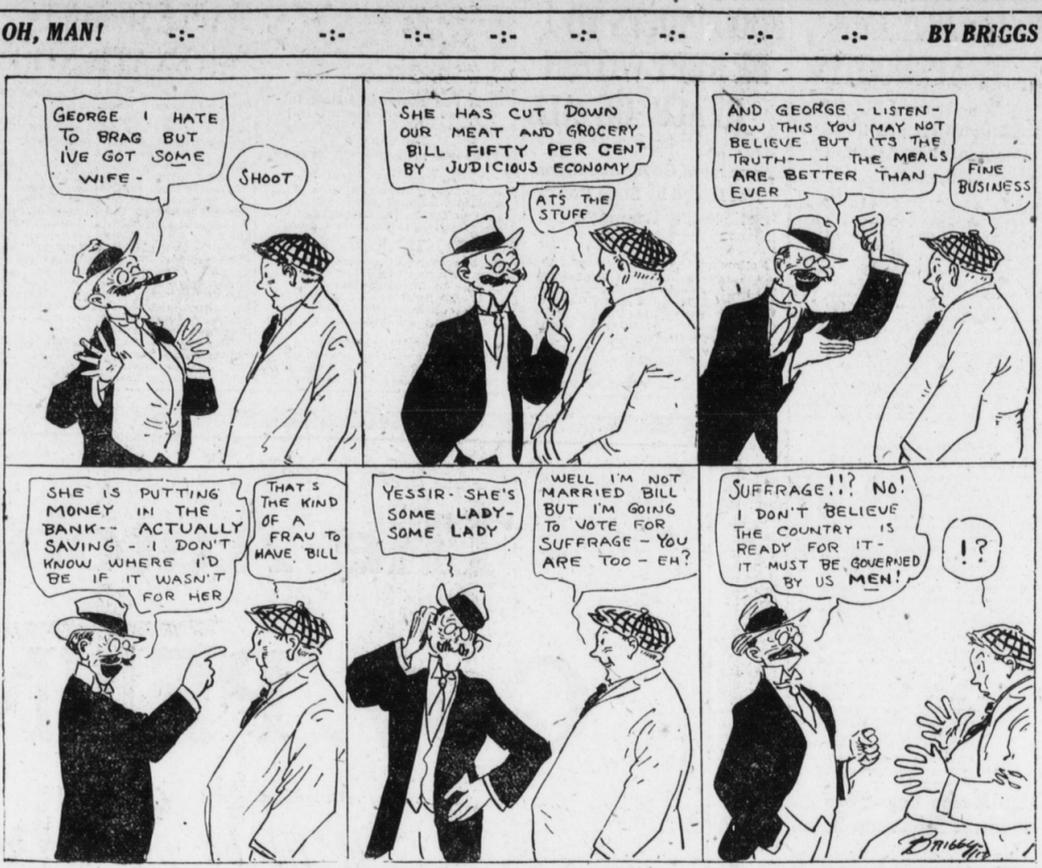


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TREAT THEM KINDLY DURING the next few days 200 men and women will go about in Harrisburg collecting funds for Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. war work. It is not necessary to repeat the purposes to which this money will be devoted. You know them. These solicitors are working in a good cause. Before they started on their rounds each of them made a contribution to the cause. They are giving of their time and their energies as well as of their money. They are "doing their bit." See to it that you do yours.

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman First signs of the series of contests expected to take place at the May primary for the selection of the Republican state ticket have appeared here. Friends of Representative James F. Woodward, of McKeesport, chairman of the appropriation committee in the last two Houses of Representatives, expect a formal announcement of his candidacy for secretary of Internal Affairs very soon. Woodward's backing of the successful city ticket in McKeesport is understood to be a factor in his consideration in high places.



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Fearless minds climb soonest into crowns.—SHAKESPEARE.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

PRESIDENT WILSON'S address before the American Federation of Labor convention yesterday teemed with wise suggestion and common sense. His plea to labor to stand by the government was made on the ground that this is labor's own war, a proposition so self-evident that little demonstration should be necessary. It must be self-evident that there can be no freedom of labor if Prussianism's foot is to be left on the neck of the world. Labor wants peace. So does the President, and the wisest labor leaders of the country agree with the President that the only way to achieve lasting peace is by fighting for it.

MAKING THE BALLOT SIMPLE

EXPERIENCES of people in Philadelphia and other cities of the State with the ballot at the election a week ago are adding to the demand for a simpler method of voting to which the Harrisburg Telegraph has been calling attention for some time. The last legislature took a big step in advance when it gathered the laws relative to hunting and put them into one code and those relating to fishing and put them in another and those regarding dogs and put them into a third. And not only did it group these laws, but in many cases simplified them so that the sportsmen and fishermen of Pennsylvania did not need to have the telephone numbers of their lawyers in their pockets when they went out for a day's sport.

EMPEY AND THE Y. M. C. A.

"Then," he went on, with a change of tone, and with admiration in his voice that showed how he felt before he had got to the end of his sentence, "there is the Y. M. C. A. You people in America ought to do everything you can to help the Y. M. C. A. It is the real home of the American soldier in France. It can't give him his loved ones, but it gives him the comforts and interests and pleasures of home. It brings home to him there in the mud of the trenches. The Y. M. C. A. Association men aren't drawing any wonderful salaries, either; they are volunteers, and they are in the midst of the mud and the firing line. The soldiers are to make the soldier comfortable and help him maintain the religion and the manliness that he had when he went into the war. The Y. M. C. A. doesn't make any distinction among Protestants, Catholics, Jew, atheist, every one is welcome.

Some Army Yarns

Herbert Cory Has Collected the Tales Soldiers Tell

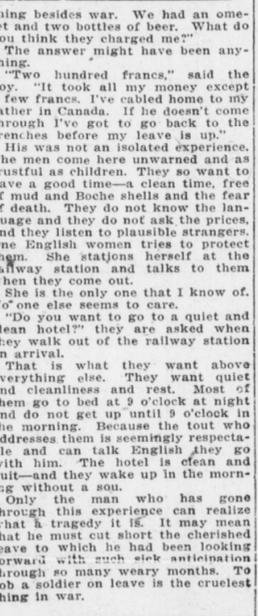
War isn't all horror and slaughter. If it were the men couldn't stand it. There are interludes when humor fits in quite properly and there are stories which go the rounds of the camps and are just as after-dinner anecdotes as are circulated in civilian life in times of peace. Herbert Cory, war correspondent for the Associated Newspapers after writing of the activities at the front has set down some of these army stories and sent them by mail to America. Here they are:

Over the Top in Penna.

That must have been some battle over in Plainfield, N. J. where the drays won over the wets by just one vote. It is said the saloon keepers would have pensioned for life the deciding voter, could they have nailed him before he dropped in his ballot.

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HAS ARMY OFFICERS' SUPPORT

OFFICERS of the United States Army who have commanded regiments in the Philippines, China and the Canal Zone are hoping that the Army Y. M. C. A. will be given the funds which are required to establish at the camps and cantonments places for the soldiers to gather and to keep out of mischief. Testimony as to the value of the establishments which the War Council is providing for the enlisted men in their free hours at camps such as was given a few days ago by General John J. Pershing is backed up by statements of experienced officers of the army. They contend that now is the time to provide the places so that the men undergoing training may get accustomed to wholesome amusement when off duty and that money to be contributed can not be better spent than in looking after the welfare of the soldiers and in furnishing rest places for mothers and sisters and wives who may visit the camps.

KERENSKY, MAN OF THE HOUR

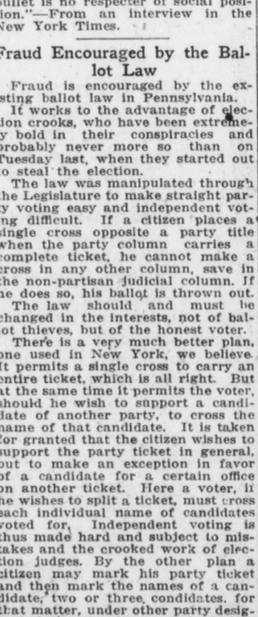
KERENSKY has been hailed since the overthrow of the Czar as "the man of the hour in Russia," and, apparently, he is again justifying the appellation. Just at the moment when the world in sorrow had concluded that his sun had set, the brilliant young leader swings back into power at the head of a powerful army and marches to oust his rival from the nation's capital.

Fraud Encouraged by the Ballot Law

Fraud is encouraged by the existing ballot law in Pennsylvania. It works to the advantage of election crooks, who have been extremely bold in their conspiracies and probably never more so than on Tuesday last, when they started out to steal an election.

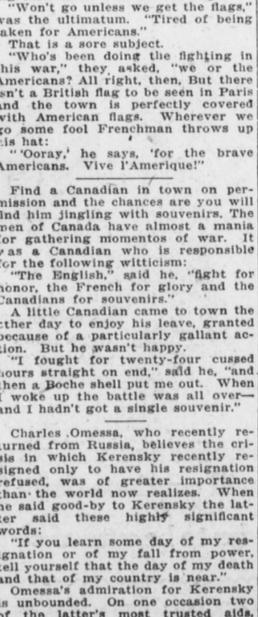
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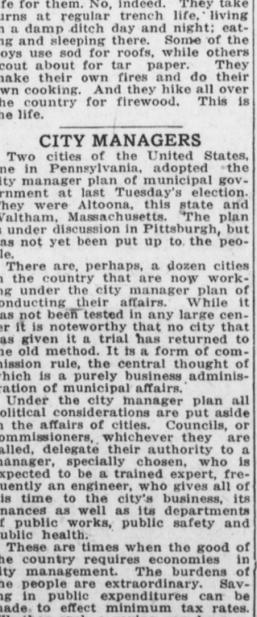
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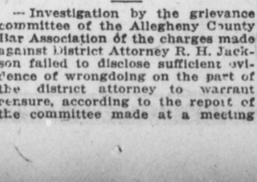
THE story of the widow's mite is recalled every time the subject of giving is discussed. Many folks use it as an excuse for giving \$1 when they should have given \$10. The widow's mite is so small that it is frequently overlooked. Just remember when the war work council campaigners visit you, Mr. Businessman, that you are not a mite and that there is not much might in a mite.

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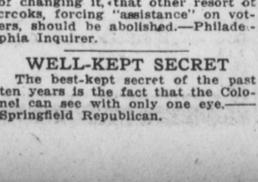
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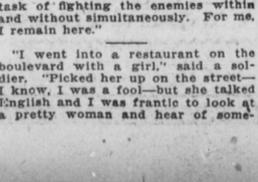
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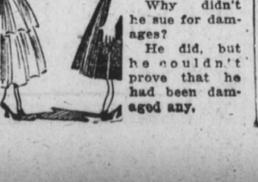
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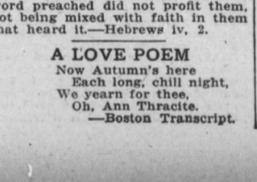
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