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The man who never alters his opinion is like standing water, and breeds reptiles to the mind.—WILLIAM BLAKE.

THE STANDARD LOAF

If there is any good reason why the Legislature should not pass the McConnell bill establishing a standard for loaves of bread it has not been heard of.

The bill would enact into Pennsylvania statutes one of the wisest of the Federal food regulations. It would also make legal what is now the rule in many places, because, as a result of the war, people have become accustomed to ask for a pound loaf or some other weight instead of the five cent, six cent or ten cent loaf.

Just what it would mean to have the loaves standardized can be grasped by the mere statement that if prices vary, people will know how much they are buying, something which they seldom realized before the war regulation became operative.

TAKE NO CHANCES

The Public Service Commission reports that 106 automobiles were struck on grade crossings the past year. It is safe to say that at least nine-tenths of these, many of them fatal, could have been avoided if reasonable care had been taken.

A HOUSING EXPERIMENT

WELLINGTON, Kansas, is about to try an experiment in housing that, in view of developments locally, is not without interest for Harrisburg and the Chamber of Commerce committee now trying to work out of a solution of this city's difficulties along this line.

Business men of the town have formed "The Wellington Home Foundation," something new in the line of home building associations. The purpose is "to encourage habits of saving and thrift, to obtain more home owners, to give employment to Wellington workmen, to improve and beautify the physical appearance of the city and thereby to promote the general welfare."

While the activities of the foundation may be various, its principal service will run something like this: When sufficient money has come into the foundation for the purpose,

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

It commences to look as though bills to repeal the nonpartisan elective feature of second and third class city laws were commencing to be long, long sleep.

When the new building is ready the directors would give the first chance for ownership to a man with the cash to buy it, if such person appeared. This would place it in the hands of a home owner, and the original expenditure would return at once to the foundation and be immediately available to go out and remove another blemish.

The deed to the property would remain with the trustees for the foundation, and the applicant would be considered only as a tenant until his payments had reached an amount equal to one-third of the value of the property.

Thus the foundation is intended rather as an auxiliary, or a "booster," for regular building and loan associations than such an association itself.

The plan is being watched with interest by the Federal authorities and by communities such as Harrisburg, with similar problems of house shortage and reconstruction.

HEROIC SYMBOLS

THE men of the famous combat divisions of the American army, who had the good fortune to be assigned the task of smashing the German armies in France, won reputations for their units which the War Department is wise in perpetuating.

Take the 28th—the Iron Division—for example. What traditions it has to cherish! What a name for high courage and achievements it has to maintain!

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Among legislative visitors last evening was United States District Judge J. P. Humes, of Meadville, who stopped off to see old friends and was congratulated on looking so fit.

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WORK WELL DONE

THE change in the public mind regarding the manner in which the draft was administered is perhaps the best tribute to the loyalty of the boards identified with the operation of the selective service law in Pennsylvania.

When it is considered with what suspicion and apprehension the advent of the draft was greeted; how rumors and reports of favoritism filled the air in the first few months of its operation and how aliens and soft heads, to say nothing of the traitorously inclined, tried to hamper its operation, the popular attitude in support of the boards at the close of the war tells its own story.

As Major W. G. Murdock, the chief draft officer, says in his farewell letter, the draft was made a success by patriotic effort and honesty on the part of the men who came in contact with the great army of registrants and often with members of their families.

Watch your step. This is April 1. Calm yourself, April, calm yourself.

650 Fliers at the Front

[From the Cent Solvante Six (16th Squadron, Army of Occupation), Trier, Germany.]

When Tennyson immortalized Balaklava's "noble Six Hundred" in his "Charge of the Light Brigade" it's a pity he couldn't have fixed the meter for the substitution of "Six Hundred and Fifty" so that the stirring lines could have done duty in a paraphrase a few decades later to commemorate America's aerial contribution to the great war.

In the first place, it should be explained that these figures refer exclusively to the men who got into action—who saw enough service across the lines to put them in the combatant class. They weren't deducted, you may be sure, from news-magazines' widely known statistics in regard to air service personnel.

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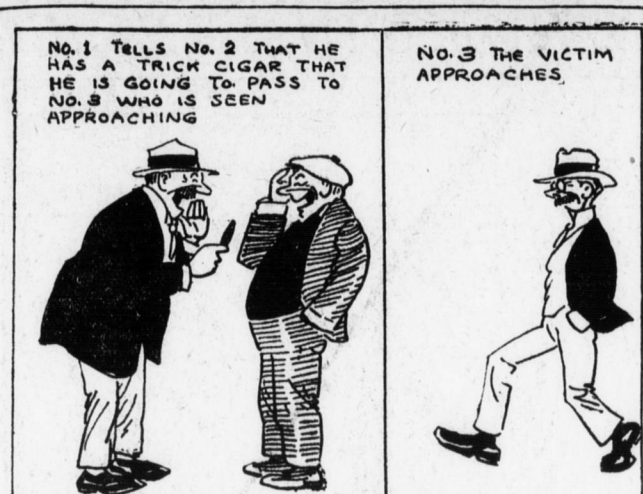
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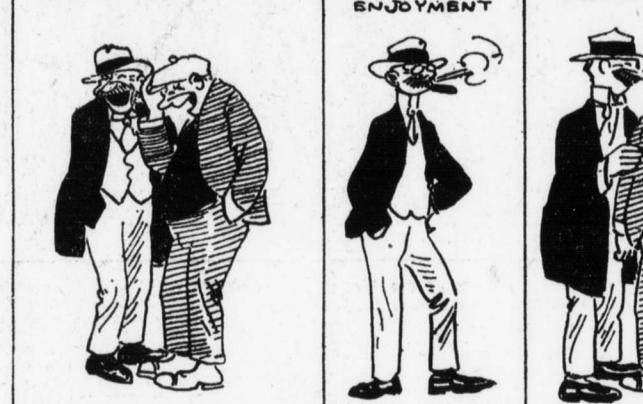
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MOVIE OF TWO MEN ENJOYING A HUGE JOKE



GENTS NO. 1 AND NO. 2 NOW AWAIT CULMINATION OF JOKE ON NO. 3



GENT NO. 3 AT MOMENT OF EXPLOSION

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By BRIGGS

To Open The Door For Prosperity

[From the Literary Digest]

PROSPERITY—perhaps the greatest we have ever known "is knocking at the door," declares an editor in Wisconsin. Another in his office beside the New York Stock Exchange looks up from the ticker to tell a cheerful "tale of the tape," a story of a four-months' rise in industrial stocks showing "that recovery of normal temperatures, pulses, habits, and worries has been rapid; the worst is over."

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THEY MUST BE MEMORIAL

[From the New York Times]

Characteristic of every such proposal as those that are stirring the little city is a fatal fault that it is based on the delusion that anything to which the name of war memorial can be ascribed will be one. Of course this is not carried to its logical conclusions, even by those who hold it most sincerely.

They do not advise the purchase of a new motor fire engine, or the repavement of Main street, or the payment of the mayor's or city clerk's salary, as a war memorial, but to do any of these things would be just as sensible as it would be similarly to designate any of the schemes that are so naively advocated. None of the schemes is intrinsically bad, in the sense that its execution would be detrimental to anybody.

But the plea that such "memorials" as these would be "useful" is the perfectly adequate reason for rejecting them all, as the one purpose of a memorial is to be a memorial, and the effort to make it serve two purposes will always be a failure and an absurdity.

Reminded Him of Home

The burglar had entered the house as quietly as possible, but his nose were not padded and they made some noise. He had just reached the door of the bedroom when he heard someone moving in the bed, as if about to get up, and he paused. The sound of a woman's voice floated to his ears.

Thirty-Sixth Division

National Guard of Texas and Oklahoma, Divisional headquarters arrived in France July 21, 1918. Activities: Blanc Mont sector, north of Somme-Py, October 6-28 (French Campaign offensive). Prisoners captured: 13 officers, 531 enlisted men, 294 captured; 9 pieces of artillery, 294 machine guns. Total advance on front line 21 kilometers. Insignia: Cobalt blue arrowhead, with a khaki "T" superimposed upon a khaki disc. The arrowhead represents Oklahoma and the "T" Texas.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Bolsheviks have turned a church into a theater. In their set it was probably the only way to fill it.—Columbia State.

Leniency in dealing with Germany may indicate a soft heart, but it certainly indicates a soft head.—Washington Post.

The cutting down of Germany's army to 100,000 men leaves mighty little excuse for a League of Nations.—Washington Herald.

Some one should explain to Europe's diplomats that we were not fighting for the spoils of war, but to spoil war.—Greenview Piedmont.

There is a rumor in well-informed circles that Great Britain will be forced to accept a mandate for the governing of Ireland.—Chicago Tribune.

Bolsheviks may mean that if they can make all other nations as rotten as Russia, then Russia will be as good as any other nation.—Toledo Blade.

"Victory an Inclined Plane"

[From the Manchester Guardian.] Marshal Foch spoke very simply, very colloquially, very much a soldier talking to his friends. He stood chest out, head well back, with one leg well forward, suggesting the elastic posture of a fence as he moved slightly and regulated at the knee as though about to lunge.

His main point was that he had done nothing. "The Boches attack, I said would stop them. When they were stopped I attacked them. Well everyone did what he could, and after some time we were all attacking along the five hundred miles of the great front, and pushing, and the Americans, the Belgians, and we all went for them." At that point the marshal raised both his hands and pushed forward with his hands slightly downward and body in one movement.

Maine to War on Dogfish

A bill has been introduced into the Maine Legislature which has for its purpose war upon the dogfish. If the bill passes, the state will start a drive for assistance from the Federal government to make the dogfish very destructive to the fishing industry.

THE STRETCHER BEARER

By Private Wm. J. Buel, 304th Field Signal Battalion Medical Det., after a battle somewhere in France. (Winner of French War Cross.) I see him yet, plodding the Flanders mud— A field of carnage, a field of blood; Where the Maxims whine, and the big guns roar.

THE ANXIOUS DEAD

O guns, fall silent till the dead men hear Above their heads the legions pressing on; (These fought their fight in time of bitter fear, And died not knowing how the day had gone.)

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg used to be one of the leading sausage making places in the State? —Historic Harrisburg —This community contributed a company of men to Wayne's expedition against the Indians in Ohio.

Evening Chat

Major William G. Murdock, the executive officer of the draft in Pennsylvania, in a letter issued to members of the boards in praise of their efforts to make the selective service law a success in Pennsylvania, to-day expresses the hope that "whatever military organizations are formed by the soldiers upon their return will welcome you as honorary members."

Walter McNichols, acting Commissioner of Labor and Industry, has offered the services of the State to enable industries and physicians and surgeons to get together because of numerous military organizations as to opportunities for industrial service in Pennsylvania from physicians and surgeons leaving the army after service during the war.

Dr. "Dan" Poling, who will address the big Christian Endeavor convention in this city to-night, during his student days was reckoned the finest specimen of a physical specimen in the Pacific coast colleges.

If matters can be arranged, Major Henry M. Stine, the officer in command of the Harrisburg Reserves, will have the first of a series of talks by returned officers at the court-house on Thursday night. Captain John T. Bretz, who helped train the Reserves in their early days, will be the speaker and will tell of the work of the 12th.

Thomas D. Beidleman, who has resumed charge of things about the State Capitol Park, has his force of the daylight saving plan. Things start early in the park maintenance department and the park is commencing to show the results of his painstaking supervision.

"I do not know why it is, but we have had more fittings this first of April than I have known for a long time. For a while there was a dispute about taking away from the April 1 fittings and take up May 1 fittings and calculations are off," said a van man yesterday.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Clarence D. Coughlin, who had charge of the Catlin will at Wilkes-Barre, is a lawyer and was long a political rival of the dead Senator.

—James A. Gardner, the New Castle official here to-day for the third class city hearing, comes by virtue of action of city council in his community. He is one of the leaders in such legislation.

—Judge A. D. McConnell, of Greensburg, has decided not to announce decisions on liquor licenses until late in the week and has caused much speculation.

—Dr. W. T. Ellis, the traveler, is now in Turkey watching the development of reforms.

—Simon Miller, elected head of the Jewish Publication Society, is a prominent Philadelphia.

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