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Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth Him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life.—John 5:24.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1919

LOADING THE MAP

IT IS not to the credit of any county or its legislators to attempt to "horn" in on the great building program being outlined for Pennsylvania by Governor William C. Sproul and Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler by representing legislation to add routes to the already overlanded State highway system.

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Henry Ford is as a candidate almost as hard to stop as one of his cars is to start.

FILL THE EMPTY SEATS

CLYDE MYTON, head of the Motor Club of Harrisburg, makes the very practical suggestion that Harrisburg motorists on the Cumberland Valley stop at Carlisle and fill the empty seats of their cars with convalescent soldiers at the old Indian school government hospital.

There are hundreds of men there who would be glad for the outing and improved by the fresh air. They have earned our sympathy and consideration on the bloody fields of France. They did our fighting for us and now we may feel honored to have them as our guests.

CLEAR THEM UP

IT IS to be hoped that Congress will lose no time in ordering investigation into the charge that Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams threatened to take a federal railroad administration deposit away from a Trust company in Pennsylvania unless it became a national bank.

Congress wants a standing army of 500,000. Hard days ahead for the recruiting sergeants.

MILK PRICES

THERE is more than the mere question of supply and demand involved in the prospective reduction of milk prices by reason of a glutted market. The open winter and war-time prices have been largely responsible for the tremendous increase of production noted in dairy reports of the past month or more.

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against the comptroller is made by a Pennsylvanian, a banker of wide experience, a man of care and courage. And it was based on a letter addressed by the State Commissioner of Banking of Pennsylvania, one of the ablest of its men, to the chief of the Federal Reserve Bank at Philadelphia.

WILL SOON FIND OUT

THE Secretary of the Interior is putting himself in the way of answering his own question: "Do large numbers of men in the military service desire to go on farms after their discharge?"

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Politics in Pennsylvania

The Democratic party in Pennsylvania seems to have been destined for trouble from the days of Porter. Certainly, it has furnished more interesting political history than any other party in Pennsylvania and it is punctuated with brawls.

The home of the National chairman, it fell down in 1918 when the president called for more Democratic congressmen and may lose one on his list after all.

And now the distinguished soldier selected by the Democratic state Executive committee for the Democratic congressional nomination in the Westmoreland district hands back the honorarium and the committee is in the humiliating position of having advertised too soon.

The Philadelphia Record furnishes further entertainment by considering the refusal of Senator T. L. Eyre, of Chester, to vote for immediate confirmation of a commissioner of charities heralds dislocation of Republican harmony.

The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times says one of the most important matters for Governor Sproul to decide whether the constitution is to be revised in the next session.

On the subject of proposed election law changes the Philadelphia Inquirer says editorially:

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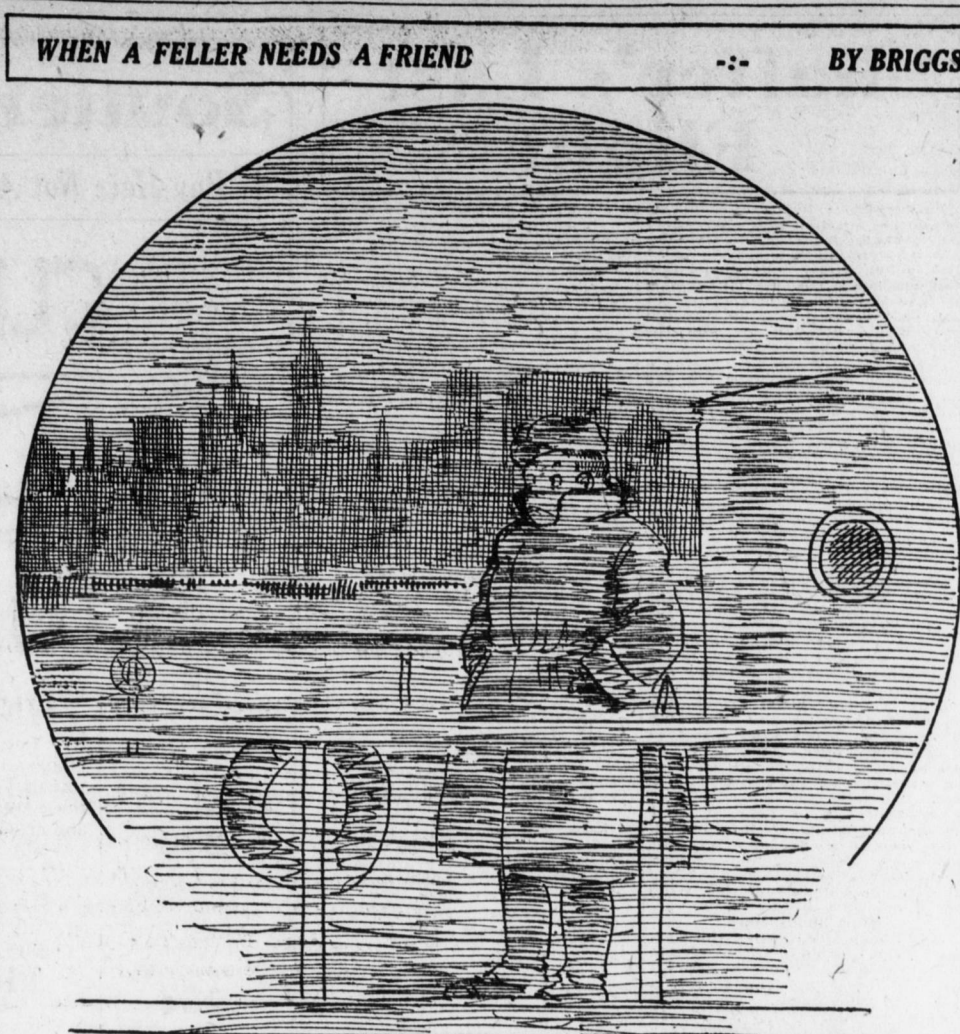
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AFTER 19 MONTHS IN FRANCE TO BE STUCK IN THE HARBOR BECAUSE OF FOG.

NORMAN B. CRITCHFIELD CARVED HIS OWN CAREER

Few better examples of the way in which a man may rise to prominence in Pennsylvania by using the talents given him are to be found than in the career of Norman B. Critchfield, for a dozen years State Secretary of Agriculture, who was buried here today.

Dr. Critchfield died Thursday beyond the patriarchal age of eighty and his body will be taken in the spring to his native town of Mount Pleasant. Intimately connected with the State government for many years and the representative of Somerset county in the Senate, Dr. Critchfield was one of the men who liked Harrisburg so well that he made it his winter home in the declining years.

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NO LEAGUE WITH KINGS?

Prof. Kenneth Colegrove, of Syracuse University, declares that world democracy is the sole basis of world peace. Writing in the World's Work for February, he says:

In the year 1713, when the ambassadors of the European Powers were engaged at the Congress of Utrecht in bringing to a close the war of the Spanish Succession, the Abbe de Saint-Pierre was writing the final pages of his little treatise called "Project for Perpetual Peace."

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LOCUST DUE THIS YEAR

(From the Albany Evening Journal.) Entomologists of the United States Department of Agriculture make the prediction that this year will be one of the worst "locust years" on record, but at once temper the prophecy with the assurance that they see nothing alarming in the prospect.

The substance of a long article on the "Seventeen-Year Locusts" is summarized in the following: The periodical cicada, the real name of the insect commonly called "locust," will appear this year in Alabama, District of Columbia, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMPLAINS OF POLICE

To the Editor of the Telegraph: I have been a daily reader of your esteemed newspaper for the past fifteen years and I find as much enjoyment in reading it as I do in eating my evening meal.

Harrisburg has been heralded from coast to coast as a city of vice, crime and immorality. Why? Simply because such acts as were allowed to go unnoticed and without the proper investigation.

As a railroad I frequently go to New York City and I quite often in my travels come in contact with traveling men, representing some of the largest concerns of America and it is a frequent remark that I hear: "Yes, I hear much of Harrisburg; some town you got there, everything goes on all right."

Another point not so interesting to most of us yet very important indeed is the fact that the Federal Authorities were compelled to enter our borders and make a clean sweep of the city. ridding us of some of the vilest elements in the country.

Thanking you for any space given this article, I am, "A GOOD CITIZEN."

OTHER SIDE OF IT

To the Editor of the Telegraph: To whom it may concern: In regard to the "near riot" story published last week, supposed to have been caused by Arthur Jackson of 230 Walnut street, Steelton, over seas, I will say it was not true.

Evening Chat

Thanks to the intelligent and energetic manner in which Major William G. Murdock, the State's chief draft officer, has taken hold of the work of compiling the history of the draft in Pennsylvania, this state will have probably one of the most complete chronicles of a wonderful military achievement of any in the Union.

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

The Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, noted Philadelphian, is celebrating his seventy-sixth birthday, without a M. D. Houshagar of Williamsport, is making a tour of some Pennsylvania cities to see how things are handled.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is a distributing point for postal supplies for a large district?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

John Harris was one of the first men from the banks of the Susquehanna to put money at the disposal of Congress when independence was declared.

THE HEART'S SONG

There is no night in the wide world if your love shine, if your love shine; Nor can age come, nor the chill sky, Driving youth far, making Spring die, If your love's mine.