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The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.—PSALMS 19: 1.

ON EQUAL FOOTING

ANNOUNCEMENT that sub-designations—such as N. G. for National Guard and N. A. for National Army—are to be abandoned and all soldiers given badges bearing the letters U. S. A., for United States Army, was bound to come and good Americans will be pleased to learn that Secretary Baker has approved General March's recommendations to that effect.

Equally fair and just is the order that all officers in the army shall be eligible for promotion as the call for more officers comes with the creation of new military units and the enlargement of the military establishment.

All our soldiers are fighting for one object. They are sharing common dangers and showing equal bravery. And so with the officers.

Men are made by war. Civilians become great military leaders, and trained soldiers sometimes fail and break under the stress. We have no military caste in this country. We rely on citizen soldiers rather than trained professionals, and promotions should go to those who deserve them. If the new order will put everybody on an equal footing where it will be up to the best man to win, it is a good ruling. The Regular cannot then complain and the new man will have his opportunity. Our experience in the Civil War was that many men who enlisted as privates with no military experience became first-class officers. The incentive to promotion is a great help in the development of a military organization.

Two million dollars an hour is our expense to beat the Hun—and cheap at the price.

RECEIVER OF TAXES

AGAIN we hear of an effort on the part of the county commissioners of Pennsylvania to improve the system of tax collection. Let us hope that something definite may come out of their conference next month.

The archaic system which has been in operation many years outlived its usefulness long ago, and only the mistaken idea that the appointment of a few county tax collectors means the salvation of the average political organization has been responsible for continuing the inconvenient and expensive scheme of tax collection through ward and township appointees.

Senator Biddleman tried a few years ago to have a law passed creating the office of receiver of taxes, but the political bosses swooped down upon the Capitol and succeeded in having the measure smothered. But the taxpayers are going to have something to say on this question and it ought to be the earnest effort of the State organization of county commissioners to further a proper bill at the next session of the Legislature.

A receiver of taxes empowered to collect all taxes—municipal, county, school and State—would be a real reform. Such an official would render to each taxpayer a complete bill covering all his taxes, thus saving intolerable vexation and inconvenience every year.

The public will decline to get excited over the Haviland airplane charges until more is known about the matter.

HOME-GROWN PRODUCE

THE El Paso Chamber of Commerce recently gave a "home products dinner" at which only foodstuffs grown in the El Paso valley were served. This was done to encourage the consumption of articles grown in the El Paso district in order to lighten the freight burdens of the railroads.

Something like that might be a good thing for Harrisburg. We are situated in one of the richest food

production districts of the country. We do consume immense quantities of our own farm produce and it would be foolish to limit ourselves voluntarily to a restricted diet, not much might be done toward confining ourselves more closely to the things our local growers produce. We eat too many vegetables and fruits "out of season," thereby disheartening the local farmer and congesting the railroads. War-time economy bids us give more thought to our food purchases.

Join the "Give 'Em a Lift Club," let your patriotism extend beyond words and Liberty Bonds.

NO COMPROMISE

THE German army's order to fire on Red Cross stretcher bearers is on a par with the bombing of hospitals and the sinking of hospital ships. It is the very keynote of the Prussian idea—kill all who are not Germans, unless they bow to the yoke of German slavery. Kill, kill, kill, is the Prussian order. Mercy and weakness are synonymous in the German language. Love is dead in the German heart. Murder is the German equivalent of virtue. The Germans have become worse than beasts.

Yet we hear talk of a "peace by understanding," of a "peace by negotiation." Make peace with a people who kill our boys when they lie helpless? Make peace with a people who slay Red Cross angels of mercy? No, a hundred times, no!

A writer for "The Bache Review" summed up the case in a nutshell when he said it must be borne in mind that any peace acceptable to Germany will be a German victory.

So Kuehlmann, Von Hertling, Buriian, German and Austrian spokesmen for the Junkers, are bragging, as was to be expected, to pour into the peace sewers nauseating statements of what Germany will accept from the allies. Such expressions should be treated like any other refuse. To patriots to whom American soldier boys are dear, these deceitful feelers are a stench in the nostrils, as are the treasonable appeals of yellow, flighty-brained writers like Arnold Bennett, asking to have them considered.

The blood of that great army of allied martyrs, including our own brave men, who have died for the cause of Liberty since 1914, cries out against such treason. Shall their sacrifices, indeed, have been made in vain?

The effrontery and insolence of attitude of these peace mongers is best answered by ignoring them. What right has the murderer who has entered the home and been surrounded, to make terms on which the intended victims shall go about their business and he be allowed to carry off his plunder, and without explanation for the cold-blooded murders he has committed?

Germany, the most abominated criminal in history, must be sentenced—not allowed to negotiate for peace. There must be no conference, no peace table. There must be only unconditional surrender, and, after that, terms of punishment dictated by the Allies.

Life is just one thing after another—no sooner are allowed when we get our cakes than they take the sugar away, and by the time sugar is permitted eggs will be too expensive. Hang the Kaiser!

FIVE TOWNS IN CANADA

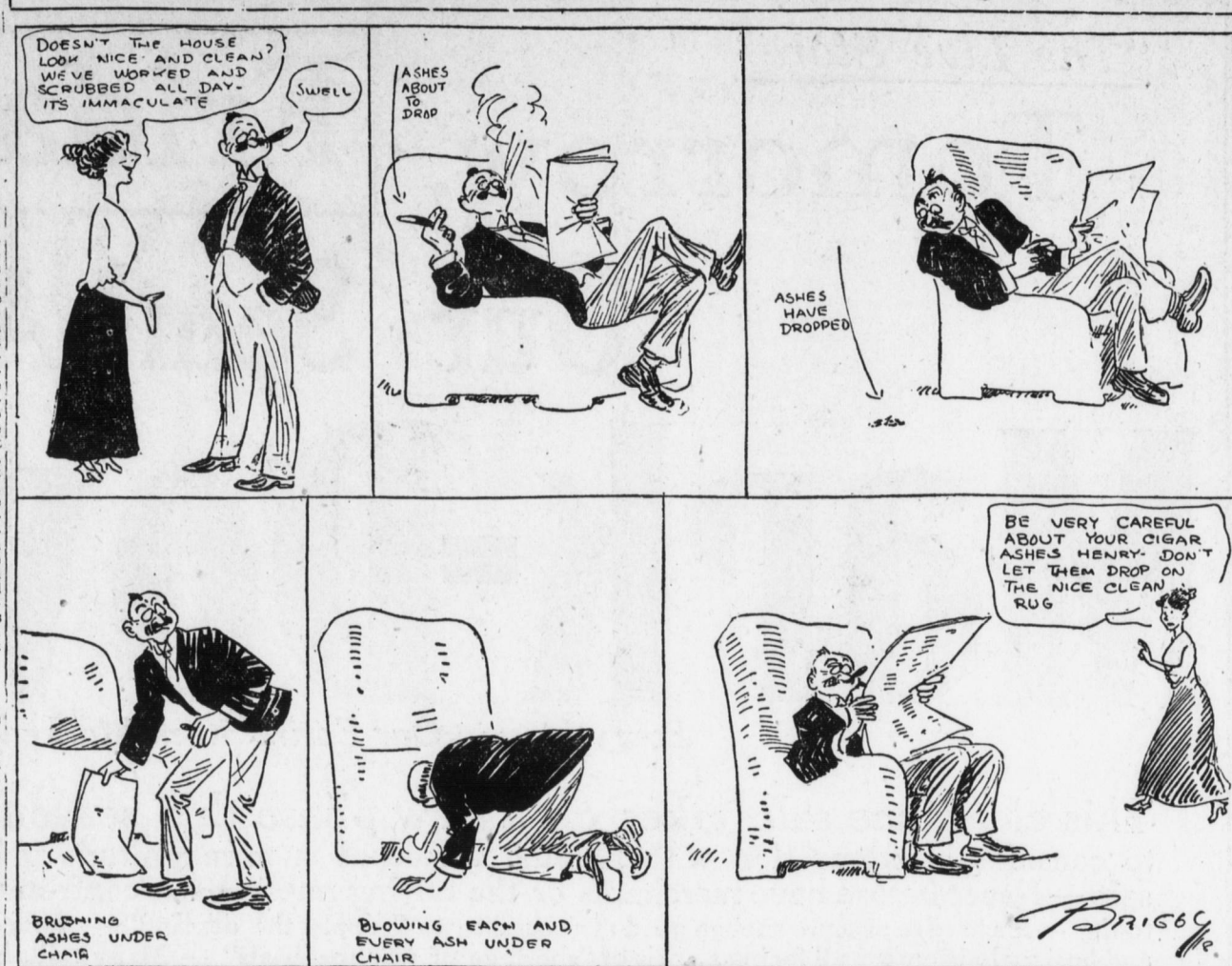
FIVE Canadian cities show an aggregate increase in the value of manufactured products of from \$162,000,000 in 1910 to \$423,500,000 in 1918 and \$610,000,000 in 1915. They are: Montreal, \$71,000,000 in 1910 to \$245,000,000 in 1915; Toronto, \$60,000,000 to \$219,000,000; Hamilton, \$17,000,000 to \$56,000,000; Winnipeg, from \$3,515,000 to \$47,886,000; and Vancouver, \$5,000,000 to \$24,000,000. That is some little record for Canadian population centers to chalk up, and it shows what a protective tariff law will do in keeping Canadian mills humming. This growth in manufacturing industries has not slackened with the war. On the contrary, it has developed faster since 1915 than it did the three years previous to that year. The manufacturing output of these five cities to-day, if set at considerably in excess of \$1,000,000,000, would not be far out of the way.

In 1910 our imports from Canada totaled \$95,000,000, with manufactured articles not figuring very prominently in the list. Those were days of protection. In 1915 they totaled \$160,000,000, with manufactured goods cutting a large figure; in 1917 they totaled \$204,000,000 and the fiscal year just closed about \$430,000,000. Say what you like, Canada loves free trade—for the U. S. A. As for herself, she keeps close watch of her protective tariff wall, laying a new course, now and then, for luck, and hitting Uncle Sam a wallop in the way of embargoes which exports to her, for commerce and altruism won't mix, even if stirred with the sword.

Everywhere the great work of the Y. M. C. A. in this war is being recognized as vital and necessary. The Harrisburg recruiting committee is using enlistment in this service, and already quite a number have been engaged.

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman Men connected with the Democratic state-windmill to-day declined to show signs of fear at the manifesto issued a day or so ago at Pittsburgh by Eugene C. Bonniwell, the candidate for governor who has been nominated from the bosses of the machine were not looking. The judge demanded that the headquarters of the party be moved over to his office at Washington Square, and that the ticket as Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor. As alternatives he threatened to complete organization of his own state committee and to take his troubles to the voters, intimating that when the Democrats of Pennsylvania got through with A. Mitchell Palmer, Vance C. McCormick and others that they would be mere party memories.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



Newspaper Prices Up

[Editor and Publisher] As the forerunner of a general price-raising step, in which it seems newspapers everywhere in the United States must join in the near future, the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association at its annual convention in Asheville, N. C., accepted the recommendation of its paper conservation committee to adopt approximately the following subscription rates, effective as early as possible.

Carrier circulation six week days, 15 cents per week. Mail rates for Sunday paper, including Sunday, 18 cents per week. Single copy sales not less than 3 cents daily, nor less than 7 cents Sunday. Mail rates—six week days, not less than \$6 per year. Mail rates—seven days per week, not less than \$9 per year. Wholesale rates, single copy sales, week days not less than 1-2-3 cents per copy net; Sunday not less than 4-5 cents per copy net.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—The publishers of the Sentinel have raised the price of the paper on street sales from 2 to 3 cents. Weekly carriers will receive 15 cents instead of 12 cents, and the mail rates will be \$5 instead of \$4 per year.

New Haven, Conn.—The Union, the Times-Leader and the Register have increased their price to 2 cents a copy. As the Journal-Courier has been a 2-cent paper, all the dailies now sell at the same figure.

Two in a Tower

For too long a time the Kaiser and Karl Rosner, his bard and trumpeter, had ceased to be in the midst of the film fight, July 11 they reappeared on the stage. The Kaiser, the Kaiser informed his soldiers that they were to have the happiness of fighting while he looked on. The Kaiser's order went forth: "Let the troops hear that, in these grave hours, I am near and my wishes go with them." A General Staff officer pronounced an order on an order, communicating to the delighted German tribesmen that the Kaiser was going to do himself the pleasure of watching them and sent them his regards. "The Kaiser has no doubt with a firm hand, a pocket lantern's "lickering light." Romantic Rosner must have been thinking of "The Burial of Sir John Moore."

A GERMAN CRIME

Captain von Beerfeldt, the Junker Lichowsky memorandum, is in Berlin denouncing the "criminal forgery" and "abominable swindle" of "German's leaders in 1914" and "while Prince Lichowsky is in exile and expelled from the House of Lords. However, there are loud calls for locking up this "dangerous lunatic who tells the truth."—New York World.

LABOR NOTES

Company C, Twenty-ninth Regiment Engineers, at Camp Devens, Mass., is almost 100 per cent unionized. Fifty per cent of the company are members of the International Typographical Union, who enlisted from different parts of the country.

Madison (Wis.) Federated Trades Council has appointed a special committee to "study the various schemes for co-operative stores and forms of consumer's enterprises which result in reducing the prices of goods to the consumer."

The greatest general strike on earth is now on in Belgium. Rather than submit to Prussianism and enter German munition works at good salaries the Belgian workers have starved and suffered for four years.

Deceitful Accounting Methods In The Post Office Department

A Danger in Federal Telegraph and Telephone Management That Must Be Closely Watched H. C. Hopson, in New York Sun

I HAVE been much interested in reading your editorial article in The Sun recently, "The Government Again Putting Itself to the Test." I suggest that you watch this matter very closely. You will recall the actual expenditures which, due to the deficiencies of the government accounting, are not ascertained until about a year after the money has been actually expended. No board of directors would expect to justify its management of the affairs of a property by exhibiting to the stockholders its budget of proposed expenditures like an appropriation bill, instead of its actual expenditures as shown by its books—in governmental affairs buried in the tomes of the Treasury Department.

Last, of course, and most important, when the Western Union or the American Telephone and Telegraph or the Postal Company renders a report to its stockholders, the largest stockholders of the company, at least, should give the most careful consideration, because the means by which they are obtained are not well regulated. No one, I venture to say, except for the sake of Mr. Baker awake to the situation of the requirements of the situation last March and made his recommendations accordingly. The Secretary underestimated the need.

With this fact staring us in the face, how can we expect efficiency or economy in the administration of the telephone and telegraph by the Post Office Department which, under the plans of David J. Lewis, of Maryland, who has been advocating this thing for years, are to be merged into the post office affairs that it will be absolutely impossible ever to give them back into a complete revolution in the management of the affairs of not only the telephone and telegraph companies, but the mail service proper as well? This may sound somewhat bitter, but I cannot but feel that the taking over by the government of the telephone and telegraph services, the one class of public utilities of national importance which has not woefully failed in maintaining proper time service (this, be it noted, with no increase in rates) must have been based on a positively wicked misrepresentation to the President.

Jack of All Trades

Berton Braley Uncle Sam reached out and took us, so of course we went and came. To his school of preparation for the military game. We laid down the tools of labor for our rifles and our packs, wrapped our clothing into bundles and put khaki on our backs. Yes, we left the farm and office and the counter and the mill, and the time clock all behind us, but we hadn't left our skill; and when fighting in trenches is the work we have in view, any other job you mention is the kind that we can do.

The Falseness of the Hun

[N. A. Reviews War Weekly] Is there a limit to German lying? The question is asked in all seriousness. The world has hitherto observed and remarked upon the profuse, variegated and gratuitous falsehoods of the German government, and of the Kaiser himself, concerning the causes and circumstances of the outbreak of the war. There were lies about the designs of Russia, lies about a French invasion of Germany, lies about the duplicity of Belgium, lies about the attitude and course of Great Britain. Of all these falsehoods, Germany is selfconvicted. Are they not all written in the confession of Prince Lichowsky and other eminent and indisputable German authorities?

The Wise Men and Jesus

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him.—Matthew II, 1 and 2.

Evening Chat

Between the bass season not opening until the first of July and the hot wave that usually made itself felt about Santiago battle anniversary day falling to arrive it does seem as though there had not been as much summer as usual in Harrisburg and vicinity although the tenacious courted Reservoir are usually been working as hard as ever. However, there are certain signs that Dame Nature is adhering to her schedule for Dauphin and Swatara land counties and we are entering August with the golden rod blooming, the wind commencing to bring cool evenings because it blows over Swatara township and Swatara and the blackbirds passing from platoon and company formations into regimental and brigade organizations. The golden rod is bringing to mind that we must begin to prepare for Labor Day and that Dan Hammebaugh's active times are commencing around the school board offices. But the blackbirds are the real official warning to the state's capital that the summer is waning. The birds have been flocking about here from time out of mind and about the middle of July, according to the bird sharks in Dr. Kalbrun's office they commence to flock. There are many huge flights of birds to be observed in the city streets in the evening. They are best seen from Reservoir Park. They seem to come from the farms along Linglestown and Jonestown and are the Spanish roosting as far down as Middletown. There are other flocks which are seen in many places around Columbia and Duncannon areas. Some are getting ready to set sail for the south. They will probably leave about the first of September. It should be very much cooler than it is now. They have even been seen hereabouts in flocks as late as the middle of October.

One of the visitors to the city yesterday was Colonel Lewis E. Beiler of the State Council of National Defense. Col. Beiler was secretary to Governor Hastings during the Spanish War and never fails on visits here to drop in on state draft headquarters to talk military matters.

"Where will Major Gray be sent from here? Is a question that the Telegraph has asked a few days since. The big Middletown movement is well nigh completed. The answer is that wherever there is big and important engineering and contractual nature to be done, Major Gray is second to General Crowder in the American Army as an engineer, and with his varied experience. He built the water system of the Croton watershed if it does not surpass the Panama Canal in the matter of difficult problems for the constructing engineer. Major Gray simply says he is a soldier, but it is known that he has a hankering for France and would like to take his present force of husters with him wherever he goes.

Major Morava, the splendid Bohemian, we mean American—in charge of New Cumberland operation near New Cumberland. He read the story of the Czech-Slovak movement in Russia with real pride. He is a little boy when a little boy came to the United States and the constant strivings of his native country for freedom have naturally appealed to one of his patriotic instincts. He has declared his never submit to German domination because they despise the Hun.

M. N. Clepper, of Columbia, takes a fall out of the new fish code in a letter which he has sent to the Lancaster Examiner. The burden of his complaint is that the new code interferes with eel fishing. He wants the State Department of Fisheries to set aside the code and allow eels to be taken in any way. He says that eel fishing used to be a great trade here, but there have been few taken here lately and they figured on many a table as a means of keeping down the cost of live fish. The State officials, however, say that they have no discretionary powers and that they have to enforce the code which the Legislature laid down.

In Philadelphia many society women have joined the Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and have put their membership to practical effect by having buckets of water kept on their doorsteps so that thirsty birds may stop there and drink, providing the drivers of the snags have sense enough and humanity enough to bring them to the draught. In one neighborhood, however, it is said to have worked out badly for a certain doorstep, well equipped with glistening buckets full to the brim, became such a mecca for the birds that the water was drunk up at the same time, and the neighborhood was stampeded.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—William J. Brennan, the Pittsburgh lawyer, has been taking a prominent part in the state convention of the Eagles at Pittsburgh. Col. Berton Braley has succeeded in having wild ducks hatched on his game preserve near Allentown.

The Rev. C. H. Williamson, Pottsville clergyman, has gone on an overland trip to his former home in West Virginia.

Major F. E. Humphreys, United States aviator, is visiting in eastern Pennsylvania cities. He was the first army officer to make flights with the Wright Brothers.

Paul Littlefield, secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, is in Washington making a study of taxation legislation.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg steel is being used in special experiments by the Ordnance authorities?

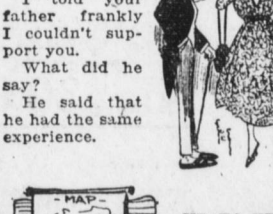
HISTORIC HARRISBURG —Harrisburg was laid out as a town soon after the Revolutionary War ended, but was a settlement fifty years before that.

Last One Surely Did The Germans say the next blow will surprise the enemy. Meaning perhaps that all the others have surprised the Germans.—From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



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