By Briggs

Evening Chat

Probably few people realize that

the "daylight saving" system whereby the clocks will be turned forward

one hour some time next Sunday, has been given a 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

failed to be adopted generally in our establishments. The late Commissioner of Health, Samuel G. Dixon, was the man to give the idea its first official test. Dr. Dixon was an early riser. He was the last person at night about the offices of the great department he created, and he used to appear at the Capitol as early as 7 o'clock in the morning. The commissioner always said that the early part of a summer day in Harrisburg was certainly most delightful to work in and one summer he changed the working hours from 8 to 4 instead of 9 to 5. It was something which has been done years, gone by in many establishments, but it jolted precedents on Capitol Hill, when it came under the name of "daylight saving." The commissioner said he did not care whether it was a "summer schedule" or "daylight saving" and made it effective. It has worked

The commissioner said he did not care whether it was a "summer schedule" or "daylight saving" and made it effective. It has worked ever since and a number of departments at the Capitol have a shifting schedule when warm weather comes. Others maintain the same schedule the whole year around. When Dr. Dixon made his change, some establishments in Harrisburg were doing the same thing. Although "summer hours" are nothing unusual, people seem to balk and talk, when the plan is called "daylight saving" and the clock is turned forward. However, in the opinion of an observer of the currents of Harrisburg life, there will

in the opinion of an observer of the currents of Harrisburg life, there will be little trouble about it here. "All that need be borne in mind is that there is a national schedule of 'summer hours' and that the hands of the clock have been put forward at the same time, as the new time for starting work. It's as simple as A, B, C, and if the phrase makers would only quit dressing up something that we have all known about, with terms that are apt to mystify, we would all be better off' was his comment. And he was pretty near right.

The tenseness with which Harris-

# HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH

NEWSPAPER FOR THE HOME Founded 1831

Published evenings except Sunday by THE TELEGRAPH PRINTING CO., Telegraph Building, Federal Square.

E. J. STACKPOLE, Pres't & Editor-in-Chief F. R. OYSTER, Business Manager. GUS M. STEINMETZ, Managing Editor.

Member of the Associated Press—The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper and also the local news published bec

herein. I rights of republication of special dispatches herein are also reserved.



Member American Newspaper Pub-lishers' Associa-

ntered at the Post Office in Harris-burg. Pa., as second class matter.



MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1918

It matters not how strait the gate,

I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul.

-WM. HENLEY.

## THAT BIG GUN THE Germans astounded the

with nine-inch shells, but astonish-

tended-first ,to rouse waning en- tional scores.

new German long-range cannon were falling in the streets. Who the discussion of incidentals. In America, that we should become patients of the devotes himself very earnestly to essentials, but painstakingly avoids reference to the piffle of politics in which the public is not only no longer interested, but with which it is disgusted as well. We are living in a period when only the welfare of State and Nagion, and not the selfish interest of party, faction or individual, is to be considered. Personal attack and factional bickering should have no part in the coming campaign. The candidates should stand firmly upon their own feet, content to be judged for what they are and what they stand for, rather than upon what they may allege their opponents are not. With respect to prohibition and word may be a sufficiently to permit a considerable bright of the progressive thought of men down of the moment of the propose to fush the first news of the new German offensive is not encuraging. But the mere fact that the British have fallen back upon prepared defenses means little except that the German attack was unusually violent. So long as the lamb through the allies may fall back indefinitely with advantage to them, are liven Robert P. Habgood, was given at Bedford, on Saturday, by the McKean County Republican Committee and the coment of Proma the proposed to the moment of the momber of well-well of the mere fact that the Mage en defined of the mere fact that the Mage end through, the allies may fall back indefinitely with advantage to them, and they are and what they stand for, rather than upon what they may allege their opponents are not. 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 on nearer defeat to-day than was adeclarations are in perfect accord with the progressive thought of men of the members of council

in all parties. He is not only heartily Hindenburg when he fell back from consultation in favor of the adoption of the the fortified line which bore his Woods name

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-diguor regulations may be presented to him by the Legislature in the meantime—which means that he will give his support either to local option or State-wide prohibity ton, in addition to alding in the fight for the constitutional amendment. This puts him in a most advanced position with respect to temperance legislation.

It is graftfying to note that all for three of the Republican candidates in he will give his support either to local option or State-with the state of the Republican candidates in he will give his support either to local option or State-with the state of the Republican candidates in the state of the Republican candidates and the should he state of the Republican end of the governorship fight is concerned, and to drive the skulking Democratic state of the Republican end of the topological properties of the Republican in the properties of the Republican in the properties of the Republican leaders or a "wet" declaration of the power granted him by Congress, to the power granted him by Congress, tion, the Audit governorship fight is concerned, and Eastern office,
Story, Brooks &
Finley, Fifth
Avenue Building,
New York City,
Western office,
Story, Brooks &
Finley, People's
Gas Building,
Chicago, Ill.

didates in this State at the coming elections will be pledged to the "dry amendment, and this should be joyfully welcomed by the temperance How changed with punishment the forces, who now will be able to give their attention entirely to the nom-ination and election of members to Senate and House who will favor the prohibitory amendment. Just as the voters would resent an attempt by any one candidate to assume exclusive right to a campaign asset that is nation-wide in its scope, so will the various temperance and religious world Saturday when from a particular office when all aspirants the support of one candidate for a distance of seventy miles they for the same office are publicly began the bombardment of Paris pledged in the affirmative on the same question. These honest people, ment has given way to calm con- devoted to a great principle, will not sideration of the effects of the bom- and should not, permit themselves to bardment and the conclusion has been reached in all quarters that the new big gun, as the French premier are striving are in no wise involved. said yesterday, is designed for poli- In brief, the approval of national tical rather than for practical pur- prohibition is too big an issue to be menaced in even the slightest degree Two results no doubt were in- by the settling of personal or fac

second to spread terror in Paris and one Governor Brumbaugh, in the lower the morale of the people. But when the expectations of the Gerat mans at home have been raised by the hope of early capture of the French capital and have slumped again with failure to attain that objective, the big gun may fall into the unenviable role of a false prophet. And as for destroying French morale, a single air raid would have more destructive effect in Paris than weeks of bombardment with the big gun.

The French say their engineers worked out the long range problem months ago, but found it too expensive, and beside, the number of tuness such guns may be fired is extremely limited—from 100 to 159 shots being usually the maximum, after which the weapons are good for nothing but the scrap heap. It is likely that the new long range gun will one member the distance of the war, but which have not been heard from since for the policions, and machine policions and experience of a lifetime, of very limited space, presenting, as it does nothing but the scrap heap. It is likely that the new long range gun will go the way of the German "Big Berthas," which caused so much comment in the early part of the war, but which have not been heard from since the invasion of Eelgium.

The SPROUL PLATFORM Sex and didney for the Governorship is candidate for the prolicions and experience of a lifetime of public and business and didney for the Governorship of public and business and didney for the Governorship of public and business and didney for the Governorship of public and business activity.

THE SPROUL PLATFORM Sex and the contraction of public and business and didney for the Governorship of public and business activity to public and business and didney for the Governorship of public and business activity to public and business activity.

THE SPROUL PLATFORM Sex and the contraction of pub

craft, his high personal character men in France are not flinching and and the liberality of his views, the conclusion forces itself home, that its author is a candidate of calibre and quality who must strongly appeal to voters of all parties.

Senator Sproul naturally, and very properly, makes the chief plank in his platform the winning of the war, and it is to his credit that he carefully refrains from personalities or the man and it is to his credit that he carefully refrains from personalities or the man in France are not finiching and we at home have no excuse for giving way to nerves or going about with crepe on our hats. The people of France bought palm leaves and went to the pre-Easter services yesterday calmly and as usual, the dispatches say, while shells from the mew German long-range cannon and it is to his credit that he carefully refrains from personalities or then, are we, away off here in

And then what? Why, a gradual crumbling of German might and a so much generally, that all sepublican candidates are claiming that it is the very thing that assures their respective nominations. The Democratic enrollment has failen off so generally, that the subject is not one for polite conversation among them. do or die with them now,

LABOR NOTES

Jewelry workers at Toronto are making splendid progress, and the officers say they will have a 100, per cent. organization in a short time.

An official invitation has been ex

Bookbinders' locals are voting to 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 unan imously decided to form a Nationa Farmers' Union of Wales, with a executive committee of three representatives from each branch.

Vours sincerely,
BRUCE GREEN,
1814 Green stret,
Harrisburg, Pa.
A Life Fellow of the Imperial Initute, England, Etc.

Over the Top

in Penna.

From France comes the cheer

ng news that the bray is being re

bers of that organization to make tour of the Western front.

We should not underestimate possibilities. War is an uncertain game at best, but we need not allow ourselves to be needlessly, alarmed ver a condition that has been an tipated for weeks, nor give way to thated for weeks, here site and the state of the foolish fears before, at least, there is absolute cause for them. As it looks now, the German offensive, instead of being a thing from which the Allies should have shrunk, eventually will be recognized as the very best thing that could have hap-

## Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

ment that Paris was under fire and some weeks ago to the great injustice second to spread terror in Paris and lower the morale of the people. But when the expectations of the Ger-Saloon league leaders openly deals.

tains a two column editorial attack upon Congressman John R. K. Scott

moved from the American army mules. The French veterinary practice, extracting the bray from

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 silent nights at the front, will become a harmless wheeze—not enough to awaken the enemy and draw his shellifre." Allelujah! Maybe they can cure snoring the same way. "I was so plumb full o' war bread I jes' had to scrap with someone," was the feeble excuse of a prisoner at the bar in Pittsburgh, charged with assault. "Well," meditated the judge, "you scrap on the scrap pile ten days and then you won't feel so

"Dad" Shapley, from Upper Perry ounty, was in town the other day nd had taken off his necktie for he summer. So we reckon spring

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

YOU PLEASE OF THESE BOOKS TO THE ATTIC? I WISH THE FOLKS AT HOME WOULD SEND ME SOME BOOKS IN-STEAD OF CAKE AND SWEATERS, THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE READ THIS VOLUME -



## Pennsylvania "Pep" Has Made a Wonderful Fighting Machine At Camp Hancock, Augusta

THE Augusta Herald is no expert in army and military matters, but we certainly voice the popular and universal public opinion of laymen and civilians who have had a chance to see the workouts of the 28th Division now training at Camp Hancock, when we declare that good old Pennsylvania "Pep" has created a wonderful fighting machine, that is destined to give a good account of itself when it faces the Boches in the first line trenches.

For months and months the men and officers of this splendid Division have been hard at work with ever increasing "Pep" at the various tasks and problems of their training. The Division naturally has had its good days and bad days, its periods of disappointment and backsets, especially during the reorganization period.

Tractors Pau in All Waus

off, it would not be diplomacy, but it minon people of mittel Europe.—Shand intimacies have been pennsylvania intered between Pennsylvania conflicts and intimacies have been pennsylvania had intimacies have been formed between Pennsylvania because Japan was only about four during the coming years. Augusta Japan was only about four thousand miles away, and now they are surprized that Japan shows some the real welcome that has been in the hearts and minds of our people and the real welcome that has been in the hearts and minds of our people and an intimacies have been nervous because Japan was only about four thousand miles away, and now they are surprized that Japan shows some the real welcome that has been in the hearts and minds of our people and the real welcome that has been in the hearts and minds of our people and any any engage ments?

OUR DAILY LAUGH

ENGAGE
Many engage ments?

Well, I've surprise that lies in the heart of Augusta almost as deep and as affectionate and as proud as will grip the great heart of Pennsylvania herself.

Tractors Pau in All Waus

If our worthy President and Mr. Division naturally has had its good McAdoo looked into the matter in the proper light they would realize appointment and backsets, especially that it is instrumental only in putting the brakes on every wheel and me

In an article in the March Farm and Fireside, a writer says:
"The farmer who uses his tractor to do the work at home, and, when that is done, uses it on work for

leave an impress upon our own people that never will be forgotten. Augusta has been fortunate in getting the National Guard of Pennsylvania as its first experience with army camps and training camp problems so far as they affect the civilian population.

The Herald cannot speak too highly of the courteous and soldierly conduct of the officers and men as they have come in contact with our in the farm, wages for the men while working for others, and \$200 conduct of the officers and men as they have come in contact with our in the farm, wages for the men while working for others, and \$200 conduct of the officers and men as they have come in contact with our in the farm, wages for the men while working for others, and \$200 conduct of the officers and men as they have come in contact with our in the farm, wages for the men while working for others, and \$200 conduct of the officers and men as they have come in contact with our in the farm.

### 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 mittel Europe.—Chicago Tribune.

Good. What did you sing? The Star-Spangled Ban-



VERSION. Woodma spare that tree ur efforts Our

doh't retard Just get in fine quickly \nd sign This conserva-

tion card.

TRUE. The winter has been long and cold. But next July Some splendid reason will be told Why i high. ice is

0





# The tenseness with which Harrisburg and its neighbors, awaited news from the battlefront 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 and Mexico, and the early days of the great war. People coming from church gathered about bulletin boards and telephones rang all day long. And it is to be noted that many of the calls came from bor-

oughs in this section, some even being from rural lines. The importance of the hour seemed to be very widely realized.

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. During the early part of his remarks, he departed somewhat abruptly from the course of his acknowledgment of greetings, to call to mind what was happening on the Western front, and several times later on, reverted to the terrible hours in France and once showed emotion which was shared by his hearers. Just before he left the Capitol, the archbishop said that members of his own family were in the front line.

It is of interest to note that the

It is of interest to note that the rostrum from which the archbishop spoke, has been occupied by quite a number of noted Americans, but by very few foreign visitors. Perhaps the most distinguished was the Argentine Ambassador, Romulo Naon, who addressed the Legislature here three verys ago. who addresses ago.

The men in charge of guarding the The men in charge of guarding the site of the big army depots to be constructed between Highspire and Middletown, had their hands full yesterday, with Sunday visitors. It was a fine day, and many people went out in automobiles from Dauphin, Lebanon and Lancaster counties, to see what Uncle Sam proposes to do. The depot will be a place of interest for Sunday sight-seers for a long time to come, and it will be difficult to make them understand that everyone can not roam over the place.

### WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Representative John M. Flynn, of Elk, who will probably be a candidate for re-election, has sat in every session of the Legislature, since that of 1903. —James Francis Burke, former congressman from Pittsburgh, has een in the southern states making

War Savings speeches.

—Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, Altoona editor, is an ardent mountain

toona editor, is an ardent mountain climber.

—John B. Dampman, Reading newspaperman, is taking an active part in the publicity end of the Boys' Working Reserve.

—J. C. Taylor, superintendent of Lackawanna schools, says that an appropriation to aid moorer school districts, is essential.

—Otto Musselman, who will run for congress in the Seranton district.

for congress in the Scranton district is a former secretary of the Central Labor Union.

## DO YOU KNOW

-That Harrisburg made steel for boilers for southern sugar mills?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG In the Civil War, the hills backs Harrisburg, were seldom witho wagon train camps.

May Commandeer Platinum The Women's National League for

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

"As our normal consumption of platinum per annum is 165,000 ounces of fine metal," writes Mrs. Ellwood B. Spark, of Cambridge, Mass., chairman of the council of the league, to the division on women's war work, Committee on Public Information, "and we have in sight for our war program 21,000 ounces of crude metal, I think it possible that later the government will have to call for tiaras, meshbags, bracelets, etc. If so, this league will do everything it can to help."

Women college executives, pro-

Will do everything it can to help."
Women college executives, professors of science and wives of scientists form the majority of the membership of the council of the organization, which was organized to inform women of the platinum shortage and the need of this metal to carry on the war.

## THE INCOME TAX

The Merchant's and Professional Man's Statement A merchant may claim as deductions the amounts paid for adver-sing, hire of clerks and other employes, 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.

The cost of goods purchased for resale is not to be claimed as a deduction, as a credit for that cost may be obtained by following another method of computation.

This in a general way outlines the ordinary and usual expenses

incurred by a professional and business man which may be claimed as deductions, and the principles underlying these allowances are equally applicable in the case of anyone engaged in a business, trade or profession. In short, all expenses connected directly and solely with the conduct of an income-producing business, trade, profession or vocation are allowable.

Jeems of personal expenses or items connected in any way with the support maintenance and well-height of a family are not

the support, maintenance and well-being of a family are not allowed; neither are the amounts paid for tools, implements vehicles, allowed; neutrer are the amounts paid for tools, implements venicles, machinery or surgical instruments, which are more or less permanent in character, nor the cost of medical, low or other professional books, nor amounts expended in making permanent improvements or betterments of any kind whatsoever allowable as deductions. These latter items are held to be investments of capital upon which depreciation may be claimed.