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It is for chastening that ye endure; God dealth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father chasteneth not?—HEB. 12:7.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1919

IMPORTANT LUNCHEON

ARNOLD W. BRUNNER, architect in charge of the Capitol Park development, and J. E. Greiner, designer of the proposed State street memorial bridge, will address the Chamber of Commerce at luncheon tomorrow.

The speakers should have a large audience. Much as has been written concerning the park extension and the viaduct, there is still no little misunderstanding, or lack of understanding, as to just what it is planned to do.

The Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of united public sentiment behind the projects and the opportunity to obtain first and information should not be neglected.

We recommend that the Peace Commission Committee investigating the Kaiser's responsibility for the war lead the Telegraph's serial, "The Private Life of the Kaiser."

SEND HIM BACK

AMBASSADOR FRANCIS charges that Raymond Robbins, Red Cross commissioner to Russia, is in reality a Bolshevik delegate sent here to try to induce President Wilson to recognize Lenin and Trotsky.

Robbins cannot be a married man. Surely, he cannot have a sister or a mother and still hold sympathy for Bolshevism. One of the tenets of the Lenin and Trotsky doctrine is that women shall all be public property.

If this is the kind of Red Cross commissioner Robbins is, he has disgraced a noble organization, and it is high time we shipped him back to Moscow.

BENEFIT FROM FAILURE

THE happy suburbanites of a New Jersey town held a celebration the other night because Congress failed to repeal the daylight saving law. And well they might.

other year, at least, we shall have our extra hour of light in the evening. The objections to the new law were confined altogether to the farming districts, and not all farmers were opposed.

Camp Hill is going to plant trees in honor of the soldiers of that progressive West Shore borough. It is creditable to the patriotism and public spirit of the people across the river that they realize the importance of tree planting and recognize in "tribute trees" proper memorials to their soldiers.

DEVOTION TO STATE

IT IS very much to the credit of Major William G. Murdock, the executive draft officer for Pennsylvania, that he declined the proffered appointment of a majority in the judge advocate general's department of the army in order to complete his work connected with the operation of the selective service system in this State.

In the case of Major Murdock he has recognized a State duty. Pennsylvania furnished the second largest number of men to the army of any State, myriads of them under the draft. This is the time when the records are being made up finally and a mistake now may mean loss of standing by a man who fought in the war when it comes to look up what the State has on the books in after years.

HORSE AND THE ROADS

IT MUST be admitted that there is a great deal of force in the argument advanced by members of Philadelphia and Allegheny counties that the present tendency of the time is to make roads more suited to motor traffic and that some provision should be made whereby "shoulder" or "side" roads should be provided for horses.

The manner in which Democrats from the president down are claiming the result of the bye congressional election in the Westmoreland District is a victory for the principle of the League of Nations and the activity of Allentown newspapermen in contending that the result was "largely due to the foresight" and "wisdom" of Lawrence H. Tappan, the Allentown lawyer who is one of the most interesting contrasts of the hour in State politics.

Ex-Senator John M. Jamison, the Republican candidate who was defeated and who ought to know by his met an unexpected slaughter says of the result: "The issues in the special election on March 4 on which the result turned were exclusively local. The President's League of Nations plan and other Federal government questions were ignored."

REAL CAPITAL CITY

GOVERNOR SPROUL is determined to concentrate the scattered State officials in Harrisburg and is having the cordial approval of the public in this policy. Too long State officials have found it convenient for themselves to drift outside Harrisburg for personal or family reasons.

Last week several divisions of the more important departments were ordered to Harrisburg from Philadelphia, and as soon as space is provided for others they will return here so that there may be an efficient concentration of all the State activities at the Capitol.

It is because of these conditions that Governor Sprout and the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings are urging the erection of at least one of the State office buildings during the present year. Meanwhile it is up to Harrisburg to co-operate in every way so that there may be ample housing facilities for all who desire to live here.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Probably the most discussed subject among men who follow the trend of politics in Pennsylvania is the confidence members of the Legislature are displaying in Governor William C. Sprout. To an extent not known here in many years the general assembly is depending upon the Governor for guidance in enactments of legislation and it is expected that the important bills which have been so much discussed will make their appearance at an early day.

Two causes are assigned for the situation as it now exists among legislators. One is that the members recognize the Governor as the most experienced legislator in the State by reason of his unusually long service in the upper house. The other is that the Governor's address is considered one of the best programs ever outlined by a new Governor. Then, too, it is recognized that the Governor is a man of large business interests and that he is working on plans to put some of the principles which made him successful in large enterprises into effect in the State government, which takes time.

It can be expected now, say observers of things at the Capitol that the administration legislation will come to a close rapidly and a continuance of the support of the Governor is predicted.

Some people in Philadelphia are getting around to the idea that when the talking is all done and the fireworks shot off that a new Philadelphia charter bill will be arranged with the Governor bringing about an adjustment of difficulties. The same is believed likely in regard to second class legislation, about which the average up State legislator declines to get excited.

Odell Hauser says in the Philadelphia Press that the Governor will name the next Mayor of Philadelphia as a harmony move. The Philadelphia Inquirer says: "A sharp drawing of the lines between the friends and foes of charter revision may be booked for at Harrisburg during the coming week and the canvass for the selection of a successor to Mayor Thomas R. Smith inaugurated by the leaders of the Town Meeting Party, will keep alive interest in the local political situation."

People familiar with the State Capitol say that there is more truth than poetry in the Philadelphia Press Girard observation that Attorney General William I. Schaffer said in his office the other day when he had had them largely gathered around him: "The average American reads columns in the daily papers concerning revelations made before certain congressional committees about pro-Germanism before and during the war in his country. He is amazed, disgusted and confused over these revelations, because he cannot figure out why, if all these things were going on during the war, and before it, something wasn't done then, for the government has not gathered all this information since the armistice was signed and had most of it while the hostilities were on."

He cannot understand why, with all this proof available, these men who are being told about now were allowed to remain at liberty, or why, since they were allowed to remain at liberty at the crucial time, they are being exposed now, when it is all over. What's the use? He doesn't get that phase of it, to be a monumental case of locking retrograde at the crucial time, they are being exposed now, when it is all over. What's the use? He doesn't get that phase of it, to be a monumental case of locking retrograde at the crucial time, they are being exposed now, when it is all over. What's the use?

War Junk Cost Was High

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer.] Eventually we shall have paid out 35 billion dollars in this war, not including interest, pensions, and other considerations. Of this amount about 10 billion will be due from foreign nations, and we may or may not get the money. It is perfectly well known that a great portion of our own expenditures was for materials never used.

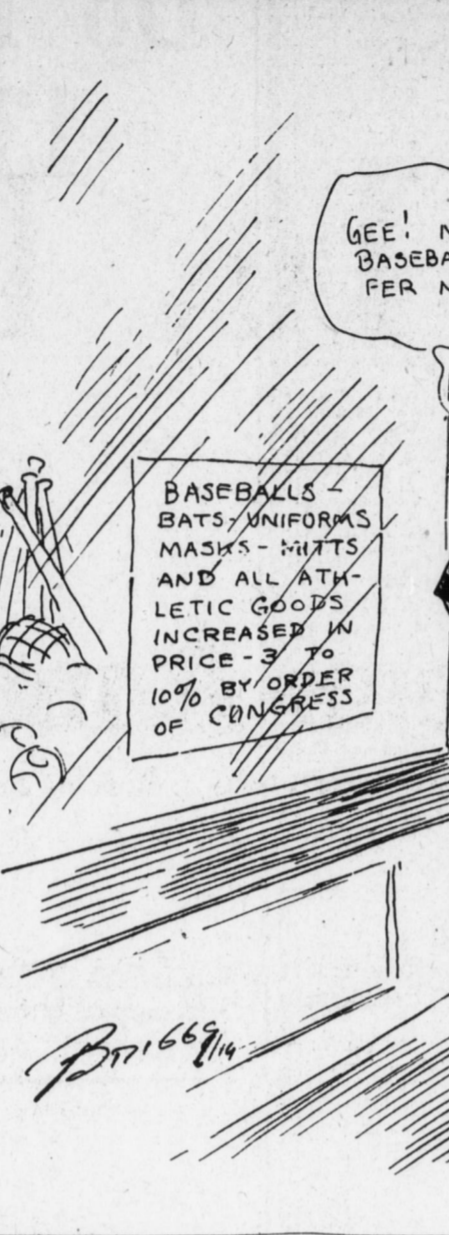
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His Reward

The nervous wreck had explained at great length his symptoms. All that was described in the medical book he had, and some besides. "Do you understand me?" he finally asked the doctor, when he had ended his enumeration. "I'll give you something for your pains."—From the Detroit Free Press.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

BY BRIGGS



"After Horse Is Stolen"

[Samuel G. Blythe in the Saturday Evening Post] The average American reads columns in the daily papers concerning revelations made before certain congressional committees about pro-Germanism before and during the war in his country. He is amazed, disgusted and confused over these revelations, because he cannot figure out why, if all these things were going on during the war, and before it, something wasn't done then, for the government has not gathered all this information since the armistice was signed and had most of it while the hostilities were on.

Proposed State Song

ERASMUS Wilson, the sage of the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times is enjoying the discussion of the State song bills. He quotes the latest aspirant for fame—and place—saying: "Old Pennsylvania of mine, I bow me at thy sacred shrine, And there beneath God's vaulted dome I swear a vow for home, sweet home."

House Bill No. 218

This act formally proposes the adoption of the song quoted above (in part) as the official state song for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which is credited in the bill to "Dr. Will George Butler, director of music of the Mansfield, Pa., State Normal School."

Just Found It Out

Manuel is a Mexican. He runs a chili wagon on Main Street and up to a day or so ago had a good record. But on a fatal day he found himself before a judge charged with assault and battery.

LABOR NOTES

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Move Frontier to Save Paris

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State Flowers

Only a few years ago a number of State Legislatures were almost disrupted while endeavoring to choose State flowers. In this State members from the mountainous parts contended for the trailing arbutus, while those from the low grounds stood up for golden rod and others from the back counties insisted on something more common, such as the hollyhock and sunflower.

What if the Lapse of Ages Were a Dream?

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What if the lapse of ages were a dream, From which we waked, clutching the primal bough, Seeing familiar thunder-piercing crags, Vast dripping woods, and surliant bedewed swamps, That wearied the new heavens with their noise, Wild seas, that maddened, foaming, ever gnawed At towering cliffs, and roaring in defeat, Ran to eye-wearing distance, without shore— All things familiar; but our dull age mistle, Troubled with visions vague; the hungry roar Of the great cabred tiger far below Seeming in our wild dream the bedewed swamps, Of hurting heated monsters, made of steel; And the God-scattered worlds that gem the sky Seeming in vision dread the blinding glare Of myriad windows in huge range on range Of mountain buildings, teeming 'o'er bedewed swamps, The wallowing plesosaurs gurgling snort Changed in our dreams to rhythmic, panting roar Of black insensate steel amphibians, Daring the ocean's dread horizon line; And the high flap of pterodactyl wings Making us white with fear, for, in our dream, we saw the flying leviathan, We saw vast lifeless birds, that roared, Commanded by weak puny likenesses Of our age-selves; we cringed with terror, and we sought a solution of the ungrasped thoughts we could not understand— What if the lapse of ages were a dream? —Stephen Moylan, Bird in Contemporary Verse.

The Child and the Home

[From the Nashville Tennessean] The problem of juvenile crime and its increase of late has been the subject of much comment and discussion, but in our opinion Judge Wells, in a recent speech delivered before the Y. M. C. A. at Vanderbilt, put his finger on the real cause of this grave evil of our present life, when he said that in every case that he had personally investigated the child of a home or proper home conditions was found in the accompaniment of the juvenile delinquency or criminal conduct. This, however, does not suggest a simple return of the child to his home, for the trouble, as it brings us up against the proposition that the lack of a home is a startling feature of our modern way of living. There is very little home life to be found in any social class in this country now. The old conception of a home for the protective care of children, their training and discipline, their close and constant association of the family, has changed to something in the shape of a place to change clothes in, to eat occasional meals and use as a lodging house, and a receiving station for mail. In fact, the American home went out somewhere between the coming in of the automobile and the plate glass window. Conceding fully the limitations of parents and the lack of ideal conditions in the majority of homes, still the decadence and virtual disappearance of the home, marks a real loss whose importance may be gauged in the consequent increase of juvenile crime and delinquency with its grave and far-reaching sociological results. The very fact of a vigilant parental authority and constant association with discipline and home habits carries with it a steady influence on the child's moral responsibility, which helps to fix the child in the paths of order and rectitude. In the constant association of home and family life, the child's responsibility of parents are stimulated to more care and vigilance and the children learn the discipline of life easily and progressively.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Mayor Arch Johnston, of Bethlehem, is home from a trip to the south. —J. D. A. Morrow, western Pennsylvania coal expert who has been in Washington, is visiting western counties on tax matters. —G. K. Moore, known here, has been chosen president of the Livingston club, the big Allentown club. —Congressman George S. Graham, of Philadelphia, has been chosen a member of the House judiciary committee. —Mayor Thomas B. Smith, of Philadelphia, is visiting in health the last few weeks. —Miss Dorothy Guild, the new director of the child welfare activities of the State Department of Health, is a Philadelphia physician. —W. C. Coffin, Pittsburgh manufacturer just home from a western tour, says he found a good feeling prevailing in industries.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg's volume of mail matter has been showing a steady increase for the last two years? —Harrisburg post offices have been located on Second, Market and Walnut streets. —Congress should reform itself, but it generally happens that political evils prevent the action which is needed. Congress may by law establish the time of its meetings, and it ought to hurry them up, but it is probable that any effort to do so would meet with strong parliamentary opposition. It has never before happened that there was not national legislative body in session and that the same time no executive in the country. The only branch of our government which is now functioning at home is the judiciary. —From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

THE BROKEN SOLDIER

[From the Anglo-Italian Review] The broken soldier is an important organic part of the nation's life. A hundred thousand homes have their mutilated heroes—sons, fathers, husbands, brothers. Therefore the public is at all times asked to give to the broken soldier a money recompense in an inadequate solution of the great problem. People are beginning to see that when you give a man pension any amount, you are not satisfied, and that you will increase it if he is not satisfied, you are only trying to dodge the devil in the end of the wound. He has given his health for you, and that is something for which he cannot be repaid. The only royal road towards discharging our debt to the broken soldier is to try as far as possible to give him back his integral manhood. So that he will become an independent human being, able to work and earn his living, standing side by side, eyed at home, feeling that though he has fought and suffered he can still work and live and answer to the nation's call. When you have done that for him, then you may give him his pension, not as a payment for the blood he has shed, nor as a means of sustenance in old age, but as an abiding token of the nation's gratitude to the man who has fought and suffered.

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