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Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.—Ps. 30:5.

THE SERVICE PARADE

NO MORE impressive procession ever graced the streets of Harrisburg than will be that of Sunday, when representatives of the boys who have gone away to fight for our liberties will march, bearing the little service flags that each home and organization having a representative in the service is entitled to display.

THE RAT—POISON HIM

THE Department of Agriculture, in sending circulars over the country urging farmers and others to poison rats as they appear about their premises, makes the astounding assertion that "while America is trying to feed the allies, this pest annually destroys foodstuffs in the United States worth \$200,000,000."

RETIREMENT FUND

NO DOUBT the opinion of Deputy Attorney General Keller in the schoolteachers' retirement act, limiting its benefits to those who come under its provisions with the full operation of the act next year, is in full harmony with the construction of the act.

DAVY'S CAMBRIC TEA

DAVID LAWRENCE hastens to assure pacifists that the President's promise of "force" as contained in his Baltimore speech does not mean that he will "renounce moral force entirely."

for its veteran schoolteachers, who are none too well paid at best. It is shameful that scores of old teachers who must step down and out this year should see on the statute books a law designed for their benefit but just out of their reach.

NOW FOR ACTION

A THRILL of genuine thankfulness and renewed confidence ran through the nation this morning with the announcement that Charles M. Schwab has joined the Emergency Fleet Corporation as director and will be placed in full charge of the steel ship construction program.

Schwab is both thinker and doer, both dreamer and executive. He has a reputation for getting things done second only to his fame as a creator and organizer. He should have been at the head of the steel ship program from the beginning.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Senator William C. Sproul is going to make a swing around the circle during the next few days and his coming to Harrisburg is awaited with much interest by his hosts of friends here and throughout Central Pennsylvania.

There is also a rapidly increasing feeling among all classes of voters that the gubernatorial fight is eliminated plants for them, and the skill and speed with which he accomplished the task not only saved the British and French in the opening days of the war, but gave to the United States government a gigantic offensive weapon for the part we must now take in the fighting.

Give us more Schwabs! Give us for every line of war work the biggest businessmen available. We are picking our officers and soldiers for field duty with greatest care; we will have none but the best. Let us forget politics and political effects and conscript the greatest minds in the country for the task of maintaining equal efficiency behind the lines.

CHANCE FOR LANSING

THE TELEGRAPH holds no brief for lynching under any circumstance, and it deplores deeply the hanging of Robert P. Prager by an Illinois mob on the charge of pro-Germanism, but even so it resents the hypocrisy of the German government offering to provide burial for the victim. A few days ago Secretary Lansing received this message through Switzerland:

LABOR NOTES

English war nurses are all commissioned officers. Chicago stockyards employ workers of eighteen nationalities. An aircraft factory is to be erected in Dublin, Ireland. Toronto unions have added 3,000 members in three months.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

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pretins the President's mind to the nation, should seek to dilute the most vigorous utterance which the Commander-in-Chief has made since the war came upon us.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Anyhow, the war has made an end of the complaint that all the professions are overcrowded and justified the sometimes dubious assurance that there's always room at the top.—New York Morning Telegraph.

AMERICANS ALL

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Over the Top in Penna.

Altoona bartenders see it coming. Their local association is buying all the Liberty Bonds it can afford. It would appear that anybody can be a newspaper man. A Lebanon daily informs that "Every reporter on the staff of General Pershing, His sister, Mrs. Pershing, and the late General Thomas F. McCoy, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars."

OUR DAILY LAUGH

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LUCKY PLAYER

While his wife is away Never lonesome I Bright, With his hands full by day And his "full hands" at night.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

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Evening Chat

One of the crop of stories which has come out since the Rummage Sale ended is one in which two colored women and an attractive mourning bonnet and veil figured. The hat and veil were real. They had some frills and fixings and the whole appealed very much to one of the women.

Death of Justice W. P. Potter prevented ex-Governor William A. Stone from opening the trout season in preserve in Tioga county for the first time in many years. The justice and the former governor were law partners years ago and instead of some enjoyment of the sport of which he was very fond, Mr. Stone was called to the funeral of his life-long friend.

Jacob R. Miller, who lives in 1316 North Sixth street, is now in his eighty-fifth year, but has a lively recollection of the winter flurries of other days. He writes the Telegraph regarding the recent winter flurries and reminds us of the night of April 23, 1846, when there was a snowfall of twenty inches in the streets below State. Arriving at the shops he found only a few men on duty, but work was started, and the sun came out and the snow disappeared before noon.

Blood will tell. During the Spanish-American War Lieutenant Frank R. McCoy, of Lewistown, a graduate of West Point, led his regiment of his troops in Cuba. His career since that time has been a steady advancement and to-day he is Colonel McCoy, in the staff of General Pershing.

Frank Tice was the only single man in the town of Turberville and when this was printed in the local paper he received fifty or more letters from young women who told him he need not be lonely. Tice was so embarrassed that he is now trying to get in service with Uncle Sam.

Moscow, April 9.—Russia's national flag henceforward will be red with the inscription "Rossiyskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Federativnaya Sovetskaya Respublika (Russian Socialist Federative Soviet Republic)." This was decided upon today, in a resolution passed unanimously by the Central Executive Committee of the All-Russian Soviets.

Captain "Jack" Crawford, was fond of saying that the rain was sent to make us appreciate the bright and smiling skies which came afterward. If the old Indian fighter were to walk through Harrisburg's parks these days he would regard the present condition as a confirmation of his statement.

Three city departments were "under the weather" last week and were compelled to postpone outdoor work because of the weather. At the city highway department office it was planned to start repairs, but the rain and snow kept the men idle.

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A. W. Aucker, Democratic candidate for congress in the Seventeenth district, is promoting in Snyder county affairs and a former county commissioner.

Shun Ways of Oppressor. Even thou pot the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.—Proverbs III, 31.