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And if I may, I'd have this day Strength from above To set my heart In heavenly art Not to be loved, but to love. —MALTRIE D. BARCOCK.

THE SCHOOL PARADE

WHAT a pity it was that the school parade of yesterday was marred by a downpour of rain. But what an inspiring sight the procession afforded while it was in full swing with flags flying, bands playing and thousands cheering. It was indeed a great war service demonstration.

The number of Thrift Stamps displayed in the parade and the number of 100 per cent. schools in line illustrated the extent of the schools' investment in these popular government securities and attested the patriotism of the pupils.

But the boys and girls marched not alone for themselves. Liberal investment in War Saving Stamps, it is true, will aid materially in keeping the Hun from our door, but it will do more than that—it will help free the children of Belgium, and Northern France, and Serbia, and northern Italy and of a half dozen other prostrate states from the awful slavery of the unspeakable Beast of Berlin. So our boys and girls marching yesterday represented the childhood and the young manhood and womanhood of all the world and our hearts went out to them as they trudged sturdily by and we thought how much our success in this war means to them and to young folks everywhere. All that we have taught them to hold dear, all there is of good cheer, of happiness and the chance to work and be of service in the world hang in the balance. Either we are adult years, at-home and in the trenches, must destroy root and branch the murderous forces of autocracy or the wave of frightfulness which has engulfed the childhood of Europe will roll over us—and our children.

That is what yesterday's parade meant. That is what the marchers told us as they passed, though they did not put the thought into words, and they steered the souls of all be-holders to the task before us, with their suffering and their sacrifices, even as they melted our hearts in love for the little paraders who so confidently entrust their future to our will and ability to win.

With the increase of the wheat crop and the decrease of U-boat sinkings the food problem takes on a brighter appearance.

HIGHWAY WORK

THE State of Pennsylvania has more money on hand for the maintenance of its State Highways than ever known and it is distributing to second-class townships some arrears of aid under what is known as the cash road tax bonus act in some circles and as sentimental legislation in others. Counties and first-class townships are going ahead leveling the usual sums for roads.

And in the face of this situation, we hear criticisms that some much traveled roads, the Lincoln highway for instance, are not being well maintained. Allegheny county commissioners declare that they can not secure materials for road improvements through the national government, which refers them to the State Highway authorities on car priority orders. Township officials claim that cost of maintenance work is prohibitive.

The Commonwealth is letting contracts for construction of roads, some at State cost entirely; some on the "share and share alike" agreement with counties and some on the State-aid principle. It is contended that certain of these roads do not connect with much traveled routes and are isolated pieces of highway, a survival of the very policy that we tried to get away from some years ago. This is denied at the Capitol. And in defense of award of contracts for highway construction at as high

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

For the moment the situation existing between Governor Brumbaugh and the members of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has detracted attention of men interested in politics from even the final week of the strenuous campaign for the state nominations. There have been five instances in the recent history of the state when the relations between the executive and judicial branches of the government have been so strained and it is said that the condition now prevailing will be reflected in the coming general campaign.

The Supreme Court adjourned last week until the Governor made appointments to the two vacancies existing and newspapers have been filled with statements that the court is behind with work and needs the places filled at once. On the other hand friends of the Governor say that it was an attempt to force his hand before the primary in which he has espoused the cause of Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neill and that only a few cases are to be cleared up in the coming general campaign.

What happened yesterday was that the Supreme Court cancelled the sitting which was to have been held here May 27, in accordance with the custom of a generation and arranged to meet in Philadelphia on the morning of May 28 notwithstanding the fact that the Governor had issued invitations to a dinner in honor of the court at the executive mansion on May 27.

At the same time a committee of eminent Philadelphia lawyers asked the Governor to name Alexander Simpson as Justice. Mr. Simpson is law partner of Attorney General Evans and no one knows whether he would accept if tendered the place or what the Penrose people would do in the event of election if he should be appointed.

Last night Governor Brumbaugh said there were no signs of an early appointment and that he had "called off" the dinner.

The names of Judges H. O. Bechtel, Schuyllkill; ex-Judge Voris Aulen, who served on the Northumberland bench for ten years and one of the well-known central lawyers, C. LeRue Munson, of Williamsport, and J. J. Kelly, of Scranton, are being prominently mentioned for the Democratic nomination to the Supreme Court. It should not be forgotten that under the constitution one of the Justices to be named must be a Democrat.

Both of the deceased Justices came from Western Pennsylvania, which has men for both places. Philadelphia, however, is pulling hard for one of the places.

The will of Justice Metzger, just probated, disposes of \$300,000.

The candidates began their final week yesterday and until the primary one week from to-day most of them will be busy. Mr. O'Neill plans to speak at the University of Pennsylvania and at the University of Pittsburgh. Plans of the others have not been announced.

Senator Sprout started from Philadelphia last night and is in Berks and Lebanon counties today. Tomorrow he goes to Adams and adjoining counties. Mr. O'Neill, who was here last night for consultation with people at his headquarters in the Fayette county day and to-morrow will join Governor Brumbaugh in Pittsburgh. They will speak together in Reading and victory.

There is a lot of guessing about what John R. K. Scott is going to do and his plans are being as carefully guarded as the Vatican's. Senator Beldeman is in the anthracite region where he is getting ovations that are worth while. The sufferer from the anthracite region is getting ovations that are worth while. The sufferer from the anthracite region is getting ovations that are worth while.

HARRISBURG TREES

WHAT are the people of Harrisburg going to do about their shade and ornamental trees? Twice within the year violent windstorms have resulted in great damage, especially in the parks and along the sidewalks, but this loss has only emphasized the growing indifference of the people generally to the planting and care of trees. All over the city they have been neglected and it is a common experience of pedestrians to have hats swept from their heads by low-hanging branches. In many places automobiles and other vehicles cannot approach the curbsides without encountering the overhanging limbs and there is general neglect of even rudimentary attention.

But worse than all this is the vandalism that is permitted in all sections, resulting in widespread damage to many fine trees, especially in the parks and around school buildings. Unchecked by janitors or teachers trees are being broken limb by limb by boys, a striking example being a fine shade tree at the Macley building which has been almost ruined by the breaking of the branches.

Why should it be necessary to appeal over and over again to City Council to create a shade tree commission, whose business it would be to look after the trees, supervise their planting and care and protect them against vandalism?

The city-wide damage of the latest storm should be sufficient, without further argument, to get action. There is every reason for the appointment of a shade tree commission under an act of the Legislature and no valid objection.

What has become of the old fellow who used to go whitewashing the back fences? There are some in Harrisburg that would look better for his attention.

OUR GUESTS TODAY

HARRISBURG to-day welcomes with joy and affection the soldiers of France who have come to assure us of the steadfastness of the French in the face of the German hordes and to bring us the word that they will hold the line until we can throw our millions into the field with French and British, Italian and Belgian in the final great push that shall start the Germans on the retreat that will end in a rout beyond the Rhine.

Most of these Blue Devils who come to Harrisburg to-day have been in the war since its start in 1914, and every one of them has been wounded, some of them a half dozen times or more. They have been, as one writes puts it, "three years in hell and back with a smile." They have earned their brief vacation in this country and they are worthy of all the attention they are receiving. They have stood between us and German frightfulness and the gratitude we show them to-day is no less sincere than the gratitude with which the French people received the first detachment of American troops as they marched through Paris on their way to take their places in the fighting line.

There has been always a tie of deep understanding and affection between France and the United States which will be strengthened by such interchange of compliments as that which brought the Blue Devils on their pilgrimage of patriotism to this country. They visualize the war for us. They prove to any who may be doubting that the smiling, bonified courage of the French is unbroken, that there fight beside our own boys in France not the dregs of a nation "bled white," as the Germans would have us believe, but some millions of fine, up-standing, vigorous, hard-fighting Frenchmen, who are well able to give good account of themselves under any circumstances and who will be shoulder to shoulder with the lads in khaki when the triumphant march to Berlin is begun.

Must Speed Up to End War

The great trouble with our preparations last year was that we failed to realize the size of our job. We prepared on a relatively small scale when we should have prepared on a large scale. We went forward leisurely as if we had all the time in the world. That mistake must not be repeated. The War Department need have no fear that it may adopt a program too large for the nation to approve. America wants to end the war. It knows it can do the business only by gigantic effort. Let the government call for this effort! America will answer. "Ready!"—Kansas City Times.

MOVIE OF A MAN AND A HAT

By BRIGGS

Comic strip panels: GOING DOWN MOST ANY STREET, THE FLAG GOES BY, PROCEEDS ANOTHER BLOCK, SEES LADY FRIEND, ANOTHER BLOCK, THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER, ANOTHER BLOCK, GOD SAVE THE KING, ANOTHER BLOCK, THE MARSEILLAISE, HAT BLOWS OFF, OH WELL I DIDN'T NEED IT ANYWAY—LET IT GO.

Over the Top in Penna.

Soldier boys at Camp Meade are writing home in great praise of Annie Oakley, woman champion shot, formerly with Buffalo Bill, who has been visiting there. After clipping the ashes off a cigar held in the teeth of a husky private he related that when in Berlin some years ago the prince asked her to shoot one out of his mouth. "Gee," said Miss Oakley with keenest regret, "if he'd only let me try it now!"

Out in Cambria County they are telling a good one on two well-known physicians who insisted that a certain society believe rheumatism was caused by her teeth. She protested madly and could only convince the eminent authorities by confessing that she hadn't had a tooth of her own in her head for ten years.

We read in an Allentown paper with great appreciation the wonderful record of Jeremiah S. Hess, ex-state senator. For fifty continuous years he had been superintendent of a Union Sunday School in Hellertown.

Dittman Joins Liebknecht Dittman, a Socialist member of the German Reichstag, is now in association with Liebknecht, another socialist member of the German Reichstag. Both are making shoes in a convict pen.

The crime for which the Kaiser's government sent Dittman to prison was that he had organized 12,000 women who had ceased work as a protest against the war policy of the German government toward the Russian people and the people of the Baltic provinces. The trial of Dittman was of the drunkest variety. Two of his colleagues were sentenced to life imprisonment, however, to present arguments in his defense. Then the Prussian officers committing the court sentenced Dittman to prison without recourse.

This incident is one of the many that have aroused men of all liberal minds to action in the United States. The details of the incident have come to America only through German newspapers. The socialist press of the United States has taken up the issue of the affair, which appears to interest little or not at all the pro-Germans controlling the American Socialist party.—From the Chicago News.

Raising the Draft Age

There can be no valid opposition to the proposed raising of the draft age from 21 to 40 years. Men between those ages are as capable of fighting as those in the twenties. The nation as a whole is younger than it is their war as much as it is the war of the younger men. Let them do their share in the fight to save the Republic. It is expected to ask Congress for an army of 5,000,000 men. His recommendation should be approved. The Allies will win or lose on their own power, and there is no other source than the United States. It must be give, give, give, and that willingly, or all that has been given will prove useless sacrifice.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Grandma's Little Worry

Village Pedagog—"Darwin says we're descended from monkeys." His Auditor—"Well, what about it?" My grandmother may have bin a scorpilla, but it doesn't worry me." Voice From the Fireside—"Praps not, but it must have worried yer grandmother."—London Opinion.

Pretty Near Time, Now

Down where the water Ripples with a song, Ain't a-wastin' daylight When you're catchin' fish—that long!

The Ghostly Galley

When comes the ghostly galley Whose rowers dip the oars Without a sound to startle us Unheeding on the shore— If they should beckon you aboard Before they beckon me, How could I bear the waiting time Till I should put to sea! —Jessie B. Rittenhouse, "The Door of Dreams," Houghton-Mifflin.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

USE THE UMBRELLA To the Editor of the Telegraph:

It seems too bad that the thunder showers yesterday afternoon interfered so seriously with the school children's parade, but is it not possible that we may learn some lessons from the matter? Had the weather conditions approximated last Friday's, very probably the enthusiastic parade would not have been where it could have been overheard. A patriotic demonstration about a year ago, accompanied by similar showers, resulted in at least one death and many serious cases of illness—hardly a happy result, I believe no one protected by an umbrella on that occasion experienced any unpleasant effects from the "gentle dew from heaven." But, alas, there seems to be a strong sentiment against the innocent umbrella, and during among the school children yesterday at 12.30 under a lowering sky. Their patriotic parent, sooner than deny them the privilege of marching, tied their flags to the handles of their umbrellas, bidding them carry them like muskets, unless needed for protection. One boy was indeed, and kicked by his classmates until he hid the offending emblem of civilization in the school closet, and marched to the "drowned rat" line. The other braved a similar reception from his patriotic school friends, and walked Market street beneath the friendly shelter. But public sentiment was finally triumphant, for the boots and soles of half a hundred throats made him lower the bit of civilization, protecting him against a thousand possible calamities, and with the wail of his learned (?) companions ringing in his childish ears, he marched on in the drenching storm. It is too early to record any deleterious effects.

It is not possible to educate our high-spirited boys and girls to the foolishness of risking their health unnecessarily. Were the adults in charge of the youngsters to instruct them regarding sensible protection in our future parades, were the umbrellas to serve as sentinels for their flags on unsettled days like yesterday, and were their adult captives to set an example of common sense in the matter, the parade would enjoy the exhibit of patriotism now. There always will be children to spurn every product of civilization in the "fashion" of the day, but they do not comprise the element on which we of this generation base our hopes for the future of our beloved country. The juvenile admirers of our brave old patriots know that they would be only too glad to hold iron, adamant or any other shield-like umbrellas between them and the Boches' rain of fire, were it practicable.

A HARRISBURG PATRIOT.

LABOR NOTES

Conductors, motormen and other employees of the Montreal (Can.) Tramways Company are asking for increased wages of from 5 to 11 cents an hour, according to the length of service.

In his last report on gains made by various ironworkers' unions, International Ironworkers' Union says that fifty-nine locals have secured wage increases, reduced hours and improved working conditions.

A bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts State Legislature which provides that all persons between 18 and 50 years of age who fail to work at least thirty-six hours a week shall be liable to a fine of \$100 and imprisonment for three months.

If New Jersey farmers will cooperate, Governor Edge believes that the shortage of farm labor will be overcome. He declares that this state will form a partnership with the farmers in an effort to have crops harvested on time, despite war conditions.

OUR CHAPLAIN

I have sat in stately churches, Built of costly wood and stone, Listened to the mighty organs Pealing forth in mellow tones; Heard ministers whose eloquence Made dome and arches ring; Sat enraptured while I listened To some noted choir sing— But the holy benediction I never rested on me there As when listening to our chaplain As he prayed in open air.

For my soul is lifted upward From the sordid things of earth, And I seem to catch a vision Of life as it's true worth, Oh, the soldier in the gray Is but a mixture pattern For some of him is sinner And some of him is saint.

Heard the bigger, better portion (I tell it to you square) Comes right up to the surface When our chaplain leads in prayer.

For he rouses all our manhood And we're anxious for the chance To join the allied forces Who are fighting now in France. I know not what will be my lot When on the other side, For Fate has many cards to play And this old benediction I know is but a mixture pattern For some of him is sinner And some of him is saint.

In heaven I'll wake in answer To Chaplain Bassier's prayer. —H. F. K. Company E. One Hundred Third Ammunition Train, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. (The above refers to the Rev. H. N. Bassier, formerly of Harrisburg and formerly chaplain of the Eighth Regiment, N. G.)

PROPHETIAL

[From the Boston Transcript.]

In springtime, when the buds were red, And bees droned in the poppy-bed, And zephyrs called—I knew not where— The hungry heart to realdoms rare, I caught the tune, and caroled soft A lyric to the Bard aloft! Who, answering, in transport trilled Love's outlet to the flame that fast his spirit filled.

A summer evening's golden glow Heightened the hills in ruddy flow, Deep in a Delphic glade I stood, 'Mid clustered cloisters of the wood, And bathed in ever-purpling mist Of fleeting day, with dewdrops kissed.

Fair was that bower, full its breast, Yet ceaselessly on high the Hand of vast unrest

Shifted the scene to somber hue; Darkling, the vineyard; dull, the blue Of skies overcast; the full-blown heart, Living-wine red, pure in white art, Bled its frail beauty, ere men's eyes Dwindled the Tree-God's gorgeous might!

Autumn of Years, how swift, how bitter-sweet thy fling! Ere long, the homing feathered troop Shed their soft down, in silver droop, And whitened clear with crystal crust The earth-abode of wanderlust. An angel choir, myriad, sing Each leaf of the deathless Spring, All Heaven a glad triumphal urge, While holy hairs bent low, and snow with snow covered.

—H. E. PERRY.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A SERIOUS MISTAKE. What's the matter with him? He swallowed a hairpin!

DIFFERENT SPHERES. "Alas, our interest lie In different spheres," said Nan. For she was a golfing girl And he was a baseball fan.

SERVITUDE. Would you marry a man who would try to use matrimony to avoid military service? Sure, that's the kind of man you could soon teach to make up beds and wash dishes.

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Evening Chat

Final steps to give Dauphin the state game preserve which her sportsmen have long desired are being taken by attaches of the Game Commission and it is expected to stock the preserve this summer and fall with deer and wild turkeys and probably some other game. The preserve has been located on the state forestry preserve in Williams township, which was placed at the disposal of the Game Commission. It will make about a score of game preserves in the state. The Williams Valley tract is known as the Haldeman preserve in honor of a noted Central Pennsylvania family. It comprises about 2,600 acres and 1,700 will be used for the game sanctuary. The Game Commission has terminated. The tract is being marked out and a force of men is blazing the way for the men who will follow with the single wire which marks such places and tack up the notices. It was the hope of the state authorities to get leases of adjoining land owners, such as the Hanna and other coal companies and some water companies, but it could not be arranged. If this could have been done the preserve would have been one of the largest and most compact. In any event, it will make the Lykens Valley region once more a hunting ground for the sportsmen, who, many years ago, the location is not very far away from Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, and the Huntingdon, Adams, Perry, York and Lancaster counties, at whose other end is the Pennypacker reserve, one of the best maintained by the Game Commission.

One bird seems to have aroused state-wide interest in its protection, judging from the number of petitions for the closing of counties for the hunting of ruffed grouse for two years are reaching the State Game Commission. Under the law the commission has authority to close for periods of two or five years counties to hunting of various sorts of game and a score of petitions are now closed for hunting of deer, quail, wild turkeys and other game so that they may propagate. Discovery that the ruffed grouse has been exterminated by weather, vermin and hunting in a number of counties last year caused a movement to have every county petition for the prohibition of close hunting for two years ago the whole state was closed by the Legislature for wild turkey hunting for two years, resulting in big increases in the number of birds to save time it was determined to invoke aid of the Game Commission. Fully fifty counties have filed petitions to close hunting for two years. The examination of the petitions being in complete form, while there are papers in circulation in practically every other county.

Preparation of the train schedules for the movement of the 17,500 men summoned to close the hunting season at Camp Meade, Lee, Humphreys and Greenleaf commencing May 25 is under way, and it is expected that a score of additional trains will be required. The examination of the men under this call is proceeding and it is believed that the bulk of the boards will have their quotas ready soon. The Director of Headquarters it is pointed out that the exemptions announced in the last week will apply only to this call, as far as in-pensioned men are concerned. The time and destinations of the 2,556 colored men called at the same time as the above call have not been determined. It is pointed out that registrants are not to be considered as physically unfit or delinquent in physical condition. The men are to be finally disposed of and such examinations as are needed are disposed of.

Governor Brumbaugh has gotten in his trout fishing this year after all. Last week he was regretting that he had been unable to get out on the opening days of the trout fishing, but Friday he slipped away, met with Commissioner of Fisheries N. R. Buller and whipped streams in the Pocomoke River. His sport was good, but the Governor vows he went right to the limit and stopped there.

The plucky march of the pupils of the city's schools in the War Savings parade yesterday in spite of the driving rain, resented by the marchers alone in the big parades of last year. The patriotic parade of last April was the biggest demonstration ever known in this city and the young folks stuck to the finish.

Among visitors to the city yesterday was Colonel Lewis E. Beidler, secretary of the State Committee of Public Safety and former deputy secretary of the Commonwealth. Colonel Beidler was here arranging for the opening of the city's sports and looking after details. He stayed long enough to see the War Savings parade and to get wet.

Dr. John Wenrich, well known to many here, has contributed some animals from the southern states for reading that President Wilson is invited to make the Fourth of July address at Philadelphia this year.

George E. Hoffman, Bucks county school superintendent, is making an effort to have every school pupil in his county save for Baby Bonds before school opens this year.

Bishop McCort preached the sermon at the dedication of the new Catholic church at Easton.

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