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THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1918 True happiness Consists not in the multitude of friends But in the worth and choice.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA? A READER of the Telegraph suggests that the sale of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps might be promoted in Harrisburg by the display of a distinctive flag at every place where the stamps may be purchased.

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the extraordinary war sacrifices and needs. Individuals will not excuse officials for any disregard of ordinary care in public expenditure, nor will they overlook indifference or carelessness or incompetent administration.

More and more our citizens are coming to believe that the business of Harrisburg is quite as important as any private business and that the commission form of government is essentially a failure because it leads to competition for jobs, instead of broad and intelligent public service.

The Courier is simply voicing the thought of many citizens and is giving expression to a protest which is likely to become more vehement as time goes on, unless there is a sudden and radical improvement in administrative methods.

Who says the banking institutions of Harrisburg are not patriotic and generous. Already one of the leading trust companies has declared a special Red Cross dividend.

ECONOMY OF VICTORY A DOLLAR'S worth of Thrift Stamps is worth more to the Government of the United States and is a better investment than \$1 put into a Liberty Bond.

President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale University, has issued a statement through the Connecticut War Savings Committee, in which he declares that savings will win the war, because "probably one-tenth of the total labor of the country and one-fifth of its high-grade labor is being utilized for war purposes."

To prevent this loss of productive power from becoming a disaster, those of us who stay at home must work harder and consume less. This is the only way in which the nation can meet its needs.

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Free Inspectors have shown a proper appreciation of the trend of the times and likewise of war conditions. Both prisoners should at least be earning their board and lodging.

HUGHES' APPOINTMENT APPOINTMENT of Charles Evans Hughes by President Wilson to assist in the aircraft failure probe is both an assurance of a thorough inquiry and a guarantee that the President means there shall be no white-washing.

Mr. Hughes' record in the New York insurance investigations stamps him as a fearless and skillful lawyer and his intense patriotism will provide the motive for going to the bottom of the whole matter.

WELCOME TO THEM The Bonniwell headquarters in Harrisburg are in charge of a "whiskery" Republican, says the local subsidiary organ of the Democratic machine to-day.

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman The primary campaign for state nominations in Pennsylvania is entering upon its final stages to-day.

Over the Top in Penna. Many Allentown soldiers are familiar with Pennsylvania German and sometimes use it in conversation among themselves.

History of An Evil Life (From the New York Times) The Liberal Frankfurter Zeitung, though admitting that the treaty with Rumania is not in keeping with the resolution, greets with satisfaction.

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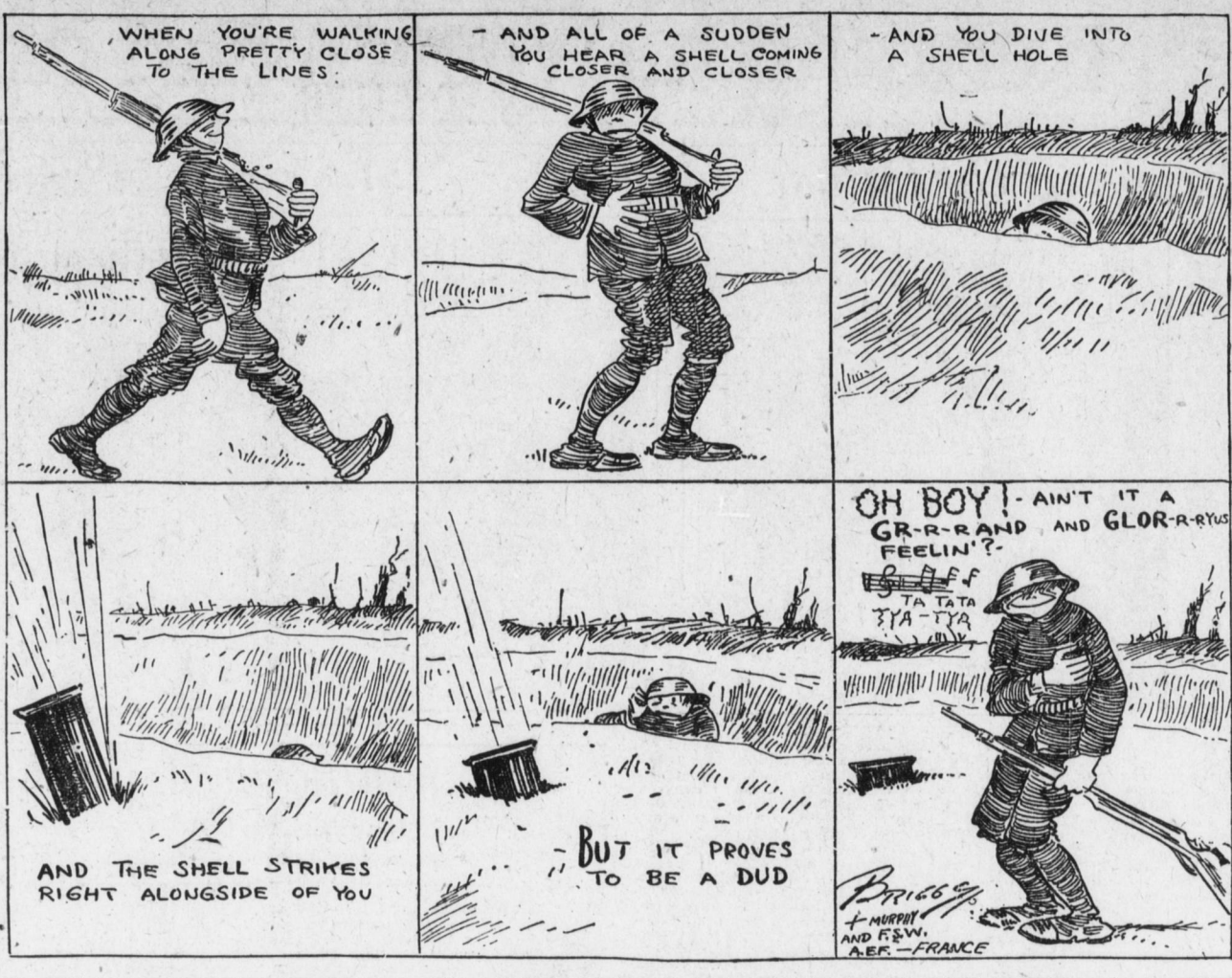
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AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



He Saw Two (From the European Edition of the New York Herald) He was a convivial old soul and in the small country village he missed the delights of town.

So he consoled himself at the village inn and next morning he was up before the local J. P. at the neighboring town.

"The constable," observed the city man to the magistrate, "seems wonderfully certain about the details of my case. How is it he doesn't call his fellow officer to corroborate what he says?"

"There's only one constable in Puddleford," explained the magistrate. "But I saw two last night," indignantly asserted the accused.

"Exactly," said the magistrate, smiling broadly. "That's just the charge against you."

Kindness to Enemies The American government is welcoming the relief work undertaken in this country through the auspices of the legations of Switzerland and Sweden in the interests of the needy alien enemies in the United States.

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St. Matthew's Lutheran congregation which has established its home at Green and Seneca streets, has a Thrift Stamp plan working that ought to commend itself to everyone.

There are a lot of youngsters in Harrisburg who are making garden-keeping pavements swept and helping around the house these days to save for Thrift Stamps and some of them put aside business some one at Brook Moore, the railroad official, who was here the other day from Altoona, told with a lot of quite justification that he had some work in a store and put what he got into Thrift Stamps.

One of the schemes to popularize the War Savings Stamps in the city which was talked of a short time ago and which had its head office at the War Savings flag adopted which could be hung outside of a store or office.

Another idea which went to the "canning factory" and which it is understood the Harrisburg Railways Company, always prompt to do its share in any scheme of any kind.

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Dr. J. P. Kerr, Pittsburgh councilman, has had his service in the war approved by his colleagues in a formal resolution on the minutes of the council.

Judge John G. Harman, who declined to order a "dry" week during a C. I. E. convention in Danville, is a former legislator.

Historic Harrisburg That Harrisburg furnished almost two regiments of men in the War of 1812.

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