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Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our impatience.—BISHOP HORNE.

THEN AND NOW

There are hints from railroad quarters that Mr. McAdoo is very desirous of learning what the opinion of the shipping public is relative to the proposed twenty-five per cent. increase in freight rates, but he need not be concerned.

But it does seem peculiar that the government should have turned so completely right-about-face with regard to freight rates. If the increase was unwarranted when the railroads asked for it, it is unwarranted now.

Another of the Harrisburg boys has just been notified of his admission to the West Point Military Academy. This city has given many of its finest young men to the service, and those who are now about to don the uniform of the United States have the privilege of taking part in the greatest struggle the world has ever known for liberty and humanity.

THE MEAT OF THE NUT

Members of the Rotary Club are quite right in their contention that traffic regulation is not so much a matter of councilmanic enactment as of police enforcement.

We have on the ordinance books of the city rules governing the operation of all manner of vehicles that if enforced would leave little ground for complaint. But, unfortunately, these ordinances are violated without more than passing attention by the police and without punishment of those guilty of breaking the laws.

With a determination to see the war through to a victorious conclusion, Congress has voted \$12,000,000,000 for an unlimited Army. On this enormous item the House was unanimous, which is an indication of the definite purpose of the American people to end this big job in the right way.

We must now grit our teeth and, turning our backs on all that is past, press forward as a united people for one definite aim of winning the war and destroying for all time the German menace. We have the men and the resources, and while it would be foolish to minimize the formidable character of the enemy there is at the same time no occasion for complaining or depression.

Much occasion for criticism has arisen in the mobilization of the national things that were vital, but a change has come over the spirit of the American people during recent

Politics in Pennsylvania

Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil's formal statement of last night that he will support Senator William C. Sprout for Governor and ask his friends to do so because the Senator stands for ratification of the prohibition amendment ends any chance of a third ticket in Pennsylvania. It makes the fight between the Republican and Democratic parties, the amendment will be the paramount issue.

The O'Neil statement had been expected. However, it was awaited with interest because Mr. O'Neil was understood to have been studying the returns with relation to the legislative nominations very carefully. There is nothing in the statement to indicate that the Highway Commissioner cherishes any resentment against his successful rival. On Capitol Hill there are to-day a noticeable interest in the campaign, although Governor Brumbaugh declined to make any comment on the subject, which he said he knew was coming.

The O'Neil headquarters have been closed and it is apparent that the Senator from McKeesport intends to be regular. The high cost of Democratic nomination was strikingly illustrated by the statements filed yesterday by Democratic candidates. Joseph F. Guffey, candidate of the defeated party, certified that he had spent \$15,095.68 of which only a few hundred dollars went to his campaign committee. The Bonnell statement showed nearly \$5,000.

A story in the rounds is that William S. Leib, county chairman of Schuylkill county and now resident clerk of the House, has a boom for the veteran Thomas H. Garvin, who is seriously ill. It is evident that the Prohibition stance have come in later. They have treated me with the greatest respect and courtesy and paid prompt with but few exceptions. I would be less than human not to thank them for this. Mistortunes will come in any one's life. It is best to take them up bravely, bear them cheerfully and at last lay them down triumphantly.

Senator Edward E. Biddleman, of Harrisburg, and Congressman John R. K. Scott, of Philadelphia, will be issued the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor, were the last of the state-wide candidates to file expense accounts at the State Department before June 20.

Formal calls for the meeting of the newly-elected Democratic state committee to elect a state chairman will be issued from the headquarters in a few days. The meeting will probably be held here on June 19.

Four counties have not yet filed their official returns on Superior Court Judge. They are Allegheny, Lackawanna, Luzerne and Lehigh and on their figures hangs the question of the appointment of Judge W. D. Porter will be the sole nominee or not.

Insurance Commissioner Charles J. Adams, candidate for State Senator in Montgomery, spent \$5,600, and Fletcher W. Sipes, who unsuccessfully sought to be nominated for Congress, spent \$3,020, according to their expense accounts filed in court to-day.

Important conference has been held this week in New York city looking to the recruiting of not less than 4,000 men and 700 women for Y. M. C. A. war work and canteen service overseas. With the increasing American army on the other side, the imminent need of the services of high type men and women is emphasized. Now is the time for men who cannot do actual fighting, but who are equipped by experience to do the many important things that may be done by the Y. M. C. A., to come forward.

The morale of our troops now fighting for us in France must be sustained and it is the testimony of high officers and men in the ranks alike that the Y. M. C. A. is the institution which is most needed to maintain the fighting spirit and to give comfort to our men in the service.

NO DOUBT OF RESULT

It is the consensus of opinion of those who are in position to know that the continued arrival of American troops in Europe is the secret of the desperate tactics of the Prussian giant at the present time. German prisoners have disclosed the fears of the Hun and the expression of confidence in the official statement issued by the Supreme War Council of the Allies gives added assurance of the morale of the troops in the war zone. There is no doubt of critical days ahead, but neither is there doubt of the victory which is as certain as that there is a God in heaven.

FEWER CROSSINGS

Members of the Public Service Commission are to be commended for the decision in the Nanticoke case, wherein an additional siding, which meant a new grade crossing on a busy highway, was refused because the industrial concern owning the siding tried to hold up another which had been using it under lease. It was a plain case where an effort to get a larger rental was made and the alternative was another siding and another crossing.

The Commission has laid down the principle that sidings are as much utilities as main lines and that, all things being equal, the public interest is to be considered first. It very properly offers to make an order fixing a reasonable rental if the parties can not agree to joint use.

The ruling is a timely exercise of the authority granted to the commission and if it is going to keep down the number of grade crossings there should be more of it.

A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE

OH LUCY! WHERE DO YOU WANT THIS HAMMOCK

SUIT YOURSELF

WHAT?

I SAY IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME

OH LUCY! COME HERE A MINUTE AND HAND ME UP THIS HAMMOCK

WHAT- IN --? YOU YET TO DO ANYTHING RIGHT? GET DOWN FROM THAT TREE!

YOU ARE A WOODS-RAT! HELP YOU ARE MY-G-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ADDRESSES CUSTOMERS

Through some disobedience of the food law, the Schmidt Bakery plants were shut down for twenty-eight days. I am one of the drivers and have a retail route on the Hill consisting of about three hundred, retail customers.

The majority of them have bought from me from the beginning. They have treated me with the greatest respect and courtesy and paid prompt with but few exceptions. I would be less than human not to thank them for this. Mistortunes will come in any one's life. It is best to take them up bravely, bear them cheerfully and at last lay them down triumphantly.

I will assure them the same square deal I always give them. No doubt, many of my competitors have lots of fun at my expense. A few days later Kipling always did have the chance to laugh and grow fat. But, do not forget the old scriptural saying, "As Many as There Are Without Sin Let Them Cast the First Stone."

J. W. HAAS.

LABOR NOTES

Nine members of the American Federation of Labor are in Europe to state to the leaders of labor there the position taken on the war by labor in the United States.

Communities within a hundred-mile radius of Seattle, Wash., have asked that city to clear out the I. W. W., who they claim, are organizing sabotage from that center.

German official reports on labor, health, housing, insurance and related subjects consider the man not as a man, but chiefly from the standpoint of his capacity as recruit.

Our eastern railroads, during a period of nine months, hired over 1,000,000 new men, or about three men for each vacant position, this being about double the normal turnover.

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Scum of the Melting Pot

A MERICAN carelessness, cussedness and politics are responsible for the internal situation that the trouble is. Free entry and opportunity have been given not only to the honest, sturdy immigrant with a sincere admiration for our country and the will to work and become a loyal American, but to the fellow who had only the will to work and against his Americanization in the old way. Free entry and opportunity have been given not only to the honest, sturdy immigrant with a sincere admiration for our country and the will to work and become a loyal American, but to the fellow who had only the will to work and against his Americanization in the old way.

As America has turned her face toward the enemy every dirty cur in the country has snapped at her heels. We have found that enemy entrenched in America as well as in France—sapping in our schools, undermining in our press, burrowing in our municipal and state governments—sniping whenever a back has been turned.

It looks bad, but it is only scum, and beneath it Americanism is coming to the healthy condition of knowing about what the unassimilated, too-free with America—giving everything and demanding nothing. We have had a happy-go-lucky, don't-care theory that nobody need worry about what the unassimilated, too-free with America—giving everything and demanding nothing.

I am glad you have the chance to laugh and grow fat. But, do not forget the old scriptural saying, "As Many as There Are Without Sin Let Them Cast the First Stone."

National Spirit in Lithuania

It is a pitiful story that Dr. John Szulpas, of Scranton, representative of the American branch of the Lithuanian Relief Committee, brings back from his native land. The natives, he says, are strongly anti-German; they are going to do everything in their power to resist the plans of the Hun to embrace them within his dominion; they are in dire want and face a dreary prospect but they are determined to struggle on toward the goal of independence.

COMMUNION

I send my love unto my dead each day; I know not how; I only know it goes Forth from my heart, and, going, ever grows; That, as it flies, there's nothing can affray; That, like a dove, it fondly keeps its way Through dark and light along the path it knows; And if I toil or sleep, goes not astray. That in its faithful flight it never slows. I send my love unto my dead, and they— They know 'tis sent, that I have not forgotten them; For often when I am alone, I feel Their love return—and, oh, no words can say That peace that comes to me! It matters not What woes betide, I have here-with to heal. —Samuel Minturn Peck in Harper's.

A FIGHTING PARSON

The Rev. E. C. Palmer, a Methodist Episcopal preacher of Norwood Park, Chicago, has resigned his pastorate, waived all exemptions, and is on his way to a training camp to serve in the army as a private soldier.

Parenthetically Speaking

Oh, Carranza sent a cable—(on the Kaiser's birthday) gram To the Kaiser there at Pots—(that's a German palace) dam And it said, "Look out for Uncle (that's my northern neighbor) Sam. For he's coming after you!"

WHEN TRANSPORTS SAIL

The ships move out of the icy bay— And a group of women watch them go. Our eyes are salt as the blowing spray, But we smile with hearts that glow. Why should our eyes be brimming so? What right have our hearts to that fire? There's never a soldier sails to-day That is hers—or hers—or mine. By the right of farewells that can never be said, And a right that never was worn, By the right of a lad in his spring-time dead And a boy that never was born, O mothers of sons who sail this morn We are praying them out to sea, Your children, that God might have given instead, To her—to her—to me. —By Amelia Josephine Burr.

MOTHERS OF MEN

Mothers of Men—the words are good indeed in the saying, Pride in the very sound of them, strength in the sense of them, then Why in their faces haunt me, wistful faces as praying Ever some dear thing vanished and ever a hope delaying, Mothers of Men? Mothers of Men, most patient, tenderly slow to discover The loss of the old allegiance that may not return again, You give a man to the world, you give a woman a lover— Where is your solace then when the time of giving is over, Mothers of Men? Mothers of Men, but the title is worth the earning, You who are brave in feigning Must I ever behold you then By the door of an empty heart with the lamp of faith still burning, Watching the ways of life for the sight of a child returning, Mothers of Men? —By Theodosia Garrison.

Evening Chat

People who met Archibald Johnston, the first mayor of the new city of Greater Bethlehem, on the occasion of his visit here yesterday, were impressed with the enthusiasm with which he has undertaken his direction of municipal affairs in the city where he was reared and where he won his fame as an industrialist.

Most folks about here know "Arch" Johnston as the away-up executive of Bethlehem Steel and he is a figure wherever steel men meet. The story of his rise is an inspiration to young Pennsylvanians and it seems that the people of the Bethlehems were lucky in getting such a man to direct the city. Most folks about here know "Arch" Johnston as the away-up executive of Bethlehem Steel and he is a figure wherever steel men meet.

ELI N. HERSHEY, the new president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club, is possibly the only living Harrisburger who ever visited Iceland. Mr. Hershey was in his younger years a great traveler. During a summer spent in England, where he combined business with sightseeing, he thought he would vary his experiences by a trip to Iceland. He represented Underwood & Underwood and other concerns of the kind and took with him a great number of scenic photographs calculated to attract the eye of the prosperous but provincial Icelanders and with a large number of stereoscopes set out for the North Sea.

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