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The fever the voices on the side of truth, the more distinct and strong must be your own.—CHANNING.

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SHOULDER INSIGNIA

Nearly everybody has been puzzled by the insignia of soldiers returning from France.

Distinctive insignia is now worn on the left shoulder by all members of combat divisions and by corps and army troops.

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Other drawings and histories will be printed in later issues until the list is complete.

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posed to be very good for spring fever and other complaints peculiar to the season, and perhaps it was, for it must have been a very hardy germ that would have remained in the same human system with such a vile concoction.

But older folks partook of something more pleasant, generally taking the form of a "spring tonic" that usually had concealed about its person a "kick" that would have made a beaker of Jersey Lightning resemble by comparison a drink of sassafras.

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MORE INCONSISTENCY

STRICTLY in line with the apparent purpose of the American peace delegates not to hold out for too severe penalties to be imposed upon Germany, comes the startling announcement from Paris that if the Germans refuse to accept the peace treaty as presented to them America will not join with the allies in enforcing its terms.

Now a special dispatch from Paris, censored and passed by the officials in charge of news items from the Peace Conference, gives us the following information: "American delegates to the Peace Conference have again made it plain in renewed suggestion that American forces would not participate in any such venture."

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CONSTRUCTIVE REPORT

THE annual report of Commissioner Hassler, outlining the needs of the city water department, should receive the early attention of Council.

LABOR NOTES

The total cost of erecting the American Federation of Labor headquarters in Washington, which included the cost of the ground upon which the building stands, was \$189,317.68.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Pretty strenuous efforts to prevent a clash over the Brady primary election bill and its companion legislation are being made by legislative leaders and they are indulging in hopes that there will be some agreement to have the bills go back to the elections committee for study.

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OFFICIAL GOLF

Capitol Hill is considerably interested in whether golf will be the official recreation as it has been since 1911, when John K. Tener learned the game on the links of an exclusive club in the State Government into devotees of the driver and the putter.

Czecho-Slovak Record

Aspersions on the Czecho-Slovaks who fought in Russia are answered by Mme. Catherine K. Breshkovsky, the venerable "grandmother" of the Russian revolution.

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Reform in Nebraska

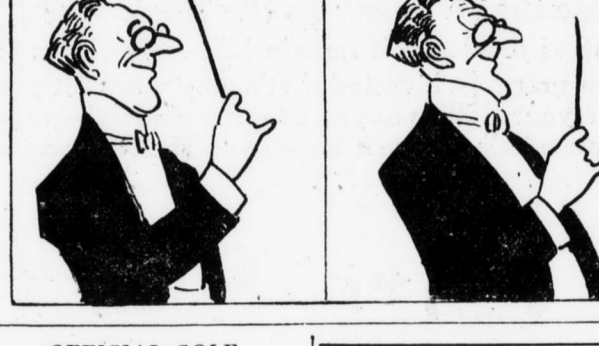
While booze flows freely in Stapleton the gambling places have been reduced to three, we are told by good authority.—From the Eddyville Enterprise.

Wonder What the Orchestra Leader Thinks About

PRETTY LUCKY THEY HAVE ME FOR MUSIC DIRECTOR. BELIEVE ME I'VE PULLED THIS SHOW TOGETHER AND MADE IT A SUCCESS



I'LL SMILE AT THE PRINCIPAL ACTOR OCCASIONALLY JUST SO THE AUDIENCE'LL REALIZE I KNOW 'EM. IT MAKES AN IMPRESSION.



IT FLATTERS THE ACTOR TOO. HELLO—THERE'S CAMILLE AND ELLA BACK AGAIN. I'LL GIVE THEM A SMILE TOO JUST TO SHOW 'EM I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN 'EM.

By BRIGGS

I SHALL EASY A CARELESS MANNER AND LOOK THE AUDIENCE OVER... NOT A BAD HOUSE—NOT BAD.



I WONDER WHO CAMILLE IS FLIRTING WITH IN THE AUDIENCE. I'LL GIVE HIM A NASTY LOOK AND SQUELCH 'EM.



WELL I'VE PUT THAT ACT OVER AGAIN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'D DO WITHOUT ME—

Evening Chat

People in this city have probably more than a passing sentimental interest in the bill presented in the House of Representatives yesterday by a Sullivan county member for repeal of the act of March 29, 1881, incorporating that ancient and honorable institution known as the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society.

Spring must be here. They have started to take the covers off the flower beds and the hyacinths in Capitol Park and when that is done people can commence to think about getting their heads out of the snow.

E. B. Black, well known artist, is responsible for the statement that strawberry plants are farther along now than they usually are at this time of year.

The long trains filled with returning soldiers are a source of never ending interest to the good many while the crowds on the bridges and along the railroads when the troop trains go by are not as large as they were last year when the soldiers were going out to war.

Dr. J. M. J. Raunick, the city health officer, is of the opinion that if it is not one thing it is another. The chicken pox outbreak which came along in the wake of influenza is now going away.

Some heroes are puffed by the praise they've had. And they never will quite survive it. But we'll take a chance on this husky lad—

Three cheers for the fighting private!

Neutralize Rhine Provinces

Among the suggestions for the protection of the French frontier which will come before the great powers is that part of the Rhine province on the west bank of the river be neutralized.

The Russian Situation

Experience with the details of European politics is not indispensable to an acceptance of the general Parisian conclusion that the Russian "problem" is more acute than ever.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg used to be a center of horse shoe making?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The Lord Remaineth

Tax Free Covenant Bonds

By JOHN G. HERNDON, JR., Tax Specialist

FROM the standpoint of the income tax law, bonds may be divided into four general groups: (1) tax exempt bonds; (2) United States obligations issued since September 1, 1917; (3) tax-free covenant bonds; and (4) other bonds.

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S. O. S. INSIGNIA

any other shoulder insignia authorized. It will be optional for all officers, men, field clerks, Army

The S. O. S. marking will probably be worn by more members of the A. E. F. than ever called upon by our combat troops.

The S. O. S. was the keystone of the arch of the A. E. F. without which the structure could not have stood the enormous pressure placed upon it.

The colors in the design were chosen for their significance, the order explains—the red representing "the sincerity of our endeavor and tireless devotion" and the blue symbolizing "the trustworthiness of our entire personnel."

There being no independent unity in the S. O. S. teamwork being the prime of our success, says the order, "no other insignia will be worn."

THE FIGHTING PRIVATE

He has not come home with a Sam Browne belt.

Or a chevron to dress parade in. He was out of luck when the cards were dealt.

In the perilous game he played in. But he did the job he was sent to do. And his squad kept on till it smashed clear through.

Because he was there—and in it. Brimful of fight were the men who led.

And when you have read their story. And counted the names on their roll of dead.

You will know they have earned their glory.

But when they drove that wedge in their line.

The lad that was sent to drive it. And went—with never a growl or whine—

Was the little old fighting private.

With mud for a bed and slum for his chow.

But plucky and eager-hearted. He stuck it out to the end somehow. And finished the job he'd started.

He doesn't worry about his lot. His spirit is still undaunted. Fame passed him by—but the chance he got.

Was all that he ever wanted. Some heroes are puffed by the praise they've had.

And they never will quite survive it. But we'll take a chance on this husky lad—

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America's Bill

In view of the estimates that Germany will be required to pay an indemnity of from fifty to a hundred and fifty billion of dollars, the American bill, which is the first to be completely, seems extremely moderate.

Sir Wilfred's Successor

The members of the opposition in the Canadian parliament have chosen Mr. D. Mackenzie as their leader to succeed Sir Wilfred Laurier.

Contract Bonds

It is immaterial to the Government how much tax a corporation may agree to assume.