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Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let 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.

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.

Mr. Hoover and the local food administrators are entirely justified in their stand against profiteering in ice. Ice is so closely allied to the food supply that it may be said to be part and parcel of the food question.

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 who 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 an effect to make this city the junction point of the southern tourist going north to New York and New England and the northern tourist going south. The new Penn-Harris hotel is the magnet which has attracted this very desirable patronage to Harrisburg and all that has been invested in the new hotel would be well worth while if it brought no other benefit.

The new tours take the automobilist 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. The advantages of following the carefully laid out program entourage are needless to mention and those who have devised the present routes have inspected them from one end to the other, have made their arrangements with hotel managements for special attention to automobile parties and are getting out literature that will be at once a guide to the man at the wheel and a "bluebook" of information concerning points of interest along the way.

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.

As it happens now the great lines of passenger and news communication run largely from east to west across the country and thousands of Americans who know all about the east and the west know little or nothing about the South, with the exception, possibly, of a few of the Florida resorts. With northern tourists going south and southern tourists coming north new ties between individuals and communities will be formed and new commercial relations established.

NO BETTER THAN BONDS

There is a rumor going about that certain persons are hoarding currency in the city and that the exigencies of the war will invalidate all other forms of credit. It seems to be their idea that a \$5 note must in the very nature of things maintain the value which the government has placed on it. For these persons it is worth while saying that the engraving offers no greater surety than the result of the state primary.

Concident with the announcement by Director Wilson that Philadelphia Police as well as police must keep out of politics, the Republican Alliance in Philadelphia has endorsed the "objects and purposes" of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Protective Association.

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. He defends the course of the board as being "good business," as indeed it is.

Freedom of Labor and Capital The plan to make strikes or boycotts unlawful during the period of the war should 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

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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." Now comes along the Berlin Statistisches Korrespondenz, the official organ of the Prussian statistical bureau with a nice little bit of cheerful reading for hungry Germans.

SACK OF LOUVAIN

[Brand Whitlock in Everybody's.] 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 the doors, turned the people to the street, shot them down, set fire to the houses.

Comparatively Speaking

In Washington there are spasmodic attempts on the part of executive departments to pin upon the back of the galloping Congress the charge that Congress has been responsible for delays. No doubt in some rare instances the accusation will stick. But, as compared to executive speed, Congress is an airplane preceding the advance of an apple cart over rough ground.

On Judging One's Self

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of, or of man's judgment; yea, I judge not mine own life. For I know nothing of myself; yet am I not hereby justified; but he that judgeth me is the Lord.—I Corinthians IV, 3 and 4.

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Evening Chat

William M. Donaldson, the chairman of the War Savings work for Dauphin county, is vitally interested in making the sale of stamps a big go in this county, especially since it has shown up so well on the Liberty Loans. Mr. Donaldson is working out a plan, which has been tried in other communities, to have people save systematically.

A good story is told about the arrival of some colored men from one of the central counties at the barracks after the usual Army dinner. Suddenly one of the bucks in uniform spied the draftees toiling up the road and sang out at one of them: "Oh, Henry, Oh, Henry, dey done got you at las!"

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

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

DO YOU KNOW

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