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It matters not how strait the gate, How changed with punishment the scroll, I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul.

-WM. HENLEY.

THAT BIG GUN

THE Germans astounded the world Saturday when from a distance of seventy miles they began the bombardment of Paris with nine-inch shells, but astonishment has given way to calm consideration of the effects of the bombardment and the conclusion has been reached in all quarters that the new big gun, as the French premier said yesterday, is designed for political rather than for practical purposes.

THE SPROUL PLATFORM

SENATOR William C. Sproul formally announcing his candidacy for the Governorship of Pennsylvania at a great gathering of his friends and neighbors Saturday evening, outlined a platform that meets the fullest expectations of his friends and with which even his political opponents will be able to find small fault.

"STEADY" IS THE WORD

THESE are nerve-racking days, but the keynote to the situation lies in sustained calmness. "Steady" is the word. The men in France are not flinching and we at home have no excuse for giving way to nerves or going about with crepe on our hats.

in all parties. He is not only heartily in favor of the adoption of the "dry" amendment by the next Legislature, but he goes beyond, and comes out strongly favoring whatever anti-liquor regulations may be presented to him by the Legislature in the meantime...

It is gratifying to note that all three of the Republican candidates in the field for the gubernatorial nomination, Senator Sproul, J. Denny O'Neill and Robert P. Habgood, are on the "dry" side and this should have two effects...

Unless the Democrats choose to nominate a "wet" candidate, which is not likely, all gubernatorial candidates in this State at the coming elections will be pledged to the "dry" amendment, and this should be joyfully welcomed by the temperance forces, who now will be able to give their attention entirely to the nomination and election of members to Senate and House...

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

From all accounts Acting State Chairman Joseph P. Guffey, of the Democratic State Committee, has made up his mind to be a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, and machine Democrats are looking forward to a campaign in which there will be plenty of funds with pleasurable anticipation.

While Philadelphia newspapers today give prominence to Commissioner O'Neill's attack on Senator Sproul's announcement, only one newspaper makes reference to it editorially, and that is the Philadelphia Ledger, which calls Sproul's "admirable" and then adds: "The Senator must not be surprised if they are subjected to close and critical study and view."

The North American to-day contains a two column editorial attack upon Congressman John R. K. Scott around whether Brown has been doing what the Magee men claim he has been doing or whether C. K. Robinson, who frequently appears here, has been doing it.

With respect to prohibition and woman's suffrage, Senator Sproul has made himself entirely clear and his declarations are in perfect accord with the progressive thought of men

Hindenburg when he fell back from the fortified line which bore his name. It is said that the Germans threw ninety-five divisions into the battle. This is good news indeed, for there are in the whole German army only 175 divisions, and if more than half of them have been cut up in two days' fighting, the extent of the German losses must have been appalling.

War is harder on the nerves of people not actually engaged than upon the soldiers themselves. We are either in the fourth heaven of victorious enthusiasm or in the depths of a blue funk over the prospect of a defeat.

We should not underestimate possibilities. War is an uncertain game at best, but we need not allow ourselves to be needlessly alarmed over a condition that has been anticipated for weeks, nor give way to foolish fears before, at least, there is absolute cause for them.

LABOR NOTES

Jewelry workers at Toronto are making splendid progress, and the officers say they will have a postal organization in a short time.

An official invitation has been extended to the British National Union of Railwaymen to send a number of members of that organization to make a tour of the Western front.

Cincinnati iron molders have had their minimum wage of \$4 a day increased to \$5, with an additional 25 cents a day, beginning May 1.

Bookbinders' locals are voting to change the convention date from the second Monday in June to the second Monday in July, because of the change in the convention date of the American Federation of Labor.

A nation-wide strike of telegraphers employed in the United States by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies is threatened if there is any opposition to the open organization of the men.

At a largely attended conference of farmers representing Welsh counties, held at Llanrwst, it was unanimously decided to form a National Farmers' Union of Wales with an executive committee of three representatives from each branch.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FREIGHT EMBARGOES

To the Editor of the Telegraph: As a railroad man with complete experience in transportation of freight throughout Europe and this country, the very vital question at this particular period when the welfare and future of humanity is at stake, I take the liberty of asking why in God's name has this embargo of freight ever been allowed to maintain its existence...

Yours sincerely, BRUCE GREEN, 1814 Green street, Harrisburg, Pa.

A Life Fellow of the Imperial Institute, England, Etc.

Over the Top in Penna.

From France comes the cheering news that the fray is being removed from the American army mules. The French veterinary practice, extracting the bray from a mule by a slight surgical operation on the nose, so that the silvery bray, which can be heard a mile or two upon silence at the front, will become a harmless wheeze...

consultation with doctors. Mr. Woods' name has been mentioned as a possible candidate for second place on the Republican ticket, but friends say that he would not allow his name to be used under any conditions.

With three Democrats reading each other in a campaign for the Democratic senatorial nomination in the Carbon-Wayne-Monroeville-Pike district, and bitter Democratic fights on over congressional nominations in the 12th and 16th districts, it commences to look as though Democratic harmony was not to be found in the neighborhood of A. Mitchell Palmer, Democratic national committeeman.

Forest county will go "dry" in a fortnight. The license act is about to be held. A. E. Gobble, a Myerstown professor, and Peter Boltz, of Bunker Hill, have been slated by the Lebanon county machine for the Democratic legislative nominations. They are "dry."

Edgar F. Hefner, of Lock Haven and "dry" in his inclinations, is out as a contender for the senatorial seat of Senator W. W. Hindman, of Clarion. Hindman will be a candidate for re-nomination. Hefner wanted to be public service commissioner in 1914.

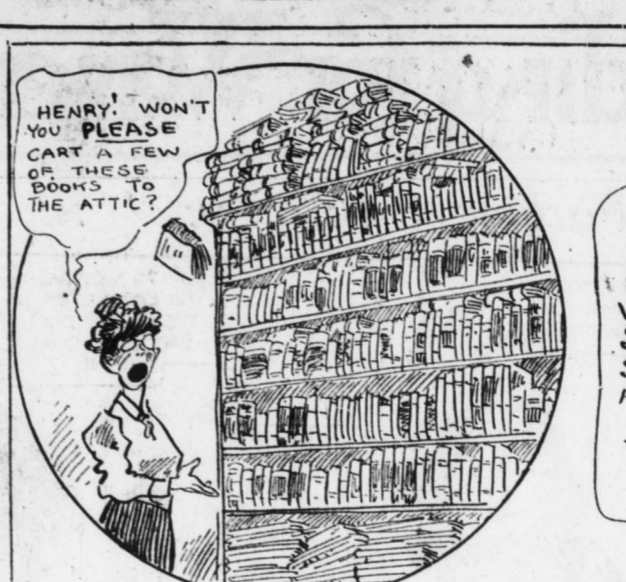
Dr. J. P. Maclay, Republican county chairman of Franklin county, is said to have decided to be a candidate for re-election without asking permission to do so. Maclay is well known here.

I. L. Harvey, Bellefonte, brick manufacturer, will be a candidate against representative Harry J. Scott, of Center, who seeks re-election. Scott has declared "dry."

Friends of Senator H. W. Schantz, Lehigh's Republican Senator, believe that the Democratic row in that county will make Schantz's chances for re-election excellent.

The Republican enrollment in boroughs and townships has gained so much generally, that all Republican candidates are claiming that it is the very thing that assures their respective nominations. The Democratic enrollment has fallen off so generally, that the subject is not one for polite conversation among them.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



Probably few people realize that the "daylight saving" system where the clocks will be turned forward one hour some time next Sunday, has been given thorough and very satisfactory try-out in Harrisburg for seven or eight years, and only because of lack of popular support failed to be adopted generally in our establishments.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

If the President were to reply to von Hertling that the Potsdam crew are a pack of liars, and that the Allied purpose is to beat their heads off, it would not be diplomacy, but it might enlighten the undeniably common people of middle Europe.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

ENGAGEMENTS. Many engagements. Well, I've sung with every orchestra in New York this season. Good. What did you sing? The Star-Spangled Banner.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg made steel for boilers for southern sugar mills? HISTORIC HARRISBURG In the Civil War, the hills back of Harrisburg were seldom without wagon train camps.

MAY COMMANDER PLATINUM

The Women's National League for the Conservation of Platinum is warning women to prepare for a federal order commandeering rings, tiaras, bracelets, necklaces and other articles of jewelry which have platinum in them.

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By Briggs

Evening Chat

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The tenseness with which Harrisburg and its neighbors, awaited news from the battlefield in France, yesterday, brought to mind some of the Sundays in the days when the crisis impended between the United States and Mexico, and the early days of the terrible hours in France and once showed emotion which was shared by his hearers.

There were moments of the address delivered by Archbishop Lang in the hall of the House of Representatives, on Saturday afternoon, when the distinguished Englishman made his audience feel as must all England, at the time.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Representative John M. Flynn, of Elk, who will probably be a candidate in the southern states making every session of the Legislature, since that of 1903.

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THE INCOME TAX

The Merchant's and Professional Man's Statement A merchant may claim as deductions the amounts paid for advertising, hire of clerks and other employees, the cost of the light, fuel, water, telephones, etc., used in or at his place of business, drayage and freight bills, the cost of operating delivery wagons, trucks and the repairs to same.