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directly paid or in prospect from profits to be garnered from Sunday receipts. Pennsylvania has not reached the place where there is a popular demand for an open Sunday.

NO ROOM FOR THEM

IT IS announced from Washington that a bill will be introduced on the reconvening of Congress to suspend all immigration for the next four years and that a clause of the measure will provide for the deportation of all aliens who withdraw their application for citizenship in order to evade the draft.

It was also stated that the bill will contain a clause providing for the cancellation of the citizenship of naturalized citizens who agitated revolt and preached the overthrow of the American system of Government.

OUR ELECTION LAWS

SENATOR PENROSE has been generally commended for his stand against further tinkering with the election laws. Commenting on the senior Senator's position in this matter, the Washington (Pa.) Observer points out that while there may be some defects in the direct primary system, it is not as objectionable as the old method of naming candidates by the delegate and convention system.

The Observer believes that if there is to be any change in the method of selecting our higher court judges it should be one that would take the selection out of the hands of the people and place the responsibility with the Governor, making the offices appointive instead of elective, but our Washington county contemporary agrees with Senator Penrose that we are too ready to change our laws before we have been accustomed to their operation; that it is better to keep what we have than to be continually making it difficult for the voters to know what the election laws really are.

The Observer also calls attention to another important phase of the matter, which is the restless attitude of many people respecting the existing order of things making it inadvisable to adopt changes which might prove most undesirable in actual practice. In the opinion of our Western Pennsylvania contemporary Senator Penrose has taken the view of the statesman rather than of the politician in his stand on the question of election law changes.

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ELSEWHERE on this page today the Telegraph reproduces some recent comments of Major General Leonard Wood on the importance of taking care of returning soldiers. This newspaper has frequently and earnestly urged upon its readers the patriotic duty of providing employment for the men who fought the good fight for humanity, justice and liberty, but there is an apparent indifference here and there to our obligations in this matter which is hardly understandable in view of the pledges we gave these "warriors of civilization" when they went forth to battle.

We cannot afford to fail in repaying the full measure of devotion of these men who did not fail us in the critical hour. As General Wood suggests, "they have done the work they were sent to do; they have done it well, done it with sacrifice and great losses. They have fought splendidly and those who die gain their lives with a smile."

This appeal from a great soldier, who more than any other in the United States realized the importance of America's preparation for war, has special significance at this time and his efforts to arouse interest in the men who are coming back to peaceful activities should not be lost in any community.

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We are informed that similar plans submitted by the French, Italian and American delegations were turned down in favor of the British. The President says he sees no objection to having these alternate constitutions printed and put in the hands of Senators.

United States should play in a league, and also what principles Mr. Wilson surrendered when he laid aside his own version of the league's constitution and espoused the British theories.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Governor William C. Sproul is in Philadelphia for the weekend and his visit will have a notable bearing upon legislative program for the remainder of the general assembly session. A determination will probably be reached to close the session on May 15, although some legislators here are hoping that it may be ended a week earlier.

Since the Governor has announced that he does not think legislation regulating intoxicating liquors will be passed and that the non-partisan elective feature will be retained in the election law, it has been materially simplified. More attention will be given to financial legislation that anything else.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the recommission of the West bill providing for an increase of legislators salaries from \$1500 to \$2500 to a Senate committee for the ostensible purpose of a hearing. It is believed to be due more to a desire to gauge public sentiment.

The Governor does not look for any changes in election laws. "I do not think now that there will be any changes authorized and as far as I am concerned it would not be wise to pick them out," said he. This disposed of chances of the repeal of the non-partisan feature of Keystone State's election laws when they heard of the statement. In regard to the Philadelphia charter revision the Governor said "I am interested in the charter revision naturally, and I am particularly glad to see that there is an apparent disposition on the part of the contending forces to get together. They seem to be looking as if they might be able to agree on a compromise."

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Breaking Down Caste

Not only industrially but socially the war has hastened development and transformation. The spirit of democracy is abroad in India (for India has been fighting for democracy) and democracy for India spells large change. The outcastes are socially dead and buried—their living bodies are to the Hindus as putrid flesh to use the words of the Mahatma recently presided in Bombay over the "Second All-India Congress."

LABOR NOTES

Women employed on street cars in the State of Washington are prohibited from working after 5 p. m. The International Printing Press in Union, Pa. has acquired 1,000 acres of land near Rogersville, Tenn., to be used for returned soldiers who were formerly in the union.

American Federation of Musicians has added two splendid local unions to its membership in Canada, one in Kingston and the other in Huntsville. Harvest hands are the latest articles quoted to be supplied by one of the big Chicago mail-order houses, which dispatched two men to a customer in the country on 12 hours' notice.

OH, MAN!



ABOUT LOAM.



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One of our most unhappy experiences was watching butter soar to get together. They seem to be looking as if they might be able to agree on a compromise.

Take Care of the Returning Soldier

By Major General Leonard Wood

IN the streets of our cities are large numbers of soldiers returning from overseas, many of them without money. A bad situation. It is most important from every standpoint that we should make a concerted effort to look after these men, and see that they have a clean place to sleep, and suitable food until they secure a position. If they are bound to places beyond the best possible service and prepared in spirit to make the supreme sacrifice.

Irish-American Soldier

"The American Lads of Irish blood were the jewels of our army," said Capt. William Harrigan of the 307th Infantry, at a St. Patrick's Day banquet here. Captain Harrigan went through all the fighting in France with the 77th Division, was twice wounded and took part in the relief of the famous Lost Battalion.

Books and Magazines

"The Whole Truth About Alcohol" by George Elliot Flint is the title of an important publication. The work, which has an introduction by Dr. Abraham Jacobi, takes up these subjects: Human Psychology and National Prohibition; After the Prohibition of Alcohol, What Next? Do citizens Need Nurses? The Tyranny of National Prohibition; The Increase in Drug Addicts; National Prohibition Unjust to the Individual; The Danger of Habitual Liquor Drinking; The Webb-Kenyon Act and its Phobias; Consequences; Would Private Distillation Follow National Prohibition? The Need of Strict Enforcement of Existing Liquor Laws; National Deceit. After National Prohibition; Let the Drink Problem Take Care of Itself; The Workingman Sues Drinking and Smoking; The Workingman's Club; The Saloon; The Psychology of Fanatics; Are Abstainers Superior? Alcohol and Candy; Alcohol and War; Alcohol in the Tropics; Alcohol and Efficiency; Alcohol as a Stimulant; Alcohol as a Poison; Effects of and Facts About Alcohol; Alcohol, Life Insurance and Longevity; Alcohol and Deficiency; Alcohol and Crime; Alcohol and Disease; The Non-Alcoholic Cause of Man's Physical Deterioration; How to Prevent Physical Deterioration; Alcohol, Economically and Practically Considered.

Should Patients Talk?

TAKA Kata and Michi Kawai, two Japanese girls who went to Siberia for the Y. W. C. A. found a Japanese Red Cross hospital without a single Japanese patient in it. That may sound like an empty building, but it was not. Every one of the narrow white cots was occupied, and the cots were close together, too. Most of the patients were Czechs, with a few English and French among them. The patients spoke Russian and French and German and English. The doctors and nurses spoke only Japanese. But modern science transcends most things, among them linguistic barriers.

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[From the American-Scandinavian Review]

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Evening Chat

By BRIGGS



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