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THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1918. I would have you be like a fire well kindled, which catches at everything you throw in, and turns it into flame and brightness.—MARCUS AURELIUS.

WISCONSIN AND US

WISCONSIN has redeemed itself to some degree in the eyes of citizens of other commonwealths by taking Senator Lafollette to account for his unpatriotic course in Congress.

Once upon a time we were wont to sit with bowed head while the admirers of Wisconsin sang its praises continually in our ears and derided poor, old, slow-going, conservative Pennsylvania because her people declined to be stamped into adopting such radical governmental measures as the wild-eyed disciples of Lafollette were writing by the score upon the statute books of their commonwealth.

We, in Pennsylvania, may not be very strong for the recall and referendum, but we have a mighty respect for the Spirit of Seventy-Six, the sacrifice of Valley Forge and the courage of Gettysburg.

One believer in the Darwinian theory of evolution thinks the Kaiser is a "throw back toward an ancient type," but why cast reflections upon the lives of those poor, old dead-and-gone gorillas, who are supposed to have been our forebears?

DR. MONTGOMERY

REAPPOINTMENT of Thomas Lynch Montgomery as State Librarian has not surprising. Dr. Montgomery has so many qualifications for the position and so much experience in its duties that Governor Brumbaugh, himself a scholar and lover of books, readily saw, as did Governors Stuart and Tener before him, the wisdom of Governor Pennypacker's selection of Pennsylvania's literary collections.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Joice that he is to continue in the office he has graced for so many years.

The Kaiser must be a constant reader of Dickens, despite his hate for the English, else explain why he speaks so often in the Pickwickian sense.

PRUSSIAN PEACE

THE Bolsheviks professed to believe that their "brother workers" in Germany could not be induced to fight them if they, the Russians, declined to continue the war with Germany.

Thousands of ill-advised Americans agreed with them and wasted silly sentimentalities on the "brotherhood of nations" that was to be inaugurated when German Socialists threw down their guns and rushed to embrace the peaceful Russians.

These were the same foolish folks who believed William Jennings Bryan's doctrine that no nation would fight us whom we refused to fight.

And now observe the course of the German Socialists with Russia! Has any one of them laid down his rifle? Not one!

These events should provide food for thought on the part of Americans who may have leanings toward an inconclusive peace.

The Russians appear to be learning some things about Lenin and Trotsky that some other folks have long suspected.

MURDEROUS BLASPHEMER

THE Kaiser praises God for "victory over Russia" while he winks at the Turks busily murdering Armenian women and children.

The spectacle of Wilhelm the Murderer holding hands with Abdul the Damned is one to set Satan wondering if hell's fire is really hot enough.

The Japs ought to have an easy time taking over the government of Siberia—there's so little of it.

ACTION JUSTIFIED

THE Federal authorities are justified in holding Prof. Liebig, the Technical high school teacher, dismissed for pro-German sentiments.

Liebig may be innocent. Again he may be guilty. We must take no chances. It is for all of us to keep eyes and ears open and whenever we note a suspicious act or hear a disloyal word it is our duty to communicate at once with the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, care of the Harrisburg post office.

We are at war with the most merciless and inhuman government the world has ever known. Men without honor and without conscience, whose savagery and disregard for human life would put a hungry crocodile to shame, are trying to undermine our nation and so get us at their mercy.

About the only thing we know of the Russian situation is that we don't know anything about it.

HELP THE FARMERS

LEUTENANT GOVERNOR FRANK B. MCCLAIN, who has been appointed chairman of the Farm Labor Committee in this State, sounds a warning note when he says that it may be necessary for some townspeople to give up their work or their businesses temporarily to help the farmers.

Fishermen are going to have a good excuse this year. Somebody has to help Mr. Hoover keep up the fresh fish supply.

There's this about it—the man who loans money doesn't have to borrow trouble.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The first nominating petition for the May primary to reach the State Capitol this year arrived at the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to-day, having been sent by Representative Frederick C. Reichenbacher, Honorable candidate for the House in the Wayne county district.

The State Department has sent out hundreds of nominating petitions to men who have asked for papers to permit them to become legislative candidates and there has also been a brisk demand for congressional papers.

The prohibition amendment issue, which has been seriously discussed by Senator Penrose with a number of influential Republicans, many of whom have advised him that it is going to be the big thing in this campaign, is assuming shape in Philadelphia and the Vares are talking about it far more earnestly than ever before.

Just as an indication of the attention being given to the prohibition amendment the following from the Philadelphia Record is interesting: "The prohibition amendment looks as though it is going to be a big issue and probably the only issue," was the answer which Senator Vares yesterday when asked whether he thought the amendment would figure as an issue in the coming campaign.

The Record is furnishing much entertainment for the politicians and for Democrats by its editorials insisting that the Democrats nominate a big man for governor. It is to be noted that the acting State Chairman Joe Guffey trot around like a candidate.

Treatment accorded John M. Nobis after Philadelphia city mayor, who made the charges against Senator E. H. Vares, when the Philadelphia policemen arrested him on a warrant charging libel, was denounced by newspapers last night and this morning as "brutal."

Two Junata legislators—J. G. Dill, Huntingdon county, and C. C. Corbin, Mifflin county, are candidates for re-election.

A single Thrift Stamp will buy a tent pole or five tent pins, a waist belt or hat cord, shoe laces or identification tags; two will buy one trench coat or a pair of woolen gloves.

In the Printing Office

"I can not read it, father—father, 'see!' I can not read it; spell it out for me. I thought that surely I my letters know. But this I find I really can not do."

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

BY BRIGGS

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE OFFICE OUT OF THE RAIN—YOUR HAIR ALL WOPSY AND YOUR FACE ALL SHINY AND EVER THING



AND AS YOU HAPPEN TO BE THE ONLY LADY EMPLOYED IN THE OFFICE YOU FRANTICALLY SEARCH THE DEPTHS OF YOUR KNITTING BAG AND IT ISN'T THERE!



Soldier Songs

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING They were summoned from the hillside, And the country found them ready. At the stirring call for men, Let no tears add to their hardship, As the soldiers pass along, And although your heart is breaking, Make it sing this cheery song.

CHORUS. Keep the home fires burning, While your hearts are yearning, Though your lads are far away They dream of home: There's a silver lining Through the dark cloud inside out Till the boys come home.

There are millions of American citizens to-day, chiefly mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts, who are helping to Germanize this country as effectively as though they harbored German spies and set of German bombs.

LABOR NOTES

It is predicted that in a short time the eight-hour day will be universal in Finland. Metal working unions in the Birmingham (Ala.) district have formed a metal trades council.

WHAT WAR STAMPS BUY

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SENTRY-GO

I used to be so lonely when I waked at night and couldn't sleep, But since my father went to war, I think—Perhaps he has to keep watch to-night, and up and down he marches, marches with his gun!

AND YOUR FRIEND PHONES YOU HE WILL CALL FOR YOU AND TAKE LUNCHEON WITH YOU—OH HAPPY DAY.

BY BRIGGS

AND WHEN YOU GO TO YOUR BAG TO GET YOUR POWDER AND PUFF—IT ISN'T THERE!



OH-H-H GIRLS! AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-R AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'!



THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

"DRINKING" SOLDIERS To the Editor of the Telegraph: "Stop Eating Soldiers!" says Herbert Kaufman in February Cosmopolitan. To quote further, he says: "The flag out front signifies nothing unless it's also hanging in the ice-box."

from which I quote the following, printed in the York Daily, March 4: "It takes a pound of coal to brew a pint of beer, 60,000,000 barrels of beer were brewed last year. Think of this waste of coal while people were freezing, and ships with supplies for the Allies had to wait because they had no coal to fire their boilers."

Our men can be as self-sacrificing as they try. How about it, Men of America? Shall it be said of you that you are Drinking Soldiers as well as Eating Soldiers. CONSISTENCY.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

"None but legislators are privileged to act on ratification of the Federal Prohibition Amendment. The Governor can neither approve nor veto the ratification resolution. It does not go to him at all. It is important that there be no confusion about this. Advocates of ratification will advance the cause in just one way, by nominating in the primaries Republican candidates who are pledged to vote in the affirmative and then electing them at the November elections.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

HUNGRY. POKER: Why so sad? Coal Scuttle: I can't help it, I've been empty most all winter.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Morris Knowles, Pittsburgh engineer, has been named as chief engineer of the National Housing department's work in the city. —Col. J. Granville Leach, well known here, has been chosen as head of the Philadelphia Genealogical society.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg is making several kinds of special seals for war purposes? This city has been a center for that kind of work for years.

Evening Chat

BY BRIGGS

"I sincerely hope that the government works out some plan whereby the farmers can get help. This kind of weather is causing things to move on the farm and we want to increase the foodstuffs and do lots of things after the hard winter which we have passed, but we need help," declared William T. Creasy, former master of the John Grange and boss farmer generally.

Col. George Nox McCain, who will be in charge of the news end of the State's military force at a salary of nothing a year at his own request, is well known to many Harrisburgers. The colonel was for years a member of the Philadelphia Press and was a colonel on the staff of Governor Hastings.

There are some very practical ideas being spread regarding addresses to be made here by men who are out of tune with the times or relative to any proposed meetings by organizations not in sympathy with the struggle in which we are all engaged.

Linwood W. Wanbaugh, Harrisburg boy serving his country in France, writes to his father, Linwood B. Wanbaugh, member of the Telegraph Family, that the captain of the company of which he is acting mess sergeant is not going to be without a new suit of clothes this summer if he knows it. The company is attached to a supply base and likely to remain at its present headquarters indefinitely.

Little Kathryn Frick, the marvelous deaf and blind girl—she is no longer dumb, having learned to talk—has knitted two pair of wristlets for soldiers and is now at work on a sweater. The little girl's parents live in Harrisburg but she is a student at Mt. Airy School, near Philadelphia. This is a fine example for girls more fortunate than Miss Frick, says one of her teachers commenting on her talent and industry.

Highway Commissioner O'Neill was being flattered upon by some folks the other day when he was asked to talk and according to Capitol gossip the commissioner was given some gratuitous information about construction. His crisp evidence was well versed, but he did not think the commissioner was so he rambled on and on and used technical terms and words which were lost on the crowd. The commissioner remarked that the methods were old and proceeded to lay out the argument. Then some one told him that Mr. O'Neill had been the main factor in the construction of Allegheny's road system and knew the subject better than anything else.

Mayor Daniel L. Keister, who is urging the people to sit down and work out their war garden plans, intends to do so himself. "I'm going to sacrifice some flower beds and what's more I'm going to do some work myself" said he.

—Thomas S. Gates, prominent in state politics here, is going to be one of the Philadelphia Trust Companies to enter Drexel & Company.

—Ex-Attorney General Hampton L. Carson presented the portrait of Congressman George S. Graham to the Philadelphia Law Association.

THE INCOME TAX

No Mitigation For Litigation—In 1917 "A" purchased a property, the title to which proved defective, and in order to straighten the matter out he employed an attorney and resorted to court proceedings. Can he claim a deduction to cover the fee paid the attorney and the court cost? No. Such items are held to be a part of the cost of the property and therefore not allowable as deduction.