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WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1919 The best preparation for the future to the present will seen to.—George Macdonald.

THE KIPONA

NEWS that plans for the annual Kipona are under way will be good tidings to thousands who previous to the war enjoyed the wonderful river festivities that marked the close of the vacation season in Harrisburg.

There is no prettier spot on a late summer day in all Pennsylvania, or in any other State for that matter, than the Susquehanna basin opposite Harrisburg, and the "front steps" provide an ideal seating arrangement for the thousands who go out to witness the spectacle.

The nation's public debt on the first of June was \$26,000,000,000, an increase of \$1,095,810,750 during May resulting from new issues of certificates of indebtedness and payments on victory loan subscriptions.

HARRISBURG'S MEMORIAL

A GENERATION ago it would not have been possible to secure the co-operation between the State and the city which now characterizes every step in the development of comprehensive and artistic plans for the improvement of the Capitol grounds and the outside environment for which the city is responsible.

As a result of this neighborhood co-operation there has been a steady and consistent improvement along constructive and artistic lines. One after another the unsightly features of the original Capitol Park treatment have disappeared and there has come a comprehensive plan which is being followed in the making of beautiful surroundings for the imposing State House.

The recent Legislature provided for the further treatment of the park and its most impressive feature will be the great memorial viaduct which will extend from the eastern edge of the park across the Paxton Creek Valley and the Pennsylvania Railroad to a point near Thirteenth street. This will constitute the formal entrance to the city from the east and is certain to prove an enduring and practical memorial of the Pennsylvania boys who represented the State in the great war for justice and humanity.

And now comes the Chamber of Commerce committee, which was charged with the study of a proper memorial for Harrisburg's soldiers and sailors, with a suggestion that, must at once commend itself as an admirable solution of the memorial problem.

as the Harrisburg memorial will be a dignified and component feature of the memorial viaduct. It is the inspiration of Arnold W. Bruner, the great civic architect, who is developing the plans of the State. This memorial will occupy a conspicuous site at the eastern approach of the memorial structure and is certain to attract the admiration of all who appreciate dignity and appropriateness in the choosing of permanent memorials.

While the marble bench and the bronze pedestal of the flag pole will at once hold the attention of all who enter and depart from the city, in fact that there has been co-operation between the State and the city in producing this dual memorial will be the subject of general commendation and approval.

"Watchful waiting" has been discarded for "watchful preparedness" in the Administration's attitude toward Mexico. Any attitude which suits the Administration so long as it spells inaction.

NOT FOR US

FROM certain not disinterested quarters comes the advice to Americans to resume the purchase of German-made goods.

Not for us! A bite of German food would choke the man who, trying to swallow it, chanced to think what the hand that packed it or grew it might have done during the war. A German toy made by one of the brutes who murdered the children of Belgium and France and ravished their mothers would be an insult to the sacred precincts of any American home.

No, we in America can get along very well without German-made goods. We did during the war and nobody suffered, and now that we are trying to find work for our returning soldiers and endeavoring to get business back on a peace basis, let us spend our money for American-made goods.

SWAT THE MOSQUITO

FOR years Harrisburg has been "swatting the fly." Now it is turning its attention to the mosquito. The mosquito is a pest that can be banished more easily than the fly and at less expense.

We used to have yellow fever in many American ports, and once it got as far north as Philadelphia. The scourge was a mystery then, but now we know it was due to mosquito bites. And it is the same with malaria. Fortunately for us, the dam in Willowood, the Paxton creek sewer system and the sanitary dam in the river which covers most of the flats have relieved us of the malaria mosquitoes, but we still have the menace with us, as the Health Department points out, and we ought to drain away or otherwise neutralize the swampy zones that now furnish such excellent breeding places.

The Scranton Republican is taking a big interest in the ballot legislation and says editorially: "One of the final acts of the Pennsylvania Legislature and one which will meet with the approval of the people of the Commonwealth, was to pass the bill requiring election officers to follow the constitution in counting ballots on election days."

Malaria causes thousands of deaths in this country every year, and is the cause of a very great deal of sickness. But it is being gradually eradicated by draining of mosquito-breeding areas.

The Postoffice Department has removed its restrictions on the shipment to Italy of foodstuffs by parcel post. The F. O. D. should now equip this service with a sanitary corps, or the regulations should permit the mailing only of such foods as improve with age.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Indications are that the Republican State organization will get behind the candidacy of Superior Court Judge William L. Keller, of Lancaster for election for the full term of ten years.

While no announcement has been made concerning him, one has entered the field against him or has been talked of who is likely to secure much backing and many influential Republicans are openly supporting him.

It is regarded here as probable that Chief of Mines Seward E. Button will be retained under the Sprout administration.

Reorganization of the State Agricultural Department will probably be undertaken at an early day as the outline has been prepared for the Governor.

Some charges will also take place in the Department of Labor and Industry within a short time, authority to make them being now vested in the acting commissioner under a recent act.

The election of 1919 is not a general election and therefore no proposed amendments to the constitution will be presented to the people of Pennsylvania this year and furthermore the proposed amendment establishing the graded tax falls because the resolution offering it to the voters was not passed.

The decision disposes of the question whether the constitutional amendments passed by the Legislature in 1917 should be voted upon this year and knocks out the graded tax amendment entirely. The graded tax amendment was passed in 1917 and was voted upon this year and knocks out the graded tax amendment entirely.

Philadelphia municipal politics which kept the Legislature all stirred up have taken a spurt as a result of meetings of the independent and of the Republican city committee. The independent element held a conference with the Town Meeting party and the Republican Alliance to discuss the mayoralty and the Philadelphia Record, Democratic organ, says that they met in the afternoon of Wednesday and deferred action on a slate until August.

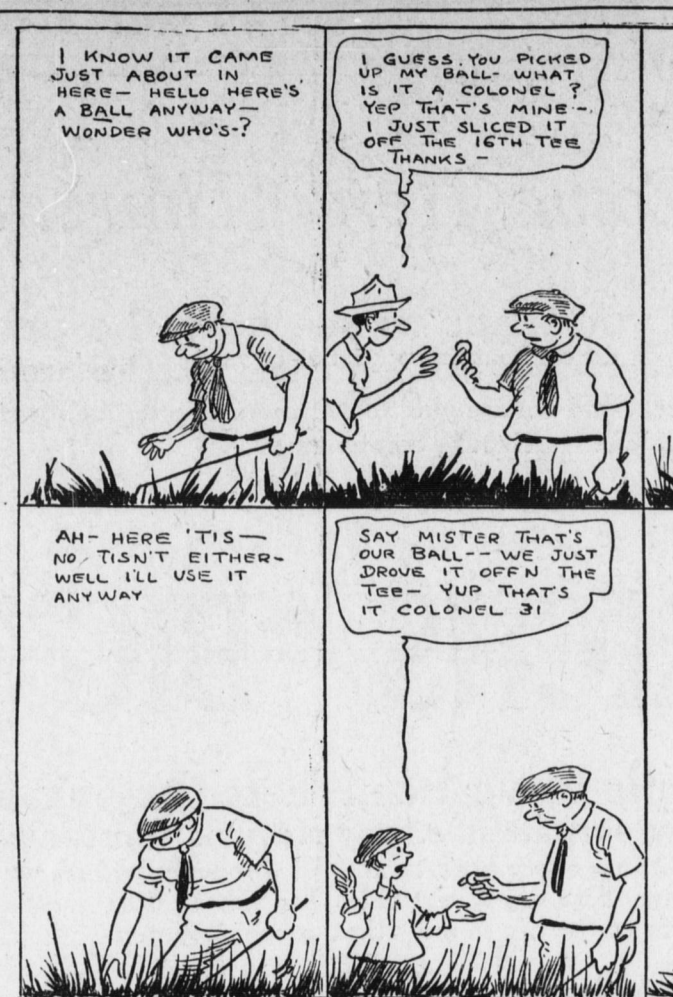
Selection of Philadelphia councilmen is the subject of some earnest discussion in Philadelphia newspapers, the Evening Bulletin saying that it should be a matter for "special exertion and vigilance" on the part of citizens.

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TRADE BRIEFS

There is a great shortage of scales of all kinds in South Africa, particularly counter and outside scales. The 1919 rice crop is a failure in Cochinchina, and will probably not exceed 60 to 70 per cent. of a normal year on account of an excessively dry season.

YOU CAN FIND EVERYBODY ELSE BUT YOUR OWN



Prohibition and Wilson

[Philadelphia North American] With President Wilson openly hostile to the law and proclaiming his purpose to cancel it at the first opportunity, and with his Attorney General adding to the confusion, it could hardly be expected that the rum-sellers would take the law seriously. The head of the Anti-Saloon League in New York state has clearly shown where responsibility lies: By throwing a monkey wrench into the enforcement machinery.

Kaiser Bill and Napoleon

W HATEVER may be the decision of the International Council regarding William Hohenzollern, there is much in his present situation which suggests the disposition which the Allies of another century made of Napoleon Bonaparte. The late Emperor of Germany also may have his Saint Helena and end his days in exile on some distant isle.

When W. W. Gets Back

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"No Beer, No Tips"

[The Pittsburgh Dispatch.] A. C. Stephens, president of the Ohio Hotel Association, discloses another angle to the prohibition problem. With the going out of liquor, he predicts, the country will likely go on a tipless binge, he says, and more easily, he says, and more generously when they have swallowed a few drinks. But that is not all.

Dean Wears Knickers

[Des Moines Register] Years ago Dean Holmes Cowper, of Drake University, after carefully studying portraits of men of Revolutionary time and after having been presented with a frilly black sack evening coat by his grandmother, property of his grandfather, decided the clothes that men of modern times wore were really unbecomingly and uncomfortable.

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Don't Blame Goldenrod

[From the Scientific American.] A protest has recently been raised against the time-honored project of adopting the goldenrod as the national flower of the United States, on the ground that it is a cause of hay fever and hence no one ought to be done that would encourage its prevalence.

Tried the Two Extremes

[From Ed Howe's Monthly] The world dislikes those men and women who talk a great deal about their ills. This is wrong, of course; a man with a bad stomach or a woman with a weak heart should receive the tenderest consideration; but the fact remains that they do not. So I say very briefly that the "monthly" for June is as bum as my stomach, with which I have lately been having a siege. I have received advice ranging from that of an eminent professor at Johns Hopkins University to that of a nigger man who says he knows a weed which, boiled in rain-water three hours, and a spoonful of the juice taken three times a day, will afford complete relief. But so far neither the nigger nor the professor has done me any good.

No Wonder Germany Quit

NUMBER TWENTY-THREE

"Who ever heard of silk burlap?" said Colonel B. Kemper of the Army Recruiting station, 325 Market street, Harrisburg, "and yet that is one of the things that helped win the war. The powder bags that were big guns have been packed in cloth bags for convenience in handling. These bags in the past have been of canvas or similar material, but that wasn't good enough for this war. Probably half of the big gun firing during the war has been at night and it was discovered that the old-fashioned powder bags burned during the powder explosion with quite a bright flash and that also they left considerable ash in the barrel of the gun which scratched the gun when it was fired again. It was found that silk burlap with much less flash, consequently making the location of the gun harder to detect, and further it left practically no ash in the barrel. Still another consideration was that the silk burlap is of great tensile strength is very great and the bags therefore hold their shape better. Now if the Boche located in the night the flash they would promptly shell it, killing or wounding the crew and destroying the gun itself, also anything that would tend to prevent deterioration of the powder was so much needed. Thus it was good economy to substitute silk bags for cheaper textiles. The different sized guns used powder bags of different weights so for the smaller type guns it was not necessary to use as heavy silk as in the larger guns so silk of five different grades was used."

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