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If you tell the truth, you have infinite power supporting you; but if not, you have infinite power against you.—CHARLES GEORGE GORDON.

PROUD AND SAD

We of Harrisburg are proud and sad to-day. Proud because another company of our volunteers is going away, for how long and to what perils we know not; and sad because we shall miss them and our hearts shall hunger for them until they return, which we all pray shall be in triumph and safety.

This is not the first time that Harrisburg has said farewell to troops marching away to war. Four times within the memory of many still living Harrisburg men have sprung arms at the nation's call; once when the Union was threatened, once when it became our duty to end Spanish cruelty in Cuba and the Philippines, again when Villa threatened invasion from Mexico and now upon a mission that Americans hope will end war for all time.

It is a glorious, if dangerous, enterprise upon which these young men set out—to make war on war, to fight that there may be no more fighting, to risk their lives that coming generations may live in peace and tranquility.

A GREATER HARRISBURG

SINCE the consolidation of the Bethlehem the chief interest of the people has centered in the choice of mayor and it appears that one of the most distinguished citizens of the new city has been induced to stand for the honor.

City Solicitor John E. Fox has a vision of the still greater Harrisburg and we may look hopefully to him to lead us to the achievement of the things which are easily possible in our development.

But there must be an awakening. Even in a war period we must give attention to the selection of public officials who will express in their acts the sentiment of the community.

In the Bethlehems the office is seeking the man so far as the mayoralty is concerned, and Arch Johnston has been drafted for the job.

Joseph Daniels is at it again. He has now declared war on the Navy League, which has been doing much for the comfort of our fighters at sea.

A BOOK FOR A SOLDIER

STATE LIBRARIAN THOMAS LYNCH MONTGOMERY, president of the American Librarians' Association, has sent out a call for aid in raising a million dollars for books for soldiers.

There ought to be no difficulty in getting the money. The project is praiseworthy in the extreme.

of evil when its subject is in a far country, without anything to do or any good thing to read. To provide books for soldiers will keep many of them out of mischief and will give others opportunity to keep up with the times and to fit themselves for various occupations after the war, not to mention the surcease from toil and care that comes from an hour's perusal of a good book.

Judge McCarrell is resting at Eaglesmere, and the comforting thought that nobody will oppose his re-election must enhance the pleasure of the summer outing.

THE RED CROSS PLEA

THE Harrisburg Chapter of the Red Cross has been asked to provide 39,000 pieces of knit goods for the soldiers in France.

This is a big order. The articles cannot be made in a day. They include everything from sweaters to wrist warmers and socks. They are needed immediately.

While we are sitting beside open fires, or warm radiators or hot stoves the coming winter, thousands of our fellows who stand between us and the horrors of a German invasion will be facing the hardships of life in the open, with bullets and shells overhead and melting snow or ice underfoot.

The Red Cross has asked for help. The Red Cross has never asked in vain. Harrisburg and Steelton have responded to previous calls as generously as any communities of their size in the country.

Here is a time when fad fits in very well with utility. There was a period when knitting was almost a lost art. Our grandmothers knit the socks, the mittens and the "comforters" for the whole family.

From knitting neckties, collars, lace and the like, these women will now turn their attention to making garments for soldiers.

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participate, they are certain to maintain a record for bravery and devotion to duty equal to any other troops. We of Harrisburg have not forgotten the splendid battalions under Major Young at Camp Meade in 1898, and the pages of the country's history are emblazoned with the brave deeds of colored soldiers.

Mayor Smith is again moving for harmony in the Republican party in Philadelphia. He will have the good wishes of all Republicans in this endeavor.

Altoona is about to pick four members of the City Commission who will agree upon the city manager plan for the Mountain City.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Mayor Thomas P. Smith, of Philadelphia, who announced in a trenchant statement on Saturday that he was going to get harmony in regard to a ticket in Philadelphia this fall if he had to start an independent movement within the Republican party to get it, seems to have won out.

The Philadelphia Inquirer of today in an Atlantic City dispatch, sums up the developments of yesterday, which are of interest to all of Pennsylvania because of effect on the general State political situation.

For Receiver of Taxes, W. Freehand Kendrick, a personal friend of the Mayor, allied with the Vane leadership.

For City Treasurer, Frederick J. Shoyer, who was named at the instance of the Vane by Governor B. P. Shuman.

While these selections must be confirmed by a conference which will be held in Philadelphia to-morrow, there is no doubt that they will be approved.

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WHEN YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR GIRL FOR TWO DAYS - NOR HEARD FROM HER BECAUSE OF A QUARREL

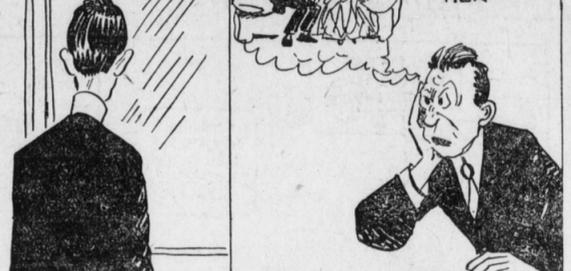


AND YOU FINALLY DECIDE TO CALL HER UP AND HEAR THE WORST



By Briggs

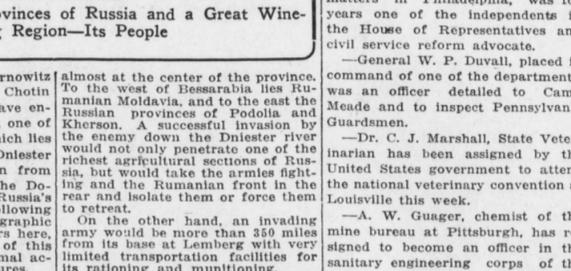
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IF SHE ANSWERS THE PHONE WITH A "YES DEARIE" ETC ETC.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Why not call Uncle Sam's stalwart soldier sons "Samsons"?—Kansas City Star.

The Kaiser is enthusiastically in favor of some rule for Ireland.—Boston Transcript.

We see by Upton Sinclair's secession from the Socialist party that he is about to publish a new book.—Boston Transcript.

B. L. T. of the Chicago Tribune, has an argument that the liquor interests refuse to use. It is that prohibition would mean a scarcity of washer women.—Toledo Blade.

Continuity After eternal things, Eternity! After enduring days, unending ones.

War Service Census By direction of the railroad's war board the railways of the country are taking a census of the men employed, with a view to assisting the government in determining which employees should and which should not be exempted from military service.

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WITHIN THE GATES OF BESSARABIA

One of the Richest Provinces of Russia and a Great Wine-Making Region—Its People

WITH the fall of Czernowitz and the capture of Chotin the Central Powers have entered the gates of Bessarabia, one of Russia's richest provinces, which lies between the Pruth and the Dniester rivers, and which was taken from Rumania in exchange for the Dobruja district, after one of Russia's wars with Turkey.

Several attempts to "test the constitutionality of the selective draft act have been made in different parts of the country with the invariable result of judicial indorsement of the law.

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

T. Henry Walnut, special United States attorney investigating draft matters in Philadelphia, was for years one of the independents in the House of Representatives and civil service reform advocate.

General W. P. Duval, placed in command of one of the departments, was an officer detailed to Camp Meade and to inspect Pennsylvania Guardsmen.

Dr. C. J. Marshall, State Veterinarian has been assigned by the United States government to attend the national veterinary convention at Louisville this week.

A. W. Guager, chemist of the mine bureau at Pittsburgh, has resigned to become an officer in the sanitary engineering corps of the United States Army.

Paul H. Gaither, of Greensburg, has been made chairman of the appeal board for his district of the State. He is a widely known Democratic attorney.

Frank A. Knapp, Pittsburgh restaurant manager, has been summoned to Washington in food control matters.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg's two island parks are unique among American cities?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG When the State Capital was removed to this place there were thirty taverns, which grew up because of the numerous roads centering here.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

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Evening Chat

Dr. Lewis R. Harley, professor of history in Central high school of Philadelphia, who has been writing of men and affairs of the Keystone State in a series of unusual interest to every Pennsylvanian for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin's editorial page, writes of the late Senator Mr. Maclay's colleague, Robert Morris, which refers to the sturdy Susquehanna valley statesman in a sympathetic way.

The interesting part of Professor Harley's article to us Harrisburgers of the day when we are striving to advance our city as an attractive place wherein to live, and die, is the glimpse he gives of Senator Maclay strolling along the banks of the river which he loved and which is our greatest natural pride.

The story of William Maclay, the man who laid the plans that carried out the dream of the first John Harris, painfully polling his ferry-flat across the Susquehanna at Vine street two and a half years ago, is all too little known to the thousands who pass the stone mansion which he built in 1790 at Front and South streets.

This Senator of "the old school" as the Philadelphia historian styles him, came back to Harrisburg after his retirement from the first session of "the original lawmakers who assembled in the State capital at New York" and in the sunset of his life saw the country turn toward the pure democracy enunciated by his friend Jefferson and for which half the world fights to-day.

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