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I think we all know well what courage is. Not tears, not blood, not bulk, not bravery.

—John Davidson.

CAN'T HAVE HIM

ST. HELENA puts in a bid for the Kaiser, anticipating that the sentence of the international court to try him will be banishment for life.

DEEDS BACK WORDS

THERE is probably no truth to the report that Secretary Baker said he would make the war so costly the American people would never want another one.

FALLACIOUS ARGUMENT

SPEAKING before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, some time ago, a Chicago lawyer advocated the Government ownership but private operation of the roads.

For operating purposes he would organize a corporation "where operating capacity would be its sole capital."

by the President of the United States, with confirmation by the Senate. No method was suggested for the selection of any of the directors by the people who are to be served by the roads.

The line of argument upon which the attorney based his scheme is somewhat as follows: "Under the old system of private ownership and operation the hope of increased returns actuated only those individuals employed in the service who might reasonably be expected to share in those returns.

This statement, even if it were true, would not serve as a support for the plan of turning the management of the roads over to the employees. That the great majority of the railroad employees of the country have been actuated by fear of loss of their jobs is so preposterous as to discredit the man making the assertion.

Promotion on the basis of merit has been the almost universal rule among the railroad systems of the country.

It is true that only a small proportion of the total number of employees can ever get to the top in the railway service, but that will be true under any plan of operation that can be devised.

The fact is that in every line of work—farming, merchandising, manufacturing, railroading, banking, publishing and what not—the large rewards are relatively few.

The man who is now at the head of the Railway Administration began as a lawyer, not as a practical railroad workman.

Paderewski finds the job of premier in rejuvenated Poland so strenuous that he has given up music completely.

THOUGHTLESS OF HIM

MARSHAL FOCH is a good soldier, but a poor diplomat. In the midst of much impassioned oratory from the Democratic side of the Senate in behalf of the League of Nations as an instrument for the perpetuation of world peace, the Marshal, addressing a victory celebration in London, has this to say:

"The next time England will be in the same position as the last time it will not be ready and it will have to wait."

The military history of the world contains no parallel to the production of such an army in such a way. In every respect the British army has been superb.

The next war? Doesn't the Marshal know that we are about to have a League of Nations? Or is it possible he doesn't take much stock in its efficacy as a peace promoting institution?

The next war? We bet a dime President Wilson wouldn't let an American general talk like that—at least not until the Senate has voted on the League plan. It was thoughtless on the part of the Marshal to talk like that, oh, very thoughtless, just at this time.

Major General Clarence H. Edwards, according to Boston editors, has asked the War Department that soldiers stationed at the coast defense be allowed to wear civilian clothes when on pass or furlough.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Plans for reorganization of a number of departments of the State government which have been hanging fire for weeks owing to the close of the legislative session and the desire of Governor William C. Fisher to have the organization of the State before taking hold of such matters will be made effective between now and September 1.

Before leaving Harrisburg last night Governor Sprout consulted with a number of heads of departments on their plans and some of them said they would undergo revision. The Governor is in Washington to-day attending the meeting of the Meade Memorial State Commission, of which he is one of the members, and will spend the weekend at home, going to the Pacific coast next week for a brief vacation and business trip.

He is expected to return to Harrisburg the middle of August or earlier. Before leaving, the Governor got the latest information on the North bank and declined to express any opinion in the matter. The most significant thing connected with the Governor's approval of appropriations to the extent of \$102,000,000 more than the record figure of 1917, is the warning to be given to heads of departments of the State to be economical and that the large appropriations granted this year were to meet more than \$2,000,000 in efficiency appropriations caused by the conditions and emergencies. They are not going to recur, says the Governor.

Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, who is to raise the unexpended revenue to meet the appropriations says he is ready to undertake it. He has given the Governor that assurance.

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MOVIE OF A MAN IN THE FRONT ROW

A STRANGER IN THE TOWN HE GETS A NICE FRONT ROW SEAT - SEES A FRENCH TYPE COMING ON STAGE IN A SINGING ACT

BEGINS TO WORRY FOR FEAR SHE WILL SING ONE OF THOSE PERSONAL SONGS TO SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE

SURE ENOUGH SHE IS LOOKING STRAIGHT AT HIM - TRIES TO APPEAR UNCONCERNED HOPEING SHE MIGHT PICK ON SOMEBODY ELSE

NOW SHE IS LEANING RIGHT OVER FOOTLIGHTS AND APPEALING TO HIM THUS "WON'T YOU BE A NICE LITTLE, FAT LITTLE DADDY TO ME" (BLUSHES)

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Food and the Package

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The Prince o' Dreams

We dream; and the mounting vision, Freed from the reek and stain Of sin-browned, every-day existence, To skies that are clear again—Homes redeemed from the spoiler, The child at his happy day; But for every dream we win to fact, With blood and with tears we pay.

Hard Work Would Help

[From the Detroit Free Press.] High prices make high wages, and again high wages make high prices, and the process keeps on indefinitely in a whirling way that turns the head and provokes the armistice effort to have the office holders pay the cost of running the reorganization machine and the disturbance created over abolishing the Scranton revenue district while Scranton district remains, there are some lively discussions among Democratic leaders.

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Striking For Petrograd

[From the New York Tribune.] A joint movement to envelop Petrograd was started last spring. Some of the men who had been working in the plant were sent over to operate the plants in France. Sixteen such plants were built overseas with a capacity sufficient to take care of 2,000,000 men. Incidentally this system was very much opposed for the Government than the old system of purchasing already roasted and ground. So finally, instead of getting a liter (one-quarter of our pint) of wine, the French Polu called it—a day as the Frenchmen did and an emergency issue of rum or brandy that was so strong and fiery it made your hair curl and your boys were getting all they wanted of the American National drink, good coffee.

No Wonder Germany Quit

NUMBER THIRTY "When we first went into the trenches in France there was one thing that used to make us all sore, said Major Frank C. Mahin, of the Army Recruiting Station, 323 Mark street, Harrisburg, and at what time when the men were cold, wet and exhausted, the English and French troops received on issue of six ounces of rum or wine to brace them up and stimulate them, while under the same circumstances we were expected to get stimulated on fresh air. Prohibition is all right, but only four o'clock of a dark, rainy morning, when you are plastered with mud and have had no sleep or dry clothes for days your vitality is at the very lowest ebb. The only thing you really desire in the world at such a time is to die as quickly as it is possible to do so, and I really mean that. A bit of brandy or rum will warm you clear to the toes and put life and pep in your veins. A quart of hot, black coffee will do equally well, but the question is how to get hundreds of gallons of hot coffee up to the front line trenches. It simply couldn't be done, consequently our men had to suffer, and suffer they did for a while until we began to get soluble coffee issued for use in the trenches and as we couldn't build fires to heat water we also drew cans of instant coffee. Then things took on another aspect in the American sectors. When a man came in chilled to the bone and about all in, he touched a match to a can of alcohol, put his cup full of water on top and in a couple of minutes dropped in two or three spoons full of soluble coffee, stirred it up and drank it. The result was strong, black coffee. But here came in a problem; the entire output of soluble coffee in the United States is only six hundred pounds daily and the army needed forty thousand pounds per day in France alone. When we tried to increase the production it was found that the machinery needed and this cost a great deal of money. The machinery was ordered. Also the material used in the manufacture of other munitions. But it was even more important that the Doughboy at the front be given hot drinks, so the necessary machinery was built and put in operation. Of course this soluble coffee was only an emergency drink and during the daytime coffee was brought up ready made in cans. At the beginning of the war coffee was purchased, ready roasted and ground, from competitive dealers. It was then collected in warehouses, shipped to France, held there in storage and then sent over to the front. By that time it had deteriorated so much that half its value as a stimulant was lost and it was often in a crumbly condition. The men were given coffee for the men. So we had to change that and ship all coffee to France in the green berries, built roasting and grinding plants in various parts of France. Then we found there was a shortage of trained men and we had to go to work and teach men how to roast and grind coffee and send them over to operate the plants in France. Sixteen such plants were built overseas with a capacity sufficient to take care of 2,000,000 men. Incidentally this system was very much opposed for the Government than the old system of purchasing already roasted and ground. So finally, instead of getting a liter (one-quarter of our pint) of wine, the French Polu called it—a day as the Frenchmen did and an emergency issue of rum or brandy that was so strong and fiery it made your hair curl and your boys were getting all they wanted of the American National drink, good coffee.

The Vanished Parlor

According to the Rome (Ga.) Tribune-Herald, "the parlor was a heritage of a false aristocracy, and in its passing we have our expression of the new democracy," adding: "When a person entered the parlor of a man's home, he clothed himself with a certain quality, he stood upright, sat in a certain way, and talked in stage whisper, using only correct phraseology. The parlor was a place where the portraits of the parlor were placed the family album and family Bible. A big horsehair cushioned chair, a large table, and whatnot stood in the parlor. In this parlor the children of the house were dared to assemble in parties were held, and the elder daughter of the house or a younger one if she could beat her sister to it, sat bolt upright in solemn grandeur and received the final sword assurance of her accepted lover. But the parlor is a thing of the past; it has passed in its checks, as it were. 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