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The most I can do for my friend is simply to be his friend.—THOREAU

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT WILSON, in his message to Congress, saddling upon "the government" responsibility for much of the unrest now prevalent in the country, should not forget that the government includes the President himself as well as the Senate, and that it is the duty of the Senate to get quickly down to a peace-making basis, it is the duty of the executive to meet that duty halfway.

The President's message deals generally with labor legislation, the tariff, assistance for soldiers and the protection of the dye and related chemical industries from German aggression, and his remarks on this last-named subject indicate that he is not so certain as some of his utterances might seem to indicate, about the effectiveness of his League of Nations in keeping the peace of the world.

Most of the President's address is, as usual, of an academic nature. He writes well and in a manner to win the approval of his readers until they begin to analyze the document for practical suggestions. Then they find that he has few to offer. He is a past master in the gentle art of essay writing and as an author of glittering generalities he is the superior even of Lloyd George in the politics of to-day.

And if this situation were to occur, as it is bound to do wherever profit-sharing is attempted, how is it going to be adjusted?

A NEW JOURNAL

WE RECOMMEND to our readers a new publication, The New American Citizen, the first number of which has just come from the press. It is published in six languages, the first page in English and the other five each a duplicate of the first, except in a different language. It is sane, sensible and patriotic. Its objects are summed up in its own editorial introduction:

The founders of the New American Citizen are to be congratulated for their foresight and practical labors of well-meaning, although ill-equipped, persons who are trying to solve industrial problems, have stepped into the breach fully equipped by educational and long experience in dealing with workmen and foreigners determined to secure for the workmen, both American and foreign, their rights, while at the same time recognizing and safeguarding the rights of the employer.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

GOOD BUSINESS

THE Dauphin County Prison Board's decision not to fill the place of a resigned storekeeper, whose duties it was found could be performed by another employee, indicates that its members are interested more in the business management of prison affairs than they are in giving salaries to political friends.

Also, the falling off in prisoners by more than 100 a day and the consequent savings to the taxpayers are proof positive that prohibition does pay from the money standpoint, because jail-keep is only a small item in the cost of arresting and trying of prisoners, and the economies effected by having 100 less men in jail every day in the year with prohibition in force is an argument in its favor that opponents of the new constitutional amendment will have some difficulty in meeting.

Chester and many other cities are giving serious attention to the housing problem, which confronts most cities and towns, and Harrisburg is also being given careful study by an able member of Commerce committee.

PROFIT-SHARING

GEORGE W. PERKINS writes an interesting article in the current issue of Rotarian Magazine, entitled "The Workers' Fair Share," in which he devotes considerable attention to profit-sharing.

At first thought profit-sharing would seem to be a ready solution to the industrial unrest now prevailing, inducing the worker to produce as much as possible in the hope of sharing in the profits, the same as stockholders.

The stockholders of a company share in the profits only when there are profits to share. There are lean years, even with prosperous companies, when there are not only no profits, but where losses actually are shouldered either by necessity or for the future good of the concern.

Harrisburg and Dauphin county are going to take their places on the firing line in the Red Cross Christmas seal campaign next week.

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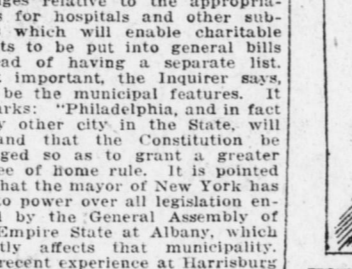
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"AND HE GOETH"

[By Bruce Barton.]

SEVERAL years ago when I had just been promoted to my first real job, I called on a business friend of mine. He is a wise and experienced handler of men. I asked him what suggestions he could make about executive responsibility.

"You are about to make the great discovery," he said. "Within a week or two you will know why it is that executives grow gray and die before their time. You will have learned the bitter truth that there are no efficient people in the world."

"I am still very far from admitting that I was right, but I know well enough what he meant. Every man knows who has ever been responsible for a piece of work, or had to meet a payroll.

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Fuel Plentiful There

[From the Washington Star.] "Anyhow," remarked Shadrach as he stepped into the furnace, "there is no coal shortage in these parts."

By BRIGGS

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Roosevelt and Japan

In an article written several months before his death and which has just been published, Theodore Roosevelt said:

"There is not time in this message to discuss fully our proper relations to Japan; I have set forth as I see them—and as I see our proper position as regards all our international relations—in my book, 'Four Great and Take Your Own Part.' But there is always time to point out the elemental fact that this country should feel for Japan a peculiar affection and respect, and that one of the cardinal principles of our foreign policy should be to secure and retain her friendship, respect and good will.

Regret—Not Repentance [From the Buche Review] Wm. P. Hamilton, of the Wall Street Journal, corresponding with that paper from Berlin, finds only one regret in the latest act of repentance. He hears a German banker say: "The destruction of the French coal mines was a crime, and though at last that he had found one of the latest acts of repentance, he was not complete. The man added: 'It was a crime against Germany. It helped Germany, but the German people see that the destruction of the French mines at the time it occurred, when the military situation was so desperate, could not but have been a necessary loss, with inevitable reparation, meant that the French would insist on the surrender of the coal mines as submitted by a vote of 53 to 38.

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Evening Chat

Disputes arising between authorities of East and West Hanover townships over the dividing line of those districts and reference of the matter to the courts of Dauphin county a few days ago, call to mind the fact that these two townships, known colloquially as the Hanovers, have had an interesting history from the earliest settlements of the region.

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The section now known by the Hanovers of Dauphin and Lebanon counties was originally a part of Derry township in Lancaster county. Derry township was divided into three townships in 1729 and some call it the premier district of this county. The other two were Paxton and Lebanon. The three townships were all in Lancaster county until 1752, when they were transferred to Dauphin county.

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