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Oh, stay a little, stay! Why do you hurry so? Joyous along the way

Oh, stay a little, friends, And soothe some heart that's aching— Why do you hurry so? —S. E. KISER.

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A WISE DECISION

MAYOR KEISTER wisely has decided that no form of public demonstration shall be permitted to interfere with church services on Thanksgiving day morning.

The proudest boast of the ancients was, "I am a citizen of Rome."

TIME FOR ACTION

THOSE who know him in this vicinity, and most of us do, are confident that Governor-elect Sprout will still further cement the pleasant relations which exist between the people of the city and the large official family on Capitol Hill.

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has never lagged in doing its part and will not do so now. The Federal government having removed building and other restrictions since the cessation of hostilities, there promises to be a great building and improvement era with the beginning of the new year.

Harrisburg is admirably situated for a big forward movement and it is up to the individual, the municipal and other leaders to pull together with a view to the inevitable expansion that all have been confidently anticipating in this city and throughout Central Pennsylvania.

CHRISTMAS ARGOSIES

THE New York Sun comes forward with the suggestion that Christmas gift restrictions be lifted for the benefit of our soldiers in France. Says the Sun: "When every bit of tonnage was needed to carry fighting men, their arms, their munitions, their food, so as to whip the Germans in the shortest possible time, it was a necessary rule that Christmas packages, ribbons, holly, greetings and all."

THE NEW ORDER

THIS from a bulletin of the United States Department of Labor: The war has been the means of spreading social education to quarters where otherwise it might never have come.

FOLDED

(A Ballad of the War) The farmer sat in his old armchair, At the setting of the sun;

FALLEN GERMANY

[From the New York Times.] The German people, headed by their Kaiser and his associates in autocracy, set forth bravely and conqueringly the word of Caesar.

HOOPER CONSPIRACY

Knicker—Why couldn't Jones sing his dinner? Bocker—The waiter took his long between courses that it made a fourth meal.

to ourselves if through any feeling of sentimentality we lose sight of the great debt we owe those who have made possible the victory. Germany has blown to the wind and the whirlwind is inevitable.

Politics in Pennsylvania

The unanimity with which Republican leaders all over the state have agreed that there shall be no contest over the presiding officers of the two branches of the Legislature and that Governor-elect William C. Sprout may name the speaker of the next House of Representatives, if he so desires, is taken to mean that the new State Executive has a legislative program which he wishes to get enacted and that the chieftains are in accord with him.

—According to Philadelphia newspapers the announcement by Senator Vane on Wednesday night that the leaders of the Republican party had arranged to avoid one of the speakership contests that have torn up the whole state the last few years started numerous booms to week-ends.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Chastisement of Germany

To the Editor of the Telegraph: On every hand we hear the same question repeated: How can Germany be adequately punished for her four years reign of bestiality, maiming the maimed of murder, rapine, arson, pillage and plunder; until it would seem that all had overlooked the supreme fact that already sentence had been passed against her in that greatest of all courts wherein the Omnipotent God is both witness and judge.

NATION OF HOMELOVERS

[Cicely Hamilton in N. A. Review] In counting the sorrows that have fallen upon France, many remember that her people, for the most part, have no wandering instinct in their blood; various causes, temperamental, economic, have made of them a race that roots stubbornly. A race that plans forward, that builds and saves and stints; that has little careless trust in the future, in the haphazard turn of events.

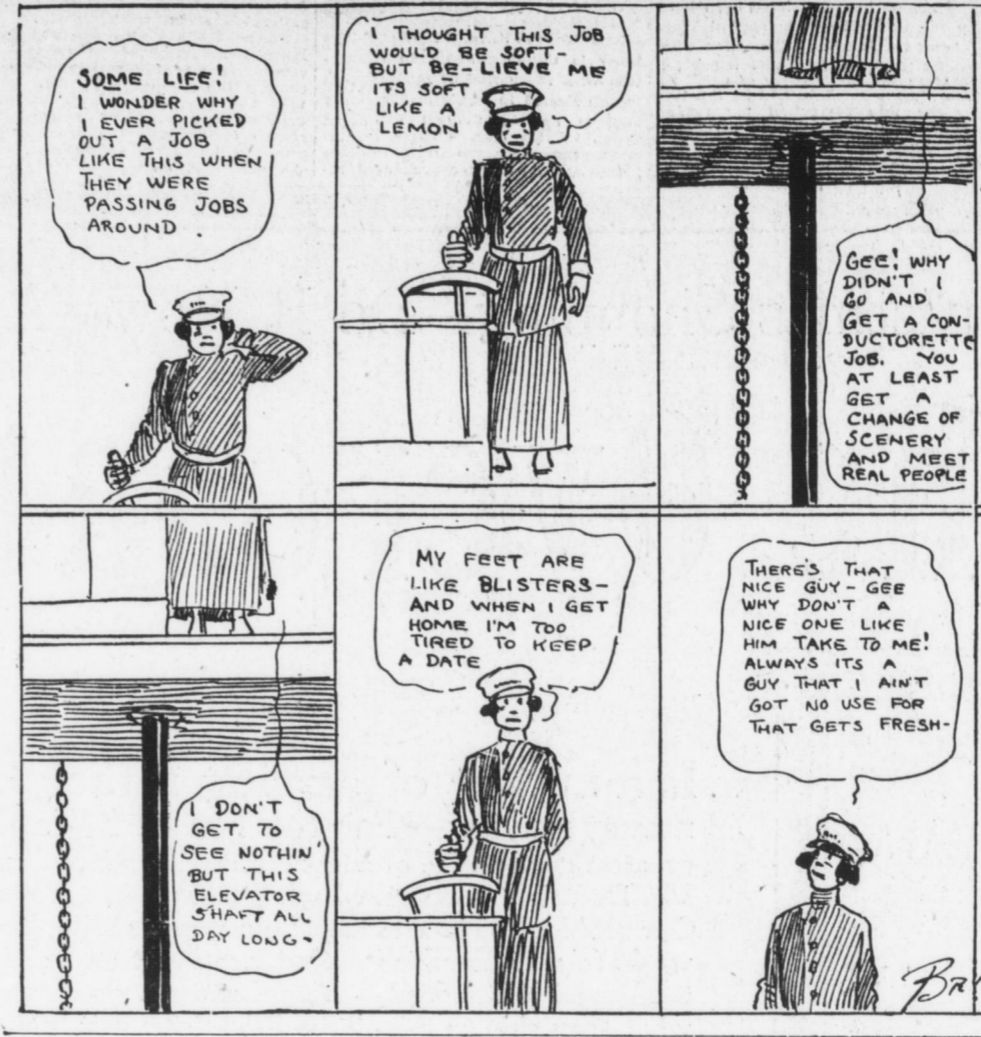
ASIA MINOR

[From the N. Y. Times] The Turk has had to resign any right to say what shall be done with his empire. This is the effect, if not the explicit declaration, of the Commission on the Public Service, responsibility is laid on the Christian Powers whose indolence or rivalries have so often prolonged the life of a Power which has no place in the modern world.

THE DAYS OF GIVING

[From the Ohio State Journal] There is a great duty laid upon the people of this country now that the war is closing its battles and slaughter. There is want in all lands, and it is simply inhuman to let that want go on without making great efforts to relieve and remove it.

WHAT DOES A GIRL THINK OF WHEN SHE'S RUNNIN AN ELEVATOR?



Evening Chat

Some of the men named as commissioners to take the vote of the soldiers and sailors in various camps and stations throughout the country have declared in turning in their books that they never want to go again. The commissioners, with few exceptions, were men who had never had any experience in such matters, as taking soldier votes and some of them had never served on an election board.

A good story on the high cost of living comes from Verbeke street market. It seems that a woman objected to paying some advanced prices for eggs and asked the man in charge why he was getting so high. "Feed, Missus, is the main thing. It costs an awful lot to feed chickens these days, and then we have to take care of them," explained the farmer.

A handsome, large-sized photograph of the portrait of Ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker in the Executive Department gallery has been placed in the meeting room of the Public Service Commission at the Capitol, where he presided over the business of the body.

The hearing to be held by the Superior Court at Philadelphia the first week in December in the appeal of the Harrisburg jitney men from the decision of the Public Service Commission has attracted attention all over the state because of the large number of jitney men operating. It was thought that the decisions of the Commission in the Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Allegheny cases would cover all matters that could arise, but the local cases brought out some new angles.

Members of Grand Army posts in Harrisburg heard yesterday with the greatest regret of the death of Col. E. Bruce Ricketts, of Wilkes-Barre, who was a member of the Public Service Commission in 1886 and came near being the Republican candidate for Governor in 1890. He was well known here and was a member of the Gettysburg Military Commission.

Representative W. F. Stadland, who is being urged for Speaker of the House, is a Pittsburgh lawyer.

Representative D. W. Heit, of Northumberland, served on the Isthmian Canal work.

Representative F. C. Ehrhardt of Scranton, is the oldest Republican legislator. He entered the House in 1905.

Representative David Fowler re-elected in Lackawanna, served through the Philippine campaigns.

Representative John M. Flynn, ranking Democratic member of the House, was first elected from Ell County in 1902 and has been coming back regularly since.

DO YOU KNOW —That some cities have already started to create rows of trees in honor of their fallen soldier and sailor sons and erect tablets and arches?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG —When the men of 1812 were mustered out the citizens gave them a feast in Capitol Park.

Our Boys Are Coming Home (Of the Civil War period and under the title of authorship) Thank God, the sky is clearing! The clouds are hurrying past; Thank God, the day is nearing! The dawn is coming fast. And when glad herald voices Shall tell us peace has come, This thought shall most rejoice "Our boys are coming home."

Soon shall the voice of singing Drown War's tremendous din. Soon shall the joy bell's ringing The jubilee bonfires burning. Shall soon light up the dome, And soon, to soothe our yearning, Our boys are coming home.

The vacant fireside places Have waited for them long. The love light lacks their faces, The chairs are waiting for them. A shadow fear has haunted The long deserted rooms; But now our prayers are granted, Our boys are coming home.

No Use Trying [From St. Louis Globe-Democrat] Hereafter, politics never will be adjourned.