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The noblest mind the best contentment has.—SPENCER.

OUR DUTY

THE determination of the Rotary Club to enter actively into the sale of War Saving Stamps in Harrisburg comes at a particularly appropriate time—on the eve of the pledge day, June 28, proclaimed by President Wilson.

During the present intensive War Savings campaign we are asked by the President and by Secretary McAdoo to pledge ourselves to save and with our savings to buy at definite times a specific amount of War Savings Stamps.

We are called upon to do it because, as President Wilson says, this is a war of nations, not of armies, and everyone in the land must do his share.

We are not proud of some of the things we as a nation have done and we condemn most heartily some of the tragedies of government at Washington, but as a whole the country rejoices that it has done so well and that we mean to do much more.

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But there is another side to the question. The government asks us to pledge ourselves to save to help win the war. It does not ask us to give it anything except our co-operation.

And if we do as the government asks, and as we should, this, then, will be the result: We shall buy only those things necessary to maintain us in the best of health and spirits; by refraining from buying unnecessary things we shall leave in the markets for government use a greater supply of labor and material with which to win a quicker victory.

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government wants the world to have its getting through. This would indicate that rumors of discontent, rioting and open revolution which we have been hearing through roundabout sources are not without foundation.

Evidently, the President himself is very much in the dark, although naturally possessing lines of information more direct and reliable than the public in general.

Either President Wilson doubts the wisdom of armed force against Germany through Russia at this time or he is waiting the proper moment. If, as appears on the surface, the Lenin administration is on the wane and the Bolshevik government about to fall, the moment of the transfer would appear to be opportune for offering the new government the full power of the United States in any way that may be necessary to strengthen its hands, and to suggest that a vital blow might be struck by allied troops operating through Siberia and Russia.

It is said that a half-million Japanese troops are in constant readiness for transportation into Siberia and these, with a division of Americans, a regiment or two from England, France and Italy could be made so formidable a force that to prevent it from invading western Germany enough troops would have to be withdrawn from the Germans from the west front to relieve the pressure there and give the allies a decided advantage in man-power.

If such an expedition can be engineered without arousing the enmity of the people of Russia, it might easily prove the decisive factor in the winning of the war and would provide a wall behind which the Russian people could go about building a new and stable form of government without fear of the undermining influences of German intrigue and treachery.

WITH ALL OUR FAULTS

WITH all our faults, our blunders and our shortcomings of omission and commission we are getting fairly along with the war, thank you.

We have 900,000 men in France and are promised a million by the Fourth of July. We are nine months ahead of our schedule and going fast. We mean to have two millions instead of one in the fighting line by Christmas.

The German drive has had an admirable effect upon us. We have felt the spur and responded after the manner of a spirited horse to the goad. We are in this war to the finish, and that finish will be also the Kaiser's.

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and we will do honor to ourselves as well as to them in joining with them in the great Americanization parade on the Fourth of July.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, the Democratic nominee for governor last night carried out the policy he laid down when the Democratic committee was flouted by him last Wednesday by refusing to take any note of the Philadelphia Democratic city committee.

In regard to last night's meeting of the Philadelphia Ledger says: "At 10:30 P. M. the committee proceeded to re-elect as chairman Edgar W. Lank, the man whom Judge Bonniwell opposed for that office."

The Philadelphia Record, which has been reviewing Democratic history in Pennsylvania in recent years in support of the Bonniwell demand for control of the organization says in the course of an article: "George McGovern was city chairman when Pattison was first nominated for Governor and was not re-elected."

In court at Scranton yesterday Judge Bonniwell, who is now on the bench, was asked to sign a writ of habeas corpus for the release of a man named Albert Davis, who is now in the county jail on a charge of being a drunkard.

Bishop J. F. Berry, of the Methodist Church, who has his residence in Philadelphia and who took a conspicuous part in the recent primary, is reported by the Ledger to have been in Harrisburg for a number of days, where he took a prominent part in the work of a dozen conferences and was very active otherwise. He has gone to the State Bar Association meeting at Bedford this week.

More charges that dead men voted in the primaries, that local residents now in France with soldiers' pay in the hands of the government received ballots on May 21 and allegations of other glaring frauds in Scranton have been made in a letter addressed to President Wilson, petitioned him to ask all native Americans to join with him in a nation-wide subscription as a mark of their joy in being citizens of a republic which stands not alone for its own freedom, but for the freedom of oppressed peoples everywhere.

Democrats in the Berks-Lehigh and Bucks-Montgomery district are said to be worried over effects of the Democratic row on congressional elections.

On that day we shall meet our foreign-born fellow citizens in common fellowship and accord them the right of line in the parade as a token of our welcome to these shores and of our appreciation of their aid in the crisis through which we are now passing.

It is notable that at its first weekly conference with newspaper men, General Peyton C. March said something which perhaps the Official Bulletin would do well to have a representative do at these meetings in the future.

MUSICAL CRITICISM

An old newspaper clipping, bearing no marks of identification, found its way recently into the office of the Musical Courier, which reprinted it with this brief statement. It follows: "I sat through one of these song recitals by an ambitious lady vocalist the other evening. Her voice was not a little like that of the not single blessed one of us enjoyed a note of it. Yet we all clapped politely after each of her ten songs and about her voice—licking the hand which thrashed us, a bungling hand, weak hypocrites, encouraging an otherwise innocent damsel to a career of tyranny and cruelty."

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

Cartoon by Briggs showing a man in a suit talking to a man in a military uniform. The man in the suit says: "AND YOU'VE BEEN THERE 'BOUT A WEEK ON A DIET CONSISTING MOSTLY OF HAM". The man in the uniform replies: "OH—H—H—BOY!!!! AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-RAND AND GLOR-R-R-IOUS FEELIN'?"

THIS YEAR'S STATE ISSUE

[From the Philadelphia Press.] Judge Bonniwell beat Mr. Guffey for the Democratic nomination for governor on the prohibition issue and now he hopes to win the election by reaffirming his devotion to the right of all men to sell intoxicants for their fellow creatures.

Under the circumstances The Star believes the adoption of prohibition for the period of the war would be as effective a war measure as this government could take.

Way to Help Kultur

How would it do to sanctify French hospitals in the eyes of Hun bombers by painting bearskins on the roofs.—From the Dallas News.

What It Is All About

[From Collier's Weekly.] Perhaps the reasoned explanations of this war are too high for many of us. They are too high for us to understand. Liberty and democracy are true; they hark back to Magna Charta and have the ring of Washington and Lincoln in every syllable.

RASTUS AND THE HAM

Some folks dey lubs de brown po'k chops, An' yuthah cyahs fo' lam'; But chile, jes' listen w'ile Ah talks, Jes' han' hit tuh me 'long wid aigs, Er' bl' an' slice hit col'. Hit sho do mek mah stomach glad, An' Ah happies mah soul.

Put an End to Booze!

[From the Kansas City Star.] Every proposed legislative policy the test should be applied: Will it help win the war? The Star has been forced to conclude that the liquor traffic is a demoralizing business. It has favored every measure taken for its repression.

Tall Men in Olive Drab

[From the North American Review's War Weekly.] The editor of the New York Tribune tells this in his most precious column: "Recently we sat in a refreshment room of a railroad station conversing casually with a foreign officer."

Way to Redeem Russia

We have a theory that an enterprising man who could go to Russia and establish a string of free lunch counters could be elected czar without opposition.—From the Emporia Gazette.

How Long Since You

[From the Detroit News.] Saw a "canopy top" buggy? Marched in a torchlight procession? Received a pamphlet from the party's national committee declaring the tariff to be the paramount issue?

Them Damned Germans

[From the Kansas City Star.] At a railroad station in Kansas a young Mennonite got on the train. The train was running down his cheeks as he sat down next to a traveler, who inquired what the trouble was.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The time for Huns is guns.—Boston Globe. U. S. will trust foe not to sink hospital vessels.—Will send the Comfort through U-boat zone without armed convoy.—Headline. Bombs kill nurses and men in German raid on hospitals—enemy fliers deliberately drop fares to identify Red Cross buildings before throwing down their missiles on the same page of the same paper.—New York Evening Sun.

Creel has denied he is a Socialist, but that isn't what was worrying the public.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. First General Foch took over the French army, then the British, then the American, then the Italian. Now he's getting ready to annex the German.—New York Evening Post.

Coffee Pot For Soldiers

[From the Railway Age.] What is believed to be the largest coffee pot in the world has just been completed at the power house of the Pennsylvania railroad at Front and Third streets, Long Island City. In the pot 418 gallons of coffee may be made every half hour.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

NOT MATED. Wife: Is there such a thing as soul mates? Hubby (cynical): If there is, we made a terrible botch of things!

CONTENTMENT

Pa, what is contentment? Con'tentment, my boy, is the art of being happy with what you've got even if your neighbor has a little more.

ONE'S HOME TOWN

You have a very pretty city here—I like the way it's laid out. Huh and after they get through laying it out, it ought to be buried!

DO YOU KNOW

—That almost every manufactured product of Harrisburg now goes for some war use?

Evening Chat

Just imagine being asked to select the three or four books which you would like to read best during July. That is what is happening to the thousands of young and old persons who use the Harrisburg Public Library owing to the fact that the library has to be closed for a month to make repairs to the walls and ceiling as the material which they are covered has shown a tendency to curl up and drop off.

The five committees having the highest ratings in the Third Liberty Loan drive and receiving stars for exceeding quotas in the Third Federal Reserve district portion of Pennsylvania are: the Harrisburg, which got 17 stars; Irwona with 15; Heckscherville, Schuylkill county, which won fourteen and Glen Carbon with thirteen. They lead the 371 communities in the Third district which won stars. The honors in the western part of the state which is in the Fourth Federal Reserve district went to Harrisburg with thirteen stars, followed by Edgeworth with 12; Etna and Ben Avon with ten each, all of these being in Allegheny county.

Fish pirates who can not wait for the opening of the season start the start of the bass season next Monday and some who have not patience to fish for trout have been causing considerable trouble for state wardens. Many of these are game protectors and forest rangers who are working with them.

Dr. John L. Woodruff, of Susquehanna, who has been in Harrisburg, visited Harrisburg friends the other day, is president of the Snyder County Sunday School Association, manufacturer of a patent washing machine which is his own invention, professor of English, and a public speaker of prominence.

It is not generally known that the famous cantor, tenor singer, Joseph Rosenbat, who sang at the dedication of Keshet Israel Synagogue, Sunday, was once offered a thousand dollars an hour for singing on the opera stage. The famous singer will not sing except in a Jewish church or for the benefit of some patriotic cause.

Col. Marlborough Churchill, who has just been chief censor of the army, is a West Pointer, in spite of his English name, which has puzzled more than one man here. It happens that the guest of Captain George F. Lumb, Superintendent of the State Police, and was immensely interested in the organization of which Captain Lumb has been a very vital part and in Harrisburg. When Captain Lumb was in the Regular Army at Fort McHenry, Col. Churchill was a second lieutenant of artillery.

Another regular army colonel of artillery, who has known here, spent a few hours in Harrisburg a day or so ago while on his way some where, is Col. Roderick Carmichael. He was on recruiting duty here during the Spanish War.

D. I. McCall, one of the prominent attorneys of Pittsburgh, was here yesterday for public service business. Lieutenant Governor McClain has half a dozen invitations to make addresses on July 4. Emil P. Albrecht, head of the Philadelphia Bourse, is active in the move for a change in income tax regulations. Will Irwin, the correspondent who has been lecturing in Pittsburgh since the collapse of Austria before long. Charles M. Schwab is finding time to make speeches at flagraisings and other ceremonies in spite of the rush of his big job.