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economies" in wrecking a department of the government that was formerly the pride of the nation and a model of efficiency.

This is no reflection upon the working forces, who have been forced to give up life-long occupations in the service to go in large numbers to other lines of endeavor where their efforts are more appreciated or to continue to work under almost intolerable conditions.

If the telegraph and the telephone are to go the same way as the post-office department, we repeat, Heaven save the public, and the nation, too, which just now is so dependent upon efficiency in all lines of business.

We pay fifteen cents for the old-time ten-cent ice cream soda and laugh about it, but how we do yell when somebody suggests a six-cent car fare.

THE Fuel Administration is to be commended for its effort to save lighting current and gas—which in the final analysis means coal. It is a small matter for a merchant to forego the lighting of his show windows if all his competitors are under the same restrictions.

The brilliantly-lighted hotel may also dim its luster somewhat without injury to anybody. But Administrator Hickok is wise in going slow in the matter of street lighting.

The Fuel Administration made a grievous error last winter with its "coalless days," working needless hardship on thousands, and it would make another grave mistake if it rushed pell-mell into the regulation of street lighting.

The automobile driver must depend within the city limits largely upon the street lamps to guide his course. He is not permitted to use his heavy headlights. To deny him the street light would be to endanger both pedestrians and the occupants of motor driven cars.

But even more serious is the fact that crime flourishes most in poorly lighted districts. "Deeds of evil love the darkness" is an old and true saying. Robbery unquestionably would increase with a serious reduction in street lighting.

We can stand the baseball ruling if only they don't go and regulate bass fishing.

It is to be hoped President Wilson will heed and grant the petition of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Colored Knights of Pythias, praying that he address a special message to the country on the importance of exercising self-restraint and preserving public order during the war crisis.

The colored men do not mean that they should be protected, far from it. But they do believe all men should be protected in their rights and that the guilt or innocence of the accused should be left entirely in the hands of a jury of his peers.

History repeats itself at the second battle of the Marne, which is doing pretty well for one war.

EVERY fresh issue of the illustrated journals presents pictures of girl and women workers in new occupations.

These new activities of women have excited certain self-announced industrial "experts" who are beginning to worry about the "readjustment period" to follow the war.

Our problem will not be so much to displace the women workers as to find new places for the men, and that ought not to be so very difficult if proper steps are taken now in preparation for the coming of peace.

We shall then find ourselves with the greatest merchant marine in the world and commanding vast markets that have been starved for years and hungry for our goods.

But much hinges upon our preparations for peace and there are few indications that the federal government is giving any more consideration to this than it did toward preparing for war before we actually got into it.

The Germans rolled back the Americans with awful slaughter," says the Hun correspondent. Crazy with the heat.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committee

Mayor John V. Kosek, of Wilkes-Barre, has turned the tables in the investigation of the police on Burns' detectives and the Chamber of Commerce by causing the arrest of Allen Olds Myers, chief of Burns' staff, on a charge of criminal conspiracy.

This sensation came while Donahue was on the witness stand. He testified that he was playing the part of the "sucker" in the fake prize-fight the Burns men were promoting to trap members of the police.

Under cross-examination he admitted that the purpose of his testimony was to get an interview with Kosek. According to the scheme, the mayor was expected to return it over to Donahue for the purpose of shutting him up and preventing an expose in the newspapers.

The plan of the Burns men, according to Donahue, was to raid Kosek's office, cause his arrest and catch him with the money in his possession. Donahue admitted the scheme would not work, because Kosek would have nothing to do with them.

CAMPAIGNING BY MAIL

In Kansas, now that the wheat harvest is about to be completed, and the Liberty Bond drive and the Red Cross drive are out of the way and there is nothing else to do, the people are beginning to inquire as to "who's running?"

Up to this time the campaign has consisted very largely of letter writing by the candidates, and in this plan, it is well known, Governor Capper, who is running for the United States Senate, has all the other candidates "laid in the shade."

A good story is told of how the Governor's correspondence bureau works: Frank Grimes is one of Charles F. Scott's campaign managers. One evening recently, Grimes went up to the Central National bank building in Topeka to visit "Harve" Motter, secretary of the Henry Allen Capper campaign.

"Oh, politics out your way?" Grimes asked.

"Any talk about United States Senator?" Grimes persisted.

"Why, he's candidate for the Senate," was the answer.

"I think not," the Swede replied. "I got letters from Governor Capper yesterday and I said nothing about Scott's name candidate."

"Lend me your wings, oh, wind." That I may fly Up through the boundless reaches of the sky

And gather stars, to strew the graves where lie Our soldier dead, stilled in Death's majesty

"Lend me your song, oh, nightingales." That I may sing Of daring deeds, and that the world may ring Of heroism, sacrifice, the widow's wails,

"Lend me your perfume, flower, leaf and blade." That I may burn A fitting, sweeter incense to these Than ever yet has burned or shed its light

"Lend me your tints, oh, rainbow." For the flag— You twin that floats so proudly o'er the land

"Lend me your gift, to hate, Ye Furies' Clan." Lay I forsake Forgive the wish, all kindness ban, Even in thought, eke action, and in prayer

—William P. Hunter.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

BY BRIGGS

HENRY DEAR I WISH YOU'D GIVE ME YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION FOR A FEW MINUTES—I WANT TO TALK ABOUT JIMMIE

SHOOT

HE'S FOURTEEN NOW AND WE OUGHT TO BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT HIS CAREER—I SHOULD LIKE TO SEND HIM TO SOME GOOD MILITARY SCHOOL

BUT I THINK IT'S A MATTER MORE FOR YOU TO DECIDE—

NO NO—I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID

HENRY! YOU'RE A SLEEP

CAW-FLEW-JH

WHATSOEVER YOU SAY OF COURSE WILL BE ALL RIGHT WITH ME—JIMMIE MADE ME PROMISE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT IT

—AND I TOLD HIM WE'D TALK IT OVER TONIGHT AND LET HIM KNOW IN THE MORNING

IM SO GLAD YOU CAME HOME TONIGHT SO WE COULD GO OVER IT TOGETHER AND

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIFE AND DEATH Birth is a mystery. Life is a mystery. Death is a mystery.

KEEP TROOPS MOVING [Kansas City Star] There should be no abatement in the movement of troops to Europe.

A Glimpse of the Canteen "April 11, 3.30 a. m.—I am writing at the canteen, where I am on the shift from midnight to 7 o'clock.

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Sisters of the Secretary of State

Write of Canteen Work in France

MISS EMMA S. LANSING and Miss Katherine E. Lansing, sisters of the Secretary of State, have been working with the American Red Cross in France since last September.

"The 'pollu' who is being married has gone into aviation and is ready to begin his flying now. He had three days in which to be married. He brought his fiancée to see me, and I have letters from her.

"May 8.—I have just finished a letter of condolence to the widow of one of my 'pollus.' He was married on the 23rd and on the 25th fell in his aeroplane and was killed.

"May 10.—Yesterday I made a visit to Rheims. We approached it from a hill; so long before we reached the city we saw the cathedral outlined against the sky, majestic and apparently perfect.

"April 14, at the canteen, 4 a. m. Last Saturday night the clocks were all set ahead one hour, and, I assure you, when we leave the canteen a little after 6 in the morning it is still very cold.

"April 17, 3.30 a. m.—I am writing at the canteen, where I am on the shift from midnight to 7 o'clock. I wish I could give you an idea of the atmosphere at night.

"April 24.—I have been out buying a wedding present for one of my 'filleuls.' Did I tell you that I have now about 45 soldiers to whom I write more or less often?

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Evening Chat

BY BRIGGS

"Williamsport has an institution that I wish Harrisburg would find it possible to copy," said a returning traveler yesterday.

There is an open plaza in front of the station and a broad lawn along the side. On this the Red Cross canteen branch has erected a trim little frame building, in the rear of which is a tent to store the supplies.

"While waiting for a train the other day—trains being late in Williamsport as well as most everywhere else these times—I amused myself by observing the canteen workers. A train came in over the Lehigh Valley. Immediately the two girls in charge at the time appeared with ice cream cones.

"Thirsty?" asked one. "I should say YES," replied the soldier, mopping his brow and smiling.

"Well, come right over here and sit down," added the girl, leading him gently toward a table, and you can just bet that young private never makes the least resistance.

"Before you could say Jack Robinson the girls had dished up for him a tall and clinking glass of lemonade and he wound up with the second glass.

"Good night, Germany," sang the vaudeville artists. Vaudeville people are doing a good deal of German-ian ideals and the German language, but sauerkraut, hamburger steak and German cheese have been boycotted to such an extent that the vaudeville artists are in a sad state of affairs.

The park benches at River Front Park had a good bath yesterday morning, when V. Grant Forrer, Assistant Superintendent of City Parks, commanded some fire hose and turned the water on to the seats. It was refreshing to see how clean and inviting the benches were after their shower bath.

Right in line with the Telegraph's move for better housing conditions among the poorer classes of the city, the Park benches are being made more attractive.

"Brother Jeems" is quite an old hand at the "bun" business. He has built him a new "bun" stand, the much-contested district, covering the outside with tin flattened from cans of all sorts.

"Well, I s'pose I should have some of Lincoln and Wash'n'ton," said he, but me, hasn't much family in me. I'm a great lover of it, an' so I takes the pictures of the pretty lit' gals and put 'em up where I c'n see 'em all de time."

Senator William C. Sproul, besides being a newspaperman and politician, is an antiquarian, too, regarding the late Governor Pennypacker in love of research into his historical state affairs.

Un in Lewistown, the biggest town in the Juniata valley, many thrifty citizens are doing their best rather than "their bit" to help the lot of their native in its efforts to aid in bringing the haughty Hun to his knees.

The eight-hour railroad law permits employees much time to themselves, but many of the railroad readers are working six and eight hours daily at other employment to help relieve the acute labor shortage prevalent in the numerous essential industries operating in Lewistown and its immediate vicinity.

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