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With God go over the sea; without Him, not over the threshold.

RUSSIAN PROVERB.

A REBUKE TO STRIKERS

THE firm declaration of the American Federation of Labor that this war is labor's war and must be fought through to a successful conclusion for the sake of labor's future in a world made safe for democracy is a stinging rebuke to the striking ship-builders.

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the lapse in building will not disturb the normal growth, which is about \$114,000,000 yearly, for home building and home ownership make for good citizenship, and there is no greater promoter of either than the building association.

Germany wants a "peace by understanding"—and she is going to get it, when she comes to understand that Kaiserism is a dead issue.

SAVE COAL; USE WATER

WITH Congress discussing the conservation of the Nation's water resources on the heels of the recent coal famine, we are in a mood to listen more attentively than usual to the proposal of the scientists who would save coal by the use of water in generating heat and power.

We find that our streams are to a large extent allowed to go to waste. Five years ago the unused water power then available was estimated at nineteen millions of horsepower.

This waste of water is especially regrettable, since it could easily be used to generate other, minimal fuels, which are non-renewable. The safety of this country for the future is closely tied up with this question.

We know something of the use of "river coal" in Harrisburg, but here is "river coal" of another color. It is possible that we are right on the dawn of a smokeless age, with households drawing their heat, light and power all from the same wire, and factories running full time without the accustomed accompaniment of showers of soot.

SUCKER FISHING

THE Telegraph delights in receiving letters like the following, because brickbats appear to be more popular in this town than bouquets and our backyard is full of them.

"That certainly was a joyous dispatch the Telegraph published the other day from up-state about the early opening of the fishing season on the heels of the big February thaw.

Have you, Mr. Editor, ever gone black sucker fishing in the spring? Well, there's fun in it enough to make any angler want to shoulder his gun and take to the big oodles where the early fish love to lie on the bottom and tatter on the food the freshets have brought down."

There is nothing more enjoyable than catching suckers in the spring time unless it is the eating of them that same evening, fried to a golden brown, with fried potatoes, bread and butter and black coffee on the side to make the repast complete.

It's like almost every other game in life. Good fortune and a fine meal in the evening are for the fellow who knows how. Luck may have its part, but it's a very small part and the chap who counts on it when he goes sucker fishing may, and very likely will, find the sucker on the wrong end of his line.

A GARFIELD SUGGESTION

IF DR. GARFIELD will find a process whereby some millions of tons of "press agent dope" that find their way to the desks of long suffering editors in the course of a year can be turned into household fuel there will be no "heatless Mondays" next winter. Paper bri-

quettes would be far more practical than some of the suggestions contained in much of the valuable "literature" nowadays when any man, organization or branch of the government with a "bug," a bit of propaganda or a conservation idea has money enough for the purpose he at once hires a "publicity man" who sends it out in multigraph and multitudinous form.

Politics in Pennsylvania

While a number of newspapers and some men active in politics throughout the state express the opinion that the reports that Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh is seriously considering a call of an extra session of the legislature to act on the long delayed reapportionment of the state for congressional and legislative purposes, there are some who declare that what the Governor and his political friends are thinking about is to head off the Penrose plans for reforms in Philadelphia.

It is an open secret that the Penrose people propose to ask the general assembly of 1919 to enact laws to radically change the Philadelphia city government and to make certain happenings impossible in future. It is equally well known that the Governor and his up-state friends would like to force a show by the Penrose people and if in the wood make a breach between the Penrose leaders and the "Vares" which would snuff any chance of harmony in advance of the primary.

Operating against this plan for an extra session would be the cost, which would be easily \$300,000 or \$400,000, according to the length of the period and the fact that the legislature would be the same as last year in regard to the Governor and liquor legislation, and possibly the amendment. However, a showdown on the amendment this year in special session would make much trouble for many legislators who desire to come back.

—According to the Philadelphia Ledger Governor Brumbaugh said when asked about the extra session reports in Florida, that he would not discuss the matter when he returns. Sunday the Ledger said the Governor was "puzzled" over the situation.

Highway Commissioner O'Neil and his friends are over the situation in Western Pennsylvania as they see it. The Pittsburgh Dispatch gave almost a column to tell the Governor that he is not to be taken in by the "Vares" and other western counties. The commissioner is planning a number of trips about the western end of the State, and is expected to be in Downingtown to make an address to-night.

—Representative Jim Maurer's determination to see the Socialist meeting in England and the statement that he may not get a passport are being followed with much interest at the Capitol. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Clegg, is not standing for any nonsense and his example will probably be followed in other sections. An alderman who did not attend the meeting and disloyal conduct, was refused permission to preside in the mayor's court.

—Senator W. C. McConnell, of Shamokin, who is being urged by Northumberland county friends as a dignified and worthy candidate for reelection, has been said to be entirely willing to run if he will not get into a rough and tumble fight. The Senator is a native of Dauphin county, having been born at Halifax.

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—D. J. Stevens and B. M. Arthur, who have been running over the heads of the burgess of Lansford, have taken their troubles to court.

—General Charles M. Clement has informed men who urged him to run for Congress that when he said he had no ambitions in that direction, he meant it.

—L. R. Goshorn, political writer of the Pittsburgh Dispatch and well known as a correspondent, has been confined to his home in Pittsburgh by an accident due to a fall upon an icy pavement.

—The Philadelphia Inquirer which has been reviewing the counties says the hard coal region is for Sprout and that Carbon county will give him a large majority. In Northumberland the Inquirer says the Sprout boom has been given "a decided impetus during the past week."

Over the Top in Penna.

Glady's, the twenty-foot python in Lincoln Park, Chicago, received her semiannual meal recently. Twelve keepers, with the aid of a sausage-stuffing machine and a five-foot pole, treated her to thirty pounds of ground beef, followed by a twelve-pound piece of beef. We know some people who wouldn't mind being a python.

"Wanted—I am going to New York next Monday partly loaded. Would like to pick up enough to insure a full load." Is the rather confusing advertisement of a produce shipper in a north county paper.

Mary was playing on the floor with her doll. She couldn't get the doll to sit in a certain position she desired and so she banged it on the floor with great impatience and yelled at the top of her voice, "I wish I belonged to a family that swore!"

In these days of industry no one thinks much of Doctor Osler and his theory that no man is worth his salt after reaching the age of forty. How thoughtful how far-sighted, how wise, who holds the record for Red Cross output: 30 sweaters, 9 helmets, 16 pairs of socks, 3 pairs of wristlets and a dozen scarfs. In addition to these she knitted in the last month mittens for all her grandchildren. Would you Oslerize Mother Jenkins?

The schoolgirl was sitting with her feet stretched far out into the aisle and was busily chewing gum, when the teacher espied her. "Mary," called the teacher, sharply. "Yes, ma'am" questioned the pupil. "Take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in!"

A young man in Altoona, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in a responsible job, has the distinction of having no relatives whatever. His family died before he was seven years old and neither of his parents had any other children. What he lacks in relatives he makes up for in friends, of whom he has plenty; and we have heard of people who would envy him.

Real Road to Success

In the March American Magazine the famous lecture of Frederick Winslow Taylor is printed, in which Mr. Taylor says: "Quite a large proportion of young men set out deliberately to do barely enough to satisfy their employer—in fact, many of them would feel happy to be discharged. What they still satisfy their employer. Another set of men propose to do just what their employer wants. They, however, are not content with doing exactly what they are asked to do, but they are careful to guard their own rights and not to give a single thing in the way of service that they are not paid for. About one man, however, in twenty, takes the real, quick road to success. He makes up his mind deliberately that in all cases he will not only give his employer all that he asks for, but he will surprise him with something unexpected, something beyond what his employer has any right to ask or expect, and it is astonishing how far this line of action leads to success."

Sunday Prayed For T. R.

Billy Sunday prayed at the tabernacle the other night that the life of Colonel Roosevelt be spared for his country. The prayer was interrupted by the applause of the audience and a wave of "amens" came from the ministers' section. "I will send an angel down from heaven to whisper in the ears of Teddy's doctors a way to save him," urged Billy. "We don't want him here, but we want him in the battlements of heaven, Lord, and tell the doctors how to stay the ravages of that malignancy."

Path of the Hun

Only a ravaged earth Where the grass runs wild, And the birds, women there, With a little child. Only a shattered tower Bereft of its bells, Where the birds, women there, Grasp their heads, Grasp their heads.

Only a fresh healed wound

Only a fresh healed wound, Only a fresh healed wound, And a titled soldier's cap On a wooden cross. Only the creeping wind And the shrouded sun; Only the pale gloom,—this Was the path of Hun! —Clinton Scollard of the Vigilantes.

CUSSEDNESS CROPS OUT

The Mayor of Bethany has learned something about the selfishness of human nature. A few weeks ago he announced that the city might have to cut off the water supply in the service mains in order to maintain sufficient pressure for the protection, and requested that everyone aid in conserving the water supply. Immediately a lot of patriotic citizens secured hoses and began filling their cisterns with city water. Last week Bethany had to cut off the service mains—and the mayor didn't issue any warning that time.—Kansas City Times.

Defensive Alliance Formed

Wayne county hawyers have formed an association and the Greenville Journal fears that means it will cost more than formerly to steal a pig.—Kansas City Star.

SULTAN SACCHARINE

Abdul is dead! That kindly soul's At rest somewhere in a Minor. On his'try's most affecting roll's Or more pathetic artistry Inscribed a tale so broken-hearted As this of frail humanity. Exemplified by the dear departed? Alas for Abdul, impotent To make his voice ring down the ages. The milk of human kindness went And clove a channel through his rage. How so-eveulent his crimes, How uninformed with Kultur's teaching. A Hamid lived beyond his times And childhood was his overreaching.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

By Briggs



THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

FISHWAYS

To the Editor of the Telegraph: There is much said and printed about food conservation, of which I believe approves very heartily. One special and very important item has been sadly neglected. We all know that fish are a good food, and that they would be plentiful if this great commonwealth will see to it that an efficient fishway be installed at the McCall's Ferry dam, in time for the shad season in 1919. If this cause can be helped by the press, let every newspaper in Pennsylvania print this and other articles on this subject, and let able writers who can make stronger pleas get busy to do their bit. A great many people are led to believe that it is impossible to build fishways that will answer the purpose, but that is a mistaken idea, notwithstanding the fact that several futile efforts have been made, and a good deal of money has been spent, without any results. If the masses demand efficient fishways, I dare say their wishes will be gratified. Lancaster, Feb. 16, 1918. JNO. R. BURKHOLDER.

MEN AS FOOD SLACKERS

A woman writing in the March Woman's Home Companion asks me to stop scolding her sex and look to their own faults, and she says: "I'd like to see a count taken of the men who've given up eating butter and sweets to help win this war, and the women who have given up these two things! It might check some of these persistent scolders of the American housewife and her patriotism. Only a few days ago a friend of mine said to me: 'It would all be so easy if it were not for Arthur. He does not love butter, sweet deserts, and he wants to have steak or roast beef every night for dinner and bacon every morning for breakfast. I can't make him see that it's a matter of honor to eat them all the time, so that there'll be enough to go round for everybody. But he only acts peevish and wants to increase my house allowance.'"

Cannot Contend With God

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VOLUNTEER'S MOTHER

He was so beautiful—my baby son! His sun-kissed curls clung close around his head, His deep blue eyes looked trusting— I did my best to keep his beauty fair.

THE BARREN SHORE

Full many a sing to me and thee, Their riches gathered by the sea; But I will sing, for I'm footsore, The burthen of the barren shore! The hue of love how lively shown In this sole found cerulean stone. By twenty leagues of ocean roar, Oh burthen of the barren shore! And these fed crystal fragments bright, As clear as truth, as strong as right, I found in footing twenty more, Oh burthen of the barren shore! And how far did I go for this Small, precious piece of ambergris? Of weary leagues I went three-score, Oh burthen of the barren shore! The sand is poor, the sea is rich, And I am I know not which; And well it were to know no more The burthen of the barren shore! —Coventry Patmore in the Ohio State Journal.

Evening Chat

By Briggs



LABOR NOTES

There are over 700 local trade union bodies in Australia. Ten of the eleven states having no workmen's compensation laws are in the South. In 1916 Germany had 240 strikes, affecting 124,153 workers. Over a million workers are employed in British mines and quarries. Venezuela has enacted legislation declaring eight and one-half hours a day's work.

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