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OUR ANSWER

PRESIDENT WILSON voiced the sentiment of the entire nation when he promptly and tartly declined Austria's presumptuous attempt to bring about a premature peace that would have left the Central Powers with all their powers for intact and the opportunity at their disposal to again drench the world in blood when they deemed the moment propitious.

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HELPFUL CRITICISM

BOTH Senator Biddleman and Auditor General Snyder spoke at length before a gathering of Republicans in Harrisburg Monday evening upon the importance of helpful, constructive criticism in the conduct of the war.

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several others were after. The Republicans in Congress insisted that a Committee on the Conduct of the War should be appointed, whose principal duty would be to see that the enormous appropriations made for war purposes were expended to the best advantage.

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CAMPAIGN METHODS

THROUGHOUT Pennsylvania the newspapers are united in stalwart support of this campaign. In a recent issue of the Washington (Pa.) Observer discusses at some length "What Republicanism Means in Pennsylvania," dwelling upon the constructive policies of the party.

Too much emphasis has been placed by political organizations, in the view of our Washington contemporary, on that sort of organization which must, year after year, be maintained by the expenditure of money and the dealing out of political jobs.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

Indications are that the speech making campaigns of all political parties in Pennsylvania will be considerably abbreviated because of the big Liberty Loan drive which is coming on any day that the tours which in other weeks have occupied six or seven weeks will be materially cut or condensed.

State Chairman Lawrence H. Rupp, of the Democratic State Committee, who is expected here this week is getting into touch with various districts and it is probable that the campaign speeches under auspices of the State Democratic headquarters will be in the last two or three weeks of the campaign.

The time for filing nomination papers for the Supreme Court election will expire a week from to-morrow.

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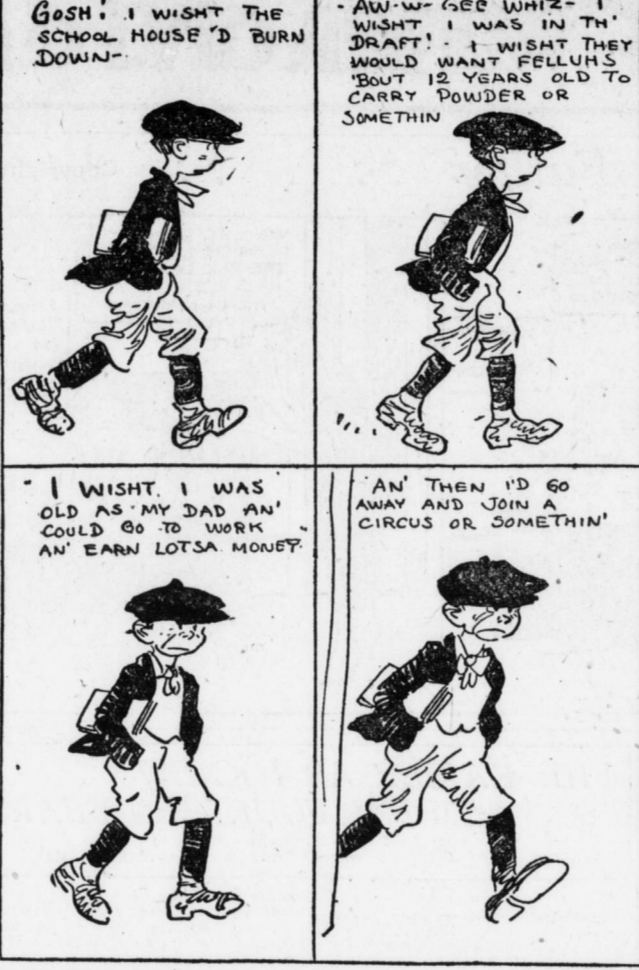
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WHAT DOES A BOY THINK OF ON HIS WAY TO SCHOOL?



By BRIGGS



Evening Chat

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"BE IT RESOLVED"

[Philadelphia North American]. Of the many varieties of administration politics that are being played in Washington, the most reprehensible is the deliberate campaign waged to make it appear that this nation is made up largely of disloyalists, pacifists and slackers, who were finally forced to do their duty by a far-seeing, patriotic Democratic leadership.

—Representative John W. Vickerman, of Allegheny county, the leader of the "dry" legislators in the last session of the legislature, is a very vigorous champion of Sproul.

—The Anti-Saloon League endorsement of Senator Sproul at Philadelphia will be followed by similar action in Pittsburgh.

—Following the instructions and warning given the assessors of Clinton county in court by Judge R. B. McCormick, as to performing their sworn duty without fear or favor and assessing real estate at the figure it would bring at public sale, three of the assessors have already handed in their resignations and nine others have signified their intention of doing the same thing.

—Ex-Congressman Thomas W. Templeton, of Luzerne county, will likely be named to succeed Republican County Chairman John R. Halsey, who had to retire from politics because he is a railroad attorney.

—Filing of the nomination petition of Judge Joseph W. Boston, of McKean county, as a candidate for the Supreme bench, is taken by people at the Capital as an indication that an attempt is being made to create in the Democratic party a situation like that in the Democracy which had four aspirants to be undertaken.

—Retirement of Representative A. Ramsey S. Black, of this city, from the Democratic legislature, is to be followed by other railroad men according to what was heard at the Capitol to-day. Inability to get any further information from Washington in response to requests is interpreted as meaning that candidates must withdraw.

—Already there is speculation as to who will succeed Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth Fred A. Godcharles, who has been commissioned a captain of ordnance in the United States Army.

—Senator William C. Sproul, Senator E. E. Biddleman and Auditor General Charles A. Snyder were the speakers at the big rally of the Republicans of the Ambler district at Ambler last night. Over 4,000 persons cheered them. The senatorial campaign is being conducted in the state government and the Auditor General, who was in rare form, handed the Democratic ringmasters a series of jabs on the way they have adjourned politics for everyone but themselves.

We Shall Not Break Faith

You are the mother of a son with other forces overseas. A whisper comes to you that the Germans are ready for a just peace. This whisper may come from a neighbor, or it may come in a print, or in some other way. The neighbor, or the author of the lines in print, may be only foolish, or he may be a sympathizer with Germany. Your son is beyond the Plotters crosses, row on row, along the danger line, facing the exploding shells and poison gas of the unyielding enemy.

What Is Coming to Them

Mr. Wilson has informed the only persons who needed the information that this country is in the fight to beat Germany. Employers or employees who imagine wages or conditions of employment are seriously to be considered in comparison with the supreme object of winning the war are now powerfully instructed as to their obvious duties.

For Governor of Pennsylvania

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer.] It is not at all necessary to call the attention of the citizens of Pennsylvania to the length, breadth and depth of the gulf which separates the campaigns of William C. Sproul and Judge Bonwill for governor.

There is no comparison between the two. Senator Sproul lifts his candidacy upon a high plane of service to the nation and state. With him the first of all considerations is to win the war, to support it to the annihilation of autocracy, and then to face the industrial and business problems, which will be of so serious nature when the war is over.

KAHN PRAISES Y. M. C. A.

In a letter received by George C. Perkins, Otto H. Kahn, the banker, who has recently completed a tour of the French front, sets forth his impressions of the work at the front of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, and the Salvation Army.

LABOR NOTES

The national harness and saddery adjustment commission has ordered wages increased to \$2.25 per hour for leather workers employed on government contracts.

State's Autumn Arbor Day

Painter of the fruits and flowers! We thank thee for thy wise design, whereby these human hands of ours in nature's garden work with Thine.

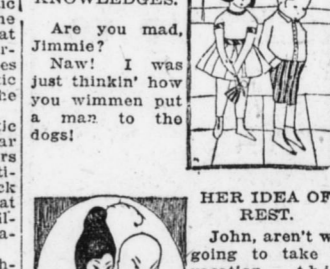
HE WANTS TO FIGHT

[Philadelphia Inquirer] I was having mess one day with a group of military policemen. I sat under a tree with a good looking man who seemed disgruntled about something.

The Power of the Potter

Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?—Romans 9:21.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



HER IDEA OF REST

John, aren't we going to take a vacation this year?

NOT EXACTLY

Isn't Jones a dreamer? Well, not exactly. You see, his castles in the air generally include an heiress.

HARD TO EXPLAIN

Pa, what is meant by single blessedness? My son, that is a term you will never be able to know the significance of until you are married.

THE SPECIFICATIONS

Marry me and I can promise a complete reform. It's never too late to mend. Miss Pilippe? But I don't want a mended husband. I want a fresh, brand new model.

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People at the Capitol are speculating about what will have to be done with the Walnut street trees in this column some time ago William is getting bald and growing a fringe about his neck. William is tree No. 1 in the "Row" and the Governor, along the Walnut street front of Capitol Park. William was planted by the Governor and his wife and has now well this summer. The young branches of the tree are bare of leaves, but the growth seems to have come out at the top of the trunk where the tree forks.

When American troops arrive at a port or leave a train one can tell by their stride they are from the United States. Dr. J. H. Brown said, "They have a swinging stride and a look in their eye that shows they are there for a purpose. The French and English troops are not so sure of themselves or through which they have passed this spirit is found."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Floyd Gibbons, Philadelphia war correspondent, is making a series of addresses in eastern counties on what he saw in the war.

—John F. Dwyer, Philadelphia newspaper editor, seems to be having considerable fun with United States District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane these days.

—Mrs. Ella Flag Young, prominent Chicago educator, is to make a series of addresses in this state in behalf of the Liberty Loan.

—Major E. V. Babcock, of Pittsburgh, is taking a big interest in the project for improving housing conditions in his city.

—Charles A. Cowen, of New York, active in the Glomar work, has been busy holding meetings in Pittsburgh.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg soldiers are attracting attention by the manner in which they are learning their business in camps in this country?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG —The first blast furnace in Harrisburg were built along Faxon street about 1800 years ago there were four of them.