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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1918
Whom the heart of man shuts out, Sometimes the heart of God takes in. —LOWELL.

U. S. SURELY GOING "DRY"

MAKE no mistake about it—the United States is going "dry." We are on the road to national prohibition and going just as fast as legislative approval of the constitutional amendment can take us toward the elimination of the liquor traffic from the life of the Nation.

ADDED COMPLICATIONS

WITH the Germans occupying Finland, claiming Russian provinces, juggling with senses the capital and massacring the Armenians for the sole purpose of adding to Turkish possessions in Europe, the complications that are being added to the general readjustments and land surrenders following an allied victory grow apace.

DR. DIXON'S SUCCESSOR

THE Philadelphia Inquirer strikes a popular note in its warning against the possibility of politics being injected into the affairs of the State Health Department. Under Dr. Dixon health and efficiency were the only qualifications recognized in candidates for position.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Reports persistently circulated in this city and printed in many parts of the state to the effect that attacks of the state government coming under the Governor were being concocted by Mr. O'Neill last night as petitions for Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neill for the Republican nomination for governor were being prepared.

The O'Neill statement was much commented upon at the Capitol today and held to show what the commission thought about the methods which have been adopted to get him support. On Monday when the protest against the way the O'Neill petition campaign was being handled arose, the commissioner's headquarters declared that the Capitol end of it was being handled independently of the headquarters.

As a matter of fact if the old-time method had been used in circulating the petitions no one would have said a word, but the men in charge of the O'Neill propaganda at Harrisburg are being accused of their own hands by the mystery with which they surrounded everything and by the general denials issued.

Senator Edwin H. Vore has taken the drastic step of issuing a warrant for John M. Nohre, the engineer who is being accused of having signed, even when in hands of men known to be favorably inclined to Sprull, while the Delaware county man's petitions are being passed around on Capitol Hill by people from departments not under the Governor. It has all been a tempest in a teapot caused by the "pussy-footing" for me.

Barbers at Alliance, Ohio, have secured a shorter workday. Brewery workers at St. Louis, Mo., have received an increase of \$1 a week. Four hundred miners at Crumlin, Wales, struck because one man was dismissed.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) public school janitors are demanding higher wages and shorter hours. In most of the industries of the country women are receiving better wages than ever before.

The searchlight of war has brought out many interesting facts and one of these is that the vaunted German efficiency will not always stand the test of comparison with American efficiency. The Germans boasted of being the greatest farmers on earth. Investigation shows that inefficiency in agriculture, measured by the produce per acre, America being graded 100, Belgium leads the world, at 205; Great Britain comes second, at 164; and Germany third, at 155; America comes fourth.

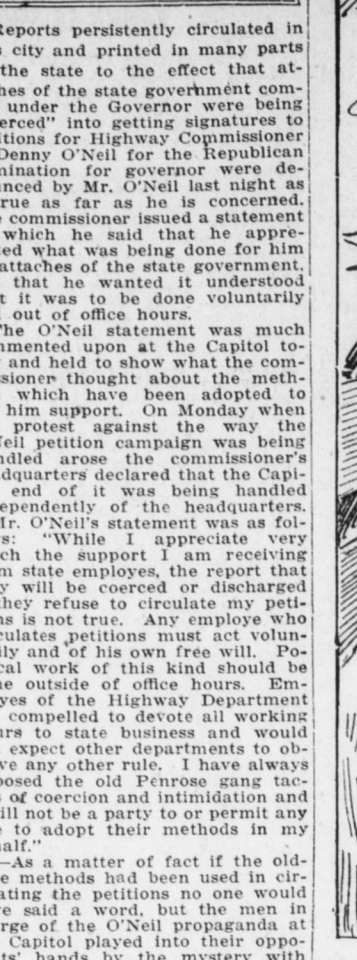
Those who were going to the buildings from which I had just come knew that unless they took the utmost care there was danger of an explosion, and had a night and a succession of nights and days to look forward to when they would be breathing in yellow powder in spite of veils and all the precautions the government can provide. I knew them by their yellow hair and faces. Occasionally a head in that vast mob of faces nodded to me or a hand waved, for I have friends among them.—Grace Boynton Monks in the Outlook.

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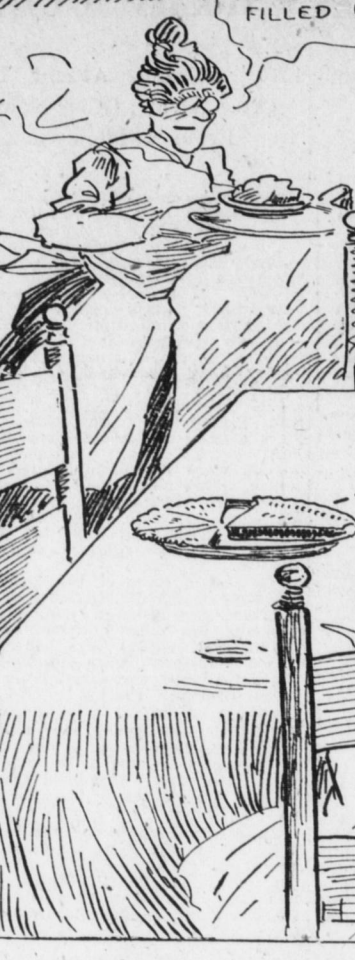
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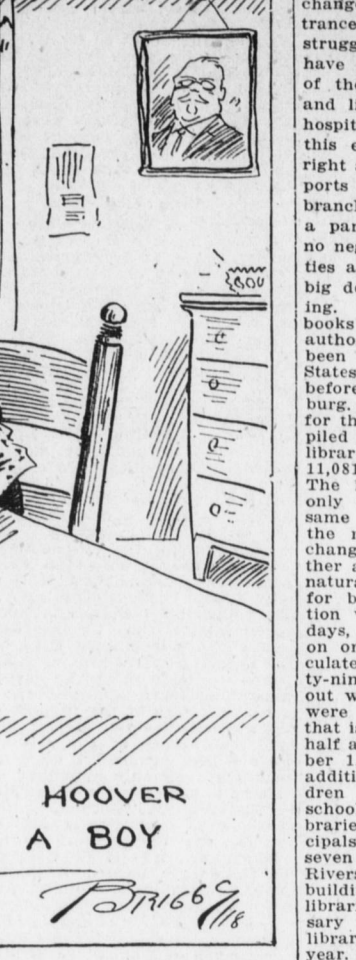
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Evening Chat

War conditions, new occupations for many people and numerous changes brought about by the entrance of the Nation into the world struggle in the last nine months, have not diminished the activities of the Harrisburg Public Library, and like the city's schools and its hospital and charitable institutions, this establishment has been going right ahead doing its part. The reports of books circulated and other branches in which the library takes a part show that there has been no neglect of the educational facilities and that, moreover, there is a big demand for more serious reading. Notable in the requests for books are those written by American authors and there has probably not been a reading up on United States history that has been going on before in the history of Harrisburg.

The activities of the folks in the neighborhood of the Shimmell school building in South Seventeenth street ought to be noted by the rest of the people of Harrisburg. The people in that section are making a real community use of the building. There are similar community projects under way in the neighborhoods of the Camp Curtin and Cameron buildings in the uptown district, but the Shimmell is the liveliest on the Hill. There is an active club, a committee which gives a party to the children of the school, the advantage of being able to meet in one of the most up-to-date buildings. Much valuable work has been done in this station, too.

Some of the incidents reported by men who have had charge of nominating petitions are that the men in charge take them seriously. The petitions are commencing to be numerous. The men in charge are very much interested in the matter. "Sorry, the colored brother just went out with mine," said the man addressed.

The Philadelphia North American, in the course of a Cumberland county review, has this to say about a man well known in Dauphin county: "The commissioning by Governor Brumbaugh of Dr. B. Frank Dixon as acting head of the State Health Department following the death of Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, is of interest to Cumberland county people. Dr. Dixon was a native of Montgomery township, Franklin county. He was raised on one of the good farms of that fertile section of the left bank of a young man to become a physician and has claimed Philadelphia as his residence during his professional career. His brother, Dr. F. Frank Dixon, is commissioner of Franklin county."

These are days when the clerks in the State Treasury are having their own troubles with the payments. Many townships and boroughs are receiving annual stipends from the State Treasury and some of them are absurdly small sums. There are some which get a little over a dollar and the postage and bookkeeping are expensive. Others run into the thousands. But the worst of all came the other day when for the second time in a short time some payments by counties were ordered and the list was Allegheny, Montgomery and York counties, the first, middle and last on the list.

State Treasurer Kephart has been confined to his bed at his home in Conneville the last few days. The Rev. Henry Strickland, Cornwall rect, has become a chaplain at Camp Hancock. H. R. Lehr, the eastern Pennsylvania traction magnate, will take up his residence in Easton again. F. A. Bell, strongly endorsed for the Legislature from the Altoona city district, was a member of the Altoona school board for years. H. W. Doiglass, McKeesport solicitor, will have charge of that city's appeal to the Public Street Commission for rebates for excess fares. He is well known to many people here.

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