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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1918 There is nothing truly valuable which can be purchased without pains and labour.-Addison.

SENTIMENT

WHAT a tremendous thing is sentiment. The government pauses in its war preparations to order several million labels printed and several million cartons made for distribution among the families of soldiers; and it has arranged for ships to carry the cartons to France and it will burden the land transportation "over there" with the task of delivery—all that each American soldier may have his Christmas box on Christmas morning.

Senator Scott Leiby seems to have stepped on a loose board in his campaign attack upon Congressman Benjamin K. Focht, whose seat in the House at Washington he aspires to fill. Quick as lightning the thing flew up and hit him between the eyes. Having been accused of "mean partisanship and narrowness of soul" the Lewisburg statesman, who never seeks a fight, but by the same token never avoids one, places the Perry county lawyer carefully over his knee and administers a spanking that will continue to smart for some time. Mr. Focht suggests that Senator Leiby can best fight for his country by taking a musket and going to war, instead of misrepresenting Republicans who have made possible the war measures of President Wilson.

PUBLIC OFFICE A SNAP?

THIS newspaper has earnestly urged the planting of shade trees in Harrisburg for several years and while there has been some response by the people as individuals there has been no real interest manifested by the municipal authorities. Commissioner Gross, for instance, promised that a Shade Tree ordinance would be introduced weeks ago, but like other promised improvements the matter has been permitted to drop. Many persons suggested the planting of memorial trees in honor of our soldiers, but again the City Council has treated the matter with supreme indifference. Mayor Keister observing that a more enduring memorial should be erected for the soldiers. Granting that the people of Harrisburg and Dauphin county should erect a victory shaft in honor of the men in the service—nobody ever supposed for a moment that this patriotic community would not do such a thing at the proper time—is that any reason why splendid oaks and elms and other long-life trees should not be planted in honor of the boys who are now fighting the battles of humanity overseas?

It is no wonder that the people of Harrisburg are losing interest in the things for which the city has so long stood. Public office, in too many cases, is being regarded as a private job. Any extra duties are apparently looked upon as a sort of personal imposition, but it would seem that the responsibilities with which our municipal officials are charged ought to have first consideration. We fear that in two or three instances, however, these public servants are concerned more about their re-election a year hence than about any obligation of a municipal nature resting upon them.

It is not a pleasant duty at any time to call attention to official dereliction, especially when such things are unpleasant revelations to a community and its visitors, but in the midst of the tremendous pressure of war activities there has developed a slipshod administration of Harrisburg's affairs to which the attention of the people must be called, and this newspaper does not propose to sidestep its duty in this respect.

There has been an enormous increase of expenditure under the commission form of government and the people have a right to know how the money is being expended

Politics in Pennsylvania

Commanders of every camp and cantonment, training station and garrison where Pennsylvanians are serving in the army or in course of training and naval stations will be asked to furnish him as of October 15, the number of men from the division, under their command. This step is to obtain information upon which the Governor will base his selections of commissioners to make up voters of the soldiers. As soon as the information is in hand the commissioners will be given instructions and supplied. There will be paid one cent a mile for traveling, but nothing else.

LET'S DO IT

LET'S send the boys "over there" the kind of news they are sending to us over here. Every issue of the Telegraph tells of fresh victories, of the German lines thrown back here or smashed there. We owe those lads something in the way of good news from home. They are looking back to us for moral and financial support. "We can win the fights in France if you can win the campaigns at home—but if YOU fail us, the war is lost," they say. They want to feel that the tremendous, concentrated might of the whole United States is back of them—that the folks at home are with them, to a man.

And what better tidings can send back than that the country has gone "over the top" in another big Liberty Loan. The day the word "over-subscribed" goes from camp to camp and trench to trench throughout the American armies will be a happy one for the lads in olive drab. They will know then that the food, and the munitions, and the clothing, and the guns will continue to pour across the Atlantic in a steady stream and that back home the people are as determined that the soldier shall be won quickly as are the soldiers themselves.

UP TO THE VOTER

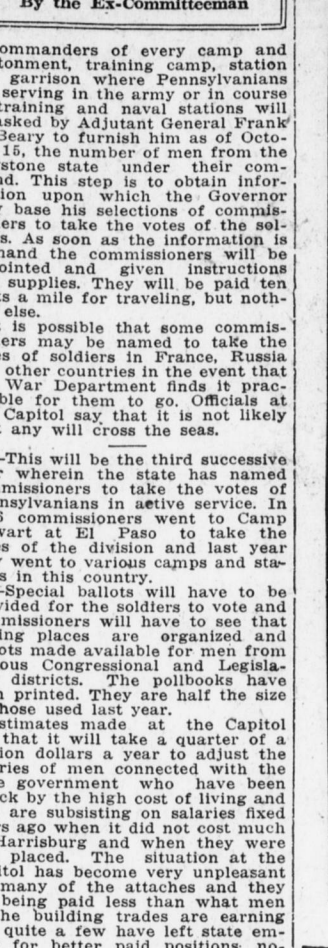
THIS is the final registration day for the present year and all voters must qualify or be disfranchised at the November election. There are many things to divert the voter from his usual thoughtful attitude in the closing weeks of the campaign, but the importance of the approaching election cannot be over-stated. Republicans are not overlooking the fact that a strenuous effort is being made by the party in power to continue its control of the government. Under the circumstances, therefore, they are going to give full attention to the election of members of Congress. Of course, in our own district, Mr. Kreider will be re-elected by a great majority. He deserves re-election if for no other reasons than his constructive patriotism and great good sense manifested in the consideration of many important measures.

There will also be elected four members of Congress-at-large in this State, and it will be the duty of Republicans to see to it that they are registered to-day so that they may be ready to cast their votes for Republican representatives at Washington in November. It will not be forgotten, also, that in the hurry-burly of the closing weeks the liquor interests of the State will do their best to elect members of the legislature who will vote against the proposed prohibition amendment to the national constitution. It has too often been the case in the past that the very persons most concerned about such measures as prohibition are those most neglectful about the ordinary duties of citizenship, especially as these are related to registration and similar qualifications for the ballot.

These matters are now up to the people and it depends upon the voter whether or not the next Congress shall be controlled by the constructive Republican element of the country and also whether prohibition shall be voted up or voted down.

Rumania is coming back into the war because the entire nation hates Germany. The Prussian hymn of hate has acted as a boomerang and all the nations of the earth execrate the very name of Germany. Exercise and fresh air keep off influenza. Take a long walk to-morrow. Chauncey M. Depew was present at the unveiling of a statue in his honor at Peeksick, his home town. This is an unusual honor, but here in Harrisburg there seems to be hesitation about placing even a tree in honor of an absent soldier. Most of those in official life, at least believe in keeping the home fires burning by cutting down the trees.

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



Turkey Out on a Limb

From the Kansas City Times [If there is any country so situated as to see more clearly than Germany the effects of Bulgaria's surrender, that country is Turkey. Bulgaria in the hands of the Allies is a door slammed shut between Germany and Turkey. Turkey's aid to Germany as a military ally has been small and much of it indirect. She was a part of the road to India open and has failed to do it. She was to have been the bridge upon which Germany's Mittel Europa was to march to the East. England tried to break down that bridge at Gallipoli and failed. She tried again in Palestine and Mesopotamia and succeeded. Now a fresh and fatal gap has been made in the Balkans, the backbone of Mittel Europa has been severed, and Turkey is isolated.

TO DAD

They think of us soldiers as heroes And praise our names to the skies; They have tears for the one who is wounded, And prayers for the one who dies. They write songs of our pals and our sweethearts, And mothers so brave and sad; But name a great singer or poet, A who mentioned a word about Dad.

Christmas Sales

It appears that the restrictions as to Christmas shopping advocated by the Council of National Defense will have considerable effect upon the Christmas advertising carried by the newspapers. Edward A. Filene, of Boston, a director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, commenting favorably on the restrictions, calls the attention especially of the retail stores to the possibility of the arrangement and urges them to publish in their advertising at once the important points of the proposed plan.

Time to Start Furnaces

In the face of the fuel administration's impassioned plea to the public not to light fires before Nov. 1, the advent of cool weather was celebrated in its building in Washington by turning on the steam. Is the joke on the administration or on the public? From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

LABOR NOTES

The National War Labor Board has appointed three members of organized labor to the St. Louis local committee of mediation. Illinois has 1800 State chairmen of the War Relocation Administration, a section of the Council of National Defense. Women of Argentina have finally achieved official recognition in all the professions, including engineering and the law. Women are being employed along the docks in New York city. Checkers are paid 28 cents an hour and delivery clerks 21 cents. Negro Red Cross nurses are protesting the fact that they have not been sent to France along with colored regiments. British radicals forecast the creation of an industrial chamber in the Government. The total abolition of the House of Lords and all titles.

SENATOR CROW WARNS AGAINST REPUBLICAN OVER-CONFIDENCE

STATE CHAIRMAN WILLIAM S. CROW has sent the following letter to the Republican workers of the State, urging them against over-confidence in the coming campaign: "Permit me to call your attention to the propaganda being circulated that Senator Sproul and other Republican state nominees are positively sure of a big victory and that it is unnecessary for any Republican in the present campaign to exert himself. This is the most dangerous opposition that could confront an organization. Such stories and reports are spread broadcast by enemies of the Republican party to do everything you and every other active Republican will be lulled to sleep, thus permitting the Democrats to take advantage of your overconfidence. This is a most serious situation and should not exist, and I am writing you now so that you will not be caught unawares by the result.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

OUR DAILY LAUGH JUST LIKE A WOMAN Mrs. Smith (as she waves to her departing friend): Huh, Mrs. Jones is quite stuck up over their new car, but I wonder what she'd say if she knew her husband proposed to me before he ever thought of her?

SAME THING

SAME THING I punctuated my tire the other day. Punctuated? You mean punctured, I suppose. Per'aps I do; but, anyway, I came to a full stop.

QUITE A DIFFERENCE

QUITE A DIFFERENCE If you didn't love your wife, why did you marry her? I didn't marry her, she married me.

VERBOSE

VERBOSE Did De Boere have anything to say when he called to a master called on him at the banquet. No, and it took him nearly an hour to say it.

THE KEYS TO METZ

THE KEYS TO METZ Two thousand years the forts of Metz All foemen have defied. And fell but once, and then, behold! To treatery swayed, they were won. To Full thirty miles of steel and stone. The portals of the Rhine, Confront the Allies as they weave Their triple battle line.

Turned to God From Idols

Turned to God From Idols Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from all unrighteousness.—I Thessalonians 1, 9.

Saluting the Flag

Saluting the Flag [From the Philadelphia Bulletin] Dr. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has informed a delegation of Montgomery county Mennonites who wanted to know whether their children could skip school on a day when they would be required to salute the flag, that they must do so. The superintendent rightly insists that saluting the flag is not simply a war measure, but that it is an act of pure patriotism—something that every one should do as a matter of course in every day life. We cannot have too much of this sterling habit in both young and old; just as a good churchman reverences the sign of the cross, and just as a gentleman instinctively raises his hat to a gentleman, so should an American always salute with uncovered head the flag of his country whenever and wherever he may see it in formal or distinctive display.

Shuffling the Cards

Shuffling the Cards There is bound to be a lively shuffling of cards in Germany under the stress of the news that is coming day by day. Ministers are likely to resign; new ones to be appointed. The Reichstag is likely to adopt resolutions declaring that parliamentary government is established in Germany and the chancellor is responsible to it alone and not to the Kaiser. The constitution is likely to be amended, without reform granted, and self-government held out to Alsace-Lorraine. But through it all will be the same old deck of cards and the shuffling won't change a single spot.—From the Kansas City Star.

USKUB WILL BE SKOPLJE

USKUB WILL BE SKOPLJE [From the New York Sun.] Uskub, which the great forces in Macedonia have entered and which reports from the front indicate the Bulgars have been forced to leave, is one of the strongest strategic points of the Balkans. It is the gateway of the road westward through the mountains to Albania and the Adriatic, to the highway north to Belgrade and Croatia and eastward to Bulgaria and Constantinople. Every claimant of Macedonia has struggled for its possession and every Balkan Czar or King has won and lost it. The pier of the fine old bridge over the Vardar at Uskub were built by the Romans, the superstructure by the ancient Serbs, the plank roadway and the wooden railing by the Turks. Thus briefly is told the history of ancient Scupi, mediaeval Skopje and modern Uskub. The complete details are mosques and baths of which the domes are overgrown with grass and weeds, and minarets that are in decay. There is a great caravansary with walls thick enough to repel armed attacks with a gateway bearing the name of the Sultan. In the courtyard in the center of which is a fountain ornamented with the lions of St. Mark. There are ruins of Turkish villas with latticed windows along the river bank, a wide street where the tradesmen speak French, and a dark bazaar quarter of narrow alleys that every evening is crowded with Bulgars, Greeks, Spanish Jews, Albanians and Turks. Uskub in the fifteenth century was called a city of marble, "so beautiful it was," said the Austrian commander who destroyed it, "that I hated to burn it." According to Macedonian legend it could never be restored to its former beauty because it was "a city of tragedy." The hillside at the foot of the towering Shar Dagh is a vast cemetery, and here are buried thousands of victims of racial strife. Turk, Serb, Bulgar and Albanian met in Uskub and struggled for mastery; personal differences increased by those of politics and race led to turmoil in which death reaped heavily to fill hillside graves.

Why Germany Must Be Beat

Why Germany Must Be Beat E. G. Pipp, Detroit: Every German, whether he wills or not, is trained to kill. Every German submits or dies. Every German is out to force civilization to submit to the will of the German ruler. Every German must be beaten. And every American must take part in the conflict. If needed at the front, he must fight. He cannot serve in the army or navy, he must help supply ships and munitions and food and money. If he cannot toll, he must give and lead. The ships must be had; the munitions must be had; the food must be had; the money must be had; and they must be had in abundance, and they must be had speedily.

By BRIGGS



Evening Chat

Officials of the State Department of Mines are making an effort to get a line upon the number of abandoned mines or workings in both the anthracite and bituminous fields which have been reopened or which it is planned to put back into the producing line this winter. The number is believed to be greatest in the soft coal belt, but it has been reported received here of mines which have been so long idle that weeds and brush grown up about the openings have had to be hauled away to enable examinations to be made. Some of these are to be started again. In the anthracite field there have been some surveys on to determine how soon certain veins can be reached. If all of the plans that have been heard of at the Capital were carried out, there will be a material increase in the production of coal the next year, it is believed here.

Samples of cider taken by agents of Dairy and Food Commissioner James Foust in up state counties and used as a basis for prosecutions by district attorneys here, have been found to contain no less than 7.59 per cent of alcohol. This cider, together with various other samples, was sold as a "soft drink" but has been officially classed as "hard." Another sample, which was labeled "apple cider" was found on analysis to contain 1.86 per cent. A drink called "cherry cider" was discovered by the official test to contain 3.75 per cent of alcohol. One sample of alleged apple cider was discovered when the state chemist found it contained 7.07 per cent of alcohol and to be artificially colored by a coal tar dye in the bargain.

Salmon fishermen are waiting for the salmon to run up the Susquehanna river to subsides. This is the season of the year when the big fellows bite easily and there are many men who are seeking a chance to get in with the trout. The water has been unusually high for this season of the year and better for duck hunting than salmon trolling.

Closing of the Harrisburg Public Library will interfere with the establishment of the school libraries in the outlying parts of the city. The library authorities have been working for some time to get the school libraries into shape and the influenza order which has suspended some of the libraries is a serious matter. According to reports to the State Game Commission, headquarters the squirrels are becoming as much of a nuisance as the blackbirds and movements to advance the season to shoot them are to be expected when the next Legislature meets. The blackbird situation in some of the counties in the southwestern and eastern parts of the State, that have been appealed to game protectors to thin out the nuisances. The sentiment seems to be growing to make the blackbirds and squirrels as common as mice. The date of October 20 for shooting the grays is too late. The squirrel complaints have some mainly from the counties to the south against the red squirrel on general principles and who are sore on his gray cousin because of his depredations in the corn fields. It is thought to have been hit harder than other sections of the State by the squirrels.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, is getting letters from sportsmen supporting his stand against the federal woodcock season. The United States regulations on redbirds have caused much dissatisfaction and some gunners are not disposed to submit kindly to the federal bag. The state game code places no bar on the number of ducks which can be shot. In the woodcock case the United States season starts on October 20. The state game code opens the woodcock season on October 20. State game protectors will arrest men shooting in the corn fields. The doctor and he seems to mean it. This is another of the points where federal and state laws come into collision. A call for a revision is likely next year.

The passing of Henry J. Shoemaker, for years the secretary of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, will be regretted by many residents of this city, to which he was a frequent visitor, especially during sessions of the Legislature. Mr. Shoemaker took a big interest in the advancement of Harrisburg and often referred to its development as his active participation in the distribution and transportation center. For years he seldom missed an important commercial meeting here and was at the Capitol watching legislative activity from end to end of sessions. He was well liked by many friends and had a fund of information about the state which was a pleasure for him to tell.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

General M. A. Ireland, the new surgeon general, was formerly secretary in this state on army works. Mitchell Palmer, custodian of alien property, will take a house in Washington for the winter. Joseph A. Hanley, the new postmaster of Erie, and John T. Bruce and is an undertaker.

DO YOU KNOW

DO YOU KNOW -That Harrisburg steel is used to manufacture bolts for naval vessels? HISTORIC HARRISBURG -When John Harris built his stockade here was the first fortified place on the Susquehanna and people promptly came here to settle.

STRAP HANGERS

STRAP HANGERS My idea is that every strap hanger should have fifty cubits feet of air. And what are your rights if some one sticks his nose over into your air?