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TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1919

 The reverence of a man's self is,
 next to religion, the chiefest bridle
 of all vices.—FRANCIS BACON.

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 It is understood plans for the be-
 ginning of operations in Capitol
 Park changes are ready and that the
 Board of Public Grounds and Build-
 ings is likely to take action with
 a view to getting the work under-
 way as soon as possible. There is
 no doubt that the city will co-operate,
 so that the plans for remaking the
 old section of the park along
 Walnut and Third streets may be
 carried out at once.

SUFFERING ARMENIA

 HE churches have been asked
 to conduct the campaign for
 the relief of suffering Armenians
 and very properly so. The Ar-
 menians are starving and dying for
 their religious faith. It is Chris-
 tianity vs. Mohammedanism, a con-
 test between the cross and the cres-
 cent. We in America cannot let
 these poor people perish. They must
 be saved and it will be a fine thing
 to have it made known in Armenia
 that their fellow Christians of Amer-
 ica conducted the campaign that
 brought them the food and com-
 fort which they so sorely need.

MR. WILSON RESPONSIBLE

 THE Bolshevik development in
 Hungary is the child of delay
 and indecision in the framing of
 a peace treaty, and President
 Wilson, with his insistence upon a
 second, is directly responsible for
 the trend affairs have taken. He
 was warned of the danger when he
 first talked of putting the cart before
 the horse, the league before the
 treaty; but he would not listen.
 Now, it would seem, half of Europe
 must suffer as a consequence.

 Friends of the President, who
 have scoffed at the expressed fears
 of Senators and others who saw the
 cloud on the horizon, must now
 admit that these men were not
 "playing partisan politics," but were
 sent upon the lofty enterprise of
 saving the fruits of victory for the
 people who won them.

 Had President Wilson hearkened
 to their advice and hastened the
 treaty of peace to early conclusion,
 this fresh threat of Trotsky and
 Lenin against the peace of the
 world would not have been made,
 for Hungary, with the war over, her
 ports opened and business on the
 mend, would have been in no mood
 to listen to the ravings from Mos-
 cow.

 This is not alone the American
 view. The London Globe, comment-
 ing on the situation, says: "This is
 the natural consequence of the de-
 lay in making peace and if the delay
 continues we will have worse con-
 sequences still. Making this dis-
 cussion of a league covenant before
 even a preliminary peace has been
 reached simply encourages the
 spread of the Bolshevik disease and
 gives our chief enemy opportunities
 for intrigues."

 That is the situation in a nutshell.
 While the President and his fellow
 delegates sit solemnly debating the
 prevention of war, war sweeps ever
 nearer to the French capital. They
 cry "peace, peace, but there is no
 peace." How long is this farce to
 continue, or will the happenings in
 Hungary bring them to realization
 of the danger into which their
 theorizing has led them and the
 world at large. It is a grave re-
 sponsibility that rests upon the
 government to weld together the
 State Game, Fishery, Water Su-
 pervision and Forestry bureaus or
 departments; co-ordinating their ac-
 tivities, preventing duplication of ef-
 fort in field work, but insuring to
 each revenues and powers belonging to
 it. A general plan and a program
 are the things desired.

 With the Governor preparing the
 legislation and overseeing the ad-
 ministration there can be no doubt
 about the good to follow. It is
 believed that he will select some one
 possessing probably more knowledge
 of governmental matters than the-
 ories; an administrator rather than
 a specialist; a man with business
 training rather than a hankering for
 public place and a desire for bene-
 ficial results rather than a reputa-
 tion and the spotlight.

 Conservation with Sprout giving
 it his personal attention will be
 something worth while.

 The Harrisburg Hospital's annual
 "Rummage Sale" should bring to the
 surface a lot of submerged household
 articles that have been torpedoed or
 bombed during the war period, but are
 well worth salvaging. Look through
 your trunks, your store rooms and
 your garrets. Gather together those
 things you no longer need, but which
 somebody else may find useful, and
 turn them over to the hospital for
 the sale.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

 IT is regrettable that City Council
 cannot see its way clear to the es-
 tablishing of a Shade Tree Com-
 mission. A slight tax provision for
 the maintenance of the work of

 such a commission should not be
 sufficient to justify the refusal to
 act in this important matter.

 Unless and until some definite au-
 thority is created which will have
 the care of our shade trees at heart
 there must be a gradual disappear-
 ance of the ornamental and useful
 trees which ought to line every street
 in the city. Generations passed
 planted trees for us and it is our
 duty to provide shade for those who
 come after us. Some way ought to
 be found to arouse interest in tree
 planting and if it cannot be done
 through a commission charged with
 this duty, then it ought to be done
 by individual citizens aroused
 through some public movement.

GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD

 THE people of the United States
 have determined upon prohibi-
 tion. It is part and parcel of
 the fundamental law of the land.
 The brewer who stands in the road
 of the United States constitution is
 going to be knocked galley west.
 So long as liquor selling was legal,
 the saloon claimed the protection of
 law, and got it. Now that it is to
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