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To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labor.—STEVENS.

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT

VERY American worthy the name mourns most sincerely with Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt the untimely death of their youngest son, Quentin. The heroic sacrifice of this most worthy son of a worthy father comes to each one of us in the sense of a personal bereavement and brings home to us most forcibly the horror of the great conflict in which we are engaged.

Williamstown is going to keep the home fires burning in the most practical way. A Board of Trade has been organized, and the good people of the mining town are going to see to it that their community is a good place in which to live and a fit place to which the boys will return after the war. Every town should follow the example of Williamstown in this respect.

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A GOOD EXAMPLE

FRANCE has set America another good example by punishing with death M. Duval, editor of the Bonnet Rouge, a French newspaper that sold itself to Germany. Recently much has been published of pro-German newspapers in the United States. One arrest has been made and there is talk of others.

MEN WHO WOULD SERVE

IN every community there are young men of service age who have been rejected for physical disability and these are frequently misunderstood in their several communities, inasmuch as no provision has been made for the wearing of an insignia which would indicate that they are willing to serve, but have not been accepted by the government.

ON FLANDERS FIELDS

THE failure of the Austrian drive in Venetia, or, more properly speaking, the success of the Italian resistance and counterattack, have given rise once more to the hope that Trieste may be taken and the road to Berlin opened from the east and via Vienna.

NEWS VALUES SHRINK

ONE of the interesting effects of the war is the shrinking of news values. Before Germany went stark mad and started to run amuck an accident like the sinking of an excursion steamer in the Illinois river Saturday with great loss of life would have been the occasion for tremendous display even in conservative newspapers. Columns upon columns of descriptive matter would have crowded almost everything else

respect to the national defense and the service.

BLOOD MONEY

THE Washington report that President Wilson means to take a stand against war-time prohibition because of the loss in taxes involved is unbelievable. Surely the President does not deem it necessary to traffic in the bodies and souls of countless men and women to find money with which to win the war. This is a conflict of right against wrong, of humanity against inhumanity, and liquor is as debasing to the individual as Prussian Kultur is to a nation.

Politics in Pennsylvania

The right of Chairman McLean to designate Joseph F. Guffey or anyone else to act as chairman of the Democratic state committee during Mr. McLean's absence in the Army, will be questioned by the friends of Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, nominee for Governor.

Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, yesterday summarily removed from the board of Recreation the three members whose resignations he had demanded because they refused to support for the post of supervisor of the city's playgrounds Edward R. Gudebush, former clerk in the office of Senator Edwin H. Vore.

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"FEELINGS OF HUMANITY"

BARON BURIAN, Austrian foreign minister, expresses the belief that the war "might be ended the moment the Allies again manifest feelings of humanity." "Feelings of humanity," forsooth! What "feelings of humanity" did the Hohenzollern-Hapsburg twin devils exhibit when together they conspired to the rape of Serbia and Belgium? What "feelings of humanity" did they display toward the women and babies of the Lusitania, or for Edith Cavell, or for the innocent maidens and wives of Belgium, or for the soldiers they tortured to death by gas and flame, or for the helpless inmates of Red Cross hospitals and homes of noncombatants who have bombed?

AT THE BEND OF THE MARNE

FROM THE New York Tribune. "In their counterattacks"—quoting from the unadorned news narrative—"the Americans took between one thousand and fifteen hundred German prisoners, including one complete brigade staff."

A JUST VETO

FROM THE Kansas City Star. The farmers of America, as The Star has had previous occasion to say in approving the announcement that President Wilson would veto the \$240 price for wheat, are not profiteers. As he has pointed out in his veto message, they have worked in patriotic spirit to meet the food requirements of this country.

MOTHERS IN WAR TIME

A beautiful preface by Maurice Maeterlinck to a series of powerful French war pictures by S. Ley Durrmer, contains the following: "Their sons are taken from them at life's fairest moment, when their own lives are on the decline. And yet, our mothers do not weep as have the mothers of other wars. We know not what sustains them and gives them the strength to bear the remainder of their life. Some among them have other children, and we can understand how they lavish upon them the love and the future which death has cut short. Many have never lost, or else they try to recover their faith in the eternal promises. But so many others, whose dwelling is forever desolate, seem to entertain the same hope as those in whom hope has always been alive.—In The Red Cross Magazine for August.

What a Sad Waste

FROM THE Grand Rapids Press. "Speaking of the futility of wealth, Andrew Carnegie has given away his seven thousandth pipe organ and not one of them can play ragtime.

of the wire and the biggest type in the office would have been necessary to herald the disaster. The incident would have been a nine days' sensation.

SOMEbody IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

BY BRIGGS

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Ebening Chat

Some idea of the enormous expansion of the work of the State Selective Service headquarters, otherwise the center of the army draft organization for Pennsylvania, can be gained by the fact that a year ago the whole force in charge of the launching of the draft in the second largest state in the union consisted of seven persons and now there are over sixty. The state draft system was moved to work in Pennsylvania in two rooms on the second floor of the Miller Bros. building at Locust and Court streets, being in charge of Col. Frank G. Sweeney, Lewis E. Beller and J. Warner Hutchins. There were two couple of clerks and stenographers, but it was not until a couple of carloads of forms and papers arrived that any idea of the scope of the work could be obtained. Then more people were added and rooms were secured on Second and Court streets to handle the supplies and the force overflowed the two upper floors. Then Major W. G. Murdock and later Col. Howard S. Williams, now in France came along, and a floor in the Franklin building was annexed. By cold weather the headquarters was a hive and finally in the winter time the first floor of the Board of Trade was secured and the system was in charge. The whole force moved and now the place fairly hums. Of the original force only Miss Grace Wadlin, who is in charge of the shipping division, is the only one now on the list. J. Hillary Keenan, of Greensburg, became chief clerk when the new headquarters was opened and Lefty K. McLean, of York, took up the strenuous job of handling the inductions. It is only a question of time until the headquarters will have no room as the supplies are scattered and the women where the force is grouped is one of the busiest places in Harrisburg, the Western Union telegraph operating from working four hours a day and not only has to handle the calls and the reports, but to keep record without end. In spite of the rapid expansion of the system and the uncertainties of what was coming next the headquarters has made the draft in Pennsylvania a success in the highest sense of the word and mainly by working four hours a day and taking no Sunday rest.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Cyrus E. Woods, who has been spending a fortnight in western Pennsylvania, was here yesterday accompanied by Mrs. Woods on the way to the Reserve Militia camp near Mt. Gretna. He will attend the review to-day and visit several of the eastern counties the remainder of the week.

Quite a number of young men in this section of the state have been taking advantage of the special induction calls announced by the state draft headquarters whereby they can be sent to the University of Pittsburgh, Lafayette, State and other colleges for training of a mechanical kind. The kind of work to be done next Monday to registrants of 1917 and 1918 and grammar school and high school graduates who are available for general military duty, especially those with a mechanical turn can be sent. They are being trained for all sorts of service in and behind the lines and will be quartered in the collecting camps. The military policy is being individualized, as it were.—Minneapolis Journal.

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