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THE WAR IS OVER

THE war is over. The Democratic administration spent a lot of money wastefully. It made a lot of blunders. Its lack of preparation cost a lot of lives. The people know these things. They will learn a lot more of the same kind as time goes on.

It is the duty of the Democratic party to give a full account of its stewardship. It is the duty of Republican Senators and Representatives to point out these errors and failures. But it is very distinctly not the duty of Republican leaders at Washington to make Democratic faults and failures the basis of coming campaigns.

The people soon forget what is past. Last Tuesday's weather may have been disagreeable, but who remembers what it was?

The Republican party has always been a positive, aggressive organization with distinctly constructive programs of progressive policies in the foreground. The people of America are looking to the future. They do not trust the Democrats who re-elected their presidential candidate on the slogan "he kept us out of war" while he and his party leaders knew we were headed directly into the conflict. They are looking toward the Republican party. They expect that party to live up to its great traditions. They demand from it constructive statesmanship and practical, workable solutions to the great economic problems with which the nation is confronted. They want to know what the Republican party has to offer as a cure for the ills the war and a faulty administration have brought to us. They are more interested in the future than they are in the past; more concerned with what the Republican party will do than what the Democrats have not done. Wise statesmen, like our own Governor, see this trend, and are acting accordingly.

What are you doing to relieve the great need for more houses in Harrisburg? Every citizen who realizes the importance of providing more dwellings has it in his power to help along the movement either by building the houses himself or encouraging those who have the means to do so under proper conditions.

COAL ASSESSMENTS

THE INCREASED assessment of coal lands has been the source of much satisfaction among public-spirited citizens. Equalization of the burden of taxation has been urged for years, and the fuel discussion during the war undoubtedly augmented the feeling that greater public revenues should come from the enormous deposits of anthracite in the northern section of Dauphin county.

Whatever may be the final outcome of the revised assessment figures, it is certain that the county revenues will be largely increased and the fact that the commissioners have conducted the affairs of the county so carefully during recent years as to practically put it out of debt has resulted in general commendation and given rise to confidence in their judgment of the present situation.

Not a single voice has been raised against the proposed city and county building and none will be when the situation is thoroughly understood. Years have elapsed since the matter was first broached in official way and now that financial conditions are satisfactory there is no reason for further hesitation.

The necessary legislation having the approval of the City and County Commissioners will doubtless be enacted speedily by the Legislature, as the lawmakers on Capitol Hill are in sympathy with the desire of Harrisburg and the county of Dauphin to cooperate with the Commonwealth in making the environment of the Capitol everything that it should be.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

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A MATTER OF HISTORY

IT IS a fine thing the War History Commission is doing in its effort to get a personal record of every Pennsylvanian who has entered the national service. A war service record blank has been prepared and nearly two hundred thousand copies already have been circulated. Of the thousands which have been returned to the files of the commission nearly fifty per cent. are accompanied with photographs, letters from the front or camp, and similar material.

The commission is being assisted in distributing the blanks by the county branches of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense, by local honor roll committees, by historical societies, by war welfare agencies and by local officials. If you have been in the service or one of your relatives is or has been, be sure he is on record.

The commission will send copies of the blank to any individual or organization desiring to report upon soldiers, sailors, nurses and other persons who have entered the national service, and nobody interested should neglect the opportunity.

Probably three hundred and fifty thousand persons have gone from Pennsylvania into the service. Some have entered the armies or navies of the allies; some have gone with the National Guard, or as volunteers; others have entered the service under the draft acts. There should be a record of every one of these persons. Some families have already removed from the State; and with changes in industry many more may go to other states or countries. It is important that the record of every one in the service be secured at the earliest possible date.

E. M. C. AFRICA

IN the death of E. M. C. Africa the Juniata Valley loses one of its most useful and public-spirited citizens. His many activities affected Huntingdon, but his wider usefulness extended throughout the valley and the State. It is men like him who leave their impress on their fellow men. Mr. Africa was one of the enthusiastic advocates of better roads for Pennsylvania and his name will always be linked with the William Penn Highway.

Let the good roads fork out from every corner of this Capital city. And when the roads shall have been made first class in every particular, let proper signboards be placed at every turn so that the tourist may have no

Difficulty in reaching the pivotal city of the Keystone State on the Susquehanna.

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Famous Explorer Is Dead

[From the New York Times]

Capt. Theodore de Booy, the archaeologist and explorer of previously unknown regions of Santo Domingo and Cuba, died yesterday at his home in Yonkers, N. Y.

Captain de Booy was born in Hellevorst, the Netherlands, thirty-six years ago, and came to the United States in 1896, being naturalized ten years later. Besides exploring previously unknown regions inhabited by Indian tribes in the States of Santo Domingo, Cuba, Haiti, Colombia, Captain de Booy conducted archaeological investigations in the Bahamas, Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Turks and Caicos Islands, Martinique, and the Virgin Islands of the United States. Since 1911 he had been in charge of the West Indian archaeological work of the Museum of the American Indian in New York City.

Returning in April, 1917, from one of his expeditions, Captain de Booy brought with him a number of "gurgulating sticks" from the Virgin Islands, where he had spent several months in explorations.

The "gurgling sticks" were believed to have been used in worship by the West Indian priest more than four hundred years ago. It was about five inches long, and carved from the ribs of a turtle. From the image of one of the West Indian tribal gods. It was said that there were only three other such sticks in existence. He also brought with him on this trip 4,000 specimens of pottery, stone axes, stone chisels and burial objects, these being placed in the Museum of the American Indian.

Where Ex-King Manuel Lives

Fulwell Park, where ex-king Manuel has lived since he brought his bride to England, five years ago, is a historic mansion, built mainly in the Georgian style. A part of it was destroyed by fire, but it has been considerably enlarged from time to time, and now contains a magnificent suite of six entertaining rooms, there are a number of tennis courts in the grounds, for this is a game at which the ex-king excels. There is good fishing in the River Trent, which also boating is possible. Fulwell Park has been the home of many famous people, and Twickenham itself abounds in historic memories. In 1390 Orleans House was the residence of Louis Philippe, then Duke of Orleans.—From the London Chronicle.

Parable of the Fig Tree

Now learn a parable of the fig tree. When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye say that summer is near.—Mark xiii, 28.

MOVIE OF A MAN TALKING TO HIS YEAR-OLD CHILD ON THE PHONE

By BRIGGS



Pershing and the Y. M. C. A.

(From the Phila. Ledger.)

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A Curtin Statue In the Park

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer]

HAMPTON TODD, under whose direction as Attorney General in Governor Edwin S. Stewart's Cabinet the Capitol graft prosecutions were successfully conducted, it develops, is the author of the bill introduced in Harrisburg last week by Senator A. F. Dax, Jr., for the erection of a statue of Andrew Gregg Curtin in the rotunda of the Capitol.

This proposition to honor the memory of the great war Governor of Pennsylvania, who was affectionately known as the "Soldier's Friend," is already being favorably commented upon.

Mr. Todd has taken the matter up with Governor Sproul and it is proposed to have members of the Legislature impressed with the sentiment in favor of the bill, which munes the Board of Commissioners of the Public Buildings and Grounds, not only to select the artist and have the statue erected, but also to take charge of the ceremonies incident to its unveiling. The sum of \$20,000 is appropriated to cover all expenses. Governor Sproul is chairman of this board.

"I am advised," writes Mr. Todd, "that the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of which Governor Curtin was an honorary member, will pass a resolution approving of the project and many Grand Army posts in the State will take similar action, thereby endorsing the bill and extending it on to the Persian Gulf. Before many years, too, there is pretty sure to be railroad communication between London and Paris, by means of a tunnel under the English channel. The German dream will then end in a 'London to Bagdad' railway. And whatever of advantage or profit there may be in commercial domination of the East will belong to those who have deserved it."

LABOR NOTES

Patterson (N. J.) machinists have been granted a 48-hour week.

Munition workers in Canada have been allowed the right to organize.

Over 200,000 women are at work on farms and in munition plants in Italy.

All the Delaware river shipyards are now working on an eight-hour basis.

Six per cent. of the total employees in the metal trade in England are women.

London bakers are demanding a minimum wage of \$15 per week of 48 hours.

Electric railway workers in Butte, Mont., receive from 61 to 65 cents an hour.

Thirty-six per cent. of the employees in British munition factories are women.

GERMANY'S WAR EXPENSE

[From the New York World]

On the basis of the figures of Dr. Schiffer, the minister of finance, Germany's war expenses were relatively far lighter than France's or Great Britain's. In a considerable measure this was due to the fact that Germany's war stood in the early stages of the war.

But, because of the blockade maintained by the British navy, Germany was compelled to live and carry on the war almost wholly on its own resources. Of coal and iron, two of the main sinews of war, it had an abundance, for in addition to the German mine fields it was able to work those of northern France. Certain German financiers took satisfaction in boasting that the blockade was self-supporting, but the blockade of which the severity of the pressure steadily increased, spelled economic and physical ruin for Germany.

Germany's submarine campaign threatened to shut off the steady flow of food and munitions to France and Great Britain, and the cost of their purchases and their shipping losses were appalling. The transportation of large forces for distant operations called for enormous expenditures. Germany, by reason of geographical position, was spared this heavy drain. It was able to save money, as compared with its enemies, in the conduct of the war.

At \$40,000,000,000 Germany paid a price for the war in foreign commerce and every foot of its colonies, and it must still pay the indemnities and expenses of reparation to be exacted of it. These too must be reckoned ultimately among the costs.

All in the Game

A farmer on the street the other day had a sack of meal in his hands when he said: "Just look at this little peck of meal for which I paid thirty-five cents and which I used to buy for twenty cents. It is a dirty shame, the prices we must pay the merchants." He was asked if his only business in town was to buy meal. "No," he said, "I bought a load of tobacco and sold it at one price for eight cents. 'What did you get for it?' was asked. 'Forty-eight a pound,' was his answer. 'One more question was asked: 'How much did you get for tobacco when you could buy meal at twenty cents a peck?' And he simply said: 'I went to hell,' and walked away."—From the Shelby (Ga.) Record.

FAITH

I have no faith of howling winds, Nor of the surging billows sea. My love, I know, will vigils keep O'er stormy paths that wait for me.

And so with song I greet the dawn, With hope I meet life's heavy hours, For the stormy path that wait for me.

My love will change to rose-strewn bowers.

—Fra Guido.

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Now that legal steps have been taken whereby the State has become the less of the old Star-Independent building at Third and Elm streets which has been modeled into an office building, it is of interest to note that it is one of the old printing establishments of Harrisburg. The generations of printers and newspapermen worked in the old structure were probably not recognize its interior with its steel columns, concrete floors and other appurtenances of fire proofing to say nothing of seeing an elevator in full light with men toiled up steep flights of stairs.

One of the old S-I people will remember the store room on the floor and the fine view that could be had from its windows to say nothing of an hour or so of drowsy rest occasionally used to be indulged after the forms went down. The building since from 1873 when E. J. Lane, of the State printing office, had the State printing house which was burned on November 5, 1873. The site was one of the sites in the fifties and after the Civil War was where Sanford's mints held forth. The erection of amusement enterprises at the minstrels had laid their bow away. The fire was one of the well known in Harrisburg for years. The burned houses across the street were Singery was a man of action and built the structure as we have known it. Lane, of the State printing office, had secured control of the building and the State printing contract in 1878 and later on late B. F. Meyers became owner.

"We are going to have a real at mobile run this spring," said Carl Deen, who in years past has garnered a number of very successful Hill sociality runs. "I have asked Clyde Myton to get together a number of cars for us and in a few weeks we will select the towns to be visited and the course we will not go up the spring in the enough advance to make traveling pleasant and roads good. We will confine the visitation list to Camp Hill and the hills about Washington Heights who have been wising us on previous runs, for the reason that Camp Hill automobilists are growing so rapidly in number the party would be too large if we went outside.

The next big event in Y. M. C. A. athletic circles, a C. C. physical director of the Harrisburg "Hemathion Meet for boys in which all of the boys of the Harrisburg gym classes will take part. The gym we make will be matched with those of Y. M. C. A.'s of our city. The meet will be made up of the champions of the local association ready for the events and promise to show up well. Athletics at large are booming. We have just had in 200 more lockers, 150 for boys and young men and 40 for businessmen. The classes of businessmen are growing. Indeed if they push out the side of the Gym take care of them."

"Bowling is also coming in favor at the 'Y,'" continued Mr. M. "In a short time we shall have a league composed of eight teams. The association is in good shape to take care of these contests which promise to run well into the future. We are having the most successful bowling association we have ever had and particularly gratifying feature is the number of soldiers and returned soldiers who are now making their headquarters with us."

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