the ballot and to offset it he turned in at the last minute for the measure.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh not only intends to make his voice heard in the nomination of a candidate to run on the Republican ticket for Governor, but he intends to have some say in the selection of Congressional Senators and Assembly candidates at the May primary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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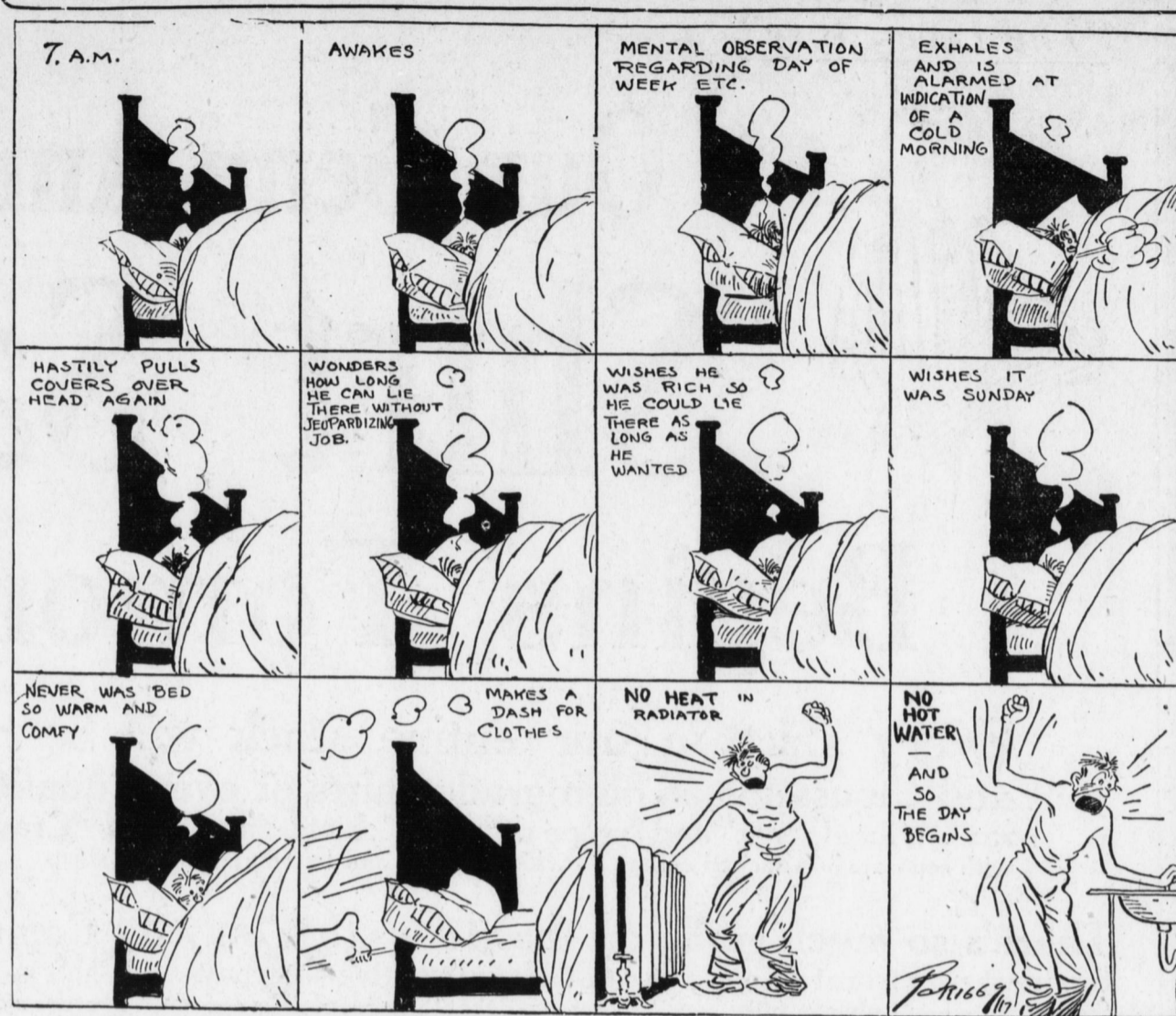
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What Is a Pro-German?

By Herbert Quick, United States Farm Loan Commissioner.

A PRO-GERMAN is a man who, by private or public utterances, stands in the way of a wholehearted prosecution of this war and the defeat of the German will to conquer.

ENGLAND ON RATIONS

(Kansas City Times) Some persons think they are asked to be really self-sacrificing when they are called on to observe one

NONE GENUINE, UNLESS

"The report that the next issue of Liberty Bonds will be \$8,000,000,000 at four and one-half per cent. and on March 15, 1918, is wholly unfounded," says Secretary McAdoo.

REVERSAL OF MENU

Hungry Man—What's on the menu? Waiter—Well, a few articles of food are mentioned. But most of the space is taken up with government instructions on what not to eat.

HE'D BETTER SAY IT

(From the Ohio State Journal) The latest kind of war soup with which we have had anything to do personally is made of one potato, one onion, one pinch of salt and a vast volume of water, but under such circumstances a man who tries to be pleasant and cheerful around the mess table should say: Well, this is good and hot.

ACCORDING TO THY WAY

And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the Lord that smiteth.—Ezekiel, vii, 9.

Evening Chat

Some of the big truck trains that are moving across Pennsylvania from the motor vehicle manufacturing centers to the seaboard can be routed so that they will pass through Harrisburg. There are scores of trucks now on the move through Pennsylvania, part of a formidable army of transportation men who are to form cogs in the great military machine to down the Kaiser.

Over the Top in Penna.

A prize porker from the George J. Leyner ranch in Perry Park brought more than a dollar for each of its 133 pounds when auctioned off to the Red Cross during the recent Christmas membership drive in Littleton.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

"Our new baby weighs two pounds." "How did you weigh him?" "On my scales!"

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Thomas Robins, who was Colonel Roosevelt's host in Philadelphia on Wednesday, was one of the prominent men in the Progressive party.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg in spite of its coal shortage has not been as hard hit as some cities closer to the coal fields?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Junata valley grain used to be floated to this city on flats as late as 1845.

THE INCOME TAX DELAY

It is said that the blanks necessary for making income tax returns will be ready "next week." Half of the first month of the period for making the returns will have passed by then before a single return is made, and the period was none too long at best.