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The hardest battle ever fought, The greatest victories won, Were fought with never a comrade near And never a shot or gun.

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NEW GOVERNOR'S POLICY

SENATOR SPROUL, the Governor-elect, is indicating in every utterance a definite purpose to give Pennsylvania a constructive administration from start to finish.

In a recent interview he has made clear his purpose and determination to demand intelligent service rather than political skill as a prerequisite for all who will have a part in making the Sproul administration worth while.

Senator Sproul is particularly interested in public works, and, starting with the construction of a comprehensive highway system, with which his name has been long associated, he proposes in every way to promote the various important projects which have been considered from time to time, but which were laid aside during the period of the war.

While the approaching session of the Legislature will likely be short, the Governor-elect will come into office with definite plans as to what he wants accomplished and there is no doubt whatever that the overwhelming Republican majority in the Senate and House will make it possible for him to achieve what he has set out to do and which will be outlined clearly in his inaugural message.

GOOD YEAR FOR AUTOS

WITH here and there a reduction of prices to indicate what will be a general trend in the automobile industry with the return of peace, the indications are that the coming year will be one of great prosperity for the automobile trade.

GETTING FROM UNDER

THE resignation of Fuel Administrator Garfield ends the official career of a man who was cleverly used by the Wilson administration to make a pretense of non-partisanship.

ministration in the Congressional elections of 1918, even using the powers of his office as Fuel Administrator to that end.

On October 14 Fuel Administrator Garfield issued a bulletin saying that there would be a "readjustment" of wages in anthracite coal fields.

Details of the wage increase were announced a few days before the election. Not until after the election was the increase in coal prices officially announced.

While the Fuel Administrator may be able to say that he did not absolutely promise that coal prices would not be increased.

But practically all of the burden was put on the consumer—after election. Mr. Garfield will have hard work posing as a Republican in the future.

Daniel Webster said: "There is no refuge from confession but suicide, and suicide is confession."

GERMAN STATE OF MIND

LEST we be deceived we must heed the signs of the times as affecting the German attitude. Manifestly the defeat of the foe is being represented to the Germans as a mere retirement of their fighting forces for tactical reasons.

"Now, this is all false; but it is more than false, it is poisonous; it leads straight to quarrels with an equal, with plans to British, and quarrels of our own making.

"The committee last night had ascertained that this number would be increased to at least 500, so that those citizens who want to honor their home citizen, Governor-elect Sproul, should get busy and see that their names are placed on the list at once."

"The reports last night at the meeting made it about as plain as well-known citizens of this city and county, friends of Senator Sproul, will go to Harrisburg the night before the inauguration.

"OWN YOUR HOME"

THE Harrisburg Real Estate Board should have the sympathy and support of the whole city in the "Own Your Home" campaign.

Many renters have the false notion that to buy a property a large amount of money is necessary. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

the novel writer and the playwright used to place the "papers" in the hand of the bad man of the piece, who was constantly flourishing them and threatening to "foulescope."

Home-owning is good for the community, too. The desire of the individual for land is born with him. The more generally the land of a city is divided—that is, the more home owners there are, the more contented the people and the more stable the Government and its institutions.

LOOKS LIKE A JUNKET

PRESIDENT WILSON certainly does remember his friends. In the language of the street, "You've got to hand him that."

The whole thing sounds like what Democrats back in good old Republican days used to call a junket, whereby a lot of little men about to be dismissed from the public service get a free trip to Europe and are permitted to bask for a brief period in reflected glory.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

That the citizens of Chester mean to show the folks of Harrisburg that Senator Sproul is popular in his home town, is indicated by the announcement of the Chester Times that at least 100 of them will come here to see him inaugurated.

Vindication, Not Revenge

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton, in a recent newspaper article regarding the problems of peace said: "The great war is ended. Germany, who forced it, has surrendered and laid down her arms."

STOCKINGS

Well, I heard a funny chuckle, and I woke myself because I was pretty nearly certain it was Mr. Santa Claus.

Germany Still Obsessed

"Germany is crushed for the time being as a military power; we have defeated her nefarious schemes of world conquest," says John Burroughs.

By Way of Comparison

(N. A. Review's War Weekly.) By way of historical comparison and example, it is interesting to recall the personal composition of former peace commissions of the United States.

Chance For New Sensation

[From the Dallas News] At Camp Bowie is an Irish sergeant who is quick tempered. One day when he was trying to drill a squad of raw recruits he suddenly became angry and exclaimed:

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



By BRIGGS



Evening Chat

Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil's observations upon the tremendous growth of motor truck traffic on state highways the last year and the fact that movements of household goods constituted a considerable part of the traffic last summer and fall open a very interesting line for any one who takes the trouble to look into the character of Harrisburg road transportation.

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