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The great obstacle to progress is prejudice.—BOVELL.

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WELCOME HOME

THE colored men of the Three Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Infantry and the Three Hundred and Fifty-First Artillery, who were welcomed home from France so vociferously last evening, deserve well at the hands of their fellow citizens.

The proud place of the negro race in the annals of the country is too well known to require repetition here. Its representatives have been loyal and devoted always in times of national peril.

And now that these latest representatives of Harrisburg colored men to display their valor in the face of the enemy and to uphold the principles of democracy on a foreign shore are home, what are we going to do for them? They will desire a little holiday, of course, to which they are, indeed, entitled; but shortly they will desire to go back to work.

MIGHT BE INCLUDED

SENTIMENT in favor of a community house for Harrisburg is growing apace. Large numbers of people in print and in public and semi-public meetings during the past few months have urged the erection of at least one building of the kind.

Certainly, a community house could be provided in that way at a much lower cost than otherwise, and it would be of value to the county as well as to the city.

THE CHAMBER'S PROGRAM

THE platform for the year announced yesterday by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce embraces a program comprehensive enough to keep the organization intensely busy and inclusive enough to satisfy even the most ambitious.

The Chamber of Commerce has done much in the nature of war work. It has been the center of all war fund activities, the headquarters of the Liberty Loan committees, the Dauphin County Farm Bureau and war garden work, and now with a record of having gone over the top in every one of these efforts, it is turning its attention seriously to reconstruction, readjustment and the ways of peace.

TRAIN OUR YOUTH

NOTWITHSTANDING the widespread interest in military training during the war period there is a disposition apparently in the Legislature to reject all bills providing for military instruction in the schools in Pennsylvania.

Already the military instruction at the Harrisburg Academy is showing important results in self reliance, obedience and mental discipline among the students, not to mention the physical benefits to the boys who are undergoing the regular drills.

It may be hoped that the Legislature will yet put into force and effect some sort of law providing for military training in the schools, so that the benefits which are so manifest in those institutions which have already inaugurated military instruction will be widespread and universal.

WE MUST MAKE GOOD

EX-LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR McCLAIN is certain to inject into his activities as the managing head of the State Committee of National Defense, so far as provisions for the employment of our people are concerned, all the ginger and energy of his personality.

PARIAH OF NATIONS

WHATEVER the immediate results of the differences between the President and the United States Senate concerning the League of Nations, it is certain that the open discussion of this important question will lead to a more careful consideration of all the points at issue at Paris and the elimination, perhaps, of the features of the proposed alliance not in accord with American interests.

President Wilson has sailed away to France after a week of strenuous conferences at home and he should go back to the peace-making with a much clearer idea of the real attitude of the statesmen of his own country and of the American people as a whole.

NO TIME TO LOSE

THERE must be no more unemployment in Harrisburg and the county of Dauphin than is absolutely necessary and it is the duty of State, county and municipal officials, in addition to employers, to see to it that every returning soldier is given the best possible job that can be provided for him.

Through the public undertakings outlined by Governor Sprout and the various heads of his administration and which are contemplated by the city and county there should be ample opportunity for industrial and general activity, but it is necessary now to prepare the preliminaries of these big public improvement projects.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Legislators from the third class cities who are behind the Wallace bill making a series of amendments to the third class city code do not intend to take any chances in the course of their bill through the Legislature, being especially desirous that it shall not be complicated with the Philadelphia city bills or the second class city features in it.

—Governor Sprout's enforced absence from the city because of his illness at Washington has prevented final action upon several drafts of bills, including that reorganizing the Department of Agriculture and the constitutional revision proposition.

Scranton newspapers speak in high terms of the address made at the Welsh society dinner by Lieutenant-Governor Edward E. Beideman. The Lieutenant-Governor referred to in vain a fear of Bolshewism. This was a preface to his speech.

—Women suffragists are coming here in force next week and will plan for their legislation. They intend to present the presidential bill to the Senate.

—The Scranton Republican says of the bill of Representative Dawson that it is "a masterpiece of legislative art." He is not at all complimentary to the bill.

—The Philadelphia Evening Ledger says: "Legislative leaders are beginning to send out sentiment among the members for an early adjournment. Republican leaders are said to have definitely agreed upon Thursday, May 15, as the date of adjournment."

MOVIE OF A MAN PRETENDING TO BE BUSY WHEN THE BOSS ARRIVES



"Lest We Forget"

THE BARRAGE, the weekly paper of the 18th Field Artillery of the 3d Division of Regulars, which is published in Poland, Germany, in its issue of February 7 last, published under the caption, "Lest We Forget," a warning to American soldiers to bear in mind the fact that "the Hun was tricky on the battlefield," and that there is no evidence that he has undergone any change in that respect since the armistice was signed.

Just Around the Corner

At the beginning of March, four years ago, Rupert Brooks was aboard the British transport Grantully Castle, near the coast of Spain, on that voyage which was his last. To a friend in England he wrote: "All day we've been just out of sight of land, thirty or forty miles away—out of sight, but in smell there was something earthy in the air, and warm—like the consciousness of a presence in the dark. It wasn't that wall of scent and invisible blossom and essential spring that knocks you flat, quite suddenly, as you've come round some unseen corner in the atmosphere, fifty miles steep upward from the accident ground."

Evening Chat

No recommendations for such things as State songs or State flowers or State mottoes are going to be made by the present State administration. Ninety-five songs which were sent to the Capitol in response to a call by Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh when Governor for the must of the Keystone State to awake and present a song of songs of Pennsylvania will be allowed to remain tucked up in one of the storerooms of the basement of the Capitol. Songs which are still coming to the office of the Governor will go with them.

A SECRET OF LIFE

Professor Ludwig Sylow, "the Nestor of Norwegian mathematicians," as Professor A. Miller calls him, died recently in Christiania at the age of eighty-five. A very memorable fact about him is that he had reached the age of sixty-five years when he was appointed professor of mathematics in the Christiania University.

—The warning referred to is the leading editorial, and reads as follows: "Admiral Mayo in a speech in New York the other night deplored the too rapid demobilization of our land and naval forces, reminding us that the armistice does not necessarily mean the end of hostilities. He set the people back home to thinking. It is not our business to express an opinion, but we do know that every single soldier hereabouts wants to go home as soon as possible. The fact remains, however, that for the present we are quartered in a German community and are thrown into daily contact with Germans, who are still our enemies."

Tom Tom Neglige

Rest robes are now taking on loudly Oriental unrest, and one really should wear a censor with them. Oh, our happy little fresside! Never more the same will seem; Streets of Cairo it resembles. Or a devilish dervish dream. Sultan's harem has naught on us. Save in numbers, I should say. Since Camilla's bought the latest Oriental negligee.

LABOR NOTES

Denmark has over 500,000 agricultural workers. Organized building laborers in Kansas City have raised wages to 52 1/2 cents an hour. Wool combers employed in the British wool textile industry have been granted an increase of \$1.46 a week in the case of men and 97 cents in the case of women. Clerical assistants employed by the Philadelphia Board of Education have formed an organization so that they can press their claim for a 25 per cent. increase. There is a movement on foot in Toronto, Canada, to establish a daily newspaper under the direction of labor, the farmers and the Great War Veterans' Association. In Alaska the employment of any person in underground coal mines, underground lode mines and in placer mines shall not exceed eight hours within any 24 hours. About 70 per cent of the municipal employees in Scranton, Pa., threaten to quit their jobs unless they are granted an increase of 30 per cent in salary. The four unions of miners affiliated with the United Mine Workers have formed an organization to establish a new building, known as the Miners' Institute, in Collingswood, Ill. The average length of total disability for employes 45 years and over is greater than those under 45 years of age. Four out of every five men discharged from the United States Army for disability will be able to go back to their former occupations. Of the over 100,000 clerks employed by the United States government during the period of the war, 75 per cent were women. During the first week in December the United States Employment Service found jobs for 84,384 applicants who registered.

ON RETURN OF A BOOK

I give humble and hearty thanks for the safe return of the book which, having endured the perils of my friend's bookcase and the bookcases of my friends' friends, now returns to me in reasonably good condition. I give humble and hearty thanks that my friend did not see fit to give this book to his infant as a playing-stuff, or to his dog as a pastime for his burning cigar, nor as a tooth-ringer for his mastiff.

A POINTER FROM IDAHO

The repeal of the law which introduced the direct primary election into the State of Idaho at the time when it was a general fashion to adopt that system, is another of the indications of a growing reaction against it in various states. The experience of Idaho in failing to make a success of the direct primary has been a salutary lesson to other states. The average of fitness and character in nominees has not been raised by it here; the power of politicians over their party organizations is pretty much the same, and the expenditure of money has come to be greater than it ever was. As it is now the bosses carry on business under it quite as effectively as they did at the stand, and probably nowhere more to their satisfaction than in the primary election in Philadelphia.

INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE

In Holland a useful gum or paste is being made from garlic. The bulbs are pressed and the juice or fluid matter so obtained is thickened. A good substitute for cork is obtained from certain fungi, which are dried and ground, mixed with cement and consolidated by pressure. In Norway a process has been patented to enable carbide to be used for driving motors. In Denmark a company has been floated to make briquettes from heather. These have a higher heat value than peat. Experiments are being made to use chalk and sulfur for fertilizers, which comes from the Limburg mines, as a fertilizer. From the Boston Globe.

HIS GRIEF

Well, Pal, the game's near over, and we need but one more run; The Doughboy started batting and— A single from the gay Marines and Doughboy went to third. To rest there while the Big Guns hit a punt that was a bird— The bases are full, we've won the game and rooting hard as hell For Wilson and his clean-up hit, the blow that soon will tell The dizzy world we've won the game, and played it bully well. But when I leave the grand stand, and I'd foot swears for me, For I can't share the gate receipts— I'm in the Q. M. C. Joseph G. Daly, Sgt. 1st Cl., Q. M. C., in the Stars and Stripes.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. D. J. McCarthy, who is home from France, where he served as a lieutenant colonel in the medical corps, is one of the leading neurologists of Philadelphia. Dr. Henry S. Drinker, president of Lehigh University, has been chosen a director of the Lehigh Valley railroad.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg is sending material for government work at naval stations? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Two hundred years ago French traders were contesting rights with John Harris in this locality.