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Make up your mind what you want and then go after it, and keep after it until you get it.—JOHN W. GATES.

SUFFRAGE AND THE WAR

BEYOND doubt equal suffrage is on the way and cannot be long delayed, but just why the President should feel that it is necessary to the winning of the war is not apparent.

Women are sacrificing much and suffering much and one of their rewards will be the ballot, but the granting of votes to women is not an essential to the winning of the war.

We have been told that "ships will win the war," that "food will win the war," that "War Stamps will win the war," and now that "equal suffrage is essential to the winning of the war."

PARKING DOWNTOWN

THE parking of automobiles in Market street has become a public nuisance. This is not so much the fault of those who operate cars as it is of those who should regulate traffic in the congested district.

DEMOCRATIC THEORIES

SEVENTY-FIVE per cent. of our imports for 1918 paid not a red cent of duty, as against fifty-four per cent. of free goods in 1913, consisting of raw materials and foodstuffs, such as coffee, tea, cocoa, etc., not produced in this country, hence not competing with American industries.

This was one fatal blunder of the Democratic party in its tariff legislation of 1913. It gave the farmer increased competition, but it failed to reduce the cost of living, as we all remember, and it increased our dependence on foreign countries for wool. There are other blunders in which the party still persists.

least a dozen Democratic leaders have each given utterance to views on what should be our future tariff policy, each one differing from the others. At the same time the countries of Europe are reinforcing their tariff walls, and England, particularly, has quite repudiated her free trade policy and is drafting protection legislation.

If the Western pioneers of '49 were writing a slogan for this war, it would probably be "Berlin or Bust." And that is what we are up against. We shall dictate terms of peace in Berlin or the peace will be of doubtful value.

THE HOUSING NEED

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that the big quartermaster's depot at Marsh Run will be operated mainly by civilians.

This is verified by the fact that provision has been made for the quartering of only about 400 soldiers on the ground.

The warehouses are ten in number, more than 1,000 feet in length and 100 feet wide. Eleven miles of track will be required for the railroad yards. This means a large number of men constantly at work both in the warehouses and in the yards.

Harrisburg can have the majority of these newcomers if it has room for them. Most of them will want to live in this city in order to avail themselves of the schools and other advantages. But they won't come unless we provide houses for them.

The whole countryside roundabout will bid for them. They will find quarters elsewhere if we have no houses in Harrisburg.

More than ever before the housing problem looms up as one that must be solved. We lost one war to industry that would have given work to 5,000 people because the State Department of Labor and Industry was not able to report an abundance of housing facilities here.

"HOLD FAST"

"HOLD FAST!" is Premier Lloyd George's declaration to Britons in the beginning of the new year of war. And "Hold Fast" is the slogan of millions of American citizens who will not quit until the Hun has been crushed for all time.

War must never again be the national industry of any country. Some one has suggested that Germany is nothing more than a huge state founded on force, cemented by fear and financed on speculative gains to be derived from the great gamble of war. Once for all must we settle the right of nations to work out their own destiny without fear of some great national brute interfering at every point.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Well-defined symptoms of worry among the leaders of the Palmer-McCormick faction of the Pennsylvania Democracy over the situation in the party in the state which they had promised to turn over to President Wilson, and did not, are commencing to be noticed not only in this city where the windmill is located but in other parts of the state.

When the Palmer-McCormick people dethroned the Colonel Guffey regime the fuss was made so great that it was overlooked that the present national chairman had bolted the Democratic ticket in 1910. Lately some men have been reviving that memory. And they are talking about it in advance of a state campaign in which the standard bearer of the Democratic voters of the state to carry out their orders, but they are afraid that there will be a party situation created by Judge Eugene C. Bonnell who will force them into a position such as they alleged the old leaders to be after the campaign of 1910.

Not only are the men who sit about the council board in Washington and frame the official destinies of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania hurried in view of present and future needs. The Sun Shipbuilding Company is setting a laudable example in making provisions for the lodging of ten thousand workers who will be engaged in the wharfs and boiler shops and other business extensions begin to show their shell on the landscape.

The only congressmen of Democratic faith sure of election are Dewalt and Steele, both of whom were renominated against the Palmer-McCormick faction's opposition. The county commissioners' convention at Pittsburgh seems to have been a love feast as men of all shades of politics got together and discussed their problems.

Mayor Smith of Philadelphia, an intemperate fighter for man who follows politics in Pennsylvania in view of his testimony yesterday. He declared he was not a real Vardner, but a friend of McNichol.

THE ARDOR OF HEARST

When the Hearst papers increased their price 100 per cent., some wondered what they would do when a public utility corporation increased its price ten per cent. But little did these innocent persons understand Hearst's noble ardor in behalf of the public. That anybody except himself should charge that the more workers we can employ, the more is necessarily intolerable to him.

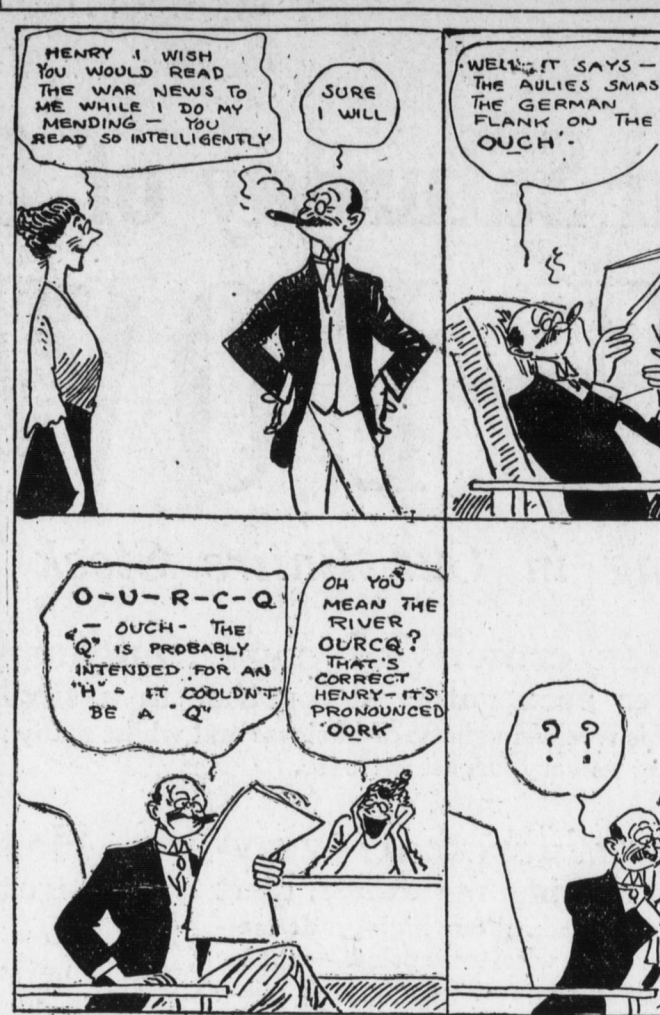
THE SINGLE SIN

He walked for years in ways of righteousness. Good deeds numbered dropping from his hand; Then, lo! a single sin he must confess.

It's a Vital Spot All Right

(From the New Orleans Star) "Mrs. Fannie Booth, who is confined to her home with illness in the Census, is doing as well as could be expected." Probably a case of cucumbers.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



Chester's Housing Problem

(From the Chester Times) Should the government officials give their sanction to the building operations planned for Chester, a great step will be taken toward solving the housing problem. There exists a keen race between the construction and enlargement of business plants in this city, and the building of homes for the employees.

Another Step Toward Universal Training

(From the Boston Transcript) An encouraging thing about the plan for introducing military training into all colleges next autumn, to which the War Department has finally been forced by the pressure of public opinion at home and events abroad to give the approval it had withheld when General Wood first proposed it several years ago, is that a systematic means is provided for training officers. We shall be short of officers before the year is out, unless much more is done in the next three months than has been done in the last three or four years.

THE GULF STREAM

There's a brown stream that is flowing through the blue Atlantic waters. There's a warm stream that is crossing from the new world to the old.

Hindenburg and His Dupes

(N. A. Revier's War Weekly) Hindenburg has been resurrected from the dead again. He is risen. Not only that, he is strong enough to sit up and take notice and even to talk. The Kaiser's Boswell, Rosner, found him. He was at the Hun General Headquarters and, apparently, cheerfully loquacious, considering how recently he was a corpse.

Better Do What We Can Now

(From the Houston Post) Making careful computations from the progress of an idea during the past twenty-five years, we have figured that by the year 67, 387,654,234 A. D., the theory that kissing communicates deadly diseases will be universally accepted and the custom abolished.

They'll Be Vined Some More

(From Louisville Courier-Journal) "The Kaiser's crack troops have been considerably cracked, and his shock troops have been considerably shocked," observes the New York Telegraph. Moreover, his invincible troops have been somewhat vined.

LABOR NOTES

Butte (Mont.) plumbers ask \$3 a day. Journeymen barbers in Milwaukee plan thorough organization. Leavenworth (Kan.) teamsters demand \$3 a day of 9 hours. Railway Workers in Bessarabia demand higher pay. Spokane (Wash.) retail clerks have formed a union. Paperhangers at New Orleans have received increased wages. Copper miners in Germany average \$271 a year.

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Evening Chat

Edward Wilson, one of the Harrisburg young men who have gone out and made good, was in Harrisburg also, looking about for State Board of Public Charities, of which he is a special agent, and told some interesting accounts of the way cities and counties are dealing with their prisoners to relieve the labor situation. "The labor shortage is serious, far more so than many people realize, and we will commence to feel it more and more," said Mr. Wilson. "Now what we are trying to do is to get the prison authorities to make inmates work instead of being kept in prison. They can thus be useful and earn at the same time." Mr. Wilson discussed the matter with Mayor Daniel L. Keister while here. Mr. Wilson also talked with State Warden William A. McHenry at the Dauphin County Prison. "Dauphin county has made a start with prisoners and inmates at the county farms at the Almshouse. All you have to do is to look at the way they have harvested," said he. "The point is that the garden can put men out in charge of certain farms and a place to see that they return when wanted. The whole matter is one for the prison authorities and the legislature. It is a matter to be solved by the labor situation. Suppose men could be sent from the prison to help fix up roads in the county." Mr. Wilson also talked with some of the prisoners, who were used to unload coal and made more money than they had in years as well as performing a service which was much appreciated. In Wilkes-Barre they were put to work at an electric plant which supplied the whole community. Men could not be had, but they were sent to the prison and they were given excellent work and were well paid. "I understand that in Williamsport the men did not come back to the jail," he concluded. "The man in charge of them got tickets and a place to sleep and saw that they worked. And then they were paid. What some of the people in prisons need is a chance to work with some one to make them take the chance. This is the time to try it, when every pair of hands has a place waiting for the owner."

Major William G. Murdock, who met Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson in the middle of the hottest part of yesterday afternoon in Market street, was one of the State Cabinet members of the Presidential Cabinet always seemed to meet up with the weatherman was doing business in the city. Secretary, who comes from up my way, was on a broiling hot afternoon at Williamsport. We were together for some time. Then he turned on a very early cold day in Washington and then I ran up against him one day in Philadelphia when it was raining cats and dogs and no one could see their feet. It was a relief when the weather is around 100 degrees.

F. D. Calhoun, the Western Union's wireman, these parts, is sleeping with one ear open these days. Mr. Calhoun has to keep the lines in shape and this is the season of the year when the wires are not as sudden, numerous and severe. Often things will be nice and hot, such as we have been having the last few days. There are not as many clouds in the sky as there are in the sun and then about midnight a storm that will have a superabundance of lightning and trouble for every one having to get up. Between wind and lightning things are apt to be strenuous for linemen at any hour these days.

If Ex-Mayor Maurice C. Eby were living, he would be getting after men who drive horses over asphalt streets these hot days without protecting their heads. There are not as many horses to be seen in Market and Third streets these days, but it does seem hard to see the animals going through the blistering heat. Between wind and lightning things are apt to be strenuous for linemen at any hour these days.

"If the war lasts many months longer, we will not have any but girl elevator operators. There are not many men running elevators now and the girls are doing a good job. I said a man interested in building operations to-day. "There are girl elevator operators in a number of buildings and colored girls operators, too. They all do very well. I am told, and are alert and obliging. We have not yet come to the women on street-cars, but the women jitney operators who have been here are a sign of what may come."

Sergeant Philip German, who will be in charge of the scores at the Mount Gretna rifle matches next week, has a record of over a quarter of a century connected with military organizations here and one of the Gray's Association as an organization to have handy in case of need. Mr. German has been in touch with over 100 of the former members and is planning to have them uniformed and armed.

J. O. Hauser, of the Philadelphia Press, formerly connected with the State Department of Health, was among visitors to Harrisburg yesterday. He was at the Capitol, where he met a number of old friends.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—R. H. Wilbur, well known here, has resigned of the Lehigh Coal interests, to become head of the Lehigh and New England Railroad under the federal management.

—James N. Lightner, wounded in France, was captain of the Lancaster company of the old Fourth Infantry. —Dr. C. B. Penrose, president of the State Game Commission, is visiting along the Lehigh. —George B. Glaty, secretary at Williamsport, writes from France that many more secretaries are needed.

—George A. T. Connell, of Scranton, is urging an advance of \$15 in the monthly pay of policemen to chief of the Pennsylvania railroad which office has been abolished, will remain with the company in another capacity. —William Spahr, president of the State Bricklayers, says that the duty of the men is to co-operate with the government now.

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