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TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18

PIFFLE!

VANCE C. McCORMICK, Democratic candidate for Governor, is quoted as making this assertion at the Path Valley reunion on Saturday, where he violated the request of his host by talking politics when he was asked not to do so.

It is no longer possible for a political party to let two or three men go off in a room by themselves and select candidates for us. McCormick has evidently relegated to the realms of his inimitable forgettery the little conference at Washington last winter at which President Wilson, Palmer and McCormick selected Palmer and McCormick as the Administration ticket in Pennsylvania.

But, for the sake of argument, let us accept the assertion at its face value and agree that "it is no longer possible for a political party to let two or three men go off in a room and select candidates for us."

When the little men who have usurped the management of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania meet the party workers in the field at the November election, they are certain to feel the wrath of men who asked for bread in the distribution of patronage and got a stone.

PREPARING THE WAY

CONSTRUCTIVE statesmen and the industrial and commercial giants of the United States are fully alive to the opportunities now presented as a direct result of the European War.

Nor is this the only significant development of the suddenly-created trade opportunities on this side the Atlantic Ocean. Leaders in commerce and industry all over the country are wide awake and there is tremendous activity in the preliminary steps that

must be taken to assure the benefits that are in sight.

The fact that our foreign commerce, though neutral, has suffered almost as much as if this was a belligerent nation is largely due to the fact that the country has not paid enough attention to the systematic development of its foreign trade to think out in advance what should be done in such an emergency.

The National Foreign Trade Council is now devoting its energies to the relief of this situation and to the attainment through co-operative effort of the permanent economic independence of our foreign trade.

The Council consists of thirty-five nationally representative manufacturers, merchants, railroad and steamship men and bankers, collectively standing for the general interest of all sections of the country and all elements engaged in, or affected by, foreign trade.

It seeks to co-operate with the government and with commercial and industrial organizations in pursuit of greater national prosperity through greater foreign trade.

Surely out of this intelligent and forceful direction must come rich trade returns. If ever this country needed big men at Washington, now is the time, but the people may be excused for doubting when they think of the eminent Chattanooga nun sitting on the lid of our foreign relations.

DEVELOPING PENNSYLVANIA
An outcome of the great war in Europe there may be developed two important transportation agencies in Pennsylvania—one at the port of Philadelphia and the other in a ship canal from Lake Erie to the South.

Philadelphia is the natural outlet for the products of the State to the sea and the lands beyond. It is for this reason that the Legislature has always favored every movement for the building up of a proper port in the metropolis of the Commonwealth.

As to the ship canal, which would be largely constructed by the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, it would furnish an outlet for the great area west of the Allegheny mountains, and whatever benefits the two wings of the State also benefits the important central section, which includes many of the smaller cities and towns.

It is estimated that the tonnage which will be carried by the proposed ship canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio river would be double that of either the Panama or Suez canals and as the project seems entirely feasible it may be expected that some definite plans will be worked out in the near future.

The South American trade prize is almost in our grasp, and the opening of the Panama Canal, so modestly accomplished last Saturday, was an auspicious clinching of a business opportunity.

Why NOT? REPRESENTATIVE government is fast disappearing under the Democratic paternalism that is oversteering the country.

Japan is showing an anxiety to go to war that is hardly consistent with its recent peaceful protestations.

HEALTH CONSERVATION
The recent conference of the English National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and Other Forms of Tuberculosis.

He said that so widespread was the bacillus that practically all human beings, by the time they reached adult life, somewhere harbored the germ of the disease, but all did not die because of having certain powers of resistance, or what is called immunity from the disease.

In his concluding words Sir William indicated the causes of this sane yet hopeful dicta.

We have tracked the enemy and know his every stronghold and we know his three allies—poverty, disease and drink. But though the ravages have been reduced it remains man's most powerful enemy.

AN EVENING THOUGHT
To be good company for ourselves we must store our minds well; fill them with pure and peaceful thoughts; with pleasant memories of the past and reasonable hopes for the future.

EVENING CHAT

People who have gone about the Susquehanna in motorboats or in row-boats have been rather surprised to see wild ducks breeding in this section. Not only is it surprising to see ducks here at this time of the year, but that they should select for their nesting places the sections of the river, spanned by numerous bridges and constantly traversed by the sand and coal fleets, is rather remarkable.

Except for raccoons, snipe and ducks, there will be precious little shooting this year until the middle of October. The blackbirds, which used to afford some prime shooting in the first few weeks of September, are now protected by law because of the services they do the farmer by destroying insects.

People whose conduct and remarks caused removal of the benches which stood in front of the State Museum building have deprived the public of one of the pleasant gathering places in the State park.

The fact that Pittsburgh is going to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of its settlement in 1916 calls to mind that this city and vicinity have been passing by some interesting anniversaries.

Paving of Derry street has crawled by Twenty-first street and it has two more blocks to go and then the way of Greenwood street will be ended.

Excursions run to Hershey and other points in the vicinity of Harrisburg have been held for some time.

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Louis Wolf, the Philadelphia business man, celebrated his fiftieth birthday at his summer home in Lake Placid.

Ignatz Gressner, one of the Allentown "Big Defenders," was given a reception when he celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday Sunday.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR
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UNION HOTEL SOLD
The Union House Hotel property was sold this afternoon to Benjamin Buck, the present occupant, for the sum of \$13,500.

VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE
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A VACATION AT THE SEASHORE
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MCCORMICK SHY ON KNOWLEDGE OF STATE

Didn't Know What He Was Talking About at Blain Picnic

PENNA. IS NO LAGGARD

Soil Conservation Has Been Given Careful Study by the State

Not only has not been established that Vance C. McCormick, Democratic candidate for governor, did not know what he was talking about when he said at the Blain farmers' picnic that "Pennsylvania had lagged behind the other progressive Commonwealths" in enactment of legislation for the general welfare, but it is apparent that he has not been well informed about what he has brought right to the fore-noon of the picnic.

As a matter of fact the study of soil conservation occupied the attention of experts of the department of agriculture long before McCormick was out of college and for several years.

Whole Book on Soils Coming Out
The book has been studied and men have lectured about it what should be done with various soils to retain their fertility.

The Telegraph showed the other night how crassly ignorant of what Pennsylvania has done for the general welfare the long list of other progressive Commonwealths the Democratic candidate in Bad All Along Line.

A Wilkes-Barre dispatch says, "War has been declared between rival factions of the Democratic party in Luzerne county and an open break between the following members of the legislature have done for the farmers of Pennsylvania, the Democratic candidate prefers to go and insist that President Wilson and the state books and State reports, the official documents, contain for the information of the public.

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STATE GIVES AID TO PUZZLED FARMERS

Secretary Critchfield Tells Them How to Overcome Shortage of Potash

WAR HAS SERIOUS EFFECT

Germany Has Been Supplying the Most of 340,000 Tons Used Here

Steps were taken to-day by Secretary of Agriculture H. B. Critchfield to straighten out the tangled cause in the fertilizer trade by the cessation of shipments of potash from Germany. It is estimated that at least ninety per cent of the potash used in fertilizers in this state comes from the w-r torn empire and in order to conserve the stock in this country manufacturers will be forced to use a smaller portion than has been done.

This Department recognizes the fact that with the shortage there is likely to be in the amount of potash available this fall manufacturers will find it difficult to prepare their goods for the fall trade so as to meet the requirements of the registration made at the beginning of the year, and to realize this situation as far as possible this Department shall be entirely satisfied to have manufacturers of fertilizers reduce the per cent of potash they put in the goods they place on the markets for the fall trade of the current year without making an additional registration of the same.

Where the change made in the amount of potash is less than one per cent, it will be satisfactory to this Department to have the decimal or fraction erased, leaving the percentage expressed in whole numbers.

For example, in case of sacks prepared for a brand of fertilizer, the potash guarantee of which is 25.0, the .50 can be erased leaving the figure 2 stand showing that the potash content is 2 per cent.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

Trouble Some-My boy, Jim? Any luck, Jim? Naw! An' Uncle Eben Snitzer sez back in 1869 he got a couple of nibbles right in this spot.

Not Work-Rev. Rightly—My boy, it's a shame you have to dig a well on the Sabbath. Johnnie—Well, nuthin' I'm after fishin' worms.

Sad-Peggy hasn't a thought for anybody nowadays except her new dress. She's perfectly in love with it. Another case of man being dined by man.

Exciting-The Native Fish? Why, say, Bo, the fishes bite so roun here you have to get behind a tree to bait your hook!

HARDLY SEEMS SO-Respectable Party—Tell me do you drink anything? Fuller Sudds—Yes, anything.

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Latest European War Map
Given by THE TELEGRAPH
to every reader presenting this COUPON and 10 cents to cover promotion expenses.

THE NEW HOTEL ANOVER
PHILADELPHIA
12th and Arch
Dollars a Day
Every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

TARIFF GHOST RETURNS TO PLAGUE
[From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.]
There is no room for acrimony in this crisis. Raising the custom duties will not only bring in revenue, as the Democrats desire, but it will assist American manufacturers, now face to face with an emergency.

Vacation Trips
New Schedule (Effective July 28th)
Every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

THE MILLION DOLLAR MISTAKE
HEADQUARTERS FOR SHIRTS SIDES & SIDES

This War May Effect Coal Prices
We have just been advised as follows from a large wholesale coal company:
"Eighty per cent. of the foreign laboring men in this country are single, and liable for military duty in their home land. They are now leaving causing a scarcity of labor in the coal and coke districts and prices may advance sharply."