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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1918 You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself into one.—FROUDE.

NO PEACE NOW

THE Austrian proposal for peace discussions by the belligerent nations is an admission by the Central Powers that their case is hopeless. They are like a party of thieves cornered by the police trying to save their necks and retain their booty by promising to be good in the future.

Germany and Austria are on their last legs. Another year will see them conquered and powerless to again drench the world in blood.

Crimes that would take an individual to the gallows. They must be punished and punished so severely that never again will any tyrant of the Kaiser's stripe have the temerity to raise a mailed fist against weaker nations.

No, we must go on. The road is bloody and the going hard, but at the end lies the hope of humanity for a millennium of peace, and we must not pause until we have attained the goal.

It is intimated in dispatches from the now reduced St. Mihiel salient that General Pershing's objectives in the offensive he has undertaken are limited.—New York Times.

Limited, apparently, to the ability of his husky fighters to keep up with the fleeing Germans.

ARCH-TRAITORS

MUCH has been said by way of newspaper criticism of George Creel and the Government's official publicity bureau, and deservedly so, but the Committee on Public Information has justified its existence in the exposure of Lenine and Trotsky as the arch-traitors of Russia, who sold their country and its people to Germany for \$25,000,000 in Prussian gold.

The proof which Mr. Creel offers is beyond question. It leaves absolutely no room for doubt. Lenine and Trotsky, posing as friends of the common people of Russia, have been in reality the paid tools of Germany. Instead of the high-minded idealists, befriending the poor at the expense of the rich and striving for universal brotherhood, this pair of international gutter snipes has been plotting a serfdom for the entire Russian race worse than anything the Czars of the past 400 years have imposed.

Developments in Russia in recent months have revealed Lenine and Trotsky for what they are; the Creel papers are merely corroborative evidence, so far as they are concerned. They and their Bolshevik government have so shamelessly worn the livery of the Kaiser that little proof was needed in their case. But with Germany it is different.

The imperial government all along has virtually contended that it did not start the war, despite all the evidence to the contrary; but now it is proved before the whole world that the Kaiser was planning hostilities against France and Russia, which of course included Belgium, as early as June, 1914, and that if the Serbian excuse had not arisen another would have been found. The Kaiser is left

without a leg on which to stand. He is convicted out of his own mouth. He is seen by the world as the arch-friend of all time, even as Trotsky and Lenine are exposed as traitors to their country and traffickers with him in human life and human liberties.

Is there anybody who wonders why we are at war? Is there anybody who fails to understand why we are willing to sacrifice our last man and our last dollar to keep this frightful Prussian Thing from the shores of America?

Republicans who still believe the liquor interest should have consideration are manifestly blind to the signs of the times. The Republican State Committee should at least see the handwriting on the wall, and blaze the way for all candidates.

AN IMPORTANT SERVICE

THE Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is performing a highly important service in bringing to Harrisburg the noted housing expert, Lawrence Veiller. Mr. Veiller comes for three days this week, during which he will make a brief survey of the local housing situation, and will outline his findings and his proposed treatment at a luncheon of the Chamber on Friday.

Harrisburg is fortunate in procuring so able an engineer. Mr. Veiller is secretary and director of the National Housing Association. He is a pioneer in his line, having given twenty years of his life to the study of housing conditions and the correction of housing evils. He is not a theorist. His plans have been worked out economically and satisfactorily in scores of cities. He is eminently practical, with no fixed ideas as to what must or must not be done. He is perhaps at his best in devising methods for the treatment of individual problems. He knows how to make old houses habitable and presentable and rundown communities desirable as residence sections. He knows how to make very dollar spent pay one hundred cents' worth of housing improvement.

Harrisburg is facing a serious shortage of houses. There are those who do not believe we should confess our lack in this respect. They think that by attempting to conceal it from the world it will somehow or other cure itself and that manufacturers and shippers will continue to come to Harrisburg with their plants, regardless of the fact that we have no place for workmen or officials. This is a narrow and a foolish view. If we want more people we must provide houses for them. It is possible that the Government will do something for us to meet an emergency due largely to war conditions and the enlargement here of war industries. But, at any rate, we should plan now for what eventually we must do. The Chamber of Commerce views the situation correctly. Its housing survey is its most important service to the community this year.

Mr. Palmer, praising National Chairman McCormick and himself in this city, declared that "both are now engaged in 'war work.' Let it be a crime to drag these two patriots away from their jobs to dabble in politics, when the President insists that 'politics is adjourned.'"

A "WET" PLATFORM

THE Palmer-McCormick wing of the Democratic party was consistently inconsistent on Saturday when, after it had "repudiated" Judge Bonnell because he opposes prohibition, it adopted a platform which makes no mention of the prohibition question.

In other words, the Palmer-McCormick crowd pretend to be "dry," but they are very careful not to offend the breweries, the distillers and the saloonkeepers by taking a firm stand for prohibition. If they were sincerely "dry" they would have adopted a ringing temperance plank. They would have come out openly and would have urged their candidates to work and vote for the adoption of the national amendment by the next legislature.

The platform is made up of the same old meaningless mouthings. It is interesting and important only for what it does not endorse, rather than for what it does. Palmer and McCormick are for prohibition just so long as it is politically profitable for them to be so. Senator Sprout's manly declaration in favor of the prohibition amendment is not only in strong contrast with this hedging and dodging by the little Democratic politicians who have been saying he is not sincere, but it shows him to be a man with the courage of his convictions, while the Palmers, the McCormicks and their ilk are hiding their heads in the political sands and pretending there is no liquor issue by declining to discuss it. And these political cowards have the temerity still to go about attempting to conceal their wolfish characters beneath the sheepskins of reform.

After the war those thousands of German aliens interned at different places in this country, and who are constantly praying of the "dear Fatherland," should be immediately loaded on ships and sent to Germany. Their room will be much more desirable than their company.

Let us all hope that a proper bill will be presented at the next session of the Legislature providing for the utilization of prison labor on the roads and public work. An average of 215 prisoners are in the Dauphin county jail, and because there is no provision in law for working these men they are boarding at the expense of the taxpayers instead of doing the work that is being done in other parts of the country by those serving terms for all kinds of offenses. Warden Francis, head of the State Institution in Centre county, strongly favors the use of prison labor as a humanitarian as well as economic policy. Dauphin

county's roads need the labor now going to waste at the bastille in Walnut street.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

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—William H. Berry, collector of the port of Philadelphia, appeared for the first time in the Democratic caucus to represent the "cold water" segment of the Democracy, but he came to extol Wilson, who gave him a job, praise Bryan, whom he followed in the Democratic caucus, and his thanks to McCormick, who supported him after bolting the Democratic state ticket in 1910 and, to wit, Italy's host or Britain's band.

It cost \$2.40 to get the proxies at the Democratic state committee meeting last night. Uncle Sam is no longer the "great protector" of Democratic politicians occasionally, and every county like a proxy to sit in the company of such a select body who pay a tax to the committee has to pay a tax to the committee. Mitchell Palmer paid his dime for a proxy just like "Jim" Magee, the United States marshal, and other men connected with the administration who stand sponsor for everything connected with the war. Proxy making is a science now, and even the eventful day of the election, some times finds the blunders of men who should know better rather trying.

—In the line of proxies it may be stated that while State Chairman Lawrence Rupp denounced ninety committee members present there were counted on hand, including the ten proxy members, just seventy.

—Speaking of the Democratic meeting attendance, it is interesting to note that not only was none of the candidates present, not even "Wash" Logan, but that Congressmen have been making themselves. Most of them kept away numbers of the state committee members from their counties. This is also interesting in that the Harrisburg district's denunciation as a traitor of any one who would think that the row would disturb the serenity of mind of a Democratic congressional candidate is not only a commendable thing, but one that has sure things, were not here. Congressman Sterling, who has a chance, was not here, and the supreme bench scheme of the partisans of Justice E. J. Fox in the Gilmore resolution for the executive committee to have a reading of the resolution and an effort to concentrate so that there will be at least one Democrat left on the supreme bench. Fox is generally expected to have the seat and after some one close to the Governor got into touch with Palmer and McCormick, and McCormick's newspapers have treated him rather kindly as compared to other candidates. The committee will have a meeting in Philadelphia on September 24, but it is doubtful whether any man, hitherto conspicuous in party affairs put it when asked if he was going to attend the meeting.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



CONGRATULATIONS

I have no words of sympathy to waste. On those brave boys who sail across the sea To give their youth, their strength And of war's mighty rack and rue to taste! To one and all I say, with eager haste. I envy you no glorious a chance! Would that I, too, might serve, "Somewhere in France."

Fighting for honor, for my native land! For stalwart natures, ideals true and chaste. There is no forum greater than that field Where Right and Wrong, in mortal combat, strive! Proud should they be who make such conflict yield That splendid Peace on which the nations thrive!

I have no tears of sympathy to shed. For those frail women who must bleed as a son. To aid in deeds that now are being done Where cannons roar and shell-torn earth is red!

Nay, I am filled with happiness instead! For, in the lists of human enterprise, What goal shines brighter in ambitious eyes Than this, to which the patriot soul is led? What life is nobler, and, if death must be, Whence comes more glory to eternity Than from the annals of Wrong's The righteous conquest of an evil foe? Soldiers and Mothers, you are blessed by fate. I do not pity—I congratulate! LURANA SHELTON, In New York Times.

Pershing Says Prayers Help

General Pershing says that the prayers of Americans at home are helping the soldiers in the trenches. In a letter to the Rev. Dr. Charles S. McFarland, replying to greetings of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, he says: "The powerful resources of the nation which have been placed ungrudgingly at the disposition of the army are indispensable for the accomplishment of our duty. But we know that mere wealth of material resources or even of technical skill will not suffice. The invisible and unconquerable influence lent loose by the prayers and hopes and ideals of Christian America, of which you are representative, is incalculable. It furnishes the soul and motive for the military body and its operations. It steadies us to resist manfully those temptations which assail us in the extraordinary conditions of life in which we find ourselves."

LABOR NOTES

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Let the Punishment Fit the Crime

By H. H. Windsor, in the October Popular Mechanics Magazine

It behooves us to be on our guard. Already German propaganda is busily at work in this country to establish a condition of mind on which it hopes eventually to realize in a weakened public sentiment. It emphasizes the spirit of forgiveness and leniency toward the enemy. Let bygones be bygones—they see their mistake—the German people were not to blame, and so on.

There is only one safe course for civilization, unless it seeks a repetition of the present configuration. The offender at the court of nations must not only be punished, but must be rendered harmless. In the case of an insane, or maddened man, loaded with dangerous weapons, who is apprehended killing enemy and innocent alike, he is first of all deprived of his weapons, and then locked up and carefully watched until reason is restored.

A Mother's Seven Soldier Sons

[Col. Harvey's War Weezy.] Well, we have our Redlands and our apology, and that apology is "ereby tendered with the hope that it will be accepted as frankly as it is offered. We have a mother in America who wish to extend to the people of Redwood City, San Mateo county, California, our hearty congratulations on having so splendid an American mother as Mrs. W. H. Wyman among their citizens. She is an honor not only to Redwood City but to San Mateo county, to the State of California and to the American people. And we would still further congratulate the people of Redwood City and of San Mateo county on the fact that they have so patriotic an appreciation of Mrs. Wyman's patriotism when the facts in her case were brought to their attention. Not only did Mrs. Wyman get the seven-star service pin, but she got, through formal presentation from the people of Fresno city a gold seven-star service pin, with every star a jewel, which ornament, with a very pardonable pride, she is now wearing.

And that is not all. The people of San Mateo county are raising a fund wherewith to purchase for Mrs. Wyman a home which is to be all her own, and in which we hope she will live to elude those seven splendid ones of her's when the war is over. Incidentally, we may mention that the correct address of Mrs. Wyman, who has committed to the care of the Politicmaster General certain substantial testimonials of regard which we received from War Weezy and other sources, is 1214 E. 10th street, San Francisco, California. We hope—although the hope, alas, is tempered with some measure of doubt—that the Politicmaster General will succeed in delivering into the lady's hands before the war is ended and the boys get back.

A CORRECTION

To the Editor of the Telegraph: In the newspaper reports of the recent Dauphin county W. C. T. U. convention my name was mentioned as chairman of the committee in Arrangements for the Public Schools contest, one of the most important of the whole year. The credit for this should have gone to Mrs. John DeGray, who did an excellent piece of work. If you will publish this I shall be greatly obliged. MRS. H. B. HARTZLER.

Will They Miss Me?

Oh, will they miss me over here When to the war I've gone; And will they weep that one so dear Has put the khaki on? I hope they'll miss me over here, And likewise, I declare, I hope all Huns that I come near Will miss me over.—Joshua Lott.

TUMULTY'S EXCITEMENT

[New York Times.] President Wilson evidently had no hand in the composition of Mr. Tumulty's egotistical letter to Chairman Hays. It is all Tumultian; and the state of mind it reveals must give some concern to Mr. Hays' friends.

For it gives the clearest possible proof that he has got himself into a mental state wherein any one who opposes the Democratic party is guilty of a species of moral turpitude. He quotes the speeches of Republican statesmen, wherein they express their nature hankering for Republican victory, and quotes them with a triumphant air, as if he were convicting them of treason.

He had inquired of Mr. Hays whether that individual had charged the President with being willing to make a compromise peace if that would keep the Democratic party in power. Mr. Hays replied that he did not, and implores Mr. Tumulty, rather than to say "Let not political parties spend their time accusing each other of disloyalty when both are loyal." Mr. Tumulty confounds him by producing a statement of his which he said that "more attention should be paid to Mr. Hays' statement. Mr. Tumulty says, with a bewildering air of completely confounding him, is obviously partisan.

Still worse than the air of triumph upon him, Mr. Tumulty proceeds to arraign Senator Penrose, who is a Republican, for making a Republican speech in the United States, successful whenever it can be successful." etc. He quotes passages from other Republican speeches, all of which convey to the ordinary mind the impression that these Republicans would like to see the Republican party win. No doubt they convey the same impression to Mr. Tumulty's mind, but he is in such a fervid state that their expression of his desire on their part seems to him to verge on Copperheadism.

What does Mr. Tumulty want? The tone of his letter almost suggests that he believes it is near treason to invite any one to give the public a lecture. The President is very busy with more important things, but it does seem as if he could spare a moment to put a little confidence in the Secretary of War or tame down his anguish in some way. As for Mr. Hays, who was speaking in what he supposed to be confidence and the impression that he was not stenographically reported, there is a version of his speech which represents him as saying nothing whatever about the President or the Democratic leaders in connection with ending the war, but as saying that "a certain socialistic coterie in Washington" would like to end the war without hurting Germany too much. If he said that, he understated the truth; the coterie is not only in that frame of mind, but seems to be doing its utmost to bring its wishes about. It is only socialistic in the parlor-socialist way, but it looks with a kindly eye on pacifism and the Non-Resistance League. It is not long since it actually projected the notorious Lindbergh of Minnesota into the White House and got him an interview with the President.

Going to Knit, Maybe?

General March says 95 per cent. of the American troops are being withdrawn from the French and English and concentrated at a point that he did not designate. Now what is he concentrating on? Knit socks, maybe?—Kansas City Star.

Esteeming Others

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.—Philippians II, 3.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

HIS LICENSE. Burglar: Give me your money or I'll... Victim: Gently, gently. I was just robbed by one of your fraternity.

Did he have a license? Yes indeed—a big shiny one, cannon, I think would fit it better.

PERSONAL

That's as plain as the nose on your face. There you are. Getting personal again.

A DISTINCTION WITH DIFFERENCE. Going to send your wife away for the summer? Hush. Don't put it that way. I'm going to let her go away, but she thought for a minute that I was sending her she'd stay right here.

SOME RESISTANCE. Clara—People are said to follow the line of least resistance. Maude—That doesn't apply to kissing. The men like you to put up a small size bluff.

NOT IN HIS LINE

Mrs. Smith: Do you like codfish balls, Mr. Gray? Mr. Gray: No, I don't know. Mrs. Smith: I can't remember having attended any.

THIS YEAR

Isn't it warm today, Maude? Bessie: But cool your furs do make you look.

Evening Chat

"The fact that Dauphin county went ahead of Philadelphia in War Stamp Selling last week was pleasant reading to war investors in this community. It shows a very general belief that sales not only should but can be increased here without interfering with the Liberty Loan or the drive in behalf of any of the agencies that do represent wonderful work to back up the fighting men," said a businessman last week.

In the opinion of some observers the sales here have not jumped because of the restricted number of places where War Stamps can be bought. The location of the selling agency on the second floor of the post office building, helped, either because people have not reached the point where they were buying stamps, or because they have become so numerous and so striking in promoting the objects of the various agencies of the government that the people have come to regard them as a very general rivalry than "punch." There has been much conversation about War Stamps in Harrisburg. The many stores which have been established in stores, the advice to have been printed on the pay envelopes to invest some of the contents in Thrift Stamps and the payment of the people to urge buyers and sellers not to forget the small investment that leads to big returns have not materialized. The Chamber of Commerce has become more active in popularizing War Stamps, they have been prizes at various entertainments and the boy and girl schools have been on the job, but the truth is that most people who have been asked have become "too busy" and Postmaster Frank C. Sites has not been supported as he should have been in the matter of raising the "boil-down" of views of twenty men spoken to yesterday on the subject.

The fact is that almost all of them are true. Harrisburg has a great reputation for going through with things, but it has gotten so accustomed to the multiplicity of "War Signs," just as newspaper offices have become more and more "publicity" from government departmental press agents at Washington, that the significance of W. S. S. is not being heard as strongly as six months ago and it needs something beside wind and ink to speed it up.

Formation of the Home Defense League, at Hershey, makes the fourth such organization in the county with at least one other likely to be established in the upper end. There are now units at Harrisburg, Steelton, Middletown, Hummelstown and Paxtang have reserves, but they do not conduct regular drills any longer.

Members of the Telegraph Family have given their congratulations to Augustus Blacksmith, the oldest of their number, upon his seventy-fifth birthday. Mr. Blacksmith has been continuously in the employ of the Telegraph for over fifty-five years.

T. Ellsworth Davies, the coal land expert, has been here to make a charge of the survey which the lands of Dauphin county which some believe are not assessed at values, has had wide experience in such matters. He has been through the county with at least one other likely to be established in the upper end. There are now units at Harrisburg, Steelton, Middletown, Hummelstown and Paxtang have reserves, but they do not conduct regular drills any longer.

The foreigner stood it one more block down which he got tramped two or three times and then he bolted for the door, making faces at every one and scowling at the car as it sped by when he had alighted.

"The war movie has the old fashioned blood and thunder reel faded. It was the remark of one of the local picture magnates. There you are. Getting personal again.

Is a workman an industrial accident victim if the ankle is lighted if that right foot was part of an artificial leg? A regularly executed accident report has been received at the Bureau of Statistics and Information of the Department of Labor and Industry from John J. Boland and Company, mine operators, at Dunmore, Pennsylvania, setting forth that James McGarry, an employe, turned on his foot and broke his ankle while at work September 4th. The accident report further says that McGarry, an employe, however, but he had to have same repaired."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—E. Lowry Humes, former legislator and United States district attorney for western Pennsylvania, has been commissioned a major by the judge advocate general's department. —Horace R. Manley, the new United States commissioner at Philadelphia, is a Media insurance and real estate man. —The Rev. H. L. Chance, of Philadelphia, has taken charge at Allentown. —Thomas Kennedy, mines' president in the lower anthracite field, is expected to be re-elected at Nesquehoning this week. —C. D. Weirick, district attorney of Lebanon, has been active in the labor work of his county.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg has more people employed on the railroads now than ever before? —Historic Harrisburg —In old days when there were menaces to health in Harrisburg, the people together have bought the properties and cleaned them up.