

Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle.—MICHAEL ANGELO.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

IN TIME of danger or distress a child cries instinctively to its mother. When disaster impends or the skies of our little world threaten to fall in upon us we turn to God for help.

The appeal of the three Cardinals of the Catholic Church in America voices this thought in strong and appealing language: "If we fight like heroes and pray like saints, soon will America overcome mere force by greater force and conquer lust and power by the holier power of sacrifice and faith."

When all men join sincerely in genuine prayer three times a day not only will peace be assured, but there will be nobody to plot wars.

"Fish" Mr. Hoover says, "must be more widely used for food," and many, many of us will be willing to help him catch 'em.

TARIFF AND WAGES

CHAIRMAN HURLEY, of the Shipping Board, told the Illinois Manufacturers' Association the other day that the American manufacturer must learn to regard the whole world as his market after the war.

There is certainly no objection to utilizing all the raw materials of other countries within the capacity of our own mills to absorb, but in the matter of exchange of finished products we must look to it that the whole world does not regard the United States as its market in finished products, which will most likely be the case under the Democratic tariff policy.

Everything points conclusively to the fact that the wage differentials between the United States and our European and Oriental manufacturing competitors will be far wider than they were before the war started. There has been wage increases the world over, but nowhere so great as in the United States.

Manifestly, it is idle to suppose that the American manufacturer can maintain anything like the present wage scale and prices of work and produce commodities at the cost at which like competing articles are produced abroad.

have the bulge on the American manufacturer when it comes to competition in the United States. Let alone competition in South America, the Orient, Australia, or in other fields of export. Suppose, for the sake of argument, the cotton cloths industry in this country in manufacturing annually at this time \$100,000,000 worth of cloths for domestic consumption, and, under prevailing Democratic rates of duty, England proceeds to grab \$33,000,000 worth of that trade.

AT LAST

AT last Fuel Administrator Garfield has come to his senses. The fuel shortage has driven him to warn the breweries that they can expect no more coal after their present supplies are exhausted.

At the same time the United States Senate has injected into the agricultural bill an amendment which will prevent the manufacture of beer or other drinks, after a reasonable period, in which food products are used, involving the saving of millions of bushels of grain each year and 3,100,000 tons of coal.

The government has held out for beer far longer than most people have deemed wise, but at last it has been compelled to yield to public opinion.

BACKED UP AT HOME

SOME of the men who helped form the Harrisburg Reserves, the city's home guard, with a great flourish of trumpets last summer, and then quit the drills when the weather got cold, ought to note for their own benefit in future matters of the kind that the businessmen of the city have come forward handsomely to purchase equipment for the Reserves to use in the training of men of draft age before they are called to the camps, and at the same time to promote the efficiency of the corps.

This home defense unit has had the same experience as similar bodies in other towns. It was hailed as the real thing and was a very popular organization until the novelty wore off and drill nights conflicted with dance or theater dates, and marching around at the command of other fellows ceased to be fun.

Let Something Good Be Said When over the fair fame of friend or foe The shadow of disgrace shall fall; instead Of words of blame, or proof of so and no, Let something good be said.

The Kaiser, having fed von Kuehlmann to the Junketers, will now look about for another pig to fatten.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have agreed on something. For the last fortnight some hardy spirits have been engaged in an effort to secure a protocol between Justice Eugene C. Bonniwell, the gubernatorial nominee, who declines to discern any sincerity in the bosses of the machine in Pennsylvania and A. Mitchell Palmer, the Democratic national committeeman, who is willing to recognize Bonniwell with limitations.

—The city of Pittsburgh is now wrestling with the problem of creating a dog catching force. The city has a dog license law, but there are a lot of dogs whose owners disregard it and it is planned to organize a force of half a dozen men to round up the animals.

—Johnstown city fathers are up against a situation such as may confront Harrisburg any day and to meet it Mayor Franke has called a conference to consider war-time measures for filling the police force and fire department, both being handicapped by lack of men.

THE PRIVATE

[From the Stars and Stripes in France]

He kicks about his meager pay, he kicks about the grub. He swears by all that's holy that his corporal is a dub; To him each regulation is a source of much distress.

He curses reveille and drill; he tries to skip retreat. He howls about the effort that it costs him to look neat; When work in any form looms up, he tries hard to renig.

But he really doesn't mean it, for it's just a clever ruse; And we know that chronic kickers have no time to get the blues; And the kickers make good fighters, then we're ready to begin.

LET'S BE FAIR

[From the Evening Ledger, Phila.] The figures given out by the Treasury Department showing the alleged exorbitant profits of merchants and manufacturers, supplementing the information contained in the report of the Federal Trade Commission, are unfair and misleading.

A small business man with \$10,000 capital who turned his money over twice a year before the war may have turned his capital over four or five times during the first year because of increased business.

There is nothing easier than to make figures lie, it is only the Treasury Department is deliberately attempting to create the impression that all business men whose capital has been working overtime since the war began are dishonest profiteers.

Reason We Need Pockets

One reason a man has more pockets than a woman because his collar is too tight to permit him to throw things down his shirt front.—From the Galveston News.

Low Visibility

"She says she prefers to do her marketing by telephone." "Why so?" "Says she can't bear to see how little she is getting for the money."—From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

LABOR NOTES

Of 150,000 Australian trade-unionists enlisted, 45,000 have been killed.

Cigarmakers at Mobile, Ala., have secured an increase of \$1 a hundred.

Our lighting and power industry employs \$20,000.

Printers at Richmond, Va., have secured an eight-hour day.

Jacksonville (Fla.) carpenters demand 75 cents an hour.

Electrical workers at Fresno, Cal., now get \$7.20 a day.

Firefighters of St. Joseph, Mo., have organized a union.

Toronto (Canada) textile workers will ask increased pay September 1.

Employees of the Western Union will get a bonus on October 1.

Louisville (Ky.) horseshoers ask \$4 a day.

Brewery workers at Kansas City have received an 18 per cent. increase.

Tacoma (Wash.) teamsters have secured an eight-hour day.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

BY BRIGGS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE TAX ON "GAS"

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Dear Sir—In a recent article in another paper, headed "Luxuries to Help in War," the editor took particular pains to print in large type also, "gasoline to be Taxed at 10c per Gallon."

In the same issue of this paper, the majority of advertisements are those that pertain to the business side of automobile transportation, or wine and liquors—automobiles, seater business, or commercial cars.

When the editor makes a neutral out of a rumor, as he did, it gives prominence to a mere recommendation, to tax gasoline 10 per cent. a gallon, he is doing his business associates as much damage as he could do his local bank if he should publish a statement that "A Run on the Bank Will Be Made the Following Day."

The facts are that no such tax will be levied on gasoline. Automobiles are not to be classed with jewelry, motorboats, canoes, golf, tennis, baseball, theaters, candies, wines and liquors—automobiles are in a class with railroads, street cars, business service corporations, such as telephones, telegraphs, etc. They are classified by the sensible business man as essentials, such as food, fuel, and clothing—it is the third largest industry in the world, and it pays the bank more interest for loans than any other business in the United States.

It has more money invested than any three of our railroads, and the more fact that an automobile runs with the perfection that it now does, will win the war for the allies.

There is no scarcity of gasoline, and if a law could be passed prohibiting the use of automobiles, street cars, and the carrying of passengers on railroad trains on Sunday for the duration of the war, it would be a far greater service to the country than taxing the automobile and gasoline, which is the power behind them.

Yours very truly, FRONT-MARKET MOTOR SUPPLY CO.

How the Airmen Talk

Richard D. Paine, who has recently returned to America after five months spent with the allied fleets, has brought back some choice specialties from the air. He says that the two men of the royal naval air service sounds something like this: "I'm still on the same game, old thing—tops, two-seaters and camels. We've got an old inside, too, for joy-riding."

"You've given up the rumpety, then?" "Yes; I was getting ham-headed and nut-ton-listed flapping the old things every day—felt I wanted to stunt about a bit. The rumpety is a wash-out."

"Have you butted up against Jones-Needham?" "Yes; he crashed a few days ago—on his first solo flip—taking off, tried to zoom, engine knocked—side-slip—nose dive. Not hurt, though. Where's Seymour?"

"O'Lord, he's at the States, he's wind up. What about your new machine?" "It's a dud bus. Too much stagger and prop stops on a spin. See you to-morrow. I'm flopping at dawn."

Praised For Hitting U-Boat

Secretary Daniels has commended Harry R. Chambers, a lieutenant mate, United States Navy, for his efficient conduct when the vessel on which he was commander of the arm guard was attacked by a German submarine on May 12, 1918, and the conning tower of the U-boat was hit, compelling her to submerge.

Chambers enlisted at Philadelphia, June 15, 1915. His mother resides in Atlanta, Ga.—From the Official Bulletin.

Strategy

The Alabama negro soldier who lured German dispatch dogs into the American trenches by dragging the body of a fox across No. Man's line hit on a scheme with great possibilities. By dragging a limbered sand-wich across he may land old Hindenburg himself.—Macon Telegraph.

The Austrian Version

Little Tommy Tucker sings for his supper. "What shall we have?" "You asked a mouthful that time."—Chicago Evening Post.

BY BRIGGS



EDITORIAL COMMENT

A LIMIT TO PRICES

Dear Sir—In behalf of an over-indulgent and patient public, the writer desires to call attention to the big profits now being made by many profiteers in the necessities of life.

The Federal Trade Commission report credits the flour millers with a net profit of 38 per cent. in 1917. One large mill reported a profit of \$2 per barrel, or fully eight times the net profit of 25 cents a barrel.

There will be a revolution in Germany, but it will be after the war," says Ambassador Gerard. Everybody hopes it will be soon after, so the American boys can see it before they leave Berlin.—Kansas City Star.

Mrs. William Randolph Hearst is doubtless very praiseworthy in wanting to retain a position on the committee of national defense as an outlet for her patriotic activities, but it looks as if there ought to be a large field for them at home.—Philadelphia North American.

Our Pastor'll Name It For You

Man made the city, God made the country, and the German army transforms both into a place some of us no longer believed in.—From the New York Evening Post.

Faulty Construction

One trouble with the House of Representatives is that it is equipped with a mighty small kitchen.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

AN ENTHUSIAST. "An enthusiastic motorist, isn't he? Very. Even those quick-tachle tires don't annoy him."

AS THE CONVERSION LAGS. "She: Do you like moonlight nights? He (absent): Never tried 'em—are they on the bill-of-fare?"

AT SHOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. "Ticket Seller: Why do you think your son should be admitted for half price? Father: Poor Oscar has been in a fight and can see out of one eye only."

NEVER MARRY FOR MONEY UNLESS YOU GET IT. "If I ever catch you kissing Mrs. Smith again I shall stop your allowance. Well, that's about the only thing you haven't stopped since we were married."

VERY TRUE. "What kind of a winter are we going to have, Uncle? Wall hit's awful hard to say as to that. You know it depends on a hull lot on the weather."

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world.—Ephesians 1:3 and 4.

Evening Chat

Evidence that unnatural aliens have been hoarding flour, sugar and other foods in various parts of the state is commencing to accumulate in considerable quantities at the State Capitol through activities of the state police, game protectors and other officers, who have been engaged in search of homesome citizens and who have never become citizens and who are suspected of having had firearms. In some parts of the state the hoards of flour have been over 400 pounds hidden away, while in parts of Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster and other eastern counties smaller hoards were found, mainly in the homes of Austrians. It is planned to start searches in the western counties shortly and men now engaged in the country will go into the iron and steel and coal mining districts on a search for weapons. The police of the game officers are to work in conjunction with the state police and as soon as firearms are found to confiscate them, notifying the police of the discovery of explosives and the food administrators of hoards of food especially flour and sugar. Literally scores of instances of such hoarding of food was hoarded by Austrians, some of whom were very reluctant to give it up.

Militia officers from New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware may attend the first encampment of the Pennsylvania Reserve Militia at Mount Gettysburg on Saturday morning. The organizations will gather at the camp Friday night. It is probable that some announcements have been made in the first encampment of the new Militia it is expected that the men will be put through considerable strenuous work. The officers and view will take place on Thursday when most of the visitors will attend.

Lancaster had a big day at the Capitol yesterday as there were two hearings of importance in which citizens of that city figured. One case was a grade crossing in the town wherein strenuous objections were made to a relocation and the city took a hand. In the other case Lancaster's enterprising automobile claimant went after the charter of a toll road company which seems to have its own ideas about what it ought to furnish in the way of public accommodations. The turnpike company is said to want \$75,000 for its share of the road, which is alleged to be worth \$45,000.

There were some queer things about the rain yesterday afternoon when you come to think about it. The rain fell in the west, and then some big drops with the sun shining in the west, the east filled with black clouds and overhead many light flurries clouds. The lowering skies caused people to carry umbrellas all afternoon.

The order of the Bell Telephone Company refusing to give the title to inquirers is another illustration of the fact that some one always benefits no matter what happens. The order of the bureau of accounts has a number that will give title and this seems to have been discovered because the exchange is working in the morning and solicitors have been carefully following up on the matter about the time and going after business of placing a "dial" in the home. And the girl that gives the citizens of the city seems to be giving lots of fun over it. The other evening a man called up and said "Give me the time, my phone won't." "Bum," said the girl, "Please to take the time." "Give me the time."

The Western Union is also "getting its" because of the "no time" order. The Western Union is also "getting its" because of the "no time" order. The Western Union is also "getting its" because of the "no time" order.

Visitors to the city yesterday included Col. C. P. Rogers, of Cory, father of Chauncey P. Rogers, Jr., chief of the bureau of accounts in the Auditor General's Department. Colonel Rogers has many friends here and is well known among veterans of the Civil War as he was colonel of the 83d Pennsylvania in 180 years of age, but seems as spry as ever.

The damp weather which has passed over Harrisburg in the last few weeks has been productive of some benefit because it has kept down much bug activity, although when it is clear and hot there are bugs by the million assailing the electric lights, attacking potato patches and garden truck and garden flowers. It seems that during the wet days the bugs stay home and attend to their progeny, which makes them all the more eager to make a nuisance out of themselves on clear, warm days. However, the weather has had some compensating features.

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