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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. We cannot make truce with murderers and robbers. We cannot sign a treaty by understanding with the Kaiser who has a habit of tearing up treaties and pronouncing them mere scraps of paper when they stand in his way.

Germany and Austria are on their last legs. Another year will see them conquered and powerless to again drench the world in blood. Their governments have been guilty of 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.

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.

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?

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 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.

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.

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

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

What stands out most prominently as the result of the remarkable meeting of the Democratic State Committee on Saturday is that the body which was absolutely dominated by National Chairman Vance C. McCormick and his friends in another of the perennial fights for control of the Pennsylvania machine, ducked the liquor question. And while the National Committee A. Mitchell Palmer stamped and stormed his indignation at the iniquities of the organized liquor traffic, McCormick did not even slap it on the wrist. And yet it is the liquor question which Palmer and his pals assert caused them to discover in the nominees of the Democratic party for governor of Pennsylvania so much to abhor.

The action of the state committee in the decision to ignore Bonnell in its platform and resolution as he reported the state committee's notice to appear and purge himself of Palmer's charges was expected. Bonnell and the state committee members, the commissioners from the voters at the same election and, as pointed out in the Philadelphia Inquirer, not even Democratic party bosses permit the faction to disregard the mandate a direct primary when it gets mad at the representative of another group. Bonnell will run as Democratic candidate for governor and the Democratic state machine, dominated by the Democratic national chairman and his coterie, will work, according to the official resolution on Saturday, for every other Democratic candidate. Just what the candidates think about it may be understood from the fact that none of them was here on Saturday.

—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 held at the Hotel Hamilton. 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 are paid to do the bidding of the party. 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 announced 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 it shows that the Democrats are not here. Congressmen 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, with the exception of A. V. Dively, who sat in the meeting as a committeeman from Blair when the resolution was adopted, and Charles E. Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, who has been making the crowd nervous by his activities, will not get out. It will be curious to see how the committee treats Henry Budd, the noted lawyer, who for being boomed by the Bonnell people for supreme court.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

BY BRIGGS



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."

A Mother's Seven Soldier Sons

[Col. Harvey's War Weezy.] Well, we have received an apology, and that apology is "ereby tendered with the hope that it will be accepted as frankly as it is offered." The mother of the seven-star service pin, Mrs. W. H. Wyman, has written 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 motherhood. 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.

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 disposal 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. "We of the army think with gratitude of the unflinching service and wonderful trust in us of the churches at home."

LABOR NOTES

Mississippi unions have joined a state federation. Musicians at Stratford, Canada, have organized. Berlin, Germany, has 1,000,000 munition workers.

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 let bygones be bygones—they see their mistake—the German people were not to blame, and so on.

Booze Celebrating Departure

"A man wounds woman companion following drunken orgy." is the headline tell of a cheating at a Kansas City hotel. "At the time the police entered the room two quarts of whisky were standing on the dresser," the account says. "The man was apparently intoxicated."

Always Offensive

Germany and Austria have agreed that the present is no time for a peace offensive, according to a news dispatch from Switzerland. The present appears to be a bad time for any sort of an offensive for Germany and Austria, except as to their conversation, which is always offensive.—Kansas City Star.

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 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.

Looking Unto the Lord

Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.—Micah vii, 7

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.

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 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, and he is in such a fervid state that their expression of his desire on their part seems to him to verge on Copperheadism.

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 doing? Is he being concentrated for? To 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.

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: I don't know. I don't know. Mrs. Smith: I can't remember having attended any.

THIS YEAR

Isn't it warm today, Maude? Bess: 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 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 to sell stamps, and so 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 of the coal 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.

PERSONAL

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

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.

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 brought the properties and cleaned them up.