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There are few, very few, that will open themselves in a mistake.—SWIFT.

TO-NIGHT'S MEETING

THIS is a day of great possibilities: possibilities for good, possibilities for evil.

Labor has it in its power to help make the country victorious against the advance of the Hun, or to utterly wreck its war for the perpetuation of freedom and democracy on earth.

Labor has elected to stand by the Government, as it always has. Labor is loyal, labor is patriotic.

That is a question thousands are asking themselves, and very properly so, for this is a war for democracy and democracy is the government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

How England is meeting the war situation and how English labor is answering this question we shall hear in Chestnut Street Auditorium this evening from the lips of men who have been keeping English labor steady in the crisis and have been helping frame England's after-war program.

The trouble with the Russian is not that he will not fight, but that he prefers to fight his neighbor rather than the highwayman from over the border.

BOY SCOUTS AGAIN

AGAIN the Boy Scouts of the city have offered themselves for war service. The lads are not old enough to shoulder guns, but their thoughts are with their older brothers in the trenches and their hearts beat with the spirit of devotion to country and a desire to help make the lot of our fighters as pleasant as possible in the difficult circumstances under which the soldier lives.

ONE THING TO DO

IF THERE is one thing that must be put down on the list for the next session of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, be it regular or special in the time of its meeting, it is to be a new apportionment of the millions of dollars which the Keystone State votes annually for education.

For years there has been complaint that the scheme for division of the State aid for schools was working in the interest of the cities. State Superintendent Schaeffer called attention to that phase two years ago. For years the plan has been based on population, and naturally the growth of the cities brought them larger shares.

consolidation of schools, toward which there is a tendency in some counties. And it stands to reason, because of the trend of cities and the decline of agriculture in certain sections, that they cannot generally increase their tax rates.

The problem of adjusting the State appropriation for the common schools so that it will maintain the educational facilities of the rural districts, and at the same time give reasonable aid to the cities, is about as big a one as any State has to face.

OUR NEXT BIG PROBLEM

ALL indications point to a tremendous and unexpectedly rapid growth of population in Harrisburg and vicinity. The war is largely responsible. Our steel industries have been greatly stimulated by munition orders, and the coming of Schwab to Steelton has been a mighty force in hastening conditions that otherwise might not have come about for a decade.

But now it happens that this sudden and unexpected prosperity which has come to us is not so much a matter of importance as is what we are going to do about it, for the new conditions bring with them new responsibilities. Foremost of these is the housing question.

We are at the parting of the ways. Either we are to have a city of overcrowded, insanitary, undesirable tenements and hastily constructed hovels or we are to grow and develop along lines that will make for a more beautiful, more healthful, more prosperous and more contented city.

We are in bad enough way now. There are districts in which a majority of houses are a public disgrace. We rejoiced when the old Capitol Park Extension section of the Eighth ward was wiped out, but the slum has not been eliminated.

The Real Estate Board has realized that all is not well. President Gipple's suggestion for an "own your home" campaign is a step in the right direction. But more is needed. The time has come when such organizations as the Real Estate Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Planning Commission and the Municipal League should take counsel together as to how the many difficulties that stand in the way of a correct solution of the problem may be met.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Senator William C. Sproul will make his declaration in regard to the liquor issue in this year's campaign within a few days. Friends of the Senator say that there will be no doubt about where he stands and predicts that he will be favorable to the prohibition amendment as a matter of principle, although as a matter of fact the ratification of the amendment is a subject for the Legislature and not the governor.

Only the death of the Senator's father a week ago prevented him from making his announcement before time for starting petitions for the nomination. The Philadelphia Public Ledger to-day quotes the Senator as saying that the statement is coming. "The Ledger says: 'I will make a statement in a few days,' said Senator Sproul at his Chester home last night.

—The Philadelphia Inquirer today says a general meeting of the Republican county committee of Chester county will be held in West Chester Saturday, at which Senator William C. Sproul will make his first appearance before a Chester county audience since the informal announcement of his candidacy for governor. County Chairman MacDonald has been active for the past few weeks in arranging for the meeting, and anticipates a large attendance.

—Highway Commissioner O'Neil will spend a day and to-night in Johnstown where he will be the chief speaker at a meeting of men of all churches, an occasion which will start a drive for the "dry" amendment in that county to-morrow.

—Philadelphia newspapers to-day sharply attacked the manner in which the Vasa majority in Council passed legislation yesterday after reversing the chair on rules. The Press says that the object of some bills to "rip out Pennone men."

—The declaration of the Altoona Tribune in favor of a return to the status quo is interesting. Some of the men now noisy in politics were among those who took pleasure in proclaiming in Harrisburg hotels in 1912 that the "dry" conventions were over and if some recollections are correct they also took cracks at the Republican party's days.

—Erie newspapers say that Congressman Henry A. Clark may be opposed for Republican renomination by Milton W. Shreve, a former Congressman, while C. N. Crosby, of Meadville, may attempt to gain the honor for Crawford county.

—United States Marshall James S. Magee, of New Bloomfield and Scranton, will retain his present commission, having received his new commission.

—Congressman H. W. Temple, of the Washington-Beaver-Lawrence district is circulating papers for renomination and will have little opposition. —Congressman L. T. McFadden, of the Erie district, has taken some practical steps to secure raising of more foodstuffs. He has named a county committee to take charge of the work.

MOVIE OF MAN WAITING FOR AN INVITATION TO JOIN IN

BY BRIGGS



THIS MAN IS A STRANGER IN THE TOWN AND VISITS THE LEADING BOO AND BALLARD EMPORIUM HOPING TO HORN IN ON A GAME OF KELLY

AND JUST AS HE HAS ABOUT GIVEN UP HOPE SOME KIND AND PITYING STRANGER ASKS HIM IN !!

AND APPLAUDS THE VARIOUS SHOTS IN THE HOPE OF OPENING UP THE WEDGE FOR A LITTLE CONVERSE

HE FEELS A DRAFT

HE MAKES A BLUFF INSPECTION OF A CUE PROTESTING THAT HE HASN'T PLAYED FOR YEARS ETC ETC.

AND IN HIS GRATITUDE CALLS THE WAITER WHICH OF COURSE WAS ONE REASON HE WAS ASKED TO JOIN IN

LABOR NOTES

Rochester (N. Y.) Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Union has secured an advance of \$1 a week.

More than one-tenth of the married women in the United States are engaged in gainful occupations.

Since 1914 the women employed on trams, buses and railways in England have increased 326 per cent.

Portland, Ore., grocery clerks are organizing. Their complaint is long hours and low wages.

State officials say there are more miners employed in Pennsylvania industry now than for years.

Over the Top in Penna.

BY BRIGGS



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TEACHER'S ORDERS.

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WHERE is Jones? Cruising around somewhere in the business section. I'd like to find him. Are you acquainted with any of his coal-stations.

Count Ilya Tolstoy on German Duplicity

BY COUNT ILYA TOLSTOY

TO YOU, the thinking people of Germany; to you, the leaders of the social democratic party, and to all citizens of Germany whose conscience is not yet dead, I address this appeal.

I believe that if my words are true nobody will be able to stifle them, and that they will reach you. The answer must come not to me, but to the whole world.

I accuse you of the most heinous crime that can be committed by man, I accuse you of basing an armistice with the highest humane ideals.

So long as you followed the law of Moses, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, and were ruining millions of lives inventing terrible weapons for warfare and murder, while you were inhumanly killing fellowmen and you yourselves were dying fanatically, both you and your victims were to be pitied.

Formerly you might have been convinced that Germany was not conducting a war of conquest. You might have thought that you were defending your fatherland from the imperialism of Russia.

What can be your justification now? What have you done to prove your sincerity? Not only have you not demanded the cessation of the war, and kept your promises, but you have committed a far greater crime.

Taking advantage of the freedom of propaganda in Russia, you entered your trenches, penetrated into the interior of the world, not only before your own people, but upon your greatest responsibility rests upon you yourselves. How can you face the judgment of your own conscience and the verdict of victory?

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN

Honor to him whose very blood remembers the old, enchanted dream-song of the Rhine.

I wish I was in de land ob cotton, Old times dar am' not forgotten, Look away! Look away! Look away! Dixie Land.

Soldier Songs

DIXIE

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CHORUS

Den I wish I was in Dixie, Hooray! Hooray!

In Dixie Land I'll take my stand, To lib and die in Dixie, Away, Away, Away down South in Dixie.

Hoover's Sincerest Admirer

When Hoover says economize On this or that, ma always tries; To daughter, too, his words are law—

And therefore he's admired with awe And deepest wonderment by pa. —Joshua Lott.

THE INCOME TAX

YOUR MINOR CHILDREN'S WAGES

If you employ a son or daughter, who is a minor, to assist you in your business or trade, and pay a salary or wage for such assistance, you cannot claim the amount as a deduction.

If, however, the son or daughter has attained his or her majority, the amount of compensation paid for his or her services may be so claimed.

Evening Chat

It is going to be another week before all of the snow and ice that has been accumulating during the winter is off the streets if the sun has to do it alone. The city authorities are helping some and the "snow holes" in Market street where the street goes over Paxton creek are working over.

Pennsylvania farmers are not likely to do much sowing of spring wheat this year because of the farm labor situation according to people at the State Department of agriculture.

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