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Friendship is to be valued for what is in it, not for what can be gotten out of it—H. C. TRUMBULL.

CRISIS BROUGHT HOME

NOBODY within sound of the voice of ex-President William H. Taft at the State Capitol on Saturday night could help going home with a feeling that the United States was engaged in a war not only to make the world safe for democracy, but for its very existence.

How any one could doubt the deliberate plans of Germany to crush France, Britain and then the United States in detail and re-establish Rome on the banks of the Sprea after hearing Mr. Taft is hard to comprehend and doubts about the duplicity of the imperial diplomats were dissolved by the plain statement of facts by the Ohio Congressman, who said that he had been reluctant to declare war.

The Germans have executed fifty-eight more Belgians. Berlin dispatches say there were "only" two women and three girls among them.

PROTECTING THE PARKS

THERE is no occasion for Harrisburg, even in the war period, to revert to old conditions without reason or excuse. Within a few weeks several large poles have been erected by the local electric light company on the west side of Front street above Schuylkill.

The people of Harrisburg are not going to stand for this sort of indifference to what they are striving to accomplish. These poles should be removed as soon as possible and a regulation by City Council which will prevent a recurrence of pole planting on the park strip should be adopted.

neighborhood of Maclay street. There can be no reasonable objection to any filling with ashes or other proper material, but it ought to be done under efficient regulation.

The weatherman appears to be suffering from a shortage of temperature.

THE "DRY" AMENDMENT

THERE is always something to take the joy out of life for the average legislator. No session of the lawmaking body in Pennsylvania is without an issue or two to worry the solons.

This trick has been worked before in Pennsylvania when local option was an issue. The liquor interests care nothing as to the fitness of a man for office, nor as to his party politics.

But even in this great care must be exercised in the selection of men to make the fight. Candidates for the Legislature to insure popular support must have more qualifications than simply that they are pledged to vote for the prohibition resolution.

It ought not to be difficult to find big, broad, able men in any community to run for the Legislature, whose vote on the prohibition question would be with the "drys," if the matter is taken up at once by those who have the movement at heart.

The prohibition resolution passed Congress by a nonpartisan vote. Its great hope for success in Pennsylvania lies in keeping it as free as possible from partisan entanglements.

The worst possible thing that could happen to the prohibition cause in Pennsylvania is that it should be permitted to utilize a great moral and economic question merely for the promotion of individual or partisan ambitions.

If, as the liquor men claim, more liquor is sold in "dry" territory than in "wet" they ought to be the most earnest supporters of the national prohibition amendment.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Senator Edwin H. Vares, of Philadelphia, whose silence in regard to his favorite for the Republican nomination for Governor has made him the most interesting figure in state politics.

About the same time Governor Brumbaugh said that he was confidently preparing to get into the campaign to name his successor, that he was not bothering about what the Vares had to say as at the proper time they would speak for themselves and that he would have something to say later on.

Senator Penrose did not add to his report upon the Governor and his administration over the year end, but Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil told friends at Pittsburgh that he was going to back any Penrose slate.

The Vares remarks, which created a sort of sensation when they reached here, were as follows: "I have not discussed my position on the Governorship nor have I even been talked over by me. It is too early for any decision and I don't care to discuss it until the time comes."

It is interesting, however, to note that prominent Vares in Philadelphia are all very friendly to Senator Penrose.

It is said by some newspapers that the possibility of Senator Penrose withdrawing from the race is absurd. They declare that it is in line with the proper course of the Vares.

The Philadelphia Inquirer which is close to Senator Sprout, says: "Senator William C. Sprout, of Delaware county, has been the recipient of many telegrams of congratulation for his candidacy."

It is understood that he does not intend to accept a formal statement as to his views on the issues of the canvass until he has made up his mind.

The Pittsburgh Gazette Times says "it is generally conceded that Senator Sprout will receive the support of the Republican state organization for the Governor."

In one of its usual breezy letters from Chester county the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "The Sprout boom goes on for buttons and boosters much in evidence."

An editorial appeal by the Philadelphia Public Ledger for election of a governor of Pennsylvania who will not take part in factional politics is much appreciated.

Scranton has a woman cashier in the City Trust's office. First is Mrs. Amelia Hill and Mayor Conner named her.

GERMANY WANTED WAR

Not as weak-willed blunders have any certain the fearful risk of this war. We wanted it because we had to wish it and could wish it. May the Teuton devil throttle those who would excuse him for his excuses make us ludicrous in these hours of lofty experience.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



HOW TO BURN COAL

FIRE small quantities of coal frequently; the quantity will vary with conditions, but with a free-burning fire and a grate six by nine feet, the correct quantity will ordinarily be around 100 pounds.

Clean fires when clinkers stop draft; but if firing is done with efficiency cleaning will have to be done less often; when cleaning fire deal with one side and then the other.

Stand directly in front of the fire before each throw, lean to let the scoop rest on the lower edge of the fire at the end of each throw in such a manner as to have the coal slide freely and spread over the place for which it is intended.

Keep the ashpan door open, in order to insure a proper flow of air up through the grate and the fuel bed, and keep the grate bars cool. Regulate the draft by the damper in the flue.

Clean flues frequently, in order that accumulations of soot, ash or scale may not interfere with transfer of heat.

Women hair dressers are the best paid of the feminine workers in Japan.

Six local unions have been formed in Ashland, Wis., in the last year.

Women are replacing men in the Federal Bureau of Mines.

From the British mines, despite some recalling from the trenches, over 170,000 recruits have been taken.

The British Ministry of Munitions is now employing 2,000,000 persons and is spending nearly \$3,500,000,000 a year.

S stands for Superman. Ach, we are smart! Super in science and super in art. Super in everything under the sun is the super self satisfied son of a Hun.

DUTY AND A PRIVILEGE

AFTER a period of infinite patience and with well-considered deliberation and set purpose, we entered and are now engaged in prosecuting a fightous war.

No hand is unwilling, nor is one heart reluctant to do what can be done. Businessmen are forfeiting large incomes and young men are sacrificing their most cherished ambitions in order that they may offer their lives to their country.

The one great question on the lips of every man and woman is, "What can I do to help? What part am I to play? What share—what duty—of sacrifice and service can I contribute to my country and my flag?"

Even that most prosaic duty—the prompt, ungrudging payment of a tax—becomes an act and an honorable service. For new levies must and will be made upon our purses, and we are doing a patriotic duty in paying them cheerfully and willingly.

For America now stands at the supreme moment of her history. She has been chosen as the keystone in the great arch of civilization. Her strong arm and fertile brain, her great wealth and vast resources, her peace and her order, her justice and her freedom, America's great hour has struck.

Let every American citizen whose income is not exempt act now—today—and so write his name on the records as one who is willing to pay the price of liberty and honor.

A True Friend

"A friend," said Uncle Eben, "is a man that laughs at yoh funny stories even if dey ain't so good; an sympathizes wif yoh misfortunes, even if they ain't so bad."—From the Washington Star.

TO A PACIFIST

"Let us have peace," ay, peace but not until the heart of greed is parted from its prey. "Let us have peace," but not till victory's host Proclaims the dawn of an unfettered day.

Over the Top in Penna.

At a meeting of prominent men of Altoona who are interested in farming, and particularly potato farming, William F. Gable could not be present, but he sent his regrets in the following verse which shows that farmers are not necessarily cloud-hoppers, but when stirred up have the makings of big league geniuses:

The Battle Cry of Feed 'em, boys! Yes, we'll rally round the farm, boys! We'll rally once again, shouting the battle cry of Feed 'em. And the best of fighting men, shouting the battle cry of Feed 'em. The Union forever, the beans and the corn.

While we rally round the plow, boys, and take the hoe again, shouting the battle cry of Feed 'em. The last word in trying to escape Army service comes from Towanda where Howard Averill "reported himself dead on the day he was to appear before a county draft board."

"Why did you say your prayers three times tonight?" asked little Johnny's mother. "I said 'em free times so's I wouldn't have to say 'em for free nights."

OUR DAILY LAUGH

DOMESTIC DISCORD. Now he objects to breakfast with my hair in curl papers. Says that is the climax. What shall do? Better cap the climax, my dear.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—H. P. Davison, the New York banker, was given a dinner Saturday at Troy, Bradford county, where he started his career in a bank.

DO YOU KNOW

—That every President from Buchanan to Wilson, except Arthur, has been a speaker here? HISTORIC HARRISBURG. George Whitefield, the celebrated missionary to the Indians, and who labored among the settlers, was the first man to hold revival services here. He preached at Harris Ferry in 1740.

Evening Chat

The state seems to have taken to killing crows. Since the state game authorities started its campaign to scatter corn doctored with strychnine near the places frequented by crows and so located that it would not be found by domestic animals there have been organized moves to keep the crows up to the hills. Some say that the crows have multiplied in numbers considerably in the last few years and there have been some tremendous flocks in the York hills. The crow is a tremendous flier and can cover counties in a day. He is held to be an exceedingly destructive to animal, bird and plant life and his sins more than counterbalance his value as a killer of the weather. Scientists have demonstrated that by examinations of stomach contents, it is also held that in severe weather such as the weather in this city or winter that the crow does not hesitate to attack chickens and that the insect-destroying birds, already hard hit to keep the crows from this city or winter. Probably half a dozen great crow roosts exist in southern counties. There is one in this county somewhere near the hills and another in the York hills. A fly of thirty miles in a day is nothing for the big crows which we have seen at the outskirts of this city or winter from the frozen Susquehanna. Another big roost is in Perry county and there are others in the South mountain region of Chester and Franklin counties and in York there are several. Lancaster and Chester county farmers have reported some such killing of the weather, and vicinity of these isolated, dreary spots is to be soiled with poisoned corn, which will not kill pheasants, quail or chickens, and is held to be whether any such fowls would last a quarter of an hour that close to the home of the rapacious crow. A crowd of crows has been seen on a large shooting expedition to get rid of the pests, which is rather conclusive evidence that the black crows are doing the weather. Farmers do the same thing there will be fewer crows in the corn next spring.

"Have I missed any halls in Harrisburg?" asked Ex-President Taft on Saturday night at the Capitol. "I have not seen several times and I think I have covered the whole list. I have spoken a couple of times in the Capitol; once at a big ball which seems to me to have been down town; at the Board of Trade hall and at Technical high school." The big hall the former president referred to is Chestnut street where he addressed a mass meeting held under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen some summers ago when he was in Harrisburg and addressed the crowd of friends and believers in him.

Mr. Taft has lost none of his humor with the passing of the years. Saturday night when he finished his remarks in the Capitol he had an intimation that he would have to address an overflow meeting and turning to the men about him he said: "Where do we go from here, boys? When he came back into the Hall of the Representatives there was a chair and he took a rather small one near the door. He hastened to hand him a more capacious chair. "Oh, don't mind. I don't have to sit down. I'll soon look over the record of the former president. During the address of Congressman Fess the Ohio senator had his hand bound up in his address that he had noticed Mr. Taft's change of position referred to "That most distinguished senator of Ohio," he said. "I was State Librarian in Thomas Lynch Montgomery. Mr. Taft waved his hand at Mr. Montgomery and remarked that it "fitted well" joined in the laughing.

One of the city's prominent citizens applied an old story about the dinky parson time refrained from preaching about the warmth of a certain place of future punishment in cold weather to comment on the preaching of the minister. "The minister was on his way home. The church had not been heated, and he was walking shakily. "Walk up, said he to a friend who joined him and was disposed to tread cautiously in deference to the parson's shivering. "I should think that you could have kept warm by referring to the heat of fire which you like to bring into your sanctuaries. The minister was the barbed shot that he got from the friend.

You would have heard around today you would have heard around today better on the colored brother who said he would not preach on hell because the rheumatic sinners would walk up to the pulpit and say: "I retorted the clergyman. "In the hereafter there will be a place where there will be neither occasion for fuel administrators or missionaries to lower the high cost of living—for the earthly things will have passed away. It's worth while getting in line for it."

WAR TIMES.

Mouse—My goodness what are we going to do? Folks put the cheese in a safe now-a-days.

What's the matter, dear? Mammaeated up one of my toys. Ate one of your toys? Yes; she emptied my bean bag and cooked the beans for supper.

"Let us have peace," ah, God, the mockery creeps. Along the ways of life like petty thieves. To snatch the manhood that our fathers gave.—To taunt a freeborn people as it grieves.