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Genuine greatness is marked by simplicity, unostentatiousness, self-forgetfulness, a hearty interest in others, a feeling of brotherhood with the human family.—CHANNING.

RAILROAD CHANGES

RAILROAD presidents and directors are still dazed over the theories of Government ownership and operation of the railroad systems.

The United States Railroad Administration now controls the greatest transportation system in the world, 260,000 miles of track, with 60,000 locomotives, 2,500,000 freight cars, 55,000 passenger cars, and freight and passenger terminals in every center of population.

The terms on which 188 large railroad systems and about 800 short lines were united for the period of the war and for twenty-one months thereafter are defined in the railroad control bill which became a law on March 21, 1918.

The operation and maintenance of this great national system costs about \$2,850,000,000 a year, of which more than \$1,200,000,000 is paid for materials and supplies and \$1,450,000,000 for wages to 1,800,000 railroad employees.

The Railroad Administration has advanced to the railway systems, either as loans or as advances on account of rentals, during four months of Government ownership, a total of \$90,614,000.

Orders have been placed for 30,000 box and coal cars to cost between eighty and ninety million dollars, and for over one thousand locomotives to cost about sixty million dollars.

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align the popular conception of the duties of a national chairman and the public attitude toward politics at this time, is Mr. Hay's smiling declaration to be led into a discussion of presidential possibilities in 1920.

There is pending in Congress an important measure having for its purpose the development of the water powers of the country. It is not visionary to suggest that the day may not be far off when the tremendous power of the Susquehanna river will be harnessed for the development of great manufacturing and commercial enterprises along this noble stream.

LET THERE BE NO BLOT

NE "drive" is scarcely over before another is announced. Last week it was for Liberty Bonds, next week the Thrift Stamp pledge campaigners will begin their rounds.

Of course, some are not in a position to give heavily to every war service activity, but all must do their part, large or small. It is easily understood that there may be men and women who cannot invest \$50 in a Liberty bond, but there is none so poor in these days of steady work and high wages as to be unable to buy Thrift Stamps.

Truth is we have a long way to go before we in Dauphin county reach our quota. The sum fixed for us is \$20 per capita for the year. Up to this time our investment in Stamps in Dauphin county is given as \$1.54 per capita, a pitiful comparison with little Union county, which boasts a per capita investment of \$10.20.

We have boasted that we of Harrisburg and Dauphin county are a patriotic people. We are justly proud that Harrisburg was free from the first call under the selective service act and has just escaped another draft because so many of our young men enlisted as volunteers.

WHY NOT NOW?

JOSEPH F. GUFFEY, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania, is quoted as threatening liquor dealers who oppose him with the wrath of the White House in the form of wartime prohibition.

Should I obtain legal proof that liquor money is being used to corrupt votes in this campaign, now or at the general election, when I am elected or defeated, as a citizen and taxpayer of this Commonwealth, I am going to make some people pay the penalty.

But why wait? If Mr. Guffey is influential enough at the White House to induce the President to do what millions of people think he should do, make the country "dry" for the period of the war, why delay?

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Senator William C. Sproul and Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, rival candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor, met, greeted each other pleasantly and spoke at the same banquet in Pottsville, last night, while Joseph F. Guffey and his rival for the Democratic nomination, Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, were in Philadelphia, but did not meet.

The meeting of Sproul and O'Neil was at the banquet of the League of the Women Voters of the State, which was formed to head off the Magese plan of tying them up to Pittsburgh. Senator Sproul declared that the small municipalities had the right to have their own lives and to confine themselves to a discussion of municipal legislation.

As soon as the banquet in Pottsville was over, the candidates all started for Philadelphia. O'Neil has a speaking schedule in the Lehigh Valley and will spend considerable time the next few days in the eastern section. Senator Sproul will be guest of honor at a reception in Philadelphia to-night and Senator Sproul plans to make his fight against the eastern counties.

The Philadelphia quarter sessions court has held that the Philadelphia municipal court is without the powers of a committing magistrate and has dismissed proceedings against Magistrate George Perch. And Chester county courts will determine when they will re-try the Philadelphia Fifth ward cases, which have been transferred to West Chester to get a better atmosphere.

Lackawanna county is having the usual pleasant time in Legislative contests. Judging from the newspapers, the candidates will determine when they will re-try the Philadelphia Fifth ward cases, which have been transferred to West Chester to get a better atmosphere.

The fact that the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times is the biggest newspaper in Western Pennsylvania, has joined the influential Philadelphia Press in editorially urging the nomination of Sproul as much commented upon. The Gazette-Times is owned by George T. Oliver, long friend of O'Neil and the man who secured his confirmation as Highway Commissioner last year.

The Philadelphia Bulletin last night and the Philadelphia Record today comment upon the fact that such a Vares stalwart as Senator Samuel W. Salus has come out for Sproul and other Vares leaders declaring for the man from Dauphin. The Bulletin says: "The gradual falling in of Vares leaders and workers behind Senator Sproul is a most interesting phenomenon."

The Record takes this view: "The Vares permitted their hand in the fight for the Republican gubernatorial nomination to be shown yesterday, when several of their ward leaders announced themselves in favor of the candidacy of Senator William C. Sproul. The ward committees went through the motions of holding a caucus and endorsing the Delaware county Senator, but it is admitted that their action was not taken until approval had been given by Senator Vares."

It should not be forgotten in this connection that David Martin, John P. Connelly and other leaders are also for Sproul, but that the Vares brothers have committed themselves and when they do they will personally favor O'Neil, in opinion of people who have observed their course for years.

MOVIE OF A MAN IN A PARADE WITH NEW SHOES



THE START ONE MILE ONE AND ONE FOURTH MILES A MILE AND A HALF

MARCHING INTO PICARDY

When Pershing's men go marching into Picardy; Marching, marching into Picardy— With their steel a-slant in the sunlight and their gray hawks a-awing. And their wagons rumbly after them like thunder in the Spring.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

B. R. T. ENDORSEMENTS To the Editor of the Telegraph: Would you please give us the enclosed in an early edition: Harrisburg Lodge 338, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, at a regular meeting held on May 9, 1918, endorsed Brother A. Ramsey S. Black as a candidate for the Legislature from the City District. Also L. G. Smith, who is a member of the B. of L. F. and E. The lodge also has a membership of 383.

LABOR NOTES

While on January 1, 1912, the federations affiliated with the central organization of Swedish unions, had only 80,707 members, on January 1, 1917, the membership had risen to 149,822 and during 1917 the membership continued to increase so that in August 169,000 members were represented at the congress.

In England to-day there is a decided possibility of a labor government. Out of a population of 46,000,000 about 4,000,000 are members of the labor unions, or about nine per cent, organized of the population. The labor unions have at present forty-two members in the House of Commons.

The United States Supreme Court recently heard arguments in a case that involves the constitutionality of the federal child labor law which denies interstate shipment to commodities made in whole or in part by children under 14 years of age. The case started in North Carolina, where cotton mill owners are objecting to this restriction. The Federal Department of Justice is defending the law.

Condition of Winter Wheat

Within a twelvemonth the whirligig of time has brought about a wondrous change in the wheat situation. Only a year ago the story was of extensive winter-killing, and of consequent abandoned or plowed-up fields, that only too surely presaged the calamitously reduced production of last summer's harvest. To-day the tale is of a prospect unexcelled since the bountiful harvest of 1915 and of promised abundant yields, especially in those great winter-wheat states where last season harvests were so distressingly scanty.

Men and Territory

General Foch will know when territory becomes more valuable than men. To the Germans men are still less valuable than territory.—Springfield Republican.

BY BRIGGS



Over the Top in Penna.

A War Christening

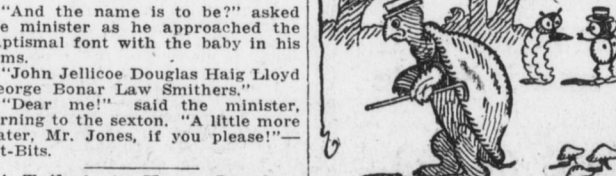
"And the name is to be?" asked the minister as he approached the baptismal font with the baby in his arms.

"John Jellicoe Douglas Haig Lloyd George Bonar Law Smithers." "Dear me!" said the minister, turning to the sexton. "A little more water, Mr. Jones, if you please!"—Tit-Bits.

A Tribute to Harry Lauder

Harry Lauder's remarkable war-book, "A Minister in France," which appeared this week, is having a record breaking sale throughout the country, partly as the result of the widespread publicity that the famous Scottish singer received during his recent American-Canadian tour. In addition to his work for the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and other national organizations, the veteran humorist took a foremost part in the Liberty Bond drive.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



ENVY.

ENVY. Bug—It makes me sore. Worm—What does? Bug—Why old Turtie can take a bath whenever he wants. He carries a bathtub on his back all the time.

GRAND.



"Have you decided to do your bit?" "I am going in for farming. I think it will be perfectly grand just to vegetate."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Robert K. Cassatt, head of the War Savings Bank in Pennsylvania is being urged to take part in the Thrift Stamp idea very fondly, to get the Thrift Stamp idea beyond the people.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg sells many tons of steel to car building works?

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Mrs. Skeet—Look here, Silas you must have bitten a sour old maid. You've been awful grumpy these last few days!

Evening Chat

Gardeners employed by the State Department of Public Grounds and Buildings have just finished seeding what is probably the most expensive piece of garden owned by the state of Pennsylvania. It is a part of the Capitol Park Extension area and is one acre at the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets in this city.

With the muster of the Pittston company of the Second regiment of the Pennsylvania Reserve Militia into service next Tuesday night in this city the eastern units of the state's new military service will be completed.

Departments and bureaus of the state government wishing to buy automobiles will have to secure small cars and go slow on tires and gasoline. This dictum has gone forth from the auditing end of the Capitol and purchases which have been under way for some time have been restricted, while in others advance has been given not to buy because of the expense which operation may entail.

Steps will be taken by the Public Service Commission in the very near future to determine upon the scope of the authority in complaints against increase of fare on trolley lines where the fares are governed by ordinance. This subject was argued some time ago and the commission recently made an announcement of decision. The trolley lines are being complained because it is felt that the costs of operation will be increased materially because of the war conditions.

Charles E. Davis, the sexton of Market Square Presbyterian church probably the oldest sexton in active service in Harrisburg churches was eighty-three years old recently. In the course of his long career he has seen various organizations made up a purse for him.

The decision handed down yesterday in the Hardersbald case is one of the most important in local affairs in a long time. Every community has certain questions handed down from the past and for years people have been discussing ideas about the River Front. The decision will serve to correct some impressions, especially it is affirmed by the supreme court. Some of the ideas about the River Front it may be said, bordered on the fantastic, while others were of the opinion that it was all free of title claims.

Harrisburg people are getting a pretty wholesome respect for the siren on the fire apparatus. When the noise makers first came to the city people running the fire trucks were not very speedy in getting out of the way. In several instances there were close calls from the siren on the fire trucks because people did not take to the curb. Now as soon as the siren begins to sound there is a general movement to the side, especially if a truck happens to be on the way.

Calls for the blanks for the 1918 hunters' licenses are already being made at the State Game Commission offices where the license system is centralized. In some counties magistrates have been writing for information saying that hunters have been applying to them.

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