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When I see about me, in the fields of intellectual attainment and culture, in the walks of business and in family life, so many disasters and tragedies, long drawn out, of failing health and collapse of nerve, brain, and muscle, I feel that health is the only bulwark upon which everything we prize in intellectual culture and religious perfection can ever be reared.—G. STANLEY HALL.

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LET'S SEND 'EM HOME

Why not invite all pro-Germans in the United States to go back home—and provide them with free passage in trans-Atlantic cableboats. We wonder what these yellowbacks think of their beloved Kaiser now. We wonder if they are still kowtowing before hidden pictures of the "All-Highest." We wonder what they think of "kultur" and the "invincible German armies."

Down Georgia way they are now blaming Chairman Baruch, of the War Industries Board, for the drop in the price of cotton. It appears that he made a statement some time ago announcing that his board would shortly fix the price of cotton, and the bottom dropped out of the skyrocket price of the chief Southern product.

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There is a better appreciation of the conditions in Russia since the Chamber of Commerce luncheon and the comprehensive and illuminating address of Mr. Colton, whose intimate study of the situation in that distressed country has made him an authority on what is needed. We have misjudged the Russian people terribly, and it is now time to get awake to the fact that no people have suffered greater hardships and more injustice than those of the vast Russian Empire. We must continue to be the Big Brother to these needy nations, who are struggling upward toward

THE NEXT PRESIDENT

THE Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, writing of presidential possibilities in 1920, a subject of growing interest to Republicans since the turnover in Congress, suggests General Pershing for the Republican nomination. He says:

In this discussion going the rounds chiefly in Republican circles the name of General Pershing is most frequently heard. They say that with the armistice signed, and peace probably finally secured by the Spring of 1919, Pershing will assume greater strength as a political figure than at present.

It is a lengthy and momentous period, politically considered, until the next national conventions meet and much may happen in that time to discourage the Pershing boom, but viewing the present in the light of the past it is not surprising that the leaders are turning to Pershing. The American people have been fond of honoring their successful field marshals with the Presidency. We are a nation of hero worshippers, and no man more nearly corresponds with what the average man regards as the ideal American than does General Pershing. Brave, resourceful, honest, trained as an executive, magnetic of personality, modest of demeanor, a man of few words and of much initiative, he looks like good presidential material.

Pershing has made a wonderful record in France and has shown himself to be a man of extraordinary capacity in many directions. He is not only a splendid soldier, but a great organizer and executive as well. The immensity of his achievements abroad are in strong contrast with the simplicity of his character, which is illustrated by his brief but historic statement at the tomb of Lafayette: "Lafayette, we are here." He knows foreign conditions from the inside and would inspire confidence abroad and at home. The Pershing boom looks like the real thing.

Now that there has been a general reading of the war ban on building projects, it may be expected that many suspended enterprises will go forward, giving necessary impetus to the building trades and the expansion of facilities for the business that must develop in the after-war period. Thousands of men, who have been engaged on war building operations, will be released, and there will be a resumption of normal activities. Harrisburg is greatly in need of more dwellings and better housing conditions, and it may be hoped that with a gradual dropping back to the normal situation individual initiative will find a way to provide what is so greatly needed.

GOOD WORK, SCOUTS

PEDESTRIANS and automobile drivers who were in the downtown throngs during the celebration of the end of the war on Monday had reason to thank the Boy Scouts of Harrisburg for their splendid work in directing traffic. The boys carried themselves like veteran officers and never for a moment faltered in their performance, without a particle of authority to support their crowds obeyed Scouts' directions without question and showed by their respectful attention the confidence reposed in the boys. It was a fine piece of service to the community and is on a par with the many good works of the Scouts in Harrisburg since the outbreak of the war.

NO ONE-MAN POWER

PRESIDENT WILSON has not learned a lesson from the results of the election. He insists upon bossing the country without permitting Congress to have a voice in the proceedings. A resentful electorate overturned the Democratic Congress because it is opposed to one-man rule, but the President goes right along his autocratic way, regardless of the recent "repudiation of his policies," to quote his own words.

His latest proposal is to assume sole responsibility for guiding the nation through the perilous transitional period from war to peace. He wants to name a commission of his own personal selection—with no representation from Congress—to outline the plans and to execute them. Congress is to be made simply a "me too" for the President and his commission.

If Mr. Wilson is bent on ruining his party he has chosen an excellent way. The people of the United States have just spent some billions of dollars and many precious lives in pushing one-man power out of Germany and they are in no temper to have that obnoxious principle of government thrust upon them at home, no matter how benevolent the autocrat. Mr. Wilson's appointments in the past have not been such as to inspire confidence in his future selections. The few really big men he has about him were thrust upon him after the failure of his own favorites, and many of them are out of sympathy with him.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The name of Representative George W. Williams, of Wellsboro, one of the members of the lower branch of the Legislature from Tioga county for several years and a former Senator, is commencing to be mentioned as a possible candidate for Speaker of the next House. Mr. Williams is a prominent "dry" member, and was sponsor for the local option bill in the session of 1915.

Representative Aaron B. Hess, of Lancaster, is also being groomed and is Representative William T. Ramsey, floor leader and chairman of the rules committee in the last House. Both of these men are eastern members and of considerable experience. The western end of the state has not been heard from, but the name of Representative John W. Yunker, the "dry" leader last session, is talked of.

—Senator Edwin H. Vore was the man who let it be known that there would be no contest over the speakership and that the desires of the new governor would be accepted by Vore. This news which was by then a fact, was first published after election by some of the wise ones, is given considerable prominence in the Philadelphia newspapers and there is a general sense of relief expressed.

—People at the State Capitol intimate that the biggest thing that looms up in arranging the program for the coming Legislature, now that it has been decided that there shall be no fight over the organization of the two houses except what the Democrats may make in a formal way, is when the prohibition amendment shall be laid before the General Assembly. Some of the "dry" leaders are urging that it be made the business for the first day or two.

—Election contests by two Republican candidates for Congress who were defeated in his way to reelection by up-state political leaders who conferred in Philadelphia, says the North American. John R. Farr, of Erie, was defeated by the Democrat Patrick McLane for Congress in the Lackawanna county district, came here from Washington. He talked with politicians, including Senator Edwin H. Vore, and he would contest the election of McLane, Democrat. Friends of Farr claim that he was counted out in several districts of Lackawanna county.

—Election of John J. Casey, of Wilkes-Barre, in the Lackawanna county district, likely will be contested by Edmund N. Carpenter, Republican, who was defeated by only a few votes.

—Congressman Edgar R. Keiss, of the Third district, who was here yesterday on his way to inauguration, was given congratulations by his friends at the Capitol upon breaking the record of the district by getting four consecutive terms.

—The things we buy are sold at high, we'll send this card instead. "Get your own little card bears a picture of Mother Goose characters and explains: Jack, and Jill went up the hill to shop, but they found the barn to high, we'll send this card instead."

—The town of Point Marion, Pa., has decided to take a holiday. A two-day suspension of all ordinary occupations has been declared that the population may devote this time to cracking 75 barrels of black walnuts. The nutshells will be shipped to the gas carbon plant of the Gas Division of the United States Army on Long Island.—Philadelphia Record.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

WHEN YOU HAVE TRIED FOR A COMMISSION IN THE ARMY AND IT HAS BEEN FAVORABLY PASSED UPON

HE'S GOING TO GET A MAJOR'S COMMISSION I HEAR

AND THEN ONE DAY YOU GET ANOTHER FAVORABLE LETTER FROM THE WAR DEPT.

BUYING XMAS CARDS

If it were not a war year, it might seem a little queer to have Christmas cards crowding out those appropriate to Halloween on the display counters in front of the department stores. Hoover has inspired the designer of new cards, and one rather clever card, printed on homely wrapping paper, is tied with a cord camouflaged ribbon. The first page of the folder is labeled, "My Hallowed Christmas Greeting," and the verse on the inside pages reads: I've Hooverized on pork and beans, I've cut out auto riding and now I walk instead; I've Hooverized on sugar, on coal and night and day, and here's my Xmas greeting on a Hoover Xmas card.

Card designers have realized just how proud people are of their men in service, for many of the new cards have at the top of the engraved greeting one or more tiny service stars. Such cards are tied with patriotic colored ribbons, instead of the familiar holiday red and green. One little card comes boldly out and tells that ordinary holiday thoughts are crowded out by the explanation: "It's Christmas, and my thoughts are over there."

—The spirit of democracy will have so permeated the minds of the citizenry of America, that when the back veterans of this war, tattered and torn by shot and shell and exposure on the battlefields of Europe, shall return to this country, they shall find race prejudice blotted out forever, and that they shall be greeted by a grateful nation and accorded the same honors and respect as the heroes of this war without regard to color or nationality.

THE STATE PRESS

Economy is the watchword in England, and as a result, they are considering seriously a plan to pay the poet laureate by piece work instead of a straight salary.—Erie Dispatch.

Florida negroes have organized to sell 1919-1920 Thrift Stamps to their race. The man who put the can in American also included African and was determined to tie a can to the Kaiser.—Erie Evening Herald.

Germany's cup of wormwood is sufficiently full to make every subject of the German empire a bitter ender.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

LABOR NOTES

The Maryland State Industrial Accident Commission has ruled that when minors are employed in violation of the child labor law, and are injured, they cannot recover compensation.

By Briggs

AND SEVERAL MONTHS GO BY AND YOU HEAR NOTHING OF IT

AND YOUR OFFICE COLLEAGUES SPEND A LOT OF TIME KIDDING YOU

AND THEN THE WAR CAVED IN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLORED MAN'S HOPE To the Editor of the Telegraph: It is the fondest hope of the colored race, that with this cruel war ended, that our people shall be given their full rights and privileges as American citizens, and that all forms of race discrimination will have disappeared.

THE PARASITE No matter what the end may be Thy fate is sealed, by God and man; Thou can't not from His agents flee; To save thy hide—nor can thy clan.

PEACE

The mighty armies of the U. S. A. and her Allies have saved humanity. We should now permit us all rejoice and thank God for this peace. We should now permit importations and exportations of foods and materials to pass the customs free of duties for a period of six to twelve months between the United States and our Allied countries.

THE GREAT QUESTION

The great question that confronts the American public is not how to remove the tariff, or how much of a success is his neighbor. It is a question of what does his success amount to, how much better is the world for my having lived in it, and what does the Golden Rule signify in my life.

Soldier's Hardest Work

From the New York Sun More than two million American soldiers are in Europe. It will be months before the first half of the armies is home. It may be a year, two years, before the last Yankee fighter comes to this sight of the Stars and Stripes.

THE ARMY'S HEALTH

A vaccine prepared as a preventive of pneumonia by the Rockefeller Institute at the request of the Surgeon General of the Army was recently administered to 12,000 volunteers at one of the camps at a time when pneumonia (not including the influenza type) was more prevalent than usual. These men were to go overseas in ten weeks. During that period they were all immune. Now, the ordinary type of pneumonia have caused more deaths in the Army in the last two years than any other disease. As the inoculation of the 12,000 soldiers who placed themselves at the disposal of the surgeon for the test proved to be completely successful, the new vaccine takes its place by the side of the pro-phylactic which has conquered typhoid in the ranks of the Army. Typhoid formerly led to the death list. The Army surgeons now defy it.

Evening Chat

Reference in this column a night or two ago to the firing of salutes on Capitol Hill to celebrate the overthrow of the Confederacy has brought from one of the older residents of Harrisburg some interesting reminiscences about that method of expressing joy, which went out of vogue in this city about the time of Pattison's second inauguration when a cannon placed near the present site of the Mexican monument was fired with such charges that the concussion smashed windows in the Grand Opera House, which occupied the Penn-Harris corner, cracked a pane in the old Park hotel and made recesses in the Capitol Park. There were a number of cannon in the building which were used for firing salutes on all occasions, not only when the Union forces won, but on holidays and on the days and I can well remember the banging that bunch of guns made," said my informant. "I think some of the cannon dated from the Mexican War and some were written in early days of the Civil War. In the lot was one known as a brass 'Napoleon' which used to make a splendid crash. The powder was fired in leather bags and there were some serious accidents. 'Billy' Longnecker, well known as a watchman in later years, was one of the officiating gunners and helped in many a celebration. One time the gun was prematurely discharged and the hands of two men were blown off. The rammer was found sticking in the street, in a place where the Columbus now stands."

A friend who read the account of the old Telegraph in Civil War times and what the "big" hand had to "chase copy" from the Telegraph offices in Third street in 1865 says that during the war George Berner was the publisher and Wein Forney editor; writer was James M. Miller, the lamented "Squire" Miller of later days of the Harrisburg Telegraph business office, as local editor. The "big" hand was in the valley in the account of the celebration of the victory over Lee, was the Rev. J. Walker Jackson, who was pastor of the Locust Street Methodist congregation, which was in the valley street almost opposite to the site of the present building of the Harrisburg Telegraph. Mr. Jackson was a noted pulpit orator and at his last illness was written by James M. Miller, the lamented "Squire" Miller of later days of the Harrisburg Telegraph business office, as local editor.

Apparently there are still some pro-Germans in this city, as the following conversation over the telephone from the Telegraph office early Monday morning when the whistles began to blow as a notification that the armistice had been signed would seem to indicate: Voice from afar: "Vat, please, is all dis noise about?" Voice of reporter: "Why, General, it's 'chase copy'."

High school boys who were drilled yesterday by the members of the Harrisburg Reserves resumed their marching with the greatest ginger and are all planning to show the town a thing or two when the Jubilee parade is held. The Technical boys marched over Capitol Park extension, while the Central students took a march from the high school with Captain W. H. Moore showing them how. The drills will be held once a week and will be conducted by the details from Major Stine's organization.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Edwin Wolf, re-elected president of the Philadelphia Board of Education, has been prominently identified with financial affairs in that city for a long time. —J. S. Avery, the new operating head of the Reading Terminal, has over 200 miles of line to look after. —Major W. C. Miller, formerly in the State Department of Health, is here from Camp Johnston, where he is in medical office.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg has been a depot for munitions in every war since the French and Indian? —Historic Harrisburg A gun factory was one of the industries here during the War of 1812.

TRADE BRIEFS

The exports from Matamoros, Mexico, to the United States for the first half of the calendar year 1918 show an increase of \$37,361 over last year. S. J. Church, of Harrisburg, has presented a banner to the Carnegie Institute regiment. —S. J. Greney has taken charge of the labor survey in the Pittsburgh district. —Harmon Yerkes, former Judge of Bucks, spent much time studying the history of that section of the state. —State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery has defved deeper into the bibliography of Pennsylvania than probably any one now connected with the state government.