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How active springs the mind that leaves the load of yesterday behind.—POPE.

GOOD LUCK BOYS

THIS week Harrisburg will send the first of its really drafted men to the National Army. There will not be many sent, but they will be the first offering of the State's Capital under the selective service law.

Thanks to Harrisburg's many enlistments prior to the first call for drafted men, even before registration day, this city was not called upon to furnish men. It has since maintained its reputation as the best recruiting district in the country, by sending hundreds of men to the Regular Army and it has contributed under every call for men with special qualifications.

Now, for the first time, Harrisburg men go out under the draft. They will join their neighbors at Camp Meade, and the rest of us will stay here and work harder to back them up.

The best of luck, boys! Harrisburg has a proud record and we know you will help make it one of the finest in the land.

Many a man who wore low shoes for the first time yesterday has a high temperature to-day.

AMERICANS GOING IN

WE shall soon be able to judge how fresh American troops show up against the veteran Germans, and there is not an American who is in doubt that the advantage will lie with our own brave men. The Germans are fighting for perpetuation of a dynasty, the Americans for liberty, independence and democracy.

The Chamber of Commerce also will foot the bill for large quantities of fertilizer. Altogether, the people who are fortunate enough to procure garden plots will find ground ready prepared and fertilized that ought to be made by faithful attention to yield vast quantities of produce the coming summer and fall.

It appears to be pretty well confirmed that Muck is a mucker.

A REASONABLE ORDER

THE recent order of the War Trade Board limiting imports of unessentials and luxuries is entirely reasonable, and while working no hardship on anybody, will save much-needed shipping space, some times in two directions.

For example, American grocers offer for sale various brands of English preserves. The fruit for these is grown in England and is needed there, is brought into that country in ships. We don't need these preserves. We can make all we need. It is not right that ship space should be given them at this critical juncture and it is folly to export foodstuffs from Britain while a food embargo is in force there.

Another instance that may be cited relates to tobacco. A favorite brand of the smoking variety is grown in Virginia, transported to London, where it is cured by a secret process and then reshipped to America. Here is a double tax on shipping halted by the new order. The wonder is that the board did not eliminate this folly months ago.

THE CONSUMER

ISN'T it about time for some one to ask some concessions for that curiously disregarded individual, the Ultimate Consumer? We are reading of advances in prices for fish, that and the other thing; we hear of figures being fixed for coal, bread, grain and other essentials of life; we are glad to hear that our railroad men, our miners, our steel workers and our other neighbors are getting "raises" and that the new wage agreements for the building trades are very advantageous to the men who earn their living that way.

Various trades and occupations are participating in the general advance in returns for work and next thing the professions will be sharing. In short, the advance is general.

It reminds us, oddly enough, of what was said when some timid citizen arose in a hearing on Capitol Hill and asked who was going to pay the cost of workmen's compensation. Men in high station and men in low, lawyers and lawmakers, all united in saying, "The consumer." The consumer is paying pretty nearly everything, and the funny part about it is that the increases in cost of

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

State Democratic leaders failed yesterday to get themselves out of the daze into which they have wandered over the Governorship and the prohibition amendment, and the announcement of the candidacy of Acting State Chairman Joseph F. Guffey, of Pittsburgh public utilities and western oil lands for gubernatorial honors and of the re-instatement by United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes of another candidate did not materialize. Instead, it is announced that Democratic state leaders will have another war council. Events State has getting to the point where the situation so adroitly worked out in 1914 is in sight. At that time it will be recalled President Wilson should be candidates and some earnest citizens gave up private business to immolate themselves upon the party altar.

The best in Washington, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia is that the conference may be held in Philadelphia, or Harrisburg and Guffey should have a run with a rival with appell Humes, Berry and Porter, and at the same time terrify some aspirants for other places. It is generally believed that Robert S. Bright, a Democrat of Philadelphia ancestry, upright life and genial personality, will be slated for second place and that the late E. B. Johnson, of McKean, or ex-Congressman John J. Casey, of Luzerne, for Secretary of Internal Affairs. No other Democrats need come around.

The Philadelphia Press in a significant article by Charles R. Michael, its Washington correspondent, says that Vance C. McCormick, Mitchell Palmer and William B. Wilson, have positively declined to stand for the Democratic nomination for Governor and after saying that he has the information from them add: "Four men are now before the Democrats of Pennsylvania for this nomination and out of this list the nominee will be selected. They are: Judge O. B. Dickinson, of the United States District Court of Eastern Pennsylvania; City Controller William H. Berry; United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes, of Pittsburgh; and the late was brought into the field to-day by an intimate adviser of President Wilson, who said that he undoubtedly was the strongest man of those mentioned, and was especially strong in the district where Sproul had hoped to poll his heaviest vote. On the other hand this same informant expressed no doubt as to whether Judge Dickinson would leave the bench for a doubtful honor. If there is a real call for Mr. Berry, the latter has written leaders here, he will go into the primaries. Opinion considered to be dominant in settling affairs in Democratic politics in the state is that Joseph F. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, will be nominated."

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