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The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can well, and doing well whatever you do with-out a thought of fame.—Longfellow.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOT the least surprising part of President Wilson's altogether surprising message to Congress yesterday was his recommendation that the railroads be returned to private ownership within the year.

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ing down on his head the powerful opposition of the distillers who are ruled out under the dictum he lays down for Congress. It will be interesting to observe the attitude of the legislative branches of the Government on this matter.

Politics in Pennsylvania

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MOVIE OF A MAN AND AN EARLY STRAW



IN PUBLIC CONVEYANCE CONSPICUOUSNESS (PHEN) INCREASES - HIGHLY UNCOMFORTABLE



We Must Keep German Ships

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer.] When the European war broke out, there were numerous German ships scattered in ports all over the world.

Divorce and Children

SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT. OF PROCEEDINGS ARE STARTED BY WOMEN



FEELS MOST CONSPICUOUS, RAIN DROPS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

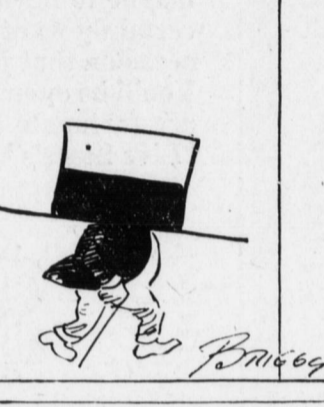
Letter of Appreciation To the Editor of the Telegraph: Please print a copy of the following letter in your publication and oblige:

BURLESON—THE "GOAT"

[From the Johnstown Tribune.] It is not strange that organizations of civil service reformers have joined in the attack on Postmaster General Burleson.



RELIEVED TO ARRIVE AT OFFICE



THE ARMY'S DRIVE

[From the Philadelphia Ledger.] The Salvation Army is not so important as the fact that the Salvation Army is entitled to get what it wants.

Family Doctor Missed

[From the Rochester Post-Express.] The Seattle Post-Intelligencer declares that it has in the past made a wide call for the release from military service of the family doctors.



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Cats and Birds

[From the Boston Transcript.] If cats in Massachusetts really kill as many as 700,000 birds in a season, as the State commissioners of fisheries and game estimate in their annual report, there is a serious problem of justice and point in their appeal for the protection of birds from cats.

Evening Chat

DR. THOMAS E. FINEGAN. That familiar jingle which has gone down in railroad history as the classic in wreck reports: Off agin, on agin, Finegan does not apply to Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, the superintendent to be after June 1 of public instruction for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

For getting the men of a community together on a common footing, where the other better and all become better friends, there is nothing better than an automobile sociability run, said Carl K. Deen, of Camp Hill, the other best friend to know, for he has been chairman of the Camp Hill run ever since the first was held.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Representative Harry Heyburn, who figured in the cold storage debate in the House yesterday, is a farmer and says he can still plow. —Representative C. G. Jordan, of Lawrence county, is the last work in the House on cattle raising and says Pennsylvania is losing great opportunities.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg sells the plate for Government work of many kinds? —Fifty years ago Harrisburg dedicated its Civil War memorial at Second and State streets.

Same Thing Here

The man who used to make his living selling "To Rent" signs must be starving to death now.—From the Detroit News