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Christ living in us is the root and strength of Christ's acting and speaking through us, shining out from us so as to be seen by the world.—Andrew Murray.

GERMAN IN SCHOOLS

DR. PHILANDER P. CLAXTON, United States Commissioner of Education, says President Wilson is strongly opposed to the elimination of German from the high schools and colleges of the nation.

The more Americans who can speak German the better for our conduct of the war. The more Americans who can converse fluently in German and write German the better for the United States after the war.

UNIVERSAL TRAINING

UNIVERSITY favorable to universal military training since the entrance of this country into the war has been increasing by leaps and bounds, and opposition to this policy of preparation has been rapidly disappearing.

able will have a serious charge to file in the court of public opinion next fall. Profiteering at this time is not only criminal and unpatriotic, but it may result disastrously for dealers themselves, for they may rest assured that regulations drastic enough to prevent a repetition will be enacted in that case before another year rolls around.

Higher prices for seeds are naturally to be expected and there will be slight complaint on that account, but there is a difference between legitimate increases and deliberate attempts to hold up the farmer and the home gardener.

AMERICANIZATION PLAN

THE government has taken no more important step since the outbreak of the war than that which has for its purpose the Americanization of foreign residents, as proposed by the Department of the Interior.

The Department of the Interior has recently entered into a joint arrangement with the Council of National Defense, whereby the national plan of Americanization is put into effect all over the United States through the medium of the forty-eight State Defense Councils and a great number of county and local committees on defense.

Americanization is to be dealt with as a measure of war, for the purpose of counteracting the anti-American propaganda among aliens, a large proportion of which is being carried on insidiously within industrial plants.

It has been found that 1,275,000 aliens were registered under the selective draft law. Many of these have been accepted for military service, but on account of inability to speak English and illiteracy, are unable to understand military orders in English and therefore make training exceedingly difficult in the camps.

Fires in grain elevators alone have increased four hundred per cent. since the United States entered the war, while fires and explosions, willful damaging of machinery, hampering the production of war materials and other acts impeding the government's activities have frequently been traced to aliens. Their ignorance of English makes them easy prey for German propagandists and plotters, who are stirring up industrial difficulties and misunderstandings in various sections of the country.

The government's investigations, through the Bureau of Education, show that five million persons of foreign birth do not speak the English language; while three million males of military age, that is from eighteen to forty-five years, are uneducated, and owe no obligations of loyalty and support to the United States.

ROTTEN POLITICS

PHILADELPHIA LEDGER correspondent, writing to that newspaper from Washington, says:

The President is eager that a Democratic House of Representatives shall be elected next fall. He is said to fear that Germany might misconstrue the election of a Republican House as a repudiation of America's entry of policy in the war.

Just the same, the issue will be resented by millions of good Republicans throughout the country. There is no question as to the loyalty of American Congressmen and Senators, Democratic or Republican.

With remarkably few exceptions they are standing solidly back of the Government. The President knows that in the early stages of the war some of his pet measures would have been lost had it not been for Republican votes.

When members of his own party wavered over the stringent regulations of the draft and other bills of a radical nature which he urged as war necessities, it was Republican votes that were counted in for them without question. There has never been a question where the Republican members and Senators stood on any war measure of importance to the country.

strue the election of Republicans to Congress as a pro-German victory in the United States. The Telegraph does not believe the President means to mix politics and patriotism in the coming campaign, but whether or not he does Democrats attempting such a program in this district will get short shrift.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Democratic "scouts" who have been going through Central Pennsylvania counties sounding out sentiment for ex-State Treasurer William H. Berry, now collector of the port of Philadelphia, as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor have run up against "scouts" from Western Pennsylvania who have been busy among "dry" Democrats urging ex-Judge William E. Fisher, who has struck a pronounced sentiment among the old machine element and many of the reorganizers of a practical nature, to endorse him.

Democrats who have been getting about have reported a general favor for National Chairman Vance C. McKeon, but it is not believed that he will run. In Western Pennsylvania nominating petitions are being circulated in behalf of the Democratic gubernatorial candidacy of ex-Judge Porter, who made Lawrence county "dry" and who is president of the Dry Federation.

United States District Attorney E. Lewis James has not abandoned gubernatorial candidacy, as usual, and William N. McNair, of Pittsburgh, candidate for secretary of internal affairs four years ago, is being actively interested in his interest are being circulated in Pittsburgh.

The state primary will be held just sixty days from to-day. According to reports which have come to headquarters of various parties and candidates here the enrollment in many small towns were as usual, but not marked by any rush and no general move to change registrations occurred. In fact, the conditions in many small towns were as usual, while in the country farmers were too busy to go to the polls.

Philadelphia Ledger remarks to-day, "The trial of general" while the comment in the newspaper on the activity of independents is something which has been heard about the State Capitol for some time. Both Sprout and O'Neill have been expressing surprise at the general lack of interest in the campaign outside of strictly political and official circles.

Gifford Pinchot will probably become a member of the State Commission of Agriculture in April. Governor Brumbaugh has maintained silence as to the offer to Mr. Pinchot, although Mr. Pinchot says the place was tendered him, and the Governor has also refused to say who he will remove to make way for the former.

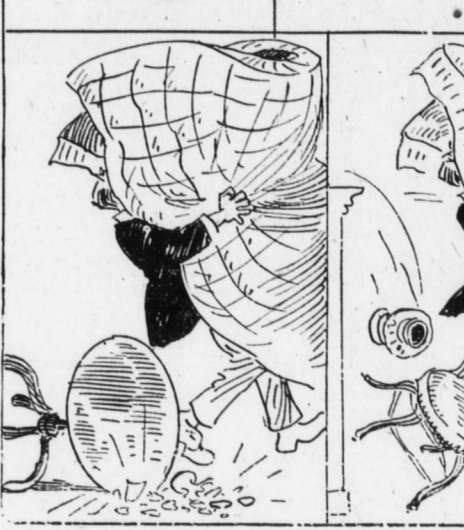
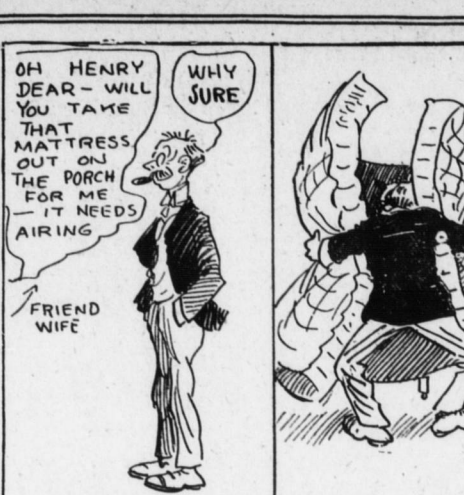
The Philadelphia City committee has been put off until next week. Saturday Senator Sprout makes his formal statement at Swarthmore, and meanwhile Mr. O'Neill is swinging around the circle, making speeches.

A Pittsburgh dispatch to the Philadelphia Ledger says: "Mayor Babcock and the City Council have again locked horns over political appointments, and a statement made to-day by the Mayor is that he intends to appoint all city employees who supported William A. Magee in the mayoralty fight last November. The trouble began with the dismissal from the force of City Solicitors C. C. Byrd and J. H. Stone, and which the Council condemned by a vote of 7 to 2, asking the Mayor to reinstate them. Here, the Mayor's answer, made to-day: 'I am for Babcock men, not Magee men, and if I go into conference with City Council, Jarrett (Magee man) might also go out of the law department. I believe in appointing people who were for Babcock and not people who were for Magee. It is no use to have a conference with Council for I wouldn't change my mind.'"

At the Whitcomb meeting of the Prohibition county committee of Lycoming, Congressman Edgar R. Kiess was endorsed for re-election, and Charles V. Adams and Charles E. Bidlack for the Legislature. All are candidates for Republican nomination. H. T. Ames was elected chairman, Dr. C. W. Huntington, secretary and Henry Meade, state committeeman.

Both C. A. Bowman and Calvin J. Rhen have heretofore sought the nomination in the Republican primary, but they are expected to make good use of the knowledge they gained at that time, in the promotion of their present aspirations. Harvey S. Bomberger, of Palmyra, has taken out papers as a candidate for the Assembly on the Republican, Democratic and Prohibition tickets. He is more or less well known on the Hill.

A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



OH HENRY DEAR - WILL YOU TAKE THAT MATTRESS OUT ON THE PORCH FOR ME - IT NEEDS AIRING. FRIEND WIFE

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT ME TO DO? NO YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH!!

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Germans do not want peace with Russia. They want Russia.—New York Evening Sun.

That was a nice speech Chancellor von Hertling made in the Reichstag. But how could he keep his face straight?—Kansas City Times.

If this were a fight for points Germany might not be declared winner. This is why Germany is anxious to quit and avoid the inevitable knock-out that a finish fight will bring.—Chicago Daily News.

PARTY ORGANIZATION

The spirit of American government contemplates the existence of political parties, advocates of definite policies by which the government is shaped. In times of intense excitement there is little room for more than two parties.

TWO MONTHS FROM NEXT THURSDAY the primaries take place. At that time candidates for state offices and Congress will be nominated.

FOR SAMMIE IN FRANCE

When you make up a box for Sammie, Who's fighting "somewhere in France?"

THE RIVER OF DAY

THE INCOME TAX

Tell of Miracle at Mons

Maude Radford Warren writes in the April Woman's Home Companion about the stories of English soldiers that a miracle saved the outnumbered British at the retreat of Mons.

Over the Top in Penna.

Washington notifies us that householders ordering next winter's coal must tell how much they have had this winter. That ought not to take long.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

GOING TOO FAR. "The cook puts a lot of herself into everything she does."

STRENUOUS WORK. Bug—My that Alpine climbing is dangerous.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

PRETTY. "Is she very pretty?" "Very. She keeps her father broke buying gowns to equal her face."

DO YOU KNOW

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

THEY'LL GIVE HIM THE CREDIT

THEIR BIRTHPLACE

Evening Chat

One of the older physicians of the city, was talking about changed conditions in Harrisburg in regard to quarantines for smallpox. He recalled the days when smallpox did not bother people any more than chickenpox now, even though the mortality was far higher.

Stand anywhere along the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, or the Philadelphia and Erie, or the Lehigh Valley lines near Rutherford yards, and you will see some long freight trains.

They should call this family the Stars and Stripes Ryans. Live in Erie, do Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan and their house faunts six service stars.

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