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courts sit permanently at the seat of government was presented to the Legislature that some opposition would develop in the quarters whence the most vigorous protests have come. But unless these objections are able to present something more legitimate in the way of argument than the hysterical appeals from which we have quoted, they can hardly look for very serious consideration of their protests in the Legislature.

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman
The Pennsylvania Legislature of 1919 will adjourn on June 26. This was determined upon last night at a conference of legislative leaders with Senator Boies Penrose and the Senate caused general gratification on Capitol Hill. General members who have been inclined to protest against the failure to fix a date, expressed themselves as pleased that the answer had come so promptly to the protests of last week.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE
By Briggs
MR. JONES YOU'LL FIND THAT POLICY YOU HAVE TAKEN IS THE FINEST INVESTMENT IN THE WORLD— YOU SHOW A KEEN SENSE OF SOUND BUSINESS JUDGMENT.
BUSINESS JUDGMENT! WELL— I GUESS I AM FETTER FOX AT THAT.
HARRY I WANT TO SELL YOU A POLICY IN MY COMPANY.
I'VE JUST TAKEN OUT A POLICY IN THE H.A.P. INSURANCE CO. — I'M THERE WITH THE BUSINESS HEAD HEY?
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Evening Chat
Four men having soda water fountains in their establishments were asked about the Federal tax of one cent per glass, because that is what it amounts to when one considers that a glass like a street car fare is commonly associated with one nickel's worth in the popular mind. These four men expressed different views, some of them a good deal more calm.

HUNNISH REASONING
TERRORISTS who believe they can weaken the United States government and turn the thoughts of the people toward its overthrow by means of cowardly bomb outrages are reasoning as did the Hun when he called in "frightfulness" in the hope of bringing the people of the Allied nations to their knees. We all know that the effect was precisely the opposite. Germany plotted her own ruin when she turned her bayonets and her bullets against the innocent men, women and children of Belgium and started upon her career of vandalism and incendiarism. Germany has paid dearly in blood and will pay even more extensively in money for every crime of the kind her armies committed.

Important decisions reached yesterday evening upon the legislative leaders, including Senators W. E. Crow and T. L. Eyre, Speaker R. S. Spangler, Representatives W. T. Ramsey and W. J. McClellan, who are expected to be repealed of the nonpartisan judicial act, no new revenue or taxation legislation and the passage of the bill to increase salaries of legislators. Senator Penrose and his staff will not affect present members, but that it should be passed as sessions have been running long and other States have advanced for shorter sessions.

NEEL—AND OTHERS
I wasn't fightin' for money; I wasn't fighting for fame. Or to save the world for Democrats, as some o' them statesmen claim. But I waded into the Boches, when ever I got a chance. An' kept 'em jumpin' backward, till they jumped plumb out o' France. There wasn't much time for thinkin' when the shot an' shrapnel fell. But I reckon that I was fightin' for a girl o' the name o' Nell. (An' a girl named Sue an' a girl named Mame an' a girl named Flo as well.)

Our Strong Financial Position
[From the Boche Review.]
THE strength of the market continues, and no event of the week has shaken it. There have, indeed, been no real happenings of an adverse character. German counter proposals, it is true, present an insolent and defiant front. The city of it is that the situation is such that these international outlaws dare come back with any proposals at all. This brings to mind regrets that the Wilson points and speeches were ever put out to vex the situation, and that Wilson intervention when it had been made, would have made an armistice possible; instead, straight thinking demanded insistence upon unconditional surrender, falling which our armies would have marched through Germany. In either of the latter cases the world would long ago have been at peace, and the dangerous six months just passed, spent largely in working out comparative conditions of the German army was tottering, made an armistice possible; instead, straight thinking demanded insistence upon unconditional surrender, falling which our armies would have marched through Germany.

Glimpse of War Zone
[Congressman W. B. McKinley in Leslie's.]
In the one thousand mile auto trip over Eastern France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Western Germany, one is brought face to face with the exhaustion of war. The man of twenty to thirty years is gone, killed or disabled. Horses have been largely destroyed by war or eaten. In "days" ride I saw one hog, one flock of about one hundred sheep and one flock of seven sheep. In a pasture about fifty miles from Paris I counted one herd of thirty cows. Another group several cows. I am sure fifty additional would aggregate all the cattle I saw in pastures in the ten days. Cows are used before the plow as freely as horses. In the war region you see crowds of German prisoners filling up shell holes and trenches, but as in this section the houses are destroyed, great tracts of land are not being farmed, the most interesting of visible things, whether he or she is on the earth, in the air or under the sea; and animals are scarce, because everything has been sold to the Germans at fancy prices. Germany is suffering from information coming to me I am under the impression many thousands have died of malnutrition, if not actual starvation. It was informed by some of our officers, stationed even on the Rhine, that condemned United States Army horses were sold for food at prices running as high as three hundred dollars. Our Government is beginning to suffer in suffering in our bridgehead around Coblenz.

Socialism's Dullest Side
[From the New York Times.]
Mr. Hanford Henderson, withdrawing from publication a socialist book written by himself, announces that he "now sees that Government ownership and interference, and paternalism generally, are contrary to the highest social welfare, and tend to make a people inefficient, unjust and singularly uninteresting."
The first two counts of the indictment, inefficiency and injustice, need hardly be taken into the court of American public opinion. After the experience of the United States with Government control of railroads and wires the verdict is unanimous against socialism, no matter how it may be disguised.
That socialism is "singularly uninteresting" is the point which appeals most to the imagination, although it is the point which the socialists seem never to consider. The individual human has always been the most interesting of visible things, whether he or she is on the earth, in the air or under the sea; and animals are scarce, because everything has been sold to the Germans at fancy prices. Germany is suffering from information coming to me I am under the impression many thousands have died of malnutrition, if not actual starvation. It was informed by some of our officers, stationed even on the Rhine, that condemned United States Army horses were sold for food at prices running as high as three hundred dollars. Our Government is beginning to suffer in suffering in our bridgehead around Coblenz.

Want Roads Turned Back
Results of a questionnaire on Government ownership of the railroads, announced yesterday by the Association of Railway Executives, showed the newspapers overwhelmingly against continued control. The questions were sent to 13,424 newspapers through the Press Service. The questions and the nature of the replies follow.
Does public opinion, in your judgment, seem to favor, the return of the railroads to private ownership and operation as soon as this can be properly accomplished? Yes, 83 per cent; no, 11 per cent; doubtful or not voting, 6 per cent.
If so, is the opinion in part based on the desire to see competition in service and facilities restored? Yes, 75 per cent; no, 6 per cent; doubtful or not voting, 19 per cent.
What is the present sentiment in your community on Government ownership and operation of railroads? Seventy-eight per cent estimated public sentiment against Government ownership; 11 per cent for; and 11 per cent doubtful and not voting.
What has been the feeling regarding the proposal to extend the period of Government operation in five years? Against, 74 per cent; for, 10 per cent; doubtful and not voting, 16 per cent.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE
—The Rev. Dr. Samuel C. Black, the new president of Washington and Jefferson, has assumed his duties.
—The Rev. Dr. J. R. Denys, of Pittsburg, is to have charge of the sections of the big Methodist centenary exhibition in Columbus this summer.
—The Rev. William F. Rents, prominent Williamsport minister, is to retire from the ministry.
—The Rev. Frederick P. Haughton, chaplain of the One Hundred and Third Engineers at Scranton, is to retire from the ministry.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE
—Woman suffragists started in last night to prepare the ways for the Legislature of Pennsylvania to take the Federal amendment proposing suffrage. They anticipate that it will be through Congress within a short time and it is the plan to have it presented to the Keystone State in the next session. If possible, it will be brought up in Pennsylvania first, as this State has been considered as against suffrage and a victory here would come pretty near assuring passage generally.
—Senator Vard's defiance of Senator Penrose on the police commissioner bill and the passage of the Eyre nonpartisan judicial repealer will take a definite enough food for political talk for weeks to come.
—The second-class city assessor's bill was recalled from the Governor by the House on motion of Mr. Goehring, Allegheny. This bill is being strongly opposed in Pittsburgh as it would increase assessors and a company, but is also in the hands of the Governor.

NAVY MUST BE MAINTAINED!
[From the Kansas City Times]
Secretary Daniels urges Congress to "show its confidence in the covenant of the League of Nations" by cutting down its naval program. He professes his own confidence in the league and calls the covenant "the most momentous document in two thousand years."
The United States to trust to its defense to a treaty! It passes comprehension.
Is the country to base its security on the personal faith of the Secretary of the Navy in an experiment which has repeatedly been tried and always has failed? Mr. Daniels may risk his personal fortunes on any experiment that appeals to him. That is his private affair. But the fortune of the Nation is another matter.

SCOUTS' GOOD TURN
[Philadelphia Public Ledger.]
The Boy Scouts deserve all that is done for them," said a noted Philadelphia engineer.
"Here's an incident which came under my notice:
"Two of them were aides at a Historical Society party for soldiers and sailors.
"On their way home they came across a colored man lying ill in a gutter with a cut on his head. Did they leave him there? They did not. They went to the man and they carried him to take charge. They carried the man from Sixteenth and Locust to Eighteenth and Lombard, where they left him in a third-floor front room in care of a wife.
"Here were members of Troop 22 of Holy Trinity Church. They did only what other boys of other troops would do if they had the chance."

THE DEATH OF GRAMMAR
[From the Spokane Spokesman Review.]
English as commonly written today certainly seems to have lost the dignity and the grandeur that it had a century ago. Then such masters of the language as Cobbett, Coleridge, DeQuincy or Hazlitt were journalists as well as poets or essayists, and their leading articles had a certain effect on the public from being literature.
The arrival of the age of steam, electricity and cheap postage was followed by a change in the style of writing and speaking. "Say what you have to say as briefly and quickly as possible, and don't bother about finery or expression" became the general rule and practice. The new millions of readers demanded that their reading be expressed in the language of every day speech. The obligation of compressing matters into one thousand words, or fewer, in death, in the end, to style. The literary form favored is in touch with the turned up trousers fashion of wearing one's clothing. It is free and easy and craves, red with linguistic atrocities. Plural subjects are polygamously wedded to singular verbs, and Lindley Murray turns in his grave on account of the death of grammar.

IF GERMANY DON'T SIGN
[From the Philadelphia Ledger.]
If the Germans refuse to sign, the first steps of the program thus forced upon the allies will be much simplified, whatever may eventually follow. The allies will be definitely challenged—not five or ten years hence, when they may be less able to act unitedly and promptly than now—but at once, when their armies stand ready to leap forward from the Rhine and their ships can swiftly re-establish the blockade. It is this fact which renders it most unlikely that the Germans will not sign something.

DO YOU KNOW
—That Harrisburg was represented in every branch of army service in France from chaplains to railroad trainmen?
—Historic Harrisburg—John Harris was three times ambushed by Indians and shot at while running his ferry on other occasions.

PUERILE OPPOSITION
SOME remarkable objections to the Hess bills providing for permanent sittings of the Supreme and Superior Courts at the Capitol are put forth in a circular said to have been issued by the Allegheny County Bar Association. This circular is being sent, according to advices from Pittsburgh, to boards of trade and other civic organizations and lawyers throughout the State. Under the caption of "More Burdens For Litigants and Lawyers," the circular asserts that the passage of the Hess bills will add such burdens upon litigants "as almost to prohibit the right of citizens to have their controversies determined by the highest tribunals" and "the most precious heritage of American freedom is security in having right and justice impartially administered to rich and poor alike."
After some more of the same sort, the circular declares that "its origin (the proposed change) is undiscoverable, that no reason for the revolutionary change has been advanced and unless opposed, the 'unknown forces' are expected to compel passage of the legislation."
It was naturally expected when the proposal to have the higher

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A Bureaucratic Privilege
[From the New York World.]
The railroad administration announces that reduced passenger-fare tickets to conventions will not be sold earlier than June 10 and that "more stringent regulations" will be applied to the sale of such tickets "to make certain that only bona fide delegates receive the privilege of the lower rates." That is to say, the privilege will be a characteristically bureaucratic privilege and will be the usual amount of red tape.

SAYS TEXANS DIDN'T "BITE"
[From the Houston Post.]
Senator Capper says in his newspaper that Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas invested more money in fake oil stocks last year than they did in Liberty bonds. Speak for Kansas, Capper. Texas made some investments, but we take it that outside suckers owned most of the money invested in the fake Texas stocks.

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