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Courage, brother! do not stumble. Though thy path be dark at night; There's a star to guide the humble, Trust in God, and do the right.

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MR. BAILEY'S PLAN

EDWARD BAILEY laid before the Rotary Club yesterday a concrete and practical plan designed to solve at least one phase of the housing situation in Harrisburg—that having to do with immediate shortage of houses.

But first it will be necessary for the Chamber of Commerce committee on housing to find out precisely what is needed. It is important that we start right. Mr. Bailey has suggested a survey. In one way or another it should be made.

THE DEPER RIVER

THE residents of the Susquehanna valley region from the headwaters to the Chesapeake Bay could have heard the constructive and informative speeches made before the general committee having to do with the movement for making the Susquehanna river navigable.

Facts were presented and arguments adduced leaving no ground for the pessimist to insist that the proposal is not feasible from an economic or an engineering standpoint. It was demonstrated that the undertaking is not only practical in its character but very desirable from every standpoint.

President Eli N. Horshey, of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg, which organization was responsible for giving start and effect to this movement, was properly chosen as head of the working committee which will represent all the towns and communities along the Susquehanna river and its tributaries.

wonder will have reason to change his mind before many months. Eminent engineers have expressed the opinion that the proposed canalization of the river is practical from every standpoint.

Of course, it is desirable to give the people of Pennsylvania the benefit of any economies which may be effected through an improvement of public transportation facilities. The Susquehanna River will be made navigable and just as the skeptic laughed at the aeroplane, the telephone and other great inventions of recent years, so they will laugh at the making of the most important river on the Atlantic seaboard navigable until it is done.

THE FIRST SHADFLY

WE flicked a shadfly from the back of our editorial neck and it fluttered down into a plate of soup at luncheon yesterday. Did we rave and call down maledictions on the head of the unfortunate intruding insect? No, indeed; by no means.

And why, you ask, all this consideration for a humble shadfly? Well, maybe it was a bit overdue and perhaps we shall not be so beneficently inclined another time. But that shadfly meant a lot to us. You see, he was the first we had seen this season.

FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE

CONGRESSMAN Edgar R. Keiss, who is a businessman of large experience and practical in every way, has recently returned from a visit to the battlefields of Europe. He made a close investigation of conditions as he found them and joins in protest against the ennobling facilities and the lack of sanitary conditions of the ports in Europe from which our troops are being sent home.

Congressman Keiss returns to his duties at Washington with first hand information and will not need to depend upon military or other sources for his facts in the discussion which must inevitably ensue respecting the care and treatment of our soldiers overseas. Since President Wilson has set an example of personal investigation of things transpiring abroad the administration cannot object to representatives in Congress likewise informing themselves regarding the vital things with which they must deal in legislation during the next few months.

Congressman Keiss pays high tribute to the American soldier and especially the Pennsylvania troops with which he was in close touch during his tour on the other side of the ocean. He says: As a Pennsylvanian I feel proud of the record made by the 28th and 31st divisions, which were engaged in some of the hardest fighting of the war and made a most enviable record.

Thus we hear constantly of the fine work of our men and the gallantry of their conduct throughout the struggle which eventuated in a victory for the forces of righteousness and justice. Congressman Keiss has seen with the eyes of intelligence just what transpired and will be able from time to time to throw the light where it is needed in a further consideration of military and war measures.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

WHEN UPON YOUR RETURN FROM FRANCE YOU TAKE HER TO BROWNS BECAUSE YOU CAN USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH THERE AND YOU KNOW THE PROPRIETOR PAUL SHUBERT



—AND YOU TELL HIM IN FRENCH TO HURRY UP YOU ARE HUNGRY—(BECAUSE YOU HAVE LEARNED THAT PHRASE)



Post-Bellum Patriotism

[From the Iron Age.] No feature of the recent banquet of the Pennsylvania Society in New York was so significant or encouraging as the appearance of the new Governor of Pennsylvania, the Hon. William C. Sproul, a manufacturer of iron and steel, a builder of ships, a man of large affairs of a type seldom seen in legislative halls or in executive positions in State or Nation.

—Results of the special congressional election to be held in the Westmoreland-Butler district today will be a surprise. This election is the first special congressional election this year and while there is little interest within the district and no one place to fill some party will get the result will show something of national value. No campaigning effort of any consequence has been made and Republicans claim that they will win easily.

LABOR NOTES

During the last two months approximately 10,000 Porto Rican laborers were brought into continental United States by the United States Employment Service. Since the armistice signing the recruiting has been discontinued.

Work in three coal mines at O'Farrell, Ill., employing 450 men, was stopped recently following the receipt of a telegram by one miner from his mother-in-law, a spiritualist, who gave warning she declared she received from her dead husband to the effect that an accident would befall the miners if they went to work.

A half-and-half profit-sharing plan with employees in all branches has been announced by the Williams-Overland Automobile Company. Over 100,000 employees are affected by the order, and some will receive as high as \$400 as their share of the division.

Nearly 500,000 railway employees or one-fourth of the entire number of railroad men in this country, have effected some sort of organization. A large proportion of the recently organized employees are clerks, maintenance-of-way men, shopmen and dining-car employees.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, which employs 25,000 women as agents, telegraph and telephone operators, information clerks, station and car cleaners, dressmakers, janitresses, messengers, maids and matrons in stations, ticket sellers and collectors upholders and watchmen, as well as clerical assistants, is making no definite provision for them when the company's regular employees return to their duties.

By BRIGGS

—AND YOU ORDER RIGHT OUT IN FRENCH AND THE GARCON GETS YOU PERFECTLY



—AND HE ASKS YOU A QUESTION IN FRENCH AND YOU GIVE THE RIGHT ANSWER RIGHT OFF THE BAT.



A Word to Heroes

[From Life.] STILL be heroes when you come home. Even in these states, far from shell holes and trenches, there are heroic times and more coming. We need persons who can sit tight; gentlemen not too much concerned about what is going to happen to them and the rest of the community, but duly concerned for their own conduct and the maintenance of the spirit and the discipline that helped them to end the war.

—Not a bit of it. Heroism was handed out to you. You are heroes because you have done it. Nothing less than heroism could meet the situation you had to meet, and you reached for it and put it on like a garment.

AN ARTIST'S APOLOGY

The New York Times is responsible for the following: Dear Teacher: My mother says I haffio apologize for droren your pickchure on the bored as if you was an oiled made with curls and a long wisker, on your chin witch you could not help or me neether.

Republicans Applaud

For once a great party has put its best foot forward in the nomination of a candidate for one of the nation's highest offices. Frederick H. Gillett, who will be the next Speaker, is not only a good man or the right man to elect, but he is conspicuously fitted for the place above all his competitors.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

According to the reports of officials of the War Trade Board, 5,000,000 immigrants wish to return to Europe as the war they can obtain transportation. Since the war broke out such immigrants have saved \$1,500,000 which have been unable to remit to their native lands according to their local custom.

Save Shipbuilding Industry

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer.] Whatever else Congress neglects, it should see to it that the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill gets through, for this measure contains an item of something over six hundred million dollars for the continuation of shipbuilding under the auspices of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, which is the Federal board.

Didn't Stop Strike—Hanson

The following is a letter from Ole Hanson, mayor of Seattle, to the Chicago Tribune. Hanson, reputed to have broken by force the Bolshevik strike in Seattle, is a former Chicagoan: "Many years ago I sold your paper on the streets. It was always a real newspaper and I surely appreciate your kind words."

Appropriate

With Paderewski at the head of its government, Poland should put up that Western mining camp theater sign: "Don't touch the plants; he's doing the best he can."—Columbus (O.) Evening Dispatch.

Evening Chat

Plans for the improvement of Capitol park, the Memorial bridge and the making of a civic center are giving the Riverfront a chase as the topics of conversation among visitors to the park in the lobbies of the Penn-Harris Hotel, the State Capitol and one of the remarkable things about the talk is that many of the park plans call for the retention of the wall between Third and Walnut to the State House. This walk which more men of influence, one way or the other, in Pennsylvania have tried to get rid of, has been known footways in the State. It is one of the oldest in a public place as well. It was laid out when the Capitol park was first extended from the line of Cranberry street speaking roughly, to Walnut. That was many years ago and the steps in connection with it were many and interesting. It was the only walk. Then it was made a plank walk as lumber was cheap in those days and finally the famous "boarded walk" was laid down. This was soon noted far and wide among men in politics. It was raised from a foot to two feet above the level of the park with spaces between the boards large enough to lose money and penknives and other things and many a Harrisburg boy went prospecting under it. In the meantime the city had been equipped with a new sewer system and something else took its place. This walk has never been properly drained and it has been patched and changed around a lot. It is an excellent thing. Perhaps, in the scheme of things, it will be re-laid and better adapted for the rainy season. Including the way they go at things, spring on the change. The Walnut where the sharp angle will be rounded and the entrance set back about thirty or forty feet, is a concrete way they go at things to the street. The city is to pay for the bulk of that work and should be glad of the chance.

The influence of the returned soldier is commencing to be felt in many an establishment in and about Harrisburg was the remark of a man who was first introduced to this man the former soldiers' stiffen up the morale, are on the jump to do things and have their eyes open. The effect of their presence in the city is being felt. It is commencing to show on the other men, many of whom are now eager to outdo the younger fellows. "They are the snap and the pep," said this man.

German Learns War Lesson

[New York Times] That at least one German has learned at least one thing from the war is shown by the fact that Emil Zimmarman of the Lokal-Anzeiger has lost his confidence in a large and long-trained standing army as an implement for the enforcement of a nation's will. Both Great Britain and the United States, he writes, have proved the possibility of "creating big and efficient armies out of nothing."

"Spring seems to be fairly well on the way," remarked one of the city's policemen last night. "Men have started to get going in Capitol park extension and the spinning of tops seems to be over and gone. That means its nearly time to put the benches out in the river and get the people in the park. Last year we had two feet of snow and everyone remembers the 'flare-back' at Taft's inauguration."

President George S. Reinhold and Chairman Charles E. Covert, of the committee in charge of the Chamber of Commerce party for the Legislature, have been elected to the office of the Chamber of Commerce. The committee members for the success of the entertainment. "I had a fine time at that reception" was the remark which happened to be made both by Governor Sproul and Speaker Spangler, while several of the senators and legislators sent their souvenir hats home to their families. Just how it was regarded by the older legislators is demonstrated by this remark from one of the up-state counties: "I'm sorry it didn't last longer." In any event it has made Harrisburg people mighty popular at the Capitol this session. And also broken traditions that the way to entertain legislators is to make them send a crowd of men to speeches and then hurry home.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—George Wharton Pepper, who served as chairman of the State Defense Committee, is being considered as a member of the welfare commission. —John M. Jamison, who will be elected to Congress from the Westmoreland-Butler district, is heavily interested in coal operations. —Mayor W. S. McDowell, of Chester, is personally accompanying his police to the city in his efforts to clean up the crooks of his city. —Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, who has suggested Justice Brandeis as Governor of Palestine, is a Philadelphia man of wide influence. —John Hampton Barnes, who took a prominent part in the drafting of the Philadelphia charter bill, is an active attorney.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg goods are being sold in Paris and other French cities? —Historic Harrisburg —John Harris used to send some of his goods up the river to Sunbury by big boats. —National Highways —General du Pont, who is chairman of the Board of National Councilors of the National Highways Association in a New York good road building, is this week, by an organization that the people of the United States are just waking up to the importance of good roads as the basis of national progress.

"The efficiency of the political units now in general charge of the work," said General du Pont, "as the states, towns and counties, can only be synchronized through an organization that is national, and such a federal organization should have the power to correlate the work of political divisions of the country. Hereafter we may have a system of national highways intelligently laid out and maintained in the most economical manner. If federal aid is given to road building, regardless of whether such roads are a part of the national system of highways, it is not good political economy.

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