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You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.—HENRY DRUMMOND.

THE RAILROADS' RETURN

President Wilson has lifted a load of worry from the minds of those who feared he might carry out his threat and return the railroads to their owners January 1, without that legislative preparation so necessary to a successful transfer of the transportation systems.

The people of America want to see the railroads out of the hands of the government. They know that, whether in private or public hands, the systems must have more funds if they are to live, and they are pretty well convinced that the necessary increases in freight rates will be less burdensome if the roads are back in the hands of the companies, with restoration of competition both in tariffs and service, than would be possible with the present extravagant methods in force.

But let nobody suppose the return will be without discord. Much depends, of course, upon the patriotism and wisdom of Congress with respect to its course regarding the railroads. Peanut politics or favoritism must play no part in this transaction, if the public is to be protected and the roads given their just dues.

Hard common sense and fair play must characterize every consideration of Congress in the railroad transfer if the interests of all are to be properly protected.

HARRISBURG ARMORY

Lancaster is losing no time in providing an armory for the military forces of the State with headquarters in that city. The other day a dinner was given in honor of Adjutant General Bevier and \$7,000 was subscribed to the armory fund.

The armory committee of the Chamber of Commerce here will have a conference with the State military officials in a few days and will then outline its plans for the new armory which this city must have to house its several units of the Guard.

MORE PAY IS JUSTIFIED

Decision of Congress to increase the pay of soldiers disabled in the war with Germany will have the approval of the country. No man wounded to the point of being unable to make a living for himself should ever be found selling lead pencils on a street corner or engaged in any other semi-charitable means of eking out a livelihood.

place many men of the A. E. F. on the Nation's pension list, but at present the people of the country will be in accord with the sentiment expressed by the American Legion, which is that for the present only disabled men should receive pay, and they generously.

Banking Commissioner Fisher is taking the people of Pennsylvania into his confidence in a way that is refreshing and most encouraging. His recent report on the building and loan associations of the State shows that these associations helped to buy 20,860 homes during last year.

READ IT IN YOUR HOME

GENERAL PERSHING'S VISIT to the old home town in Missouri the other day was the occasion of a number of very interesting and human incidents. Nothing occurred during the day, however, which more graphically illustrated the Pershing character than his little talk to the town's folk from the front porch of his old home.

It was here that I learned the lessons of patriotism and devotion to duty. These lessons were handed down to me in my youth by my father and my mother. It was here that I learned a deep sense of duty to my country and to my God.

The lesson of service was taught to me by my parents, whose staunch characters impressed it upon me, and caused me to follow the path of duty.

This is an address which should be read in every home. It shows devotion to friends of his youth and high patriotic ideals. It is altogether an admirable touch of the Pershing character.

NOW THE TIME TO BUY

Now that the Christmas shopping season is over and the merchants have on hand many broken lots of goods which are usually sold at comparatively low figures in order to clear the shelves for the early spring trade, the wise buyer will go into the markets to meet his needs.

A COMMUNITY SERVICE. THE Chamber of Commerce performed a real community service Christmas evenings when it financed the Christmas pageant in Capitol Park.

IT IS TO LAUGH

HOW Chinamen who have visited this country must snicker over the announcement that Americans have endorsed the movement now afoot in China to save Chinese girls and women from footgear that distorts their feet and hampers their movements.

CUTTING DOWN ARRESTS

ARRESTS in Harrisburg have been reduced by forty-five per cent, through the operation of war-time prohibition, the records show. This reduction in court costs should prove interesting to those who have been laying stress upon the great losses incurred by the public treasury through the cutting off of liquor license fees.

ple are more orderly, which is well worth any loss we may experience by striking the bar-rooms off our lists as contributors to the public budget.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Men about the Democratic State windmill are wondering what is back of all the activity being manifested by William Jennings Bryan in discussion of Democratic National Affairs.

In this State, especially among the Pennsylvania business community, interest is not so much whether Bryan will be a candidate, but whether he will not try to dominate things as he did in 1908 and 1912.

—District Attorney-elect Cyrus Palmer, of Schuylkill, has announced the names of his four deputies in the regular office: Roy Hicks, of Frackville; Martin Duffey, of Pottsville; Edward Magennis, of Shermansburg.

—E. G. M. Kuhns, former legislator and speaker, has been named as chief clerk to Lehigh county commissioners.

Responsibilities. Neither the arm power of industry nor the money and brain power of capital is perfect, sacrosanct or infallible.

Increase in Immigration

During the fiscal year which closed June 30, 1919, there was an increase in immigration of aliens to 141,122 as compared with 110,618 in the fiscal year 1918.

Villages Not to Be Rebuilt

Fifteen villages in the Aisne district, destroyed by war, will never be rebuilt. There are 17 towns in the Marne district which will be abandoned, and probably 100 in all of France.

Gov't Must Be Supreme

In dealing with Alexander Howat, the Kansas mine workers' leader, Judge Anderson could adopt no other course than the one he laid down. So long as Howat flouted the order of the court the court could deal with him only as it would deal with any law breaker.

Self Protection

Massachusetts is experiencing a wave of reaction against prohibition. The drys, having a lot of idle time on their hands, were understood to be plotting a ban on beans and codfish.

The Difference

The difference between saving coal and saving daylight is that we had the daylight to save.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



FACING OLD PROBLEMS.

Frank H. Simonds in the American Review of Reviews.

I DO NOT want to seem to prophesy, but it is fairly certain that the Rumanian question will be to the fore for some years to come. It will take more than some compromise made in Paris or Washington, really to reconcile Southern Slavs and Italians to any conceivable solution of their Adriatic dispute.

Orange Trees in North

Marvels of adaptation will be achieved, but they will not be achieved without confidence and that kind of patience that outlasts life.

Empty Stomachs in Europe

It's the empty stomach that makes your true radical; and the empty stomachs in Europe would make the American workman look like a caricature of Taft.

Colored News From Russia

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Evening Chat

Comparatively few of the cities and boroughs of Pennsylvania are equipped with fire hose that has the same sized couplings and there is such a diversity that State fire prevention authorities have taken up the matter in an effort to secure uniformity.

Origin of Watered Stock

There are more ways of profiteering than raising the rent. One of the most alluring forms of "sneaking" has just been exposed in the seizure of 50,000 live hens whose crops were full of live, worthless sand and gravel, which increased the weight of each hen about one pound.

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