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HAD TO DO IT

PRESIDENT WILSON has called Congress into special session not because he desired to do so, but because he had nothing else left to do.

Nevertheless, if the appropriations are not made on time, the fault will lie largely with the President.

The returning soldiers are finding the warm welcome of the home folks all that they expected, and more.

Those who rallied to the colors have a right to the best that the city has, and it ought to be the aim of every citizen to aid these men in getting thoroughly re-established in civil life.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

IT IS to be hoped that the signs of disagreement and bickering which appear in the preliminary efforts to organize, as the American Legion, the men who served under the Stars and the Stripes in the great war, will be smoothed out and that the Legion will become as powerful and as popular as the Grand Army of the Republic.

The young men who will compose this, or whatever organization may be formed to take in the membership of the American army in the war, are the hope of the Nation.

From the ranks of this new Grand Army will come the great leaders of popular thought, the spokesmen of the people, the statesmen, the politicians, the preachers, the scholars, the teachers—the officers and the rank and file which will make up the woof and warp of American life for the next fifty years and more.

They will differ politically and in views on all subjects, and he who attempts to inject party politics into the new organization will find himself sailing in troubled waters, with breakers ahead.

Army; a force that shall aid materially in the development of the Nation and its upbuilding along lines that will make it an even better place in which to live than it is today.

Admiral Bowman is not overlooking the importance of permanent development of the Susquehanna basin. During hostilities it was necessary for the Harrisburg Navy to suspend its program to some extent, but henceforth it may be expected that the water organization will develop plans for greater use of the Susquehanna river at this point.

THE WIZARD IS DEAD

FRANK BAUM is dead, and millions of children, old and young, the country over will mourn his passing. No more will there appear on the bookstands about Christmas time a new volume of adventures in "The Wonderful Land of Oz."

Yes, homely, for though grotesque and utterly impossible, the Tin Woodman, the Scarecrow and other figures that scored prominent parts in Baum's stories were human. The things they said and did were the things one would expect of people in the same circumstances.

Baum had a genius all his own. Nobody will be able to take his place. But his work will live long in the memories of those who saw Montgomey and Stone personify the characters of the Tin Woodman and the Scarecrow, or who followed the adventures of his grotesque crew through the cleverly illustrated pages of his books.

DASHEEN VS. POTATO

OUT West they are trying to introduce the dasheen as a rival to the potato. Indeed, Desheen vs. Potato is a case before the court of public opinion in almost all of the Western newspapers and in every one of the Western agricultural journals.

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ROUGH ON REDS

THERE comes a wall from certain pacifist circles against the "Rough on Reds" treatment which returned soldiers and sailors are giving some of the radicals who have been trying to overthrow the government for which these young warriors have been fighting.

At the End—Youth If I had created men and women, I should have framed them on a type widely different from that which has actually prevailed—that of the higher mammals.

They would be created on a type that would resemble the great apes as they do, but on the models of insects which, after a life as caterpillars, change into butterflies, and for the broad wings of their existence have no thought but to love and be loved. I should have set youth at the end of the human span.

and the rats. They are both dangerous, both live off the efforts of others, both do their dirty work in the dark, both are destructive, both are carriers of contagion, both breed disease and death.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Requests have been made for a hearing to be given on the Smith bill amending the State Compensation code which was presented to the Senate just before it adjourned for the week-end on Wednesday.

The question whether a committee of the House of Representatives can strike from a bill an amendment made by the House before the bill is re-referred to committee will be threshed out on Monday.

Members of the House of Representatives are trying to dispose of something like 2,000 bills at a time when the General Session of Pennsylvania is in its seventh year of the last decade.

Old Friend Coming Back

The locusts are coming. The seventeen-year locust, Scientists have been warning us for years that the locusts were to come back again.

Impudence of Germany

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OH, MAN!



OH BILLY— I'VE LOST MY BEAUTIFUL PURSE— IT HAD OVER FIFTY DOLLARS IN IT— BUT I DID LOVE MY PURSE



HA— HA— HA— IT'S A GOOD JOKE ON ME— I HAD MY CAR STOLEN— SERVES ME RIGHT— BUT I CAN GET ANOTHER



HANK I LOST A HUNDRED DOLLAR VICTORY BOND— BUT I CAN BE PHILOSOPHICAL— BESIDES I'LL BUY ANOTHER— THOSE THINGS WILL HAPPEN YEH?



BUT— BILL DROP ANOTHER BALL— THAT FOURSOME BACK OF US WANTS GO THROUGH— DROP ANOTHER BALL FOR TH' LUVA MIKE!



I DON'T CARE IF A DOZEN FOURSOMES GO THROUGH— I'M GOING TO FIND THAT BALL!! IT'S RIGHT IN HERE SOME PLACE

Simple Man's Simple Creed

John D. Wells in the Buffalo Evening News. Elisher—he's our hired man— Allows there ain't no better plan of circumventing woe's an' cares than smilin' when 'y' come down stairs.

COLLEGE BOY NO MOLLYCODDLE

FOR example, the idea of using the bayonet was practically distasteful to most of the young college men with whom I talked in America before they came to France. I believe that some natural respectance existed among our troops as a mass.

Peace Term Reminders

Things that came to mind when the peace terms were announced:— Germany knows it isn't true. There was no peace without victory—for the Allies.

Expediting Justice

A bill before the Legislature fixing the time within which any person arrested shall be conveyed before a magistrate and providing penalty for violation of all statutes most persons unfamiliar with the methods of minor courts and officials.

End of German Militarism

The great German General Staff is abolished by the Treaty of Peace and the army is reduced to 100,000 men, including 4,000 officers.

The Constantinople Mandate

This Constantinople mandate will, as a matter of fact, require a lot of consideration before we accept it. It will be a heavy, a costly and possibly a perilous responsibility.

The Metric System

The World Trade Club, of San Francisco, urging that England and America join the metric league and make it compulsory on the system during the war; that world war news were generally printed with metric terms because there was no time to translate.

Hunger in Germany

In characteristic fashion, a German scientist has figured out that hunger, resulting from the Allied blockade caused the people of the empire to lose weight to the aggregate to the extent of 520,000 metric tons.

Booming Bread Prices

Bread prices in Chicago have gone up twenty per cent and a good thing like that may be expected to spread over the country in time.

Breaking News in Missouri

During the coming summer, when some Pilot Grove boys reads in "Forty Buckets of Blood" or "Two Gun Dave" that the hero's trusty rifle spoke thirty and three more blood-thirsty redskins bit the dust, he will not be able to fully appreciate the sufferings of the prostrate Infans, for the city fathers have decided to oil the streets and there will be no dust for Pilot Grove folks to bite.

Evening Chat

Members of the Telegraph family have welcomed home half a dozen of the soldier sons the last few days, but none of the returning warriors who have upheld the traditions of the Harrisburg Telegraph's people in war after war, was extended a heartier greeting than Charles W. Thomas, first lieutenant of Company I, of the One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry.



LIEUT. CHARLES W. THOMAS

their country. Lieutenant Thomas has been in military training most of his life. He started in at Scotland Soldiers' Orphan School and when just of the required age, entered Company I of the old Eighth.

With the close of the Victory Loan campaign to-day, Mercer B. Tate goes back to his "regular job" for the first time since the war started. Many Harrisburg people have been called upon for war service duties, but few have been so steadily at work or so often drafted for arduous work as Mr. Tate, and few, it may be said, could have acquitted themselves so well.

"I am going home to tell the folks in Altoona what I saw in the Boy Scouts of Harrisburg do towards preserving order during the parade on Wednesday," said Harry K. Price, an Altoona man, to a Telegraph reporter yesterday. "I would like Altoona Scouts to know what your boys do. It was certainly an inspiring sight. And those boys know, when they are within their rights, too, as was shown by the spirited manner in which they resisted the efforts of a lad in civilian clothes who struck one of them while the Scout was keeping the crowd back. The Scout was entirely the boys' property. The Scout did only his duty, but certainly did my heart good to see that the youngster who started the disturbance was flogged by the Mayor."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Attorney General Schaffer has been complimented for the action of the State in the telephone rate cases by many of the legislators. —James M. Yeager, former United States marshal, was here yesterday visiting friends on the Hill. He used to be in the Legislature.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg has been making parts for some of the Navy's smaller craft? —This city has operated under five different laws relating to municipal government, the first dating from 1791.