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MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 2

All silencing of discussion is an assumption of infallibility.—J. S. MILL.

PATRIOTISM

THE "boys" of Post 58, Grand Army of the Republic, have "volunteered" in a body. They hold no delusions as to the part they would have to play if called upon.

This is patriotism. How many of us younger men have done as much?

ON THE EVE OF WAR

ON the eve of entering the war against Germany, for tomorrow, in all likelihood, the President will recognize officially a condition that has existed ever since Germany began ruthless U-boat operations against United States vessels.

A great deal has been said in disparagement of the American navy, but we will enter this war with 151 fighting ships and a tonnage of 1,097,000, ranking third among the navies of the world.

Our land forces do not show up so well, according to figures compiled by the Chicago Tribune, about 50,000 regulars and 125,000 trained militia troops.

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Our naval strength, added to that of the allies, would oppose the navy of Germany with a fleet nearly three times that of the Central Powers combined.

We have the men, the money, the resources and the will to do. What our course shall be on the seas is perfectly plain. What is to be our policy on land is a different matter.

Japan has been at war with Germany almost from the beginning separately and without having sent a man to fight the battles of the allies in Europe.



SHOW YOUR COLORS!

SHOW your colors! Mayor Peoples has asked that Harrisburg people demonstrate their patriotism by a display of the national flag.

A FRANK CONFESSION

UPON taking possession of the postmastership in the city of New York, Ex-Congressman Patten announced that he was greatly impressed with the idea that the postal service might be conducted more freely and in a more liberal fashion.

In those few words Mr. Patten has sufficiently condemned his own appointment. He was without any experience whatever in postal matters.

MILLIONS FOR THE STATE

MILLIONS of dollars will accrue to the State if the higher courts sustain the opinion of Judge Kunkel rendered Saturday in the "escheat" law proceedings brought before him by a number of banking institutions of the State.

HIGHWAY WORK

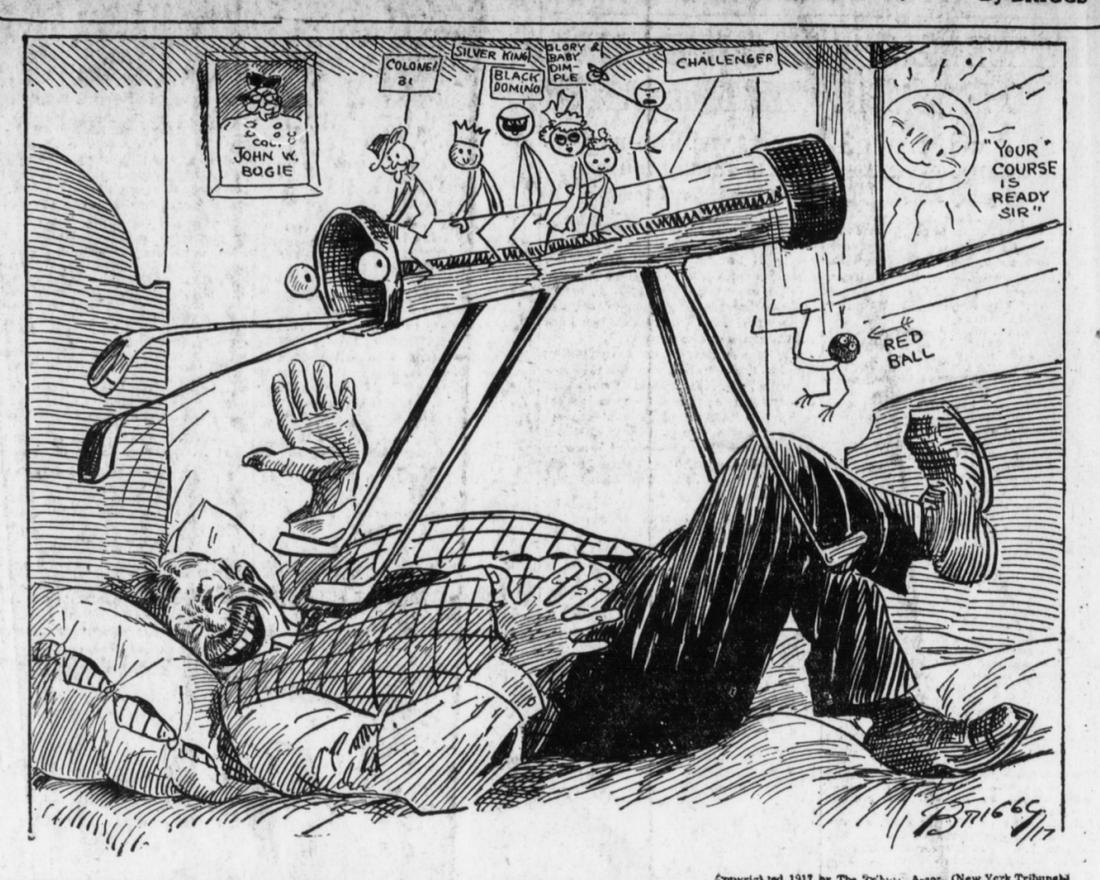
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Beginning this week the Legislature will doubtless give its earnest attention to those things which require careful consideration.

The Patriot

Whether right or wrong in its domestic or its foreign policy, judged by whatever standard, whether of expediency or of principle, the American citizen can recognize no social duty intervening between himself and his country.

THE GOLF GERM AND THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIM



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Grand Rapids Press. Following prohibition, a rigid anti-cigarette bill is before the legislature and we suspect that before long more men will not even be allowed to carry matches.

Marion Star. As a rule, no town should be held responsible for the spring poetry any of her citizens may write.

Toledo Bland. The real sensation will come when Sayville wireless reports the collapse of the kaiser's ego.

Atlanta Constitution. Answer the spring call by hitting the vegetable trail to the home garden.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. The allies seem to be taking towns so fast that nobody has time to learn to pronounce their names.

Indianapolis Star. Everything is supposed to have some use, but no one has even suggested any useful purpose served by the existence of senatorial courtesy.

The Neutral

Brethren, how shall I fare with me When the war is laid aside, If it be proven that I am he For whom a world has died?

If it be proven that all my good, And the greater good I will make, Were purchased me by a multitude Who suffered for my sake?

That I was delivered by mere man, Vowed to one sacrifice, And not, as I hold them, battle-blind, But dying with opened eyes?

That they did not ask me to draw the sword, When they stood to endure their lot, And they only looked to me for a word, And I answered I knew them not?

If it be found, when the battle clears, Their death has set me free, Then how shall I live with myself through the years, Which they have bought for me?

Brethren, how must it fare with me, Or how am I justified, If it be proven that I am he For whom mankind has died?

Who being questioned denied, Copyright, 1916, by Rudyard Kipling, reprinted from "Sea Warfare," Doubleday, Page & Company.

Labor Notes

Women cab drivers are stated to be well as in Glasgow, Scotland. One firm has about 40 women driving cabs.

Northumberland (England) coal miners have refused to go on strike without a ballot of the members first being taken.

The British Railwaymen's Vigilance Committee has decided to ask for an increase of \$2.50 a week in their wages.

Walthamstow (England) Council has decided to give preferential employment to discharged soldiers on the tramways.

The day laborer of 1777 received 7 cents a day and his board, or \$1 if he boarded himself. His hours, too, were from "sun to sun."

Over 800 girl students of Toronto University will don overalls during the summer vacation and work in the munition factories.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Men who attempt factional political fighting in the legislature this week will not be apt to get very far according to the belief of observers.

Men active in the Republican party who have been concerned over the perennial Philadelphia riot and who are looking forward to the next gubernatorial election will be disappointed.

Men who are not put them to practical use while our rookies are learning to operate them? Tear up old Mother Earth, and plant, plant, plant!

Let the regulars, the rookies, and the boy scouts, work one or two hours a day in the garden—their garden—for the harvest shall find its way into the stomachs of those they have left behind.

No doubt thousands of men, and women, too—will volunteer for the "Plant An Acre" army.

The seeds and necessary implements will be inexpensive, compared with the results which will be obtained.

And when the crops are harvested, there will be an abundant stock from which to supply the families of our soldiers and sailors free of charge all through next winter and until the next crops are gathered.

And if through the mercy of our all-wise Providence these crops are not needed in our own country we can help to appease the hunger of millions of old men, women and children in Europe.

The greatest problem in Europe today is the food problem. There is an abundant supply of men, of ammunition and of guns.

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THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

"Plant An Acre"

Indianapolis Ind., March 30, 1917. To the Editor of the Telegraph:

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"Give a Helping Hand"

To the Editor of the Telegraph:

I am not a big man and can't go to war, but I have written a little poem telling how willing I am to lend a hand.

Our country is full of pride and wonder. Let no other nation rend asunder. Liberty and Independence, is our stand. Let's give a little helping hand.

The other nations do contrive. Our forefathers strove to succeed. Who fought and bled in time of need. Why should we lose this command. Let's give a little helping hand.

This country needs you men, Each and all, ten by ten. Show you're of a very good brand. So give a little helping hand. ISADORE R. LEVIN.

Movies at the Almshouse

To the Editor of the Telegraph:

In reading the editorial in your paper last night—Movies at the Almshouse—I note that you give all credit to the present board of Poor Directors which is all right as far as it goes.

Mr. Early, the present steward, received his first appointment as steward of the almshouse when Mr. Early was present the day that Maxwell Hite suggested to Mr. Early that he give the first movies ever given in the almshouse.

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These movies were discontinued with the end of Mr. Early's first term of stewardship. Upon Mr. Early being reappointed Maxwell Hite again volunteered to give entertainment to the unfortunate inmates of the County Home.

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Evening Chat

The passing of the Commonwealth Hotel as a part of the historic statement has stirred up more comment in places outside of Harrisburg as to how the state's capital is going to house its guests.

Speaking about the Coverley hotel, it was a rather fashionable tavern in the forties and fifties and its owner after he left the Commonwealth built a home at the corner which had a hotel, thereon makes it of enjoyment as a conversational topic at home.

Guards about the railroad bridges in the vicinity of Harrisburg make no distinction as to whether the people who approach them are apt to get into trouble.

A good story is being told about a preparedness move made by a public utility company not long ago. This company has some important things to guard against.

The crisis has caused an outburst of demand for patriotic and national music that is surprising.

Members of the Governor's Troop have been working pretty steadily since they have been home in order to keep themselves fit for any service.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

A. F. Huston, Coatesville manufacturer, is at Palm Beach for a brief visit.

John Wanamaker is preparing to start north from Florida.

Senator W. C. McConnell is taking the lead as the Northumberland county candidate.

General S. B. M. Young, who spoke at the Philadelphia meeting, was formerly commander at Camp Meade.

Senator P. C. Knox made a notable speech at the Pittsburgh patriotic rally.

That Harrisburg can turn out an immense quantity of boots and shoes for army use?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG This city was one of the first places in Pennsylvania to organize for care of dependents of those who entered the Civil War in 1861.

THIS NEVER OCCURRED TO 'EM Economists declare that we waste 20 per cent of potatoes in paring. They don't know how many folks are eating skin and all.—St. Paul News.