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And if thy brother sin against thee, go, show him his fault between thee and him alone: if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.—Matthew 18:15.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC The Philadelphia Inquirer, commenting upon the folly of permitting ourselves to be unduly excited over the influenza epidemic, offers this very excellent bit of advice.

Panic is the worst thing that can happen to an individual or a community. Panic is exaggerated fear, and fear is the most deadly word in any language. The fear of influenza is creating a panic, an unreasonable panic that will be promoted, we suspect, by the drastic commands of the authorities.

"Bert" Blough, and may his tribe increase, was the Abou Ben Adhem of the Liberty Loan forces yesterday. He topped them all in the number of subscribers and the total amount.

HUNS' FATAL BLUNDER WHERE there is much smoke there must be some fire. It is an old saying that may be applied to the latest report that von Hindenburg has resigned as chief of the German staff after a heated interview with the Kaiser.

Either Hindenburg or Ludendorff is responsible for the German drive for Paris this year, and indications are that Ludendorff must shoulder the load. At any rate, he had charge of the operations, and all through the grim days when German armies were sweeping over northern France, threatening Paris and the Channel ports, the name of Ludendorff loomed large in the dispatches from Berlin.

It was not until the tide of battle had turned that Berlin took pains to deny the rumor of Hindenburg's death and to announce that he was actively engaged in an endeavor to extricate the German armies from the dire distress into which Ludendorff's leadership had plunged them.

Military experts for several weeks have been asserting that the German armies can be saved only by a retreat from France and Belgium, but despite this consensus of opinion, through the influence of those who still hope to save something from the rout, they have been kept fighting hopelessly to stay the steady advance of the numerically superior Allies. It is entirely in accord with developments that Hindenburg, himself a soldier rather than a diplomat, should have urged a great retreat, such as he engineered on two previous occasions with resulting victories for German arms, and should have insisted upon having his way in the face of the Kaiser's desire for a continued stand, at least until the result of his latest peace offensive should become known.

Ludendorff, for obvious reasons, hoping to save his face and to wrest something of victory from defeat, might be expected to take sides with the Emperor, and it would not be surprising to again see

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

State Capitol officials to-day took the view that the regulations announced from Washington for taking of the votes of soldiers in the home camps meant that no commissioners would go abroad from any of the states. Governor Brumbaugh has not yet named any commissioners, but it has been the intention to select some men to go to France and England, if practicable. The War Department regulations were probably caused by the commissioners to be named only to camps and stations in this country, and as soon as received they will be printed for instruction of the men chosen to handle the soldier vote.

The regulations were announced by Acting Secretary Crowell. The general staff has arranged to permit election officials to visit headquarters for registering the men and taking their ballots, and state representatives of political organizations have been asked to present representatives for the purpose. Literature designed to instruct the voter in the manner of casting his ballot may be distributed from the camp election booths, but distribution of literature designed to influence him in regard to his choice is forbidden.

Philadelphia judicial authorities have now ruled that the members of the Board of Recreation and other bodies in that city need not contribute to campaign funds asked by the State to prevent their municipality unless they want to. The Philadelphia Press to-day says: If the belligerent Democrats of Pennsylvania just watch what is going on in international politics they may learn one or more ways to get the suspension of hostilities which they need almost as much as the Kaiser does.

Complete returns of the registration of voters in Pittsburgh show that the total registration in that city for the fall election is 53,881. This is a loss of 31,471, or about 37 per cent, of the total compared with the total for 1917, which was 85,352. The great falling off in the number of voters registered is believed to be due mainly to the taking of men from Pittsburgh for the "bases" of the Army and Navy. There is no doubt, however, of a lack of interest in politics due to the war.

Reading city politicians who need a big drop in registration are inclined to favor the non-partisan movement to prevent re-election of James H. Maurer, the Socialist legislator.

G. Smith, the new McKean county Republican chairman, plans a lively drive when the Liberty Loan work is over.

The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times says: The high registration was unfortunate, but its effects can be partly nullified if every voter who registers does his duty by William McCook on election day. A Republican vote will put his ballot in giving Bonnell a vote.

Considerable doubt is being expressed about the State Capitol whether the protest of the Law and Order Society against alleged gambling at the Lancaster Fair will get very far. Under the Act of 1917 providing for aid for county fairs, there was much discussion of how far the state should regulate the matter. It is believed that the law does not have authority to stop that which may be done by the payment of the state subsidy. This is the first complaint to be made in the Capitol against the manner in which a fair is conducted, and it will be considered at the Auditor General's Department. For years there has been more or less temptation for such a fair throughout the state and half a dozen years ago it cost some Central Pennsylvania fairs their money.

State Grange officials have not made much headway in the campaign they started some months ago against the \$50,000,000 road bond issue. There is more or less general inclination to get the good roads, even if they cost a lot of money, and the remarks made by men from various sections visiting here are to the effect that there is not the antagonism to the big loan amendment in the rural districts that there was a half-decade ago. The ballot is so big that many people may not look at the amendment.

The Philadelphia Bulletin joins the Times in criticizing the ballot. "After all that has been said and written, and demanded and promised, in the course of many years, on the subject of providing the people of Pennsylvania with a ballot which they may mark intelligently and vote conveniently, the customary annoying and perplexing sheet is to be prepared for the election," says the influential Philadelphia daily. "It will be so big that the voter will have difficulty in handling it in the polling booth, and it is so full of names of candidates and the text of proposed constitutional amendments that it will probably bother him more than ordinarily if he shall mark it. It is not the organized intelligence of the Republican party in this state equal to the job of devising a ballot which shall be small in size, simple in form and easy of comprehension." The next governor and Legislature at Harrisburg ought to take special pains to get rid of this cumbersome and stupid nuisance.

A Prayer O' God, I pray of Thee, Let every wrong come to be To punish Germany.

Through all the coming years Let her break break—with fears And shedding endless tears.

Let her hear the awful blame And let her hated name Be whispered low,—with shame.

Let her bear the steady beat Of Five Million Allied feet On Berlin's doored street.

And until our sword is pressed Upon her naked breast O' God, don't let us rest.

God is not mocked. Whatsoever a Man soweth, that shall it also reap. Germany as a Nation must be destroyed. W. E. COCHRAN, Cleveland, Ohio

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Evening Chat. "Harrisburg does not often get excited and it is not showing any signs of panic over influenza. It has a pretty high percentage of cases and the business-like manner in which its people have taken hold of the situation and the lack of hysteria is commendable," remarked Dr. B. F. Royer, the acting commissioner of health and boss of the fight against the epidemic. The doctor has lived here long enough to know the city and its people and the fact that the State Capital is attending to its sick and caring for business and the important war industries here is being noticed. Some of the cities of the state became disturbed by the disease and the people were much distressed because they had to close picture palaces and beer saloons. Harrisburg has a pretty numerous collection of "hair parlors" and "movies" and it accepted the situation with resignation. Even when the soda fountains, which vie with the film places in popularity were hit and ice cream became as banned as beer is on Sunday we were philosophic. Even the str at the Capitol, the activity of the doctor, the arrangements for tent hospitals have not affected one nerve of the city, say the observers who are inclined to believe that the members of the city in praise of the coolness of the city's people.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH. A STICKLER FOR PA. Well, my son? How can a solid fact leak out?

HEROES OF THE WAR. [From Captain Gilbert Noby's story entitled "On the Right of the British Line," recopied by William Penstemecher, scribe, Boy Scouts Troop, No. 13.] Speaking of those left behind, I am referring to mothers, wives and sweethearts. Our fighting men are cheered in the streets, every newspaper and magazine sings their praises, every shop window reflects their needs; in theater, pulpit and workshop their praises are sung. But are they the real heroes of the war?

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE. —John R. Drexler, the Philadelphia banker, is home after a trip to Canadian provinces. —Dr. B. Royer, who is very much of a storm center just now, is a Franklin county and used to be in charge of the Philadelphia municipal hospital. —Colonel Wardlow Milne, of the British army, will deliver the lectures on the Mesopotamian campaign at the University of Pennsylvania.

DO YOU KNOW. —That Harrisburg has almost half of its factory capacity on articles for Uncle Sam? —H. C. McEldowney, the Pittsburgh banker, is in charge of the loan work in that city and is giving the whole three weeks to it. —Elmer Hemphill, Williamsporter, has celebrated fifty years with the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin. —George W. Geiser, district attorney of Northampton, says that the Pennsylvania jury system needs a questionnaire to determine qualifications of men called.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG. In the War of 1812 Harrisburg tanneries made much of the leather for equipping American troops.