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Power dwells with cheerfulness; hope puts us in a working mood, whilst despair is no muse and untunes the active powers.

—Emerson

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HOME HIS PLACE

THE President's reasons for finding it "necessary" to attend the opening sessions of the peace conference in Europe will not appeal to many Americans. Just why it is "necessary" for him to sit at the peace table, even if the meetings were held in the United States, is not clear.

There appears to be no reason why the President should absent himself from his own country where other great problems are waiting solution to engage in peace discussions which might just as well be left to other American representatives quite as well qualified as the President to pass upon the points at issue as they come up.

Even since the fifth of November, when the people answered the President's demand for a partisan Congress, there has been an evident purpose among his friends to force the head of the government into a position where he alone may exercise power which should rest equally upon the legislative and executive departments.

The Congress which will assemble at the conclusion of the present session will not be a rubber-stamp body. It is going to insist upon a proper participation in all matters affecting the government of the United States and as the President has raised the issue he must abide by the consequences.

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The country had no sooner plunged itself heroically and wholeheartedly into the war than the President began talking peace; not that there were any signs of peace on the horizon or

that he expected any, but that when peace came it should be a Wilson peace, devised and carried through by Woodrow Wilson. The President's speech defining the essentials of such a peace as he would negotiate, some fourteen in number, was made January 8, 1918, when it was a toss-up whether Germany or the Allies would win the war.

It is obvious to any thinking persons that the President will be satisfied with nothing save absolute freedom of political action, without assistance, interference, consultation or anything else from the Senate of the United States as far as his personal conduct of peace negotiations is concerned.

"Up to a certain point," says the same correspondent, "Mr. Wilson has rendered a world service of inestimable value in co-ordinating the war aims of the Allies and the United States as a moral proposition, but the events of the last two weeks have demonstrated very clearly that he can render a disservice by putting the cart before the horse."

But even more important than these considerations is that of the needs of the moment in the United States. At a time when industry is struggling with the problem of turning from war to peace, the place of the President is at home. Vital questions of policy, important decisions which only the executive can make, will be matters of everyday development at Washington for the next three or four months, or longer, and his place is at his desk. There never was a time when it was so important that the finger of the President should be constantly on the pulse of the country as now.

Nothing will be accomplished by the President going abroad save the embarrassment of the peace delegates and a little personal aggrandizement for himself, and it is to be strongly suspected that a desire to bask for a little while in the spotlight of popular attention in Europe is the prompting influence back of his decision to participate in the conference.

THE MEETING TONIGHT

HARRISBURG people ought to turn out in large numbers tonight to hear Major William B. Gray discuss his proposal to make the Susquehanna river navigable. This meeting at the Technical High school ought to be made memorable in the history of the city.

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back of the movement. Harrisburg, the central point and one which would be most benefited, perhaps, is very properly the rallying point, but the Chambers of Commerce and other civic bodies all the way from the bay to Williamsport and beyond ought to become sufficiently interested to send representatives to future gatherings at which the subject will be discussed.

The deepening of the river would, within a decade or two, make Harrisburg the third most important city in the State and would greatly enhance property values and make for the general prosperity of the community.

War-time prohibition comes just about the time peace is to be declared, and one cannot but wonder how much grain would have been saved if the President had agreed to it a year ago.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Now that the first rush of discussion of gubernatorial appointments and policies and the reorganization of legislative bodies which always follows an election is over and Governor-elect William C. Sproul is getting away for a short rest and Republican leaders are back in their home districts, the big topic of discussion seems to be the proposed constitutional convention.

John W. Vickerman, Allegheny "dry" leader in the House says regarding notification of the amendment: "From the facts we have in hand, I am sure the next Legislature will ratify the prohibition amendment. We have 100 written pledges from members of the House and enough other pledges to give us a vote of 108, four more than the required number. In the Senate we have the pledges of 22 members, with assurance of enough additional votes to reach 26, a majority."

SAVE US FROM MUSH

Heaven spare us now from mush. Save us, oh, from the pacifist, the dreamer and the mollycoddle. We have a work to do which calls for a diet of red-blooded statesmanship.

Had it been a pacifist war there would have been no military victory. It would have been a negotiated peace. There would have been no white flag for the Hun. It would have been a situation of compromise, and that is what we have today. We have a military victory, but it is not a victory. It is a defeat.

The name of Dr. J. M. Baldy, of Philadelphia, will come before the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure, is being prominently mentioned as a possible appointee to the health commission which will be created by the legislature creating the bureau.

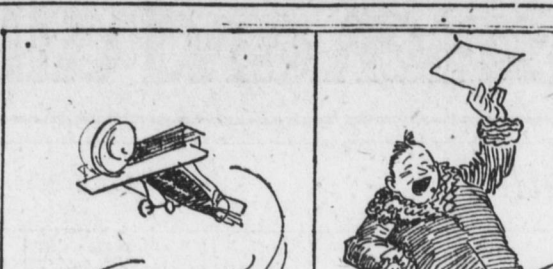
Judge John W. Kepkardt, of the Superior Court, was here yesterday looking up precedents in regard to the Supreme Court bench. He will take his seat on the first Tuesday of January. The justice-elect will also be hearing from Justice Alexander Simpson Sr. for priority of commission, it is understood.

LABOR NOTES

Toronto, Canada, has 75 local unions. Lehigh Valley R. R. shop men have formed a system federation. Trade unionism is making great gains in Kansas.

Ottawa (Can.) street car men have received increased pay. Firefighters at Toronto, Can., have formed a union. Londonderry (Ireland) teamsters have been granted higher wages.

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1914 PROPHECY VERIFIED

Paris Cable Message to The Times Foretold War's End. A MONTH after the war began the New York Times, in its issue of September 11, 1914, printed a special cable from Paris carrying extracts from an article in the Figaro upon a series of prophecies alleged to have been written by a monk three centuries before the outbreak of the war.

The real Antichrist will be one of the monarchs of his time. A son of Luther will invoke God, proclaiming himself his enemy. He will have only one arm. His name will be 'Paladin', and he will be a man of letters, and his spies will overrun the earth, but a war will furnish the occasion for his throwing off the mask—not the French monarchy, but another easily recognized, because universal, bringing to battle the most distant peoples

Let the Hun show us. The present German leaders evidently think they can appeal to President Wilson when they know they cannot appeal to Foch or to the British, French and Italians. Only by long oversight of the many; by long labor in rebuilding Belgium, Serbia and France; by long payment of indemnities; by the extreme penalties imposed on the leaders of the enterprise, can the German people be taught that if "might makes right," it is equally applicable to Germany, when a loser as to any other nation in the same circumstances.

Our Exports and Shipping. In the three years prior to the war our average annual exports to the Allies averaged 5,533,000 tons of food. Last year, under the stimulus of a well-directed food conservation and food-producing campaign, we succeeded in sending to the Allies 11,820,000 tons of food.

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Murmured Against the Lord. And ye murmured in your tents and said, Because the Lord hated, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us unto the land of the Amorites, to destroy us.

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Evening Chat

William C. Sproul will be the last governor to be inaugurated from the old entrance to the Capitol which has done its duty for more than thirty years and which is to give way in the next few years to a handsome formal approach to the State House more than 100 feet long and adapted to such events.

It is possible that the two United States Senators and E-Governor Edwin S. Stuart may attend the ceremonies. Governor Stuart is a close friend of Senator Sproul and one of the strongest advocates of his selection for months before the election.

It is probable that a very prompt start will be made on the Capitol Park Extension landscaping next spring. The ground has been ready to fill in for some time and the idea is to get things moving.

Why Two Cents. When the government asked the newspapers to go to a "non-return basis," which means that the regular losses on such papers as remain unsold on the news racks were to be borne by the publisher.

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