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A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.—Prov. xv. 13.

OUR VISITORS

HARRISBURG is taking its proper place as the great convention city of the State. It not only does well the things which are purely local so far as this community is concerned; it is ever ready to extend the hand of good fellowship to all who come this way to confer in an official capacity or as fraternal, industrial or business organizations.

To-morrow we shall begin to welcome the delegates of the American Legion, who are coming to the State Capital to organize the Pennsylvania body of a great nonpartisan military association comprising the men and women who served in the recent World War at home and abroad.

So it goes from day to day. Our hospitable people are ever ready to welcome these representatives of various useful associations and to make their stay with us as pleasant and profitable as possible. This is no mean city, as they will have discovered in a brief survey, and the citizens of Harrisburg are doing all that is within their power to make it worthy a great Commonwealth.

Of course, a Harrisburg boy will accompany the King and Queen of Belgium in their tour of the United States. Colonel "Charlie" Patterson is a fit representative of the Army and likewise a fit representative of the old home town in this distinguished company.

GOV. SPROUL'S PLANS

THE inevitable changes of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in this city are bound to come soon, but will probably be deferred until the great transportation system is returned to its owners by the Government. Of course, the outstanding necessary improvement is the proposed Union Passenger Station which will conform in harmony of construction and access to the splendid development of the Capitol Park zone.

With the erection of the impressive memorial viaduct at State street and the landscaping of the park area there will be nothing in the way of the working out of the Union Station plans which have been so long contemplated. Frequent conferences have been held between the State and railroad officials, with a view to composing differences regarding the station developments and trackage space, and there ought to be little to obstruct a complete understanding within the next few months.

Governor Sproul is deeply interested in the composite improvement, which will include not only the buildings and the landscape treatment in the Capitol Park zone, but also the city and railroad improvements contiguous thereto. All the State departments under the present administration are anxious to cooperate with the city in working out the splendid improvement plans which will not only be comprehensive in their character, but dignified in their treatment.

The Governor stated in his admirable address at Island Park on Sunday afternoon that he had been coming to Harrisburg so long that he regarded himself as a citizen, and appreciating his breadth of vision and recognition of what the city itself has been doing over a period of years, The Telegraph only voices the sentiments of the community when it assures the Governor that

he is looked upon as an adopted son of whom we are all proud. He expects to see before the close of his administration many of the plans now on foot entirely realized in completed projects. In this ambition the city joins, and he may rest content in the thought that the municipal administration desires only to cooperate at every point with the State authorities in all that will make for the improvement of the city and the seat of government of a great State.

TOO MANY MANDATORIES

AT THE hearing before the Committee on Foreign Relations on the status of Egypt, Joe Folk, counsel for Egypt, declared that if the Egyptians were not to get their independence and were to be placed under a mandatory, they would like the United States as the mandatory. If all these small nations who were promised "self-determination" and who did not get "self-determination" should be given their next best choice—a mandatory under the United States—our hands would be so full regulating them that we could not properly attend to our domestic problems; and we are not doing it very well now under the "too much Wilson" regime.

A WORK TO BE DONE

IT'S all over—the home-coming reception for our soldiers and sailors—and we shall not risk disparagement of others by mentioning the few who were responsible for the splendid character of the community demonstration. So many had a part in making the thing a great success that we can only add a word of praise for those who bore the heat and burden of days' preparation and who responded generously and public-spiritedly to the summons of the Chamber of Commerce in this important public function.

There were many beautiful and touching incidents during the celebration and these served to emphasize the widespread appreciation of the soldiers and their families of the program that was carried out so well from start to finish.

With the closing of the activities of the War Camp Community Service to-morrow and the demobilization, so to speak, of the official work of that organization, Harrisburg is already considering an organization within our own citizenry which will undertake to carry on the purposes and objects of this great national community effort. The people of Harrisburg have learned to know each other better through the War Camp Service and it would be a distinct loss should this effort be entirely abandoned through the cessation of the war organization's activities. Governor Sproul is said to be urging a local community organization for Chester, his home town, and leaders of Harrisburg war service movements are also planning to put into some permanent shape a local organization along the lines of the War Camp Community Service.

"Know thyself" applies quite as well to the community as to the individual, and how can we know ourselves and each other unless we are thrown frequently together in some pleasant and practical fashion that will appeal to our people, rich and poor alike.

SOOTHING THE IRISH

THE administration appears to be taking great pains to appease the wrath of the Irish. Leaders of the race have been loud in their denunciation of the League in that it does not provide a means for bringing the grievances of Ireland before the Council for a hearing. Mr. Wilson has taken the position heretofore that the Irish question was one of the domestic concerns of Great Britain, and hence entirely outside the jurisdiction of the Peace Conference and of the League. Now, in an attempt to win over the support of the millions of Irish in this country, he is giving a distorted meaning to the Covenant not at all in conformity with its plain language.

"My position on the subject of self-determination for Ireland," says the President, "is expressed in Article XI of the Covenant, in which I may say I was particularly interested, because it seemed to me necessary for the peace and freedom of the world that a forum should be created to which all peoples could bring any matter which was likely to affect the peace and freedom of the world."

In that declaration Mr. Wilson would have the Irish believe that Article XI provides the means by which they can go before the League and secure an impartial adjudication of their claims. He says that under its terms "all peoples could bring any matter" before the League. If that statement were true of course the Irish would be protected in their rights. But, unfortunately, the word "peoples" does not occur in Article XI at all. That article deals only with nations that are members of the League and offers no benefits whatever to races or peoples.

instance he falls entirely to pull the wool over the eyes of those he would cozen and makes doubters of those who really believe in the League as a principle. Article XI is not designed to protect "peoples," but by its express language strengthens the hands of nations members of the League who include in their domains restive subject races and renders even more remote the possibility of those peoples ever obtaining an impartial hearing before such a League.

Politics in Pennsylvania

The new party which Joseph S. McLaughlin will have as his personal effort in Philadelphia politics will be known as the Charter party. McLaughlin is director of supplies in the present city government and was a candidate for the Republican nomination for mayor, his vitriolic attacks on Senator E. H. Vore making him notable.

Frank J. German, a former Democratic county commissioner, will be his campaign manager and his ticket will be made of Democrats and Vore men. What he hopes to accomplish is trouble. His papers have been made ready and will be filed soon. He will make a lively campaign and some look for the Vares to throw him support.

The Vore city committee, by the way, has started to flood city hall in Philadelphia with requests for campaign contributions.

—The late George Pearson, prothonotary of the Supreme Court, whose "dog" was found on the railroad tracks near Pittsburgh, was one of the best known men in the State early ago. He was secretary of the Republican Party in the State in the early eighties and one of the leaders in the Mercer section where he was born. His father was a cousin of the late Justice Charles Peckham. He is said to have been the first man to memorize the list of the House members and to call it without looking at a blank, an unusual feat even now.

—The Philadelphia Press has this day editorially on an interesting Democratic slant: "Warren Worth Bryan, who found a temporary home in the Johnstown Democrat and an ex-member of Congress, who has been heretofore an uncompromising supporter of the administration, has now turned his back on the party and a good deal of its works. Before Mr. Bailey became a Wilson man he was a most enthusiastic Bryan man, and the Presidential campaign is coming on, with Bryan understood to be watching for a chance to run for the fourth time, he has turned his back on the party. Mr. Bailey has merely gone back to his earlier allegiance. This is a world of change."

—The Somerset county official count is the latest to overturn a sure-thing nomination. The county ticket was changed by the result. Lewis, who was the keeper of Cresson, probably will be the prohibition nominee for county commissioner in Schuylkill. He received the vote of the Democrat and the Republican nominee for the office, and Adamson does not care to contest for the nomination. Heim was now turned out by the Democrat nomination for commissioner, but was ruled off the ballot because of irregularities in his petition.

WONDER WHAT AN EIGHTEEN MONTHS' OLD BABY THINKS ABOUT?

WE'VE GOT COMPANY AND SO I SPOSE I'LL HAVE TO DO THE ENTERTAINING. MOTHER HAS JUST ASKED ME TO STAND ON MY HEAD SO— HERE GOES



HERE SHE COMES! GEE WHIZ! NOW I KNOW SHE'S GOING TO RUB THAT FACE OF HERS IN MY NECK! NO NO!



GEE THAT ALWAYS GETS A LAUGH OUT OF 'EM—WONDER WHAT THEY'LL GET ME TO DO NEXT



YOW! I WISH SHE'D STOP IT—IT MAKES ME LAUGH CAUSE IT TICKLES—LISTEN TO THE MUSHY TALK—



BELIEVE ME—I'M A LIFE SAVER FOR MY MOTHER—WHEN SHE'S HARD UP FOR CONVERSATION SHE DRAGS ME IN



I'M GOING TO BEAT IT BEFORE SHE STARTS IN AGAIN—I DON'T HAVE TO STAND FOR THAT



GOOD NIGHT! I'M NOT GOING TO BE MAILED AND KISSED BY STRANGE WOMEN! NOW THAT WOMAN IS MAKING EYES AT ME—I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS



GUESS I'LL BAWL A LITTLE—THEN MAYBE SHE'LL LAY OFF ME—



Evening Chat

Building of the State Memorial Bridge will be next to the construction of the State Capitol, probably the most extensive operation to be undertaken in Harrisburg in years and engineers familiar with the magnitude of the work are planning to swing from the line of State and Filbert streets to the brow of the Hill say that the proportions are not realized generally. To begin with, the cost will be something like twice that of the Penn-Harris Hotel, six times that of the Mulberry street bridge, first and last, many thousands more than the Rockville bridge or the Cumberland Valley bridge; three times the bill for the modern blast furnaces at the Bethlehem works, which are at Steelton; an amount greater than the cost of buying the 526 properties on Capitol Park extension and three times the amount of the first loan in 1902 for public improvements, the piece of municipal enterprise that put this city on the map and brought it here, as Toronto, Dallas and Richmond to "Watch Harrisburg Grow."

It is not calculated that the bridge can be finished before Christmas in 1921. The preparation of the site, as Dr. J. E. Griner, the bridge expert in charge of the work, has estimated, will take three weeks and it means taking down the old State street bridge, tearing up tracks, water mains and houses, putting down a new drainage system, almost half a mile, a temporary foot bridge will have to be put up and all sorts of things done. Probably the most difficult part of the job will be the foundations for the bridge proper will commence to assume shape. The preparation, the pylons, the Royal Terrace and the foundations for the pylons are all separate operations, each bid upon separately and each fitting in with the scheme. The bridge will be built of concrete and steel as far as possible. The foundations will rest upon the rocks that underlie the city and the granite pylons will cover the main line of the waterway at Second and State streets. There will be mountains of cement and iron used. In fact, the calculations on the most liberal scale would require almost half a million tons of concrete and steel. The Central Construction corporation, which has the contract in sight at this writing, has handled some enormous construction operations and is well equipped to tackle this gigantic job. Time and money will be the two great items, and as soon as the contract is signed the work will be ready made in many details will be speedily up to meet Governor Sproul's desire to "make the dirt fly."

The remark that appears to have been most generally made in Harrisburg in connection with the celebration was that no one realized how many men Harrisburg had given. And yet there were scores of men who did not get out. It has made all estimates revisable. A few months ago we were talking about our 2,500 men in the service, but when we look at the men from Harrisburg, not Steelton or other places in the Harrisburg district, but Harrisburg register with the Chamber of Commerce and the Division of Statistics, if Harrisburg has 75,000 population it is a pretty fine showing. Equally remarkable is the representation in the ranks of the army. There were an eye-opener to more than one Harrisburg man who thought he "knew about it." And some of the sailors said that they had never seen a man who had decided to stay in the navy. When the list is finally made up by the Chamber of Commerce and the Division of Statistics, Harrisburg will be able to make a roll of honor that will be still more worth while. The important thing now is to get every name.

The edition of The Harrisburg Telegraph yesterday is one that should be held away from contact more about Harrisburg in the war, in service and at home, than has been assembled in any one issue of an issue of the paper. It is a parade from first-hand sources and while it did not go into the details of the Liberty Loan and other drives, nor the many other ways in which we have given aid to the Red Cross, the churches, the lodges, the United States Army recruiting station and other agencies, it has given us a war, it was a survey of a city that has ever been loyal and ready to give of its men and substance. It will be put away for future reference.

"When will the people of Harrisburg learn that they can see just as well from the sidewalk as they can from the edge of a marching line?" asked a policeman yesterday afternoon. "All along the line of the parade we had to push people back, calling to them to let the parade pass. The worst part of it is that people push the children in front of them out from the curb. I am always glad when a parade is over because the handling of people on the streets is the hardest part of it all."

It is a new story from France. It was told by an officer from France on duty in a railroad yard of the American army system in France last Christmas and one said to the other "To-morrow's Christmas in de States. The other man thought a while and replied: "Yeh, but it's jes' like any Wednesday heah."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—General A. Cronkhite, who commanded the 80th Division in France, spoke at the memorial held in Pittsburgh.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg steel was used to manufacture gun carriages?

No Wonder Germany Quit

By MAJOR FRANK C. MAHIN Of the Army Recruiting Station

Governors and Backbone

[From the New York World]

Whining of the Hun

[Harvey's Weekly]

Poets Take to War

[From the St. Louis Times]

HISTORIC LEAGUE PROPOSALS

SINCE the days of ancient Greece, when various Hellenic independent nations or provinces experimented with international unions down to this day, liberty loving and justice demanding humanitarians have dreamed and planned for a League of Nations, through which peace and right might be secured and enjoyed by those constituting a tremendous influence in bringing about the most conspicuous of the advantages of an attempt of the realization of this world-bettering vision.

Anti-Submarine Inventions

[Anti-Subsims in World's Work]

What Do We Get Out of Peace?

[H. N. MacCracken, in Yale Review]

Man Who Saved His Soul

[Harvey's Weekly]

The Bright Side

[Tennyson J. Star in Kansas City Star]

Signs of Autumn

[From the Boston Transcript]

HISTORIC HARRISBURG—Camp Curtin, the camp of Civil War days, was closed about 1864.