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I know not where His islands lift
Their fringed palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

—WHITTIER.

THE RED CROSS PARADE

THE Red Cross parade of Harrisburg was one of the most beautiful and impressive spectacles Harrisburg has ever enjoyed.

Not all the victories are being won on the bloody fields of France. But, big as the parade was, it ought to have been bigger.

The Red Cross needs more workers and Saturday's procession should be in the nature of a great recruiting demonstration.

Some of the auxiliary branches, we are told, are sadly in need of workers. The boys at the front are going into action in ever increasing numbers.

Should it be said that our Red Cross workers' corps is smaller than it should be? Should it be said that the spirit of Harrisburg's women is not equal to that of its men, who volunteered in such numbers that the operations of the draft law twice left the city free?

It does seem regrettable when the price of milk is up and likely to go on that dealers or producers should water the milk.

When we realize that we are being made to pay about ten cents a gallon for water it is worse. The State chased the men who used embalming fluid to preserve milk out of business and into jail.

Things are costing entirely too much now to stand any nonsense from men who try to sell us milk in which the cow and the pump have been unwilling partners.

We don't believe that Hindenburg is dead, but we are certain that it's not going to be many months before he is a "dead one."

HOUSING PROBLEMS

HOUSING problems are confronting every city of importance in the United States, especially in those districts where great industrial developments have followed the expansion of war projects.

Workmen are entitled to comfort and what was once regarded as satisfactory for the housing of industrial workers in congested communities is no longer acceptable.

now discussed as necessary in this war period. Right here in Harrisburg there should be to-day hundreds of homes constructed with a view to comfort and convenience and with as low a rental as is consistent with the building consumed.

Did you see Saturday's parade? Well, that's one of the reasons why we are going to fight this war to a victorious finish.

TURN OUT

THE Dauphin County Ratification Committee, devoted to the nomination by all parties of "dry" candidates for the Legislature, will hold its final demonstration this evening.

It asks all friends of the National Prohibition Amendment to turn out in the big parade that is to mark the close of the campaign.

Do not hold back because you may not like to appear in a "political parade." This is not a political demonstration in the ordinary meaning of the term.

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to align themselves with the liquor end of the campaign can hardly give them any consideration. But it must be remembered, as a final word, that the Legislature and not the Governor will determine the question.

"When I was in the West I inspected half of the devastated section of France," said Emperor, William. Needless to say it was the half farthest from the firing line.

Mr. Creel says he is ready to accept defeat. Heaven knows he has been ready enough to give it.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Leadership in the two older parties in Pennsylvania depends in great measure upon the result of the primary election.

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Republican, to fill one of the vacant seats existing on the bench of the Supreme Court. Judge Bouton, whose home is at Smethport, was elected presiding judge of the McKean county bench on a non-partisan ticket and his present term expires January 1, 1924. He has been mentioned for both appellate courts.

Senator Sproul's candidate for tax collector was elected in Chester, defeating the McClure candidate.

Ex-Senator V. F. Gable, a Philadelphia reformer, in a speech at Philadelphia recently, tore up the constitution of the Lincoln Highway between Philadelphia and Trenton, which is a state highway, and said:

"If J. Denny O'Neil can present to the citizens of this section of Pennsylvania no better argument for his nomination for the governorship than his accomplishments for use while he was Commissioner, then he should be elected and he will be. The record of Senator Sproul shines by comparison. He was the author of the Good Roads bill, and he has done every thing possible by legislation to improve the highways of Pennsylvania. Logically he is the man to administer those laws as the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth."

Germany might have got away with the swag if it had not awakened civilization when it stepped on Belgium.—Chicago Daily News.

Russia's Heart Is Still With the Allies.—Headline. Unfortunately, it's her supplies that are with Germany.—Philadelphia North American.

It must be very difficult to be a German cartoonist and not be allowed to call attention to the fact that the Crown Prince looks exactly like a dachshund.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"A shell fired by the German long-range gun has struck a founding asylum in Paris." And yet some observers say the monster weapon can't be fired accurately.—Savannah News.

The German people are waiting for the result of the Flanders operations to make up their minds whether they are lifelong liberals or dyed-in-the-wool robbers and imperialists.—Chicago Herald.

Intimidations are given in Philadelphia that Governor Brumbaugh the Vares have split because the Vares refuse to endorse O'Neil and that the Governor and his friends are consequently keeping quiet about John R. K. Scott. The fact is the burr in the Vares leaders are openly for Sproul.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

BY BRIGGS



MOTHER'S HAIR CUT

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THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

A FINE PARADE: To the Editor of the Telegraph: Wasn't that a fine parade of the Red Cross hosts? It seems everybody was surprised and you would hear exclamations, "Where did all the women come from?" and "They look businesslike enough to lick the Kaiser themselves," and "Who is going to get to-night's supper?"

There was no difficulty in our crowd. There was a soldier from Camp Union with us and he had the snip. When the colors passed and the hymn was played conversation ceased, up went his hand to salute and he stood rigid as stone till the flag or band was well passed.

I believe if everyone of us would have the courage of our convictions and do our duty promptly under the circumstances, we would hearten and teach many.

J. H. FAGER, SR.

PRIMARY ADVICE: To the Editor of the Telegraph: It occurs to me that very often the question of "what might have been" comes to the politician as well as to the businessman, or the old girl who was left.

If the Bureau of Census had not defeated the Republican party in 1912, President Taft would have gotten the honor of a second term, which the people of the United States so justly owed him for his intelligent patriotic administration.

It was his wise and careful control of affairs that brought the country back from a most turbulent and unprofitable condition to a sane constitutional administration. If a second term had been given him, it is clear in 1918, there would have been a united Republican party, and today the Presidential chair would be occupied by a noted enthusiastic Republican citizen. Who might this be?

Will our hot-headed Republican "party busters" continue this un-patriotic selfish condition in our state elections. Let us hope not. If the primary vote gives a decided majority it may end this insane issue.

Let every good, genuine Republican vote for the very best man who represents an undivided Republican party.

REPUBLICAN.

THE STATE PRESS: From a humble country lawyer to the custody of \$280,000,000 in a few short years is a considerable rise in life for A. Mitchell Palmer.

If it were his own money he would rank as one of the rich men of the world. As a fact it belongs to enemy aliens and the custodian has a good deal of responsibility and small pay in caring for it.

By the time peace comes around Uncle Sam will have a nice piece of German property in his possession, and if Germany shows a disposition to be nasty about settling for American losses in the country, Uncle Sam can pay off our citizens—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Two-thirds of the Republican membership of the United States Senate will vote for the submission of the Federal Equal Suffrage Amendment, but only one-third of the Democratic Senators favor submission. The managers of the Equal Suffrage Congressional campaign are waving the red flag to the wind, hoping to secure the additional votes necessary to adopt it, President Wilson reversed himself at the last minute before the House voted on the resolution, but the records do not show that he succeeded in changing a single vote. His advice is unheeded by the Democratic Senators.

Looking forward to the campaign of 1920, Democratic party leaders are urging the adoption of the resolution, as its defeat at the hands of the

LABOR NOTES

BY BRIGGS

The Canadian government has passed an order in council reducing the pay of civil servants serving overseas to their military pay.

The cost of maintaining a family in this country has doubled since 1900, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To popularize paper clothing is the object of a national exhibition just opened in Berlin under the patronage of the Imperial Clothing Office.

The grand total of Canadian trade unionists who have volunteered and been accepted for overseas service since the outbreak of the war is 26,416.

One of the reasons for the congestion of cars along the parade and for the interference in the forming period was explained by an automobile owner to-day during the parade.

"Last week when the 'Blue Devils' were here Captain Thompson said that automobiles would not be permitted in streets where parades were to take place."

"And there were not enough policemen along the route of the parade to handle the conditions," he claimed in another. "If the police department had detailed enough men or given people in charge of the parade the authority to close streets to protect the formation area some of the narrow escapes on Saturday would not have occurred. It's unfair to jump the matter when there is no one to flag him."

The military depots being established in the vicinity of Harrisburg are commencing to loom up as Sunday attractions and weekly there are hundreds of automobile parties to visit the construction. Unfortunately the road conditions are not what they will be after the state and Uncle Sam get their heads together. The permanent character of the buildings is what will attract attention.

Many men here for the weekend and between trains have been going to see the plants, although a pretty close watch is being kept near the establishments is maintained.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE: —George S. Oliver, son of the former senator and head of the company publishing two big Pittsburgh papers, has been elected head of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.

E. T. Stotenburg, the Philadelphia banker, has been out making Red Cross speeches.

B. F. Jones, Jr., big Pittsburgh manufacturer, presided at the big Red Cross demonstration in that city.

The Rev. F. B. McAllister, New Castle clergyman, just home from service as a chaplain, will preach to New Castle students.

Congressman H. W. Temple, of Washington, Pa., may become moderator of the United Presbyterians, Theodore Eichhorn, one of the vice-presidents of the State Federation of Labor, is a city commissioner of Erie.

DO YOU KNOW: —That Harrisburg's Y. M. C. A. was among the first in the country to have dormitories?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG: This city made iron for government supplies in the Mexican War.

A Good Beginning: In all schools where elementary subjects are taught they should be taught in the English language. Substitute for "should" "must." There is the beginning of Americanism.—New York Times.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

BY BRIGGS

"I've fallen in love with my wife."

"What, again?"

"Yes, her family's estate has just been settled up."

IT PAYS SOMETIMES.

"Johnny Green's a lucky kid."

"Why?"

"He's got parents that don't care how often he goes swimming."

LUCKY.

GOING AFTER THE REWARD.

The Boss—Be careful there, you'll run over that small car ahead of us! Chauffeur—That's all right—it's a road house—there's a bounty on 'em.

"Money talks."

"How about hush money."

Evening Chat

BY BRIGGS

It would be making a very interesting record for the future for some one to take photographs of the streets and buildings of Harrisburg this year. We all know how interested we are in seeing pictures of what the state's capital looked like during the Civil War and photographs of our city during the Spanish War now attract attention.

Boys and girls who were kicking up their heels in baby carriages when Dewey sailed into Manila Bay and Cervera sailed out of Santiago Bay will be shouldering guns and taking up War Cross work very soon. Time flies and Harrisburg has changed much in the last few years. So it will be a very interesting thing to see pictures of the way this town set out to help win the war. The men and women who recall the days of the Civil War may there was much stir and much doing, but the use of advertising was something that did not occur to the folks in charge of our things then.

All precedent was shattered when the state put up billboards in Capitol Park to call upon the people to buy Liberty Bonds and while Uncle Sam has been rather active in recruiting advertisements the big sign on the hitherto sacrosanct lawn of the Federal Building is an object which will be of more than passing interest in 1920. And when such state institutions as the Dauphin Deposit Bank blossom out with "Food Will Win the War" signs and placards and every War Savings ads and the Harrisburg National puts placards in its windows it is a matter of local record. Similarly the sight of our churches flying national flags and service flags will be something to cherish in the years to come and the sight of the Pennsylvania railroad yards fluttering with signs and placards will be a matter of building sporting an emblem of unity is something we do not want to forget and which we would like those marching on after us to know about.

We hung our banners on the walls in 1898, but now we are displaying flags everywhere and as for signs they are making their own way. The things we would never have tolerated a minute in times of peaceful business. And so, too, is the most commendable of all things, the firm in giving up windows to display that will awaken patriotism and in contributing for advertising space in newspapers and in national service. Pictures and papers of 1918 will be worn while in two decades more, although in the swift rush of things we scarcely realize it now.

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