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DEMOCRACY'S TASK

(By J. E. Jones)  
The millions fought and millions bled and died; but when you asked them for what, they puckered up their faces and scorned the "ignorance" that prompted the question. Then President Wilson discovered a happy phrase when he declared that the war is being fought for democracy. It was just like finding your collar button under the dresser, for these Europeans. They rushed pellmell and embraced democracy, and they swayed their poor tired heads and shouted new hallelujahs in the name of Uncle Sam and democracy.

And so it has come to pass that the great nations of the world are in a league to make democracy safe and triumphant.

Prussianism is the hateful word that best describes people who have forgotten civilization, who have abandoned their honor and manhood, and who have lost respect for womanhood.

Prussianism has unloosed hell on earth. Democracy has enlisted for the purpose of rounding up and impounding in a corral this hell that has been running amuck.

And the civilized nations are delighted to find that they are fighting with democracy, and they have accepted the phrases of the United States, and have declared that in the end this war must finish Prussianism for all time.

The new copartnership of civilization has been cemented on real democratic soil; and Balfour, Joffre, Viviani, and their parties from England and France, have accepted the help of the world's greatest democratic government.

Our billions stand pledged henceforth for democracy, for liberty and for civilization. Uncle Sam has written a blank check and has handed it to his new European partners. Meanwhile cruel Prussianism has battered its foot head against a stone wall—and it is doomed.

Democracy has taken up a big contract, and she must see it out to the finish. Then the fight of Democracy must continue through the long ages following its triumph over the present foe.

Strange doctrines come to America these days, and dangers lurk in the new theories about which cling the interests that would promote money wars, control the press and give us conscription. The pity of it all is that in such trying times sober judgment yields frequently to hysteria and excitement.

Democracy must be kept safe against nazi, greed, arrogance, and the baser passions that seek always to sway and control small groups that are placed in power. In cases like the present the people give carte blanche to their higher officials whenever a crisis is at hand.

Democracy has pulled its gun, and has declared that it wants peace, and that in order to get it the tar must be knocked out of Prussianism. Democracy is no longer a national affair with us Americans; but it has become a world organization. It promises much for the future, and the people of the United States will do well at all stages of the proceedings to look well to democracy, and to direct that she keep her eagle eye peeled least a new Prussianism should spring up right here in our own household. There must be no false faces worn by this democracy that the world is fighting for.

And a Democracy comes out of the trenches, out of the cesspools of liquid fire, out of the savagery of the submarine; if she rights the wrongs of enslaving the persecuted Belgians; if she meets the vandalism in France—if she conquers these things expressed in these meek words, and still remains true to herself, then democracy and the spirit of brotherly love will be ready to go into partnership and declare regular daily dividends through all eternity.

Americans can well afford to remember the injunction of General Washington, who in presenting his sword to his nephews, said that they were "not to unsheath them for the purpose of shielding blood, except it be in self-defense or defense of their country and its rights, and in the latter case to keep them unsheathed and prefer falling with them in their hands rather than the relinquishment thereof."

Democracy promises to provide lasting peace by the sword.

**A Problem That is Working Out**  
The spectacle of the lion and the lamb lying down together according to Biblical prophecy, would not be more surprising than some of the developments that have been brought about by the national emergency created by the war. For example, the commercial organizations representing the shippers of the country who ordinarily flock to Washington by the hundreds to fight any proposal for an increase in railroad rates are now actually petitioning the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant the increase that the railroads are asking. Not only that but a number of the trade organizations have gone further and urge the Commission to waive the usual requirement for the filing of freight tariff schedules by the roads covering the proposed advances. They do this on the grounds that is important not to delay action in the

matter in view of the importance of enabling the railroads to put themselves into better shape for moving troops and supplies in prompt and efficient fashion.

When one recalls the terrific struggles that used to go on and the thousands of pages of testimony taken on the question of whether dried prunes moving from California to Chicago should pay nine or eleven cents a hundred this willingness of shippers and transportation men to pull together in the cause of national efficiency is probably as striking an evidence of the new spirit of unity resulting from the war as can be found anywhere. Perhaps this will prove to be the most valuable lesson of the war—that the interests of different classes of our great population are really one, and that in the past there has been a great amount of unnecessary friction over matters of really minor importance. But, to come back to the question of the railroads, the general impression here seems to be, in view of the attitude taken by the shippers, that the roads will get a moderate increase, and that it is to the best interests of the country that they should get it.

**The Food Crisis**  
The Europeans frankly admit that they have not food enough to eat. Not only is the food supply, as based on the 1916 crop, insufficient for our own domestic needs, but it is apparent that every pound of food that goes abroad tightens the condition at home.

The overcrowded cities are always filled with misery and poverty, and the people who receive common wages for common labor are unable right now to buy sufficient quantities of food and clothing, at the present high prices, for themselves and families.

The Government, in taking a hand in affairs, does not expect that there will be any rush of patriotic men and women, volunteering to turn themselves into farmers. But Uncle Sam does expect to be able to plug up a lot of leaks responsible for the wastage of food.

The Government will likely establish a food commission, the principle purpose of which will be aimed at protecting the public against the unnecessary boosting of prices. The Government will also take a hand in promoting many means ad methods intended to result in an increased acreage of crops.

There is a good deal of comfort felt in the fact that the Government itself will in effect take charge of the market situation at home, and in supplying food for England and France.

No industry or activity offers greater inducements than farming.

The Westmoreland coal company which owns several hundred acres of surface around its mines in Irwin has had the land plowed and harrowed for free use of miners. Even the big flower beds around the Westmoreland mansion in West Irwin have been plowed up for gardening.

Coal operators in the Irwin-Greensburg field have notified their employees of a wage increase of from 17 to 25 per cent, effective May 1. More than 12,000 men are benefited and the yearly increase in payrolls, it is estimated, will reach approximately \$2,000,000.

Lex N. Mitchell of Jefferson county introduced a bill in the Pennsylvania house of representatives forbidding manufacture or sale of liquor from July 1, 1917, to the end of the world war. Liquor for medicinal and sacramental purposes is permitted.

"Slackers" in Irwin will find hard rowing from now on. Chief of Police Charles F. Frum, a veteran soldier, has come out with the announcement that young men there must either enlist, go to work or stop loafing on the streets.

All employees of the executive branch of the Pennsylvania state government were ordered by Governor Brumbaugh to take the oath of allegiance to the United States. Any who refuse will be dismissed.

NOTES FROM HIGH SCHOOL

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Owing to Jim Swank's unequalled talent in producing earthy and un-earthly sounds, he was falsely accused last Wed. of a misdemeanor, when a herd of cattle was being driven down the street issuing forth their melodious strains every eye in the room was instantly turned on James, every one thinking him to be the producer of the sounds. Now, that near to the real stuff, that you James, since your talent has come can fool wise men like Harvey Meyers and Howard Gress, we advise you to keep well in practice, and some day you may—a great ventriloquist, and have the ability to make your voice heard from one end of the earth to the other.

**Latest Notice.**  
Mary Siehl: Next week I am going to the Recruiting Station and help the Government.

Norman Suder: What do you mean?

Mary: Why, I am going to kiss the first 10 fellows who enlist.

Irvin Gress and Michael Hady: Please tell us what day, Mary, so we are the first.

Miss Beck: Anna what does dexterous mean?  
Anna Forquer: O I know but I can't say it.  
Miss Meek: Well Anna express yourself.

Anna: I never express myself I always go by freight.

G. Darrow says she has one consolation; if she can't get a man on the string she can have at least a piece of chalk.

We wonder what made Prof. Arnold blush when in Cicero class Irvin Gress translated, "I have proposed to myself."

Found: A new animal, by Howard Gress, called a "fena tick" (fanatic). The Seniors have adopted as their slogan, "Let the boys do it."

Gregg: I shut the door in Mr. Weaver's face.

Guy: I didn't know there was a door in his face.

Miss Beck: Write a sentence containing the word "gladiator."

Guy Floto: Mr. Smith ate a hen yesterday and to-day he says he is glad-he-ate-her.

Miss Beck: William you may read the song.

William Keegan: "Read it!"  
Miss Beck: "Well you may sing it if you wish."

Recently in German class while discussing a sentence Rudolphus Bowman asked why moonlight was white? Edward Crowe informed us then that the moon was blue.

We wish some person would give Robert Blake lessons in tating and crocheting as he seems to be greatly interested in that kind of work.

The Seniors have selected the play for their commencement exercises, and are working hard to make it a success.

What has become of the Sophomores that we receive no news from them. Have they all become such a bunch of sticks that nothing happens in the class worth noting, or do they shun the publicity of having their names published in our column, or is it the reporters fault?

GLENCOE GLEANINGS.

Mary Martz of Corrigansville was buried at Mt. Lebanon on Sunday. Six autos made up the funeral party out of Maryland.

Harvey Leydig and Milt Webreck of Somerset spend Sunday with their parents.

Mrs. John Weaver, son Lester, and Howard Miller of Connellsville Sundayed with S. J. Layman's.

Mrs. Harvey Smith is in the Western Maryland Hospital at Cumberland following an operation last Thursday.

Arthur Bittner is again an employee of Jacob Ludy of our township.

G. G. Delozier represented Glencoe on the Pittsburg Excursion on Sunday.

Dr. Large of Meyersdale visited our Burg on Health duties on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. Cook returned from a trip to Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday.

The Local Telephone Company is erecting a line for the Soldier Boys at Falls Cut Tunnel.

Even the Band is showing signs of revival for which we commend said organization.

Alfred Broadwater was a Hyndman visitor on Thursday.

Henry Keidle of Hance is a patient in a Cumberland Hospital since last Saturday.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

Pittsburgh, May 1.  
Butter—Prints, 41¢@41½¢; tubs, 40¢@40½¢. Eggs—Fresh, 34¢@34½¢.  
Cattle—Prime, \$11.75@12.25; good, \$10.75@11.50; tidy butchers, \$10.50@11; fair, \$9.25@10; common, \$8@9; heifers, \$7@10.75; common to good fat cows, \$6@10; fresh cows and springers, \$40@85.  
Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$10.75@11.25; good mixed, \$10@10.50; fair mixed, \$9@9.50; culls and common, \$4.50@7; lambs, \$9.50@13.75; spring lambs, \$15@18; veal calves, \$12.50@13; heavy and thin calves, \$6@10.  
Hogs—Prime heavy and heavy mixed, \$16@16.10; mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$15.90@16; light Yorkers, \$14@15; pigs, \$13@13.25; roughs, \$14@15; stags, \$12.50@13.

Cleveland, May 1.  
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$11@12; choice to fat steers, \$10@10.75; good to choice butcher steers, \$9@10; fair to good butcher steers, \$8.25@9.50; common to light steers, \$7.50@8.50; choice heifers, \$9@10.25; light heifers, \$6.50@8.50; good to choice butcher bulls, \$8.50@10; bologna bulls, \$7@8.25; good to choice cows, \$8@9.50; fair to good cows, \$6.50@7.50; common cows, \$4.75@5.75; milch cows and springers, \$60@90.  
Calves—Choice, \$12.25@12.75; good mixed, \$11.25@11.75; heavy, \$8@10.  
Hogs—Choice heavy, \$16; good mixed, \$15.80; Yorkers, \$15.75; pigs and lights, \$13.25; roughs, \$14; stags, \$12.75.  
Clipped Sheep and Lambs—Choice, \$12.50@13; fair to good, \$8.50@10.50; culls and common, \$5@9; good to choice wethers, \$10@10.50; good to choice ewes, \$9@10; bucks, \$8@9.

Chicago, May 1.  
Hogs—Bulk, \$15.50@16.30; light, \$14.70@15.75; mixed, \$15.25@15.85; heavy, \$15.25@15.90; roughs, \$15.25@15.45; pigs, \$10@13.60.  
Cattle—Native beef cattle, \$9@13.40; stockers and feeders, \$7.15@9.85; cows and heifers, \$5.70@11.15; calves, \$8@12.  
Wheat—May, \$2.71. Corn—May, \$1.49½. Oats—May, 65½¢.

Cold storage firms have representatives in and around Altoona buying up eggs by the thousands and shipping them to big plants to be held for fancy prices next winter. They are paying as high as 30 cents a dozen. As a result eggs, ordinarily plentiful at this time of the year, when they retail from 22 to 27 cents a dozen, are being sold at 37 cents.

A fund is being raised in New Castle to buy woolen yarn with which to knit sleeveless jackets, mittens and mufflers for the men on the battleship Pennsylvania. The yarn purchased by this fund will be distributed among those who are anxious to do the work but cannot afford to purchase the materials with which to make these articles.

Rev. Dr. J. Leonard Levy, prominent Pittsburgh rabbi, and one of the best known rabbis in the United States, died at his home here of pneumonia superinduced by overwork. During the sixteen years he spent as head of the Pittsburgh congregation Dr. Levy established a nationwide reputation as a clergyman, educator and lecturer.

The Atlantic Refining company in Pittsburgh has announced another advance in wages, effective May 1. The rate for common labor will now be thirty cents an hour and comparatively higher rates to other labor and mechanics. This is announced as being in recognition of the increase in the cost of living.

Jostled under a train when University of Pittsburgh students engaged in a frolic at the Fourth avenue station of the Pennsylvania railroad in Pittsburgh, Raymond Storer, aged twenty-one, son of County Detective Arthur Storer of Elizabeth and a student at Pitt, was fatally injured.

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Loans and Investments	\$802,589.96
U. S. Bonds	70,000.00
Banking House	30,200.00
Due from Banks and Reserve Agents	313,887.79
Cash	58,792.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,275,470.29</b>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 65,000.00
Surplus and Profits	146,787.88
Circulation	65,000.00
Deposits	998,692.41
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