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Give what Thou canst, without Thine we are poor

And with Thine rich, take what Thou wilt decay.

—Coveper.

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Disgracing a Great Name

The ultra radicals of Germany ought to be the last people on earth to call themselves the "Spartacus Group."

Spartacus, a Thracian, had been sold into slavery in Rome after his Grecian fields had been ravaged by the invading Roman legions.

After the first sign of failure, the Germans detached themselves from his command and left him to face a greatly superior army with depleted forces.

And now comes the German rabble to disgrace the martyred Spartacus by flogging the glory of his name.

A "People's League" has been formed in Berlin, and as soon as we hear that old E. Pluribus sum and Vox Populi are writing for the daily newspapers we shall be ready to believe that at last Germany is safely on the road to becoming a republic.

OUR SENATORS

POLITICAL considerations aside, there must be general satisfaction among the people of Pennsylvania that the State is now represented in the Senate by two men of outstanding ability and sanity.

to maintain the proper balance of the governmental machinery best traditions of the Senate, the greatest parliamentary body in the world.

Senator Penrose, for example, wants prompt action on the war tax bill, but does not approve the provisions for 1920.

Senator Knox has likewise, during the present week, given renewed evidence of the breadth of his statesmanship and the quality of his mind in the discussion of the international problems now pressing for solution.

Both the Pennsylvania senators have strengthened their positions this week and given unmistakable testimony on questions which have to do with our domestic and international relations.

We have had enough of theory and shifting expedient; let us get down to brass tacks as rapidly as possible, avoiding the theatrical and clinging to the fundamentals of a people's government.

A STEP FORWARD

The suggestion of E. Clarke Cowden, engineer for the City Planning Commission, that the site at the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, directly opposite the Y. W. C. A. building, be procured as a location for the proposed new courthouse and city hall is worthy the serious consideration it is receiving at the hands of those who have the project in charge.

It is to be hoped some way will be found to release the land upon which the present courthouse and jail stand, so that it may be sold and the other site bought.

This is the business side, but even more important is the thought of locating the new building on the civic center which it is proposed to create about the newly-acquired Capitol Park Extension.

We are approaching a period of great building activity. As soon as prices recede a little the country will turn to its delayed building program as surely as peace follows war.

Reconstruction, improvement and development are in the air. A million dollars does not look nearly so big as it did before we raised the first Liberty Loan.

Emblem of Democracy

The famous Red Cross mule, General Maude, who has been spending her vacation at the C. C. Glass farm at Camp Nelson, after her various experiences and travels in behalf of the Red Cross, will shortly be taken to her home in Mercer county and will be the guest for the winter of her former host, Phil Christmas, who raised the animal.

officials in charge realize this and are paving the way for concrete action in the no distant future.

The "Wizard of Oz" strolled into the Telegraph office to-day, and we put him right into the paper for the benefit of our little friends.

Sombody slipped a cork down at Washington. A Republican was yesterday appointed Interstate Commerce Commissioner.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Commissions for Alexander Simpson, Jr. and John W. Kephart, elected justices of the Supreme Court for a period of twenty-one years and for Judge William D. Porter, of the superior court, for ten years, have been signed by the Governor and sent by the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the men chosen last month.

The certification of election of the new Governor and Lieutenant Governor are being prepared at the State Department and they will receive commissions on parchment while the official returns of election of the Senators and Representatives who will sit in the next general assembly are being made ready for presentation on the day of organization.

The four Congressional districts and the thirty-two district Congressmen will be sent certificates shortly.

Officials of the State Department of Labor and Industry refuse to make any statements about the sharp criticism of the employment service made by the president of the Sun Shipbuilding Company in which Governor-elect William C. Sproul is interested.

The only thing that seems to have been agreed upon by the Philadelphia charter revisers is that there should be one council.

Lackawanna county people are insisting that the investigation into the alleged ballot frauds be sweeping and that an example be made so that there will be nothing of the kind again.

Taking the first step toward obtaining power at the hands of the next Legislature to increase taxation, the board of public education yesterday, on motion of Marcus Aaron, directed its finance committee to consider the question and report back to him as soon as possible.

Congressman J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, is demanding that the middle in the War Department be taken out of the picture.

The largest number of boys who entered colleges this year through the S. A. T. C. were boys who did not have the money to go to college.

Philadelphia labor is now demanding a share in the drafting of the new charter for that city.

The manner in which the Philadelphia Public Ledger is criticizing the Railroad Administration for the way it is running passenger trains in Eastern Pennsylvania is attracting attention.

The position of the average college boy to-day. All his bright plans for the future have been cast aside and he is merely a dream.

It is one of the remarkable features of this remarkable war—the country which first threw down its arms and asked for peace is the only country that is still fighting.

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING

A COUPLE OF WOMEN PLAYERS LET YOU GO THROUGH AT THE TEE "BECAUSE YOU PLAY SO MUCH BETTER THAN WE DO"—AND THEN YOU GO TO MAKE A WHALE OF A DRIVE JUST TO PROVE THEY ARE RIGHT—AND YOU NEVER TOUCH THE BALL—A TALL!



The Kaiser's Taking Off

[From the New York Globe.] A Rotterdam dispatch pretends to tell, on the authority of an unnamed member of the late Kaiser's official family, the story of the last few hours in Spa before the ignominious flight to Holland.

The Kaiser, clothes horses for himself, is disclosed, when his tinsel began to peel off, as a creature of pitiful weakness. He flattered about, not knowing what to do. The vaults of other days were empty of his mouth. His courage oozed away.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Status of the S. A. T. C. Boys

To the Editor of the Telegraph: The Students' Army Training Corps as it is now a great organization. We all are aware of the fact that the U. S. Military Academy, at West Point is the best and most efficient training that a young man can acquire.

What is an S. A. T. C. school but a miniature West Point Academy? It is based on the same plan, but not the same rules and regulations as the military academy.

Back into her memory there came the recollection of the story of her small cousin whose fate it had been to attend as a child a "Hochschuler-schule" in Hamburg, where her father was consul general.

Let us now consider the standing of the soldiers in general who made up these organizations, they are or to be more exact were college students. (I am speaking in general.)

We Dream Too Long

We are apt to dream too long in the ruddy, changing glow Of the hearth light where the picture fires

Police to Assist Cupid

[From the Chicago News.] Here's the very latest thing in the Chicago police department—the bureau d'amour.

Germany's Cheap Goods

Sir Auckland Geddes is quite right, from the British point of view, in saying that it would be better to run the risk of Germany's never paying us back than to let her dump her cheap manufactured goods upon the British market.

Vote of Britain's Women

[From the London Times] If there is one element more incalculable than another, it is the vote of the newly-enfranchised women.

Telephones at North Pole

To the surprise of the Eskimos, our house in Etah was fitted with electric lights. A large flash light over the door welcomed visiting Eskimos from the south and proved of great value in loading and unloading sledges during the long, dark winter nights.

The Arctic Night

[From "Your Years in the White North," by Donald B. McMillan, (Harper & Brothers).] At noon of December 21, the shortest and darkest day of the year, we could easily detect a faint glow of light in the south.

Attaining the Perfect Peace

If the peace conference waits until it has all the necessary elements and factors of peace within its jurisdiction, it is likely to be swept away in the midst of its labors by the millennium.—From the Chicago Daily News.

Evening Chat

Pennsylvania's memorial to her soldier and sailor sons in the great war—the monumental bridge to be built as a part of the plan for improvement of the surroundings of the State Capitol—is being made in model form for the Legislature by Arnold W. Brunner, the architect of the park extension plans.

People at the Capitol are taking a great interest in the bridge plans and also in the details of the plans at his offices in New York where the model is being made.

Will the people of Harrisburg be for Christmas clubs next year? asked one of the city's busiest merchants this morning repeating a question put to him by a customer.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

General Richard Coulter, who has been in command of debarcation points in France, is reported on his way home.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg's military record for this war is going to be a most impressive one?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

When the first bridge was built over the Susquehanna here it was a notable landmark. The new Memorial bridge will be when finished.

Congress in Various Lands

Any legislative or lawmaking body may be called a congress or parliament, but different countries have different names.

A War Paradox

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