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Trials are God's vote of confidence in us.—Dr. F. B. MEYER.

LOYAL SUPPORT

FOLLOWING a conference of Republican Senators in Washington Saturday, Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, said the Republican Senators "will give hearty and united support to all measures necessary to the vigorous prosecution of the war to a successful end."

Of course they will, and it would never have been necessary for Senator Gallinger to mention the fact had it not been for the unpatriotic and untruthful chatter of small persons at Washington who attribute unworthy motives to anybody in or out of their party who happens to disagree with the ideas of the Democratic organization, or administration—the two are so closely related that it is difficult to separate one from the other.

President Wilson has had no more loyal supporters in any walk of life than he has had in his war policies and measures on the Republican side of the Senate, so long as those policies and measures coincided with good judgment and unquestionable efficiency in the conduct of the war. Republican votes in the upper house of Congress saved the big bills on which the President has based all his war plans. They might have been defeated, probably would have been, for the most part, had it not been for sturdy and unswerving Republican support.

But there is nothing to merit self-congratulation in that. Republican votes have been untrue to their trust and to their country had they done otherwise. The Republican party has stood second to none in patriotism and courage. The very existence of the Union is a product of its devotion, courage and statesmanlike qualities. It does not mean to cast loose from its old traditions now. Rather, it means to keep its fame bright and its record clear, and to insist that other parties play this war game as cleanly and as unselfishly as it is doing. But it does not intend to take orders blindly from anybody except the people themselves. It means to stand for what is right and just, for the best interests of the country as a whole and the world at large. Make no mistake about that.

And those Senators who on Saturday decided to "give hearty and united support to all measures necessary for the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion" voiced the sentiments of the great rank and file of the Republican party, as well as the conviction of the Republican members of the Senate. On this issue the Republican party stands as one. It is for the country first, last and all the time; for country above party and above personality. Let its critics see to it that they can come before the public with hands as clean and conscience as clear, and then there will be no question as to the successful conduct of America's part in the great world-conflict.

Mark Twain's daughter denies that her father has written a "spiritualistic" book to be given to the world through Professor Hyslop. Anyway, we bet it would be a funny volume.

SELL THE WHEAT

THERE can be little excuse for farmers who are not selling wheat not required for seed purposes. The United States Government has fixed a price for the grain, subject to certain district regulations, and has limited the amount which may be sold to millers. The President has issued a call to the people of the Nation to refrain from eating food in which wheat is used so that American soldiers may be well fed and the allied countries provided with sustenance.

And yet we hear that there are farmers in Pennsylvania, some in the great wheat producing belt of which Dauphin is a part, who have not sold their wheat. We hesitate to believe that there is much remaining in the barns after all that the President has said and the necessity of sending wheat abroad has been emphasized. It is the duty of the farmers to sell their wheat. It is

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The first official state-wide meeting of political interest of 1918 will be held this week in Pittsburgh and it may have important results upon the campaign which is to be waged in Pennsylvania this year in behalf of the dry amendment and also upon selection of state officers. The meeting will be a convention of the Prohibition party in the Keystone state, the cold water party and the National Prohibition convention as a means of having popular sentiment voiced in spite of the enactment of the primary law and the closing of the registration indications are that attendance will be larger than usual as the principles for which the party has been contending for years are now looming large on the political horizon.

The Prohibition people will naturally make a ringing declaration for the amendment and plan their utmost efforts to have it ratified. This will bring up the question whether the party shall name its own candidates or endorse those of other parties pledged to the amendment. The next question to be discussed is whether the Prohibition party in Pennsylvania shall merge with the proposed new National party.

Dr. B. E. P. Prugh, the state chairman, who is a Prohibitionist by principle and in fair weather and storm, says that the convention will be one of the largest ever held in the state and that the party will be contending for a healthy condition. The convention will vote on preferences for candidates for state offices, but leave district nominations to voters.

Some of the Democratic leaders, and a few Republicans, too, for that matter, have been laying pipes to capture benefits from the Prohibition state convention, but there will be nothing doing in the way of boosting any one not allied with the water party. The convention, according to leaders will name its own state organization and stay in the middle of the road, regardless of Republican factional fights and Democratic feuds. This is the Prohibition year, they say, and there is no intention of having the party which has stood for Prohibition for decades and maintained an organization become a side show because there are family fights in the two older parties. This it may also be said will be the attitude of the Socialists of the state in their efforts to lead them into a certain factional camp.

Democratic leaders aligned with the inside ring are using the soft pedal wherever they can to stop talk about the governorship and Democratic leadership. Hunsinger does not appear to be a very popular man because of the brash manner in which he announced his ambitions. The position that Hunsinger has taken is one of the beneficiaries, and all others should await the nod of the ruling class before venturing to make a noise like that. The effort to elect Hunsinger Democrats will be to stall off further discussion was indicated on Saturday at Pittsburgh by Acting State Chairman J. M. Guffey, who boomed for governor by hopeful friends.

"I have no announcement to make now," said Mr. Guffey. "You know Uncle Sam has not entirely let loose with me altogether, though I resigned as petroleum administrator. I am going back to Washington early in the week and will be several weeks before my work there is ended."

He will have nothing to say politically, he indicated, for two or three weeks and possibly not for a month.

The "insider" writing in the Philadelphia Press says of the Republicanists that "it will be several weeks before my work there is ended."

However, it is generally accepted now in political circles that the Vares intend to support Senator Guffey for Governor. But they are not openly committing themselves. If Senator Vares had the leaders of the ticket in mind at all when he made what amounted to an anti-senior declaration last week, the O'Neil support was probably aimed more at the second place on the ticket than at the head. He shows no signs of abandonment of zeal for the candidacy of Congressman John R. Scott, one of his ward leaders for Lieutenant-Governor. One of his intimate friends said last week that Senator Vares had declared himself with great emphasis that he would elect Scott to the position he sought. The Penrose followers declare they will not take the Congressman on their slate. Until that matter is settled, unless an amicable agreement is made to let the primaries be decided by the voters, it is obvious that good tactics for Vares to declare himself on the "harmony" issue, but to keep the Penrose forces guessing whether, after all, he may not decide to throw in his lot with O'Neil.

Congressman Henry W. Watson of the Eighth District on Saturday announced that he would be candid for re-election to Congress. Mr. Watson made his announcement in a letter he sent each of the Republican members of the House and Montgomery counties, which compose the Eighth Congressional district. He stated that he had accepted invitations to deliver addresses at points in the two counties and that at these meetings he would express his views fully on the conduct of the war and other public affairs. He also stated that he would serve as a member of Congress. Representative Watson stated that he did not expect any serious opposition for the Republican nomination despite the fact that there is a report that a Montgomery county Republican will oppose him.

The following Philadelphia Inquirer dispatch from Sunbury will interest many people in the state: "County Treasurer John H. Glass, a potential Republican leader, has called on the county board for Sproul for Governor, and within a short time created a sentiment that is certain to have its effect in votes later announced on Saturday in support of the Sproul candidacy. Treasurer Glass expressed the general sentiment of the Republicans in Sunbury and Milton, among whom he has been circulating during the past several weeks. Everywhere he stated that he found the Republican district leaders almost unanimous in their enthusiasm for Sproul. This is especially true among the farmers and agriculturists, who have profited greatly by the highways built through the county under the Sproul legislative measures."

The following Brumby indulged his fondness for Saturday and holiday appointments again on Saturday when he named Seward W. Butten, of Luzerne county, as chief of mines. Most of the Governor's appointments are announced when he is out of the city. The last five important appointments barring two, were announced on Saturdays. The two mentioned, O'Neil and Ambler, were announced on Labor Day, a holiday.

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COMMUNITY SINGING

THE Telegraph is pleased to note the attention accorded a recently published editorial regarding community singing for Harrisburg. Evidently the need of music of this kind is keenly felt by those who know what the people of localities are doing along this line and how beneficial the results have been elsewhere.

This newspaper is always happy to encourage any movement for the up-lift and improvement of Harrisburg. It is encouraging to note how responsive the public is to suggestions of the kind. It pledges itself to give its full support to anything that may be done toward the organization of a community chorus, or choruses, by those who have given the matter such hearty endorsement.

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Over the Top in Penna.

I. Snyder, of Hollywood Farm, Selingsgrove, gives the following report of his Rhode Island Red hen, Lady Gloria: "She laid her first egg January 4, 1917, and her last December 15th, making a grand total of 337 eggs. She became croppobred by over-eating lawn clippings June 8th and missed her first eggs on June 18th and 19th. She laid again on June 20th and missed again, December 2nd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 14th, laying her last egg December 15th, and broke out in full molt December 27th. She was never broody for a single day during the year. As charged, I am able to learn she is the champion hen in the United States."

Friends of Mercersburg Academy are proud that this institution has 567 alumni in service. This school has been represented in every war since the French and Indian in 1754. General Hugh Mercer was the academy's first and most distinguished representative. He settled in the Cumberland Valley, after a military activity abroad, and joined in two expeditions against Fort Duquesne.

We have some sympathy for the gentleman named Joe Sweatneck, a mail carrier in New York who recently got into trouble on a larceny charge. The fact that a mailman must carry entails him to be sure, yet there is no use rubbing it in.

Rolin Bush, of Locust Ridge, walks seven miles, each way, daily, to attend school.

After mending 107,103 pairs of shoes with the same pegging hammer in 26 years, Michael Cuff, of Mt. Pleasant, has broken his hammer handle.

OUR SACRIFICE IS SMALL

[Robert Forrest Wilson in Munsey's Magazine.]

The people of England, France, Belgium and Italy, for the most part voluntarily are giving up their lives to a state of partial famine in meat, wheat, sugar and fats. The war in England is heavily advertised with potato starch and other substitutes for wheat flour. Meatless days, even among the wealthy, are practically universal in Europe. In Italy there are two consecutive meatless days each week. Elsewhere, when meat is served, the portions are minute.

France is trying to keep her allowance of sugar up to eighteen pounds per capita per year. The sugar consumption in this country is nine and a half pounds per capita per year. The amount eaten by the French, in the days of peace England had a sweeter tooth than the United States and the Union could get only twenty-six pounds of sugar apiece in a year. In Italy the per capita sugar consumption is only one and a half pounds. In the United States, the average man consumes about thirty pounds of sugar a year. In Italy there is no heating furnace in any public building or private residence this winter.

These privations are being endured bravely and almost without complaint by millions of Europeans for the sake of a cause that is not ours as theirs. And there is no panic, because of the faith in Europe that the United States and Herbert C. Hoover will maintain a steady flow of food enough to keep life going.

Trivial indeed are the sacrifices demanded of us when compared with the greater sacrifices being made by the people of Europe, whose rations would be regarded by well fed Americans as starvation diets. In order that the Italians may have a little more wheat flour in their war bread, we are asked to give up a little of our own. It is suggested that we substitute therof light, flaky corn or flax or delicious corn pancakes. We are asked to take a little less from the sugar, and to eat less than we are used to. That reduction would cut our annual per capita sugar consumption to sixty-seven cents, or less than half the amount the British people are now eating.

"I think we have at last located the blame for the coal situation," began the explanatory statesman. "It is the party that believes the National business is the chief business of the Nation, that prosperity and trade are closely allied, and the promotion of industry is the sure road to happiness and comfort, that a good wage for the American workman and a fair profit for the American businessman are essential purposes of National legislation. This vision of Republicanism as a great economic power, a broad and accepted Republicanism has interest in the problems of business, may be lost in the recriminations of factionalism. Men have known and accepted Republicanism so long that they fail to grasp the vital necessity for it or are too ready to compromise with theories which over and over again have proved to be ruinous in operation."

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Arch Flattery

William the Damned says that in God the German nation has an ally. "Reverently speaking, the Almighty must be grateful and flattered at such a testimonial to his trustworthiness," George Harvey in the North American Review's War Weekly.

LABOR NOTES

Municipal firemen at Scranton, Pa., have asked the court to order the city to increase wages at least \$150 a year as provided by an act of the state Legislature.

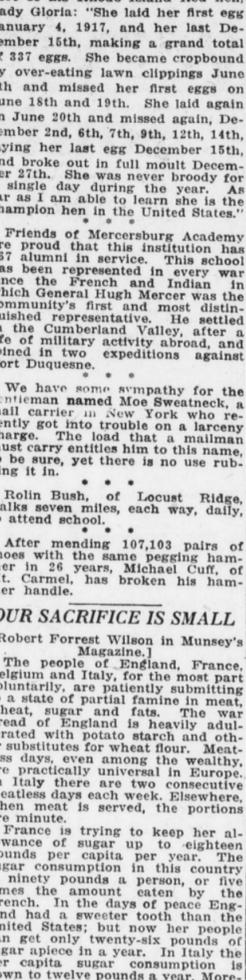
As postwomen and police, as bakers and farm workers, as motor drivers and bus conductors—in almost every occupation—British women are now "carrying on" while their menfolk are away.

Printing employers in Beaver, Pa., are accepting the new wage scale of Beaver Typographical Union. Wages are increased ten per cent. bonus to contracts will continue for three years.

A split has occurred in what will now have formed the ranks of the labor party in Winnipeg, Canada. A new labor party is in process of formation, and will bar Socialists and Social Democrats.

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HISTORIC HARRISBURG

John Harris' stone house was place of entertainment for almost every man of note in the colony Pennsylvania for years before Revolution.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

HIS SPEND-THrift WIFE. Econo mists tell us that a dollar now-a-days is only worth fifty cents. Huh, it isn't worth that much to my wife!

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Judge R. B. McCormick, Lock Haven, was speaker at a banquet of the Clinton county businessmen.

ADVISE

My son, it is easy enough to be a promising young man. Yes, father. But the