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Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; call thy glory be above all the earth.—Ps 57:11

HUM-DINGING THE HUN

It will not be at all surprising—in fact it is to be expected—that since the American troops have become a factor in the war and the American officers are in a position to make suggestions with the prestige of participants, there will be some new methods introduced and some new "stunts" pulled off.

The American soldiers, both officers and privates, come from every walk of life. Many of them have had varied individual experiences—life in the city, on the plains, in the forests, in the mines, on the railroads, and they have been trained from youth to meet new situations, cope with unusual difficulties, take long chances, form decisions quickly and act promptly.

"Serubwomen in the Boston Capitol have struck." Heavens, think of anybody letting a State job get away.

THE FEAR OF AMERICA

THE same cables bring the news that Germany at last is preparing her people for the news of America's growing strength in the war and that for months previous the Germans had been parading fifteen half-starved American prisoners throughout the country to prove that Americans cannot stand before German troops.

What was the effect on the German populace when the pitifully small group of American prisoners were paraded for their derision we have no means of knowing, but the result of this bit of news spread throughout the American forces of France will be anything but conducive to gentle treatment when the Yankee boys have their next bout with Fritz.

A TOURING CENTER

ORGANIZATION of the Southern Tours Association by the same men under whose direction the Empire Tours of New England have become famed throughout the world will make Harrisburg more than ever an automobile touring center and will bring thousands upon thousands of visitors to Harrisburg yearly.

To be the northern terminus of these Southern Tours, which extend as far South as Jacksonville and as far west as St. Louis, is in effect to make this city the junction point for the southern tourist going north to New York and New England and the northern tourist going south.

The new tours take the automobile over smooth roads through highly interesting and picturesque country of the southland and are so arranged that they bring one at the end of the day's journey to good hotel accommodations, the assurance of a bath, a palatable dinner and a comfortable bed.

Many persons desiring to tour the south have been deterred from so doing by lack of reliable knowledge concerning road and hotel conditions. Unquestionably, these new Southern Tours will be extensively patronized and the good that will come of them will not be in pleasure alone, but in the very material benefits that are always derived from closer relations and more intimate association of neighboring peoples.

THE PRICE OF ICE

ICE to the small consumer in Harrisburg is to cost no more this year than last. In this respect, at least, we are now about to reap some benefit from the hard winter that kept us shivering so long.

Modern living conditions demand ice for every family. It is a household necessity and the poor cannot afford to pay excessive prices for it.

SCHOOL TAXES

ROBERT A. ENDERS, president of the Harrisburg School Board, takes the very proper view that an advance in the school tax rate is justified at this time in order to keep the schools up to peace standards and pay the teachers a living wage.

To begin with, the board must pay more for its supplies, just as all of us must for the things we use, and that means greatly increased expense. Also, it is quite true that the school teachers must have more pay if they are to be kept on a par with workers of their class in other lines.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

About the time that Senator William C. Sprout was passing through Harrisburg last night on his way to Williamsport where he begins his campaign tour of two weeks to-night Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil and his chiefs were in conference with Attorney General Brown and Gifford Pinchot regarding the O'Neil campaign.

Senator Sprout and Mr. O'Neil will both be in Harrisburg to-morrow. The Senator is touring the vicinity of Williamsport to-day and to-night will attend a big dinner in his honor in the Lumber Hotel.

Mr. O'Neil will go from the Pittsburgh region to Philadelphia and on Monday will tour Chester county and on Wednesday will be in Northumberland. He will be here Tuesday and Thursday for Highway Department affairs, Gifford Pinchot, who was here last night talking over themes for speeches, will start his speech-making tour at Wellsboro on May 9.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger, which has been so busy in the past few days, comments upon the fact that Mr. O'Neil has never said he would abide by the decision of the Republican primary. The Ledger says to-day: "Normally supporters here spread reports to the effect that the reported intention of J. Denny O'Neil to enter the gubernatorial fight in this State has been changed."

The Philadelphia City Republican Committee may not meet this week. In spite of the Governor's insistence the Vares are not inclined to endorse any candidate for Governor. This is said to be one of the reasons why the Governor has held off on his "fringe" program.

The Philadelphia Inquirer is going after Senator Vares for his refusal to recognize the Dauphin county court session in the Town Meeting. Directors of the Board say that the action of Superintendent Mills in throwing politicians out of station houses is what Philadelphia needs.

The plan to make strikes or boycotts through the period of the war should not be represented as labor's or capital's victory. Concessions were made by both, resulting in what may be called a victory for the freedom of both.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PATRIOTIC ITALIANS

It was my privilege to be a guest at a meeting Monday evening at which a scene of interest occurred. The people at the meeting were chiefly a group of our Italian citizens. The guest of honor was a young man who went out April 30, as a selected man to Camp Lee.

MACHINE GUN FORTS

It used to be thought that the Belgian forts of armored steel and concrete, almost completely buried in the ground, would hold out against any artillery. But when the Germans brought up their great howitzers and high-trajectory shells in quantities of high explosives on these forts, they broke and crumbled to pieces.

No Better Than Bonds

There is a rumor going about that certain persons are hoarding currency in the fear that the exigencies of the war will invalidate all other forms of credit.

CLEAR THE WAY

"[Faugh-a-Ballagh means "Clear the way." It is the Gallic motto of the famous Irish militia.]

So clear the way before us when our marching orders come! Can't you hear the files a-screaming, and the throbbing of the drum?

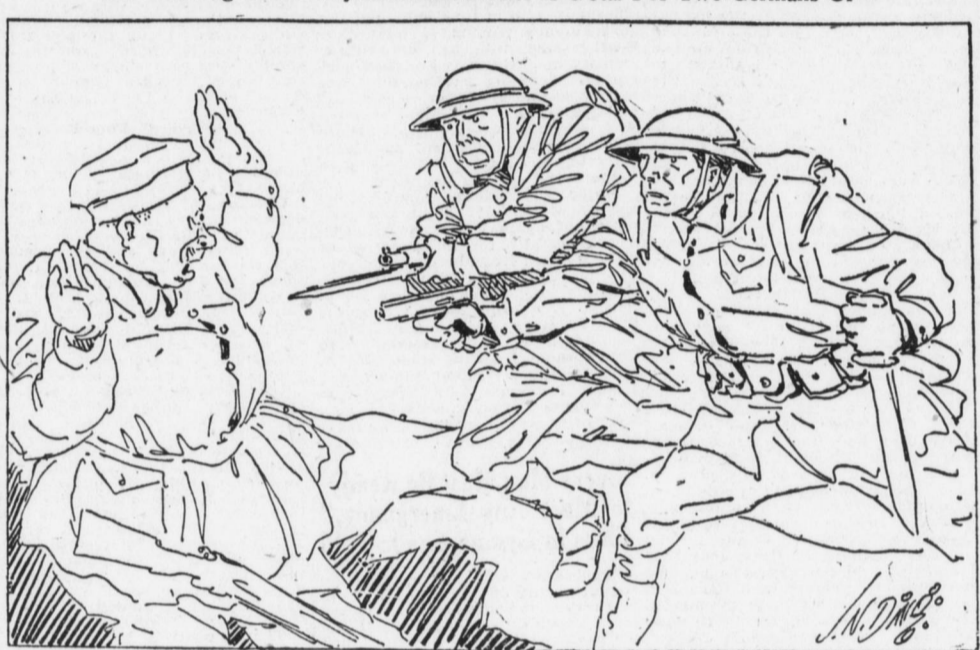
We have never faced a barrage, and we've never shed our blood. Though we've done our duty decent up to date.

Clear the way to No Man's Land, with bugles shrill and high. Clear it to the lid of hell, with flags against the more complete sky.

Which Would Our Boys Appreciate Most?



Our Boasting That Every American Soldier Is Good For Two Germans Or—



Our Boasting With Liberty Bonds For an Army of Two Americans For Every German.

Pity the Poor Germans

THE German people have been led to believe that the Ukrainian peace meant a full market basket, and in Austria it was described as "a bread peace."

SACK OF LOUVAIN

[Brand Whitlock in Everybody.] All over the city the soldiers began firing wildly at the facades of the closed houses; the people ran to their cellars in terror; the soldiers beat in the doors, turned the people into the street, shot them down, set fire to the houses.

On Judging One's Self

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment; yes, I judge not mine own self.

AFTERWARD

Dear eyes, twin limpid glories, Dear tender, honest eyes, That told such wondrous stories— And most of them were lies.

Our Hope in Foch

"Foch is satisfied," a French officer of high rank says. That is wholesome reading. Of course, it is a great strain to wait for the counter-offensive, but if Foch does not strike, it is evidently because he sees a better moment for it coming.

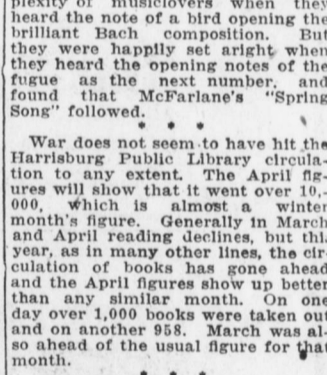
Evening Chat

William M. Donaldson, the chairman of the War Savings work for Dauphin county, is "highly interested in making the sale of stamps a big go in this county, especially since it has shown up so well on the Liberty Loan."

A good story is told about the arrival of some colored men from one of the central counties at Camp Mead in the early part of the week. These men arrived about 10 o'clock in the morning and were met by the colored men in the Army.

"Oh, Henry. Oh, Henry, dey done got you at las'." The man addressed, whose name was not Henry, looked embarrassed, but he grinned just the same.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



War does not seem to have hit the Harrisburg Public Library circulation figures in the least. The figures will show that it went over 10,000, which is almost a winter month's figure.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Judge W. B. Broomall, of Delaware county, presided at the Chester Liberty Loan meeting.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is being used for many bolts for Army buildings.

WEST ALWAYS AWAKE

Some of us here in the East have been wondering whether the West has "waked up" to the war!

HIS PREFERENCE

Bug—What kind of entertainment do you prefer? Grasshopper—Well I think I like going to hops best.

NOT ON HIS PLANE

"Have you seen the new ten dollar bill?" "No. I haven't even seen the old one."

ALTERNATING

"Who's little girl are you?" "This month I'm papa's little girl."

ONE WAY

Wife—How can I keep from walking in my sleep? Hubby—Take care to bed with your eyes open.