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All fulfillment of harmless happiness is progress. - R. W. Chambers.

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THE GIVING OF SELF

ONE distinct result of local welfare activities during the war has been recognition of the service that is rendered rather than the mere contribution of money.

Selfishness has been largely uprooted through the personal touch of the individual. It was comparatively easy to write a check or make a contribution without bothering about personal service.

The taxing power at Washington is being exerted in so many different directions that it becomes a question whether the big club in the hands of Kitchin and his associates is being used for other purposes than the raising of revenue.

GATHERING WAR DATA

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come. From what we know by word of mouth of the raising of the armies in the Civil War and of the way the draft operated it was interesting, but we shall never know the full story because no attempt was made to put the story into narrative form.

Thus far two of Harrisburg's districts and the district appeal board have filed their chronicles. It is to be trusted that the other boards will not be lacking in this last call to duty, which will rebound to the everlasting credit of patriotic Pennsylvania.

It develops from a police report that a drinking bout in front of a pool room was the cause of a young man being beaten and left unconscious on a snow-covered sidewalk.

A GREAT EXAMPLE

THE UNITED STATES, ever a pioneer in the family of nations, has set the world another great example by becoming the first of the powers to forbid the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor.

The brewers and the distillers who are preparing to carry their fight against prohibition to the Supreme Court are throwing good money after bad. For years liquor interests have been corrupting Legislatures and trying to elect "liquor judges" in order to protect their business from the ever growing indignation of an aroused public.

Those who will spend their money in an effort to undo the will of the people, should know before they start that their efforts will be hopeless. The United States government is based upon the will of the majority and an overwhelming majority desire prohibition.

"Hardscrabble" is moving toward its ultimate end through the processes of the courts and the necessary procedure of the city administration.

CONSERVATION

IT is to be hoped that the sportsmen of Central Pennsylvania counties, which are so naturally adapted for good hunting, will cooperate with the State Game Commission's officers in the plan to conserve wild life this winter and to help replenish the game in the woodlands and in the fields.

Not only sportsmen but farmers have been called upon to help in this conservation because "Bob White" is one of the greatest insect destroyers and has a liking for potato bugs which should make every farmer and truck gardener swear by him.

In addition the State wardens intend to help thin out the crows, which have preyed upon the game birds and destroyed their nests during the severe winter.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Senator Edwin H. Vare has been elected by the Republican state organization for reappointment to his old position as chairman of the Committee on Municipal Affairs, to which the Philadelphia charter revision bill probably will be referred when it reaches the Senate.

This designation of Senator Vare was the most important development of yesterday's session of the state legislature, who are meeting in Philadelphia to frame the destinies of the coming session. Its significance, however, is principally negative.

The leaders, it is said on good authority, have entirely finished the work of assigning members of the Senate to committees. They have not progressed as far with this as the House, nor have they decided on all the Senate chairmanships.

In addition to these, several House chairmanships have been decided upon, including the most important of all, appropriations, which will go to William J. McCall, of Allegheny, as generally expected.

There is considerable interest in the Committee on Law and Order of each chamber," says the Philadelphia Press commenting on the meeting of the Senate on Wednesday.

The House committee, on the other hand, will probably have a preponderance of dry members. Speaker Sproul, however, has a particular interest in this committee and will make it his business to see that its personnel suits Governor-elect Sproul.

Senator Sproul hopes the amendment will pass in Pennsylvania and believes it will. "It's the greatest disciplinary movement a people ever inflicted upon themselves," he says.

"Big business of the country was wined and dined, and the touch of public affairs and to render honest and efficient administration of public trusts in order to give the best answer to social unrest by Governor-elect William C. Sproul.

"You men of big business will find it to your interest to keep in touch with the affairs of state, because the day of great private enterprise is over."

"There has been much complaint of the service given by railroads, telegraph and telephone companies and the post office. We will try our best to be careless. We will call our men to our service and try to set the pace; we will try to give the best answer to social unrest by Governor-elect William C. Sproul.

"I have seen Governors go into the office of the President and have seen them leave it saddened, because they realized they hadn't fully grasped their opportunities. They were not altogether to blame, because our system requires an executive officer to decide grave questions without the guidance of the law.

WONDER WHAT A NINE MONTHS' OLD BABY THINKS ABOUT



Bingen on the Rhine

By Lieutenant Grantland Rice, Third Army, American Expeditionary Forces

WHEN I was a tow-head kid across an ancient spell, And had to do as I was bid or catch all balley!

Ach Gott! The morning I arose upon the schoolhouse stand, With pallid cheek and shaking knees and tremors of the hand.

And now against the Hun's abode with steady tramp along, The old Third Army hits the road, two hundred thousand strong.

Pointier For Pennsylvania (From the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin)

Roosevelt's Last Words (From Col. Harvey's Weekly)

Practical View of League (From the Kansas City Times)

London Death Foreshadowed (A very pleasant period of Mrs. Wilcox's life was the time when she traveled extensively with her husband, Robert Wilcox, often meeting celebrities and being entertained by them.)

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By BRIGGS



Marrying Soldiers

(From the Easton Free Press)

The government is taking notice of the fact that many women are trying to entrap the returning soldiers into hasty and ill-considered marriages.

Schwab Praises Newspapers (An eloquent tribute to the power and usefulness of the press was given by Charles W. Schwab during the course of proceedings at a luncheon to the heads of the Emergency Fleet Corporation at Philadelphia.)

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Evening Chat

Discussion of plans for reorganization of Pennsylvania National Guard now that the war is virtually over and it is proposed to get the men who were in the army to re-enter the State service calls to mind the similar discussion a year ago in Harrisburg a similar discussion was under way as a result of the conclusion of the War of 1812, which has officially ended some 175 years ago. It is interesting to note that the journals of the Legislature and files of old Harrisburg newspapers refer to which conflicted the country with the university military training for Pennsylvania. Some of the memorials presented to the Legislature indicate that the first contingent of the National Guard was organized in 1776, and that the first battle was fought in the year 1776, and that the first battle was fought in the year 1776, and that the first battle was fought in the year 1776.

Customs of "muster day" have come down to us in many a story and legend, and the assembling of the militia in the past has been a noted event. It is to be noted that "muster day" was some time in May, always close to the first of the month, and that the militia generally met at a certain place in the town.

LARRISBURG GUARDS

Parade in full uniform (summer parade) at the markethouses on Monday, the 1st day of May, next, at 10 o'clock P. M. Roll will be given at 10 o'clock P. M.

By order, JOHN M. FORSTER, Orderly Sergeant.

The next year the First company, Union Infantry, was added to the military establishment in Harrisburg. Every year thereafter the militia was organized in the town.

The notices are particular as to the time that the militia should meet. The militia met about 1823 the advertisements began to announce that appeals would be held immediately after the meeting.

In 1829 there were the Harrisburg Guards, the Pennsylvania Guards, and the Dauphin cavalry, John C. M. Alister, captain. The Guards and the Dauphin cavalry were organized in the town.

In 1830 the Harrisburg Rifles were organized at a meeting in a courthouse at which he destined of the organization were conducted by Joshua D. Elder, M. W. Jenks, Robert Harris, Jr., John Orth, John E. and S. S. Rutherford. Other companies were formed from time to time, and the name of the militia companies prior to 1900, in the years up to the outbreak of the civil war. This has always been an active militia community, and the history of the last few years has simply been repeating that of decades ago.