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There are epidemics of nobleness as well as of disease.—FROUDE.

THE WOMAN'S PART

LEWIS HERE on this page today appears a letter from a woman reader who desires to know why it is that women are given no part in the farewell exercises incident to the departure of troops for the war.

Why should there not be a corps in the farewell parade made up of the wives of officers and enlisted men who are going away, she asks, and there appears no reasonable answer. Thoughtlessness is probably the reason for the neglect.

It has been considered so long the part of women to stand in the background and weep when their loved ones shoulder the gun and respond to the alarms of war that nobody, apparently, has thought of giving them the place of honor which they are entitled.

These devoted wives are indeed worthy of public tribute. To them the real sacrifice comes. Theirs is the hard lot part—to stay at home and follow the usual workaday duties of the household while the men for whom their hearts yearn are facing all manner of unknown deadly perils.

The woman who remains at home is no less a hero than the man who goes out to fight. She is entitled to the consideration of the public as much as is her worthy husband. Cannot some way be found in Harrisburg to accord her the recognition she deserves?

EFFICIENCY

NOW that a second war loan is about to be launched many thoughtful financiers and others are wondering why Secretary McAdoo has permitted the tremendous energy and publicity of the first campaign for the Liberty Loan to go for naught in failing to take advantage of the large oversubscription that has been wiped out by a pro rata distribution of the bonds to subscribers.

It seems utterly indefensible that the subscribers were not permitted, through some proper arrangement, to take the full amount of their subscriptions. Efficiency is not one of the shining features of the present administration.

GENERAL STEWART'S PART

IN the stupendous work of mobilizing a national army credit where credit is due is often unwittingly misplaced. For years, General Thomas J. Stewart, the head of the National Guard organization in Pennsylvania and the genius of the organization in the United States, has been giving his best thought and energy and the power of initiative to the development of a body of citizen soldiers which now represents a real bulwark in the first line of defense.

General Stewart is not sparing himself in the exacting work which has devolved upon him in the mobilization of the Guard for active service and now that the force which he has been steadily developing has been called into the field it should be known by those who do not always stop to consider the doers of things, but readily applaud the spectacular figures who flit across the stage, that the Adjutant General of this State has contributed more than any single individual to the organization of a division which will give good account of itself wherever it may be sent.

We salute General Stewart and express the hope of his friends everywhere that his strength may be equal to his zeal and patriotism in this crisis.

RELIEVING CONGESTION

THERE will be general approval of the proposition to remedy the traffic conditions in the central part of the city through a terminal arrangement for the Valley Railways line on Walnut street. For months this matter has been under consideration and all kinds of propositions have been submitted from time to time without result. After a conference of the Municipal League, the City Planning Commission and the officials of the two street railway systems the problem seems to have been solved to the satisfaction of everybody.

The public has a large interest in this matter and no word of objection has been heard from any quarter regarding the plan proposed, which contemplates a stoppage of all cross-river cars in a terminal building on Walnut street.

This will relieve the congestion which has been a source of widespread complaint for years.

And when the terminal facilities shall have been provided so as to relieve the main city lines of the interruption caused by the running of Valley Railways cars from Walnut street to Market Square and return it ought to be possible—as a result of the street railway survey which has been under way for two or three months—to correct many of the traffic difficulties which have caused an intolerable holdup of vehicular traffic along Market street and the intersecting highways.

It is due the business community and all who use the streets for this problem worked out to a finality at one and the same time. As soon as the terminal ordinance shall have been introduced the plans for operating the cars on the main city lines and general traffic regulations should be adopted and given to the public.

It is gratifying that distinct progress is now being made in the working out of remedial measures which will give the relief which has so long been demanded. As a further improvement in this direction, it may be noted that Governor Brumbaugh has approved the Belldeman bill providing for the widening of the streets about the capitol grounds. This will be an important factor in creating better traffic conditions.

NEED OF A BUDGET

IN his final disposition of the general appropriation bill Governor Brumbaugh has been compelled to follow the precedents established by his several predecessors as a result of the indifference of the Legislature to the actual revenues of the Commonwealth. From time beyond the memory of man the lawmakers have made it a rule to put this little game across on the Governor and expect him to assume the unpopular role of the ax man on all kinds of appropriations.

When Pennsylvania finally gets down to a regular budget system this sort of thing may be stopped, but so long as the legislators of both the Senate and the House protect themselves at the expense of the Governor the necessity for ripping out of the biennial grants several millions of dollars will continue. With the discretionary powers vested in the Governor he must exercise his best judgment in the slashing of appropriations and while there is much heart-burning about the fact the whole situation could be saved through a proper appreciation of the conditions when the Legislature passes the bills.

ONE MORE AUCTION

ONE more public auction and the last of the properties in the Capitol Park zone will have disappeared forever. So quietly has this disposal of the buildings proceeded that many of the citizens of Harrisburg fail to realize what has already been accomplished in the clearance of this large tract in the very center of the city. Nor is it generally known that the materials from the various buildings have been utilized in the construction of new business places and homes in the city and suburbs. Thousands of yards of masonry in the foundations have also been utilized in the ripparing of the City Front. There has been little waste.

GOING TOO FAR

CONGRESS has not debated the cost of the war up to this time. The government has been given whatever it asked. The House has passed the \$640,000 aircraft appropriation, very properly, without a word of debate, and its favorable recommendation by the Senate committee to which it was referred indicates its speedy adoption by the upper branch. Now comes Secretary Daniels with a request for \$460,000,000 with which to establish a coast patrol of aeroplanes. There is danger of going too far even with war appropriations. We are thinking too freely in terms of billions. The country's resources are vast, but they are not inexhaustible and Congress will go slow in granting this request—at least without paring it considerably.

At present there is no apparent need of a great air fleet for coast defense purposes. It is not likely that the war will develop any great emergency along our coasts. But if it should arise it would be easy to divert a large number of planes designed for the French front to coast defense purposes. Beside, if present plans are carried out, the close of the war will find us with a very large number of trained aviators and tremendous quantities of aeroplanes and supplies. From these we could easily supply the Navy with as many planes and operators as would be needed for peacetime patrol of our coasts.

NEW CAMP MEADE

CAMP MEADE is the name of the new national army camp at Adelphi, Md.

What a wealth of memories it arouses for those who recollect the stirring days of '98 which called into being the great army camp of that name near Middletown, with its nearly 40,000 soldiers and all the hustle and bustle of war-time preparation which it brought to Harrisburg.

Harrisburg has been the scene of war encampments from the very earliest days of the republic, and before there are many still living who recall Old Camp Curtin, of the Civil War, and not a few who went out from there to the front and returning were discharged from that famous encampment. Then there were the little encampments at the abutments of the bridges over the river, with soldiers ordered to fire those structures if the rebels got past the Union army at Gettysburg, and now the little camp on the island where Companies D and I and the machine

gun company of the Eighth Regiment are awaiting their call to the training grounds.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why?

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Why aren't the women who are sending their husbands, sons and brothers to the front invited to take part in the parade when they go away?

Why couldn't a division be formed with such women as Col. Finney's, Col. Zeigler's, Capt's. Bretz, Nicola, Stine, Roberts, Hartman, Bassler's, Jenkin's, and all other officers' wives to lead some or some one of them as chief of division with aids such as the men do?

Why is it that the ones who are most concerned never get a chance for a front place, to see their loved ones pass, but the idle curious always get best views?

Why, if the above suggestion is accepted, wouldn't the ones most concerned get such a chance as they would pass them, as they would open rank, for the boys to pass through?

If the above suggestion is accepted let each man going away send—First, his wife—if no wife—Second, his mother, if no mother, third, his sister or sweetheart, if no sweetheart, to be called by Chief Marshal Humer, at some place and date convenient to Mr. Humer.

ONE WHO WONDERS.

Information Denied

To the Editor of the Telegraph: I am a resident of West Fairview. I am on the conscription list I tried in vain to get my draft number. I have asked members of the board and have been notified that they turned their lists over to the Auditor General. Suppose these lists are lost by the parties to whom they have been entrusted, what then?

INQUIRER.

Labor Notes

Many women are occupying English pulpits.

Western women of the United States have pledged themselves to assist in the harvest.

The Italian War Department employs 72,324 women, many of whom are engaged in digging trenches.

The Railway Mail Association has voted to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

One thousand three hundred women are working as street car conductors in Glasgow, Scotland.

The boot allowance of the Metropolitan (London, Eng.) police has been raised from 12 cents to 25 cents a week.

One million eight hundred thousand women are active farmers and gardeners in the United States.

A further war bonus of \$1 a week has been granted to the clerical staff in the Royal British dockyards.

For the first time in thirty-one years there was no strike pay distributed by Midland County (England) Trades Federation.

On August 6, at Detroit, Mich., International Slate and Tile Roofers' Union of America will convene.

The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara (Canada) is aiming to make the minimum salary of the minister \$1,000 and free house.

A training school for returned soldiers who desire to enter agriculture and work in the disposal of the Canadian Government.

The English Government has employed 100,000 women in the export of horses from Canada for use in the war.

Venezuela by law has prescribed a standard of purity for butter and forbidden the sale of that containing any adulterants.

In 1906 there was one trainman killed for each 124 employed; in 1911, one killed for each 182 employed; in 1916, one killed for each 274 employed.

To release men for the army, young women are being trained to run the elevators in the Equitable Building, New York.

Tips received by a railway porter must be taken into consideration in computing compensation under the British Workmen's Compensation act.

On Road to Lemberg To the west of Bohorodczany, on the Grabovka-Krivicz line, the enemy is holding back our advance.—Petograd statement.

On the Grabovka-Krivicz line. There are consonants awaiting. Just to see that I get mine. So I, Lemberg, and to Brussloff I pray: Get you on, you Slavic soldier, To a place that I can say.

"To a place that I can say, In my simple Gotham way, When I open up my paper, For the war news of the day."—A. H. F.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, the storm center in State affairs, said today that he was prepared for whatever might turn up as the result of his refusal to recognize any payrolls or requisitions from men appointed to office by the Governor after having been rejected by the State Senate. The officials have been waiting for the return of Attorney General Brown before proceeding.

It is understood that Secretary of Agriculture Patton is resentful of the action of the Auditor General and that he is willing to start mandamus proceedings, while Commissioner of Banking and Finance is only waiting for the advice of Mr. Brown before moving.

This is a matter on which I am satisfied I am right. I will not recognize an official not legally appointed was the expression of the Auditor General to-day.

Payroll and requisitions are going through the fiscal departments for other branches of the State government without question and Mr. Snyder says that Wisconsin deputies where in his opinion there are no legal claims.

An interesting coincidence in the selection of Roland S. Morris as Ambassador to Japan to succeed the late George W. Guthrie is that he also succeeded him as chairman of the Democratic State Committee.

Mr. Morris' selection is credited to National Chairman McCormick, of whom he is a warm personal friend, quite aside from their connection with Democratic affairs. It is also considered probable that District Attorney Kane will be reappointed.

Junata and Mifflin counties appear to be enjoying interesting campaigns for nominations for associate judge. Junata has half a dozen nominating petitions on file and there are said to be about fourteen candidates all told.

Mifflin has ten candidates for the nominations.—There is considerable speculation about the Capitol whether the Governor will avail himself of his right to recall approvals or vetoes on some of the measures increasing salaries or creating new places because of the revenue situation.

Cumberland county prohibition people will get together on nominations this month. A complete ticket will be put in the field.

The second class city bill which would have allowed purchase without advertisement for a patented article went by the wayside yesterday. The Reynolds bill, providing for the same thing, when less than \$1,000 is involved, was signed in May and the second class city people are voting their thanks.

Thomas C. Seidle, appointed as the referee in compensation in the Schuylkill-Berks-Lehigh-Carbon-Northampton district, used to be the Republican leader in Berks county. He has lately been taking a prominent part in Republican affairs in Reading again and has promised to build up the organization. The office will be located in Pottsville where Paul W. Houck had the office during the late gubernatorial campaign of Internal Affairs. Every county had a candidate for the place.

State Chairman William E. Crowl has just returned from Europe. Several important bills in which he was interested have been signed.

Plans to make claim in the name of the Commonwealth to the suits cases detained at Union Station by orders of Auditor General Snyder, and which are believed to contain records missing from the Auditor General's Department, are being made, and the plan for an increase brought officially to the attention of Attorney General Brown within a few days.

Mr. Brown has been at the last day or two in the Auditor General's Department from \$35,000 to \$5,000 will not interfere with the plans of the Auditor General to have things ready for an increase when proceedings are started that a court order for replacement of records taken away or mutilated at expense of any defendant names would follow as a matter of course.

About half of the state's stream inspectors will either be dismissed or given a vacation this summer because of the Governor's veto of items for the pay of such inspectors. There are funds available for the items for the Department of Health for stream inspection if emergency should arise, but the whole force cannot be employed and the plan for an increase were smashed when the Governor vetoed the items. Several state administration men in vicinity of Philadelphia are being named as inspectors and they are said to be very busy trying to avoid losing jobs.

Path of Gold

A path of gold—oh, build it quick and straight. For mercy's feet to tread! There is no time to wait—There is no time to wait—From Freedom's wounded heart. Make haste to do your part! Swift as the wind, your gifts will be too late.

To help the dead. But here are those who live, whom you can spare. A little of the agony they bear. For you are here; have you not thought how true? For you.

These, who have learned how much body and soul endure, Their chills-bells were as sweet as flowers. Their gardens were as glad with flowers. Their women were as pure. Their children sang and laughed and danced.

As merry and as unafraid—O little heads bowed on the desks as though. The lesson being hard, you fell asleep! We shudder and we weep—but tears are not enough. More, more than tears must pay the debt we owe bleeding breasts have been over his shield.

A wall that is not a field. God knows this moment is too deep for hate. The God that is great, it calls us to be great. Our hand shall comfort him whom it grieves. For wounded friend and wounded foe alike. A path of gold! Oh, build it quick and straight!

—By Amelia Josephine Burr.

When a Feller Needs a Friend . By BRIGGS



Scenes of German Food Riots

Stettin, in the Suburbs of Which Are the Vulcan Shipyards. An Important Industrial Center.

IN few cities of the German Empire would economic unrest and industrial disturbances have a more profound effect upon the Kaiser's prosecution of the war than in Stettin, where serious food riots are reported to have occurred recently.

The authentic history of Stettin dates from the twelfth century, when it was known as Stedyn. For several hundreds of years it belonged to the Dukes of Pomerania, one of whom granted it municipal rights as early as the middle of the thirteenth century. The line of dukes became extinct in 1461, and eleven years later, the town became a Swedish possession. It was not until the following century (1720) that it was allotted to Prussia by the treaty of Stockholm. Frederick the Great greatly strengthened its fortifications but these did not prevent its surrender to the French in 1806, and seven years later, in 1813, Prussia. The city's defenses were razed in 1874, thereby greatly facilitating its industrial expansion. Stettin might be likened to Hartford, Conn., for it is the home office of the biggest insurance companies of the German Empire.

Although other cities have tried to rob it of distinction, Stettin may rightly claim the honor of being the birthplace of one of the greatest women of history—Catherine II, Empress of Russia. At the time of her birth her father (Christian Augustus of Anhalt-Zerbst) was military commander of Stettin. The future ruler of Russia was baptized Sophia Augusta Fredericksa. She did not become "Catherine" until she was rebaptized at the time of her marriage to the son, (afterward Peter III.) of the Russian Emperor Elizabeth.

Mr. Schwab's Wife

[Philadelphia Bulletin.] Ordinarily steel and sentiment are not supposed to have any common denominator, but the speech of Mr. Charles M. Schwab, at the launching of a vessel whose wife appeared as sponsor, is worthy of more than passing consideration. Here is the most efficient steel man in the world, admittedly the greatest expert in all that involves taking coal and iron ore from the ground and evolving them into ships, cannon, shells and skyscrapers. It is a man's job and it involves a host of men working to achieve results.

But Mr. Schwab declares that his success in life has not been wholly individual, but is largely because for thirty years he has had beside him a wife who has been an inspiration. It is pretty likely that Mrs. Schwab knows little about iron in any technical direction, but she has a deservedly high interest in seeing that her husband is at all times fit for his job and she has well fulfilled her task in keeping him up to the mark. Mr. Schwab is still a young man, and in the natural course of things has some thirty years of activity before him, but that is because he has at all times had beside him a loving, tender, watchful wife who has known how to assist him, how to illuminate his life, and how to keep his faculties ready for creative purposes.

No man achieves anything worth the having unless he has a wife to help him or share in his success. No bachelor understands the comfort which comes from the association in the closest intimacy with one who knows you better than you know yourself, and who makes you what you are or at least manages to keep what you have acquired.

Mr. Schwab's tribute to his wife is that of all good men, it is significant only because of his prominence. The world is ruled by good women, and good men are glad to share in the results.

A Song For Sammy When Sammy gets to France, When Sammy gets a chance, Just watch him sweep the Germans from the line. With Tommy and his brother, Mr. Polu, in the trench. Just watch him crown with glory the battle of Stettin. When Sammy gets a chance, When Sammy gets to France.

It ain't for bloom'n' dollars that I'm fighting fur out here, It ain't for scraps of land or gold the widder's cry you'll hear, It's because I hear the voice o' Washington and Wayne, It's because oh honest Abe is callin' me again. To make the whole world free For Tommy, Mr. Polu, and for me.

So in the mud you'll find us with the rats and the disease When the shells are bustin' over head like thunder And the shrapnel's fallin' thicker than the rain on summer breeze, And the blood's a spurtin' from our veins and muscles torn asunder. It'll be Sammy in the trench With the English and the French. And the wop who plays the gurdy way down east. In the Champagne, on the Meuse, by the Vardar or Suez, That's the Broadway and the Main street, now for Sammy. —Joseph K. Willing.

Evening Chat

One of the things that the war has speeded up in Harrisburg that the average man does not realize is messages, just plain telegrams. The State capital has always been a great place for messages to arrive and to depart, much of it being due to the State Capitol, but it is not too much to say that war has added a fifth to the business being done. The amount of official messages handled here is something appalling and the messengers have gone to and from the Capitol with as high as fifty messages on one trip. Much of this business, naturally, is limited State government business, but there has been a great jump in the amount of State business handled over the wires that pass through this city in the two great trunk systems. Then, too, business here, industrial and financial, has been growing since the war began and it has contributed to the general growth of telegraphic messages. When it is considered that there are many telephone messages, too, and that war has brought its increase to that line one commences to think about what an important place on the map is the capital of the second state of the American continent. In the telegraph offices the messages are made into bales at night and the number of them is astonishing. Similarly the records of long distance messages handled is quite pithoric compared to what they were a year or so ago.

Governor Brumbaugh's mail is something else that has grown. The Governor has had the record for mail. He has had more come in and going out than any other governor, possibly more than any two governors. The legislative session increased his correspondence, but the outbreak of war and the preparation of the safety and defense plan doubled it. The Governor tries to read the letters that come to him when he is not working on bills. However, if he does not read the letters he keeps a pretty good run on his mail and knows what is going on. The Executive Department postage bill is the largest on the Hill now because it is the rule to answer every letter.

Among the visitors to the State Capitol this week was John Hamilton, of State College, former Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Hamilton was here with his grandsons to see the new State Capitol and met a number of friends while here.

Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McClain, who was here yesterday, said that he was one man who visited the Hill who did not want anything. He came to attend to business at the departments and to attend a meeting of the State Defense Commission in which he says he holds more offices than the other members combined.

Announcement of the appointment of Dr. J. T. Rothrock, of West Chester, to the State Forestry Commission, will be received with pleasure all over the state as the doctor is the "Father of Pennsylvania Forestry" and his selection to be a member of the board which he long honored, is a mark of respect and expert knowledge. Dr. Rothrock was the first Commissioner of Forestry and after he resigned, became a member of the commission. He relinquished the work some years ago but the Governor has persuaded him to take it up again in an advisory way. Dr. Rothrock will give attention to the auxiliary reserves, in which the late S. B. Elliott, long his colleague on the commission, was especially interested.

When it comes down to working a garden in a driving rain it means that the gardener is interested and that he is going to get all there is to be had. Last evening, in spite of the rain which fell between 6 and 8, there were people out working their gardens and working away at the weeds in "war gardens" all over the city. If the gardens are a success this year the war people will go at it next year will be well worth waiting.

It might be added that a good many housewives exact their garden to be going forth their increase this year because the demand for jars for preserving in Harrisburg is something tremendous. There have been no jars for sale in the city since ever known before and the stores handling them have been compelled to replenish their stocks again and again.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

U-BOAT BANK BY AMERICAN VESSEL. US SOLDIERS LAND IN FRANCE.

A SERIOUS MATTER. "What is your opinion of the war?" "I'll tell you. I think it's serious enough now for us to be taking it seriously."

SNUBBED. "Does she bow to the inevitable?" "No, she cuts it dead."

DOING HIS SHARE. I'm tired humping mah back over dis yer tub to disport you. Why don't you get out and do sumpin'?

Why, how you talk! Don't a put in my lots ob hard work getting jobs for you?

KEEP THE SAME HOURS. Wife—George, how can you stay away from home so late nights? Hubby—Oh, easily. I acquired the habit while I was courting your dear.

Fashion Note. Ceres appears, the Crop Report asserts. Garbed in the latest fashion—trailing skirts, a shawl, a fowing ribbon girt.

Her ample bodice, tricked with tassels, Dew gemmed, sun painted, spilling from her horn.

Largesse of all the products of the soil. While leaning on his hoe, the son of toil.

Shakes from his eyes the sweat, and with an air Proprietary says: "She is all there!" And best of all—get ready for a thrill!

I decked her out and did it with a But, you (meaning you) will have to foot the bill!" —Maurice Morris.

NOT A BITE. Tramp—I haven't had a bite for two days. Summer Boarder—Neither have I; rotten fishing around here.

An Oregon War Slogan (From the Portland Oregonian) To 'em and at 'em, And at 'em and to 'em, And to 'em and at 'em again. If we don't do 'em when we get to 'em, Let's up and at 'em again.