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THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1919

A voice within us speaks the startling word, "Man, thou shalt never die!"—Richard H. Dana.

A SCHOOL DUTY

TEACHING the school children their responsibility as future citizens is a duty which devolves upon the school officials and teachers as one of the most important of the matters to which attention should be given in the most serious fashion.

Dr. Finegan, the new head of the State Department of Public Instruction, comes to us with a fine reputation for constructive educational work and in giving attention to the future educational policies of the Commonwealth we believe he will be more than justified in devoting considerable thought to the awakening of the child mind to individual responsibility for community progress and commonsense administration of the people's business.

The relation of the school pupil to the community is a problem worthy the most serious consideration. As the girls and boys learn how much depends upon them and their future activities they will approach the study of civic duty with enthusiasm, but they must be guided by their elders at home and in the schools.

HUNTING COVER

AND now Brother Frank L. Polk, about the only official in the State Department to remain on the job, has resigned. "His health will not permit," etc. etc. Oh, no! No unpleasantness because of Mr. Wilson's refusal to tell the Senate or the people what is going on in Europe. Everything O. K., but he quits! He's through! Never again! Ee-nuff! So say they all of them—McAdoo, Reynolds and a string of others. That black storm cloud is growing larger daily. It is the people's wrath.

A FITTING OBSERVANCE

IT is very fitting that July 1 should have been chosen as the date for dedicating the memorials erected at Gettysburg to three of Pennsylvania's distinguished commanders in that titanic conflict and it is proper also, that the State should pay the expenses of transporting to the battlefields the survivors of the hosts these generals led with such marked success. It was on July 1, 1863, that these men went to Gettysburg on a far different mission and it is appropriate indeed that they be permitted, as the guests of the State they dared all to defend, to celebrate the anniversary there.

The three heroic memorials to be dedicated on widely separated parts of the National Park were erected several years ago to General Andrew Adkins Humphreys, General Alexander Hays and General John White Geary. The stirring times of the World War and other conditions made necessary the postponement of formal ceremonies of dedication until the present time, but now July 1 has been officially announced for the events.

What significance the unveilings may have lost through the delay will be more than compensated by the plans now under way for the event. Governor William C. Sprout will make the formal address of presentation, in which he will turn over the memorials from the State of Pennsylvania to the War Department. Secretary of War Newton D. Baker will be present to accept, in

Politics in Pennsylvania

Latest objections to the Philadelphia charter bill, which developed through the House with only two dissenting votes, are not regarded as serious and an opinion is expressed that the charter bill will find its way to the Governor's desk a week hence.

It is a good sign that in the joy and triumph of another great victory, we have not lost sight of the glorious deeds of a generation now fast passing and that we gladly give them the place in our thoughts they so richly deserve. A Nation that remembers and reveres its heroic dead is safe from the insidious plottings of foes within as it is ready to meet with drawn sword the threat of any foe from without.

A whisky bottle was thrown from a train near Altoona the other day and a trackhand suffered a painful injury. The bottle thrower was removed from the train and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of \$4.40. These are tough days for John Barleycorn.

A POPULAR WRITER

The illness of Ella Wheeler Wilcox, which threatens to prove fatal, has deprived the telegraph of contributions in verse that have been published in these columns at intervals for years through the medium of the great feature syndicate by way of which her writings reached the public. Mrs. Wilcox is an outstanding figure in American literature, a peculiar genius whose place among the writers of her day remains to be fixed. Some of her verse will stand the test of years and nearly all of it has, or did have when it was written, a wide appeal. A little of it has lost the identity of its authorship and has passed into the form of current quotation, among these bits from her pen being the universally popular:

Laugh and the world laughs with you Weep and you weep alone For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth, but you must mourn for it. It has sorrow enough of its own.

At the age of nine she had written a "poem" that attracted the attention of at least one editor, but it was not until her widely, but unfairly criticized "Poems of Passion" appeared that she gained the notice some of her better verse so richly merits. Unlike many of the writers of her period, her married life was a long romance until the death of her husband, for whom she mourned for years, and it was in response to what she believed to be the promptings of his spirit that she went to France to take up the work which has produced a nervous and physical breakdown from which her doctors say there can be no recovery.

No more popular author has ever contributed to the columns of the Telegraph and it is with sincere regret that thousands of readers will learn that she has at last laid down her pen, perhaps for all time.

FOLLOWING PRECEDENT

THE select committee on investigation of war activities recently provided for by the House is made up of fifteen members, ten Republicans and five Democrats. Since it is the purpose of the committee to split into about five sub-committees of three members each, this number is necessary in order that no man should serve on two different sub-committees. There will be two Republicans and one Democrat on each sub-committee.

Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, had a conviction fit over what he termed the injustice of such a small minority representation, assuring the new members of the House that it was without precedent. Whereupon Representative Longworth arose and called attention to the Democratic investigating committee of the Sixty-third Congress—the committee on expenditures in the Interior Department—which was made up of five Democrats and two Republicans, while the Democratic committee on expenditures in the War Department seated five Democrats and only one Republican.

OUT WITH THEM

THOSE Germans who have been interned at Fort Ogehorpe in Georgia since the entrance of the United States into the war, and who have constantly rubbed into Americans their theories of the German superman and the superiority of the fatherland over every other corner of the earth, are going to be sent back to the country whence they came, where they can browse to their hearts' content, and let us hope that they will never again tread the soil of free America.

One of these is Dr. Karl Muck, the former conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. His name may be significant of the character of his propaganda. Muck will be accompanied by a group of other persons, including the captain of the Prince Eitel Frederick, now the property of the United States Government. Most of the bunch were active in weaving the net of German intrigue which was responsible for getting a lot of otherwise decent citizens into trouble. What causes most surprise in the mind of the average American is the great consideration which has been given these pro-German propagandists by those in authority in Washington. It is high time that the country was rid of them.

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WHY BOMBS? [From Christian Science Monitor.]

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But it requires to be understood and applied. If the proletarian hosts who have come to this country from Europe—and it matters not whether they are proletarians or not—voluntarily or were induced or coerced by American capitalists in need of laborers; they came seeking individual betterment, not the overthrow of the American idea of government.

No Wonder Germany Quit

ABOUT 8:30 a. m., September 12, we were sure a cheerful bunch of soldiers, Major Frank C. Mahin, of the Army Recruiting Station, Harrisburg. "We were about six kilometers back of the German front lines, had killed oodles of Boche, had, nobody knew how many prisoners, a bunch of cannon, two machine guns, to be exact, machine guns and all sorts of other booty, and to top it all we weren't but about eight hundred yards from the army objective where we were due at 9 a. m., and we knew there weren't any Germans to speak of in that eight hundred yards. The first American success we knew, because we were the pivot and we had broken through, so even if our outfits on our left were held up the Boche would have to retire. Just as we were so particularly pleased with ourselves, the rolling barrage passed over a small clump of woods and out popped two Boche, one with a machine gun, one with a machine gun, wounds, thirst, hunger, all were instantly forgotten, and like a pack of hounds after a rabbit we all started to run those two Boche down. Whooping and yelling like a bunch of small boys we flew. Those Boche didn't run a hundred yards before they quit, dropped their belts and threw up their hands. The other was a captain and the other a private. I spoke to the captain, asked him what he was doing with only one man and he answered that he and his orderly were the last men of his regiment, the Three Hundred and Fifty-First Prussian Regiment. He was a very bright man, about thirty years old, so I took him along to question at leisure. Upon further inquiry he proved to be a graduate of the University of Breslau, and a very well informed man. After answering a lot of questions, he asked me if we were English. I said we were Americans. He said: "Nothing but Americans?" looking all around. I told him we were. He then remarked that he had seen the French on the right and left and absolutely refused to believe me when I told him it was a purely American attack, seventeen American divisions, he asked me if there weren't that many Americans in France, including the men in the Service of Supply; that he had seen the official figure of the landings in France, and that the due to the submarine campaign, we had only been able to land less than 400,000 men up to September 1, and that seventeen divisions would be landed over 300,000 in the month of August, and he just laughed and said that was a good joke on a poor prisoner. He said: "I was lying. A month later, despite the lying reports of the German government, every German officer and soldier knew that at least a million and a half Americans were in France and that their government was lying to them."

The Industrial Titan of America

A Great Story of Pennsylvania's Wonderful Resources, by John Oliver La Gorce

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people produce one-sixth of the world's pig iron and the same proportion of its coal.

Where Many Industries Thrive Yet, with all of this concentration, Pennsylvania has a greater diversity of industries than any other State, leading both New York and Illinois in that particular. This versatile geographic Titan forces the highest standards of civilization and ever undertaken to make and the most delicate micrometers that science demands for traversing the realms beyond the millionth of an inch.

With equal success it fabricates tremendous testing machines that give the State two great salients into New Jersey: bounded on the north by the forty-second parallel and a bit of Lake Erie; separated from Maryland and West Virginia by Mason and Dixon's Line, and from Ohio by one that runs nearly midway between the eightieth and eighty-fifth parallels. The State is a parallelogram except for the wandering course of the Delaware River, the arc of Delaware State, and the jog up to Lake Erie.

Some one has observed that Pennsylvania bridges span most of the rivers of the earth, and that Pennsylvania locomotives run over Pennsylvania rails in all the continents of the world, and that Pennsylvania is heard throughout the world, along with the squeal of the edible poppy.

Many Nations Have Contributed An analysis proves that the great influx of alien labor, Pennsylvania outranks every other State in the Union in the number of sons and daughters of immigrants. Pennsylvania has a million and a half foreign-born people, more than any other State in the Union.

Essentially a Thrifty People Pennsylvania is distinguished by the great number of foreigners. No other State has so many Welsh, Austrians, or Hungarians. It has more Welsh than any other State, more Austrians than the Province of Salzburg, more Hungarians than any two cities. It has as many Budapests as the counties of Cambridge and Oxford together; as many Irish as County Kerry; as many Scotch as the County of Clackmannan; and more Russians as the Government of Kharkov.

Many men have essayed to look into the future of the American people to see what the United States will be when the nation reaches its maturity. Perhaps Pennsylvania can supply the answer. When one travels through the southeast, visits the anthracite country of the northeast, wanders around through the splendid valleys of the Alleghenies, and then goes into the bituminous and manufacturing region beyond the Alleghenies, he marvels at the wealth of the land, and the interest some turbulent scenes witnessed in the House when presiding officers did not have the easy time which up to date it has been Speaker Spanner's good fortune to experience.

Other Big Crops

Nothing has been said officially yet about corn. That will be treated by the Department of Agriculture later on. But several crops, in addition to wheat, have been reported on. Oats, for one, is reported at a condition of 93.2, the same as at this time last year, but a little better than the ten-year average of 89.4. Rye is placed at 92.5 at the present time, against 82.6 in 1918, and 85.3 for the ten-year average, while hay, both kinds, is put at 94.1, against 89.0 a year ago, and a ten-year average of 87.3. The question Wall Street is now asking is: How do the West do with its money?—New York Times.

By BRIGGS

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British's Huge Estates

Westerners of the United States delight in boasting of the great extent of their ranches. But there is a little group of men over in England or Lord or Marquis, who might tell them a few pointers. They British chaps know how the thing is done. A thousand or so acres is a mere drop in the bucket to them. An interesting list was thrown out at a hearing before the Coal Commission.

Lord Tredegar testified that his estate approximated 82,000 acres, of which 18,800 contained coal. From that seventeen divisions would be landed over 300,000 in the month of August, and he just laughed and said that was a good joke on a poor prisoner. He said: "I was lying. A month later, despite the lying reports of the German government, every German officer and soldier knew that at least a million and a half Americans were in France and that their government was lying to them."

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Evening Chat

Harrisburg may be among the dead when it comes down to professional baseball, but it is certainly among the quick in regard to drawing the curtains on the season. There are half a dozen diamonds about the city which you can locate by the cheers of the crowd and the shouting of the spectators. There are half a dozen diamonds about the city which you can locate by the cheers of the crowd and the shouting of the spectators.

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

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