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Joy is not in things, it is in us - CHARLES WAGNER.

THE WAR CABINET BILL

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN, Democrat; Senator Hitchcock, Democrat; and Senator Wadsworth, Republican, each has told the Senate of the United States that America is not playing the part in the war she is capable of playing.

Each has said that President Wilson and Secretary Baker have done big things in the face of difficulties. Each has disclaimed any intent to take one iota of power from either the President or Secretary.

All three have declared their one purpose in criticizing has been and is to make America 100 per cent. effective against Germany by bringing to the administration's aid more of the big men of the country.

Surely, the friends of President Wilson will not persist in their assertions that the war cabinet bill is a Republican political scheme when its two leading exponents are influential Democrats.

Surely, the President will not dare to say that all these Senators are mistaken and that only he is right, when the whole country realizes that these men are in better position to know the truth concerning the things whereof they speak than the President himself is.

It has come down to this—that leading men, regardless of party, have reached the belief that this war can be successfully conducted only by the united abilities and efforts by the whole country. It is not a one man job nor a one party job. It is bigger than parties.

We do not stop to ask the religious convictions of the firemen who respond when our home is ablaze. We have no right now to ask, is this man a Democrat, or is that man a Republican, when rescuers are needed to save the very life of the nation. The only question that should have any weight is—Is he the best man for the place?

The President contends that the present machinery, designed when the country was in its infancy, is adequate for the conduct of the war and that its efficiency cannot be improved upon by Congress. He might with equal logic argue that the organization of the country general store of a half century back is sufficient to operate successfully a modern department store.

The problems of the Civil War were simple as compared with those of today, yet Lincoln found need of the service of big men outside his own political party. That he did not under the circumstances deem a war cabinet necessary is no proof that he would be opposed to such a measure as is now before Congress under present circumstances.

In taking the stand he does President Wilson not only assumes a grave responsibility, but he is trifling with the support of Congress and creating a measure of doubt in the minds of millions who have been standing behind him steadfastly in this war and who will continue as long as he will permit them to do so and still feel that the country is putting 100 per cent. into the fight for democracy.

"Post office will not be opened before March," and for the benefit of Postmaster Sites we append this quotation: "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

THE U-BOAT A FAILURE?

INDICATIONS are, notwithstanding the War Department's warning of the possibility of a great U-boat offensive soon, that the great naval minds of Germany have lost faith in the submarine as an instrument capable of bringing England to her knees and so winning the war for the Central Powers. There is more than a hint of this in the recent writing of Captain Persius, whose naval criticisms have had the ear of the German people since the very start of the war. Persius frankly admits that the U-boat is Germany's last card and

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Western Pennsylvania Democrats appear to take it for granted that Vance C. McCormick, the Democratic national chairman, will not attempt to seek reelection to the Pennsylvania gubernatorial arena this year and have started to erect lightning rods for favorite sons, although some of them are said to reason that the chance for reelection is a remote one in the Keystone State even in the face of a serious Republican factional row must not be very good or else McCormick would surely be a candidate.

According to Philadelphia newspapers A. Mitchell Palmer, the national committee chairman and other eastern leaders, have put the stop on any gubernatorial ambitions of William H. Berry, collector of the port of Philadelphia, and several other eastern men, and this morning Philadelphia dispatches tell of the declaration of Congressman Guy E. Campbell, of Pittsburgh, for Acting State Chairman and Petroleum Administrator Joseph F. Guffy, public utility man, for Governor. At the same time United States District Attorney E. Wilson was re-elected because of a recurrence of his gubernatorial hopes.

All of the Democrats mentioned have been indicating connection with the federal tax control and shows pretty conclusively that the Democratic bosses are longing for places on Pennsylvania payrolls in the name of patriotism or otherwise else that will do to cloak personal ambition. They promised Pennsylvania if they got Wilson in 1912, but they have never been able to deliver.

Governor Brumbaugh said last night in regard to the report that the Republican state leaders had made up their minds to declare for local option in the state platform, "The Republican party ought to go much farther. It should declare for prohibition and woman suffrage."

The meeting of numerous religious and anti-liquor bodies here this week and the activity of O'Neil partisans among them does not appear to be lost on men of all parties. The effect of the meetings is being watched carefully, although Democrats do not get it.

Senator Sprout's announcement is due this week and is being awaited as the signal to start things moving. The Vares seem to be about to begin decapitation of members of that committee who were for the Town Meeting ticket. This will probably speed up the proposed removals of the members of the Philadelphia committee plan: "The meeting of the committee may also be taken to the Vares and the plan of Senator Vore that the members from the several wards shall indicate the preference of their constituents in the matter of the most available candidate for Governor. It is known that a majority of the ward leaders affiliated with the Vares are of the opinion that Senator William C. Sprout, of Delaware county, is the logical candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor. The situation may be complicated if at the same time there is a move to induct Scott, the Vore favorite, for the Lieutenant Governorship."

Charles W. Kiser, of Wilkesburg, treasurer of one of the Pittsburgh trust companies, is to be the treasurer of the J. Denny O'Neil committee. Kiser has been prominent in the Pittsburgh chapter of the Institute of Banking and active in civic and religious affairs in Wilkesburg and vicinity.

Commissioner O'Neil, who is addressing the Anti-Saloon League superintendents to-day and speaking at the same time in Lancaster, will go to Carlisle to-morrow to address the businessmen of Cumberland county and on the following day to address the same group at the Cumberland road supervisors' Saturday he will speak at Red Lion, York county.

Attitude of Mayor A. T. Connell, of Scranton, in the coming gubernatorial campaign appears to be arousing much comment here. Mr. Connell was formerly allied with the Penrose people, but he was named as one of the Scranton registration commissioners and also as a member of the commission on banking laws.

An appointment of interest from Scranton is that of Jerome K. Barrett, well-known newspaperman as assistant city solicitor. He began his career on a newspaper and is still actively connected with it.

Says a special dispatch to the Philadelphia Press from Wilkes-Barre: "Republicans in this section are reacting unfavorably to their demands that the Penrose and Vore forces bury the hatchet and set together on a State ticket. There has been a time in many years when the up-State party men have been more harmonious and when the chances for an old-fashioned party vote, loomed brighter, if the Vares and Penrose come to an understanding."

Scranton newspapers intimate that the visit of Harry C. Hubler to Governor Brumbaugh Thursday was to get State administration support for a fight against Congressman John R. Farr. However, Secretary William H. Ball said the visit was to get support for the Democratic nomination for state legislature against Patrick H. Wynne, who has represented the Pittston district for the past two years. The district is one of the Democratic strongholds in Luzerne county. Mr. Wynne is well known in Scranton, being employed by the Scranton Foundry and Machine Company. During the last session he was secretary of the Democratic organization in the House.

Representative Harry B. Scott, of Center, has been picked as one of the men to have charge of arrangements in the central part of Pennsylvania.

Ex-Representative Frank C. Reese, of Schuylkill, is expected of having senatorial ambitions. City Manager Hinkle's action in chopping down the emoluments of the city treasurer of Altoona from \$3,000 to \$1,800 has attracted much attention in other cities of the third class, which are having troubles over filling offices.

OH, MAN!

Editorial Comment

A cynic commentator on the recent revelations of delay in war preparation suggests that he kept us out of war, his Administration is now making good.—Chicago Tribune.

When the Petrograd Bolsheviks refuse to fight Germany and then threaten Rumania with war, they would have the chance of understanding their mental processes or accept their theories as proof of exceptional virtue.—New York World.

A profit is without honor unless it is decently small.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

STRENGTHEN PRESIDENT

[Elbert F. Baldwin in the Outlook.] Senator Chamberlain authorized me to make the following statement in his behalf in my interview with him:

"From Washington's letters to the Continental Congress throughout the years, and the fact that Epton and others, from Bunker Hill to the present day, we have had neither a military organization nor a military policy, the need of the present day is especially evident. I have been a member of the Senate committee on military affairs for the past several years, and I am sure as any one realizes, our own deficiencies in what military establishment we have."

"As a result of the military organization, I approve the efforts of Mr. Baker, Secretary of War. Their good effect is apparent. But they do not go far enough because they do not centralize authority. Hence I introduced a bill creating a director of munitions, who, with definite legal powers, would have charge of the production and distribution of war supplies. To aid the President in carrying out his war policy I also introduced a bill creating a cabinet of three members, to be appointed by the President with the Senate's advice and consent."

"Acting on the President's orders, these men would be legally empowered to advise and direct a war policy, and to this end, to co-ordinate the activities of the various departments of government have been directed to the military side, and I and my colleagues would help in the carrying of a war cabinet bill, in no way to diminish, but to strengthen the President's powers by affording him a new arm of power."

"In the same way the director of munitions bill would help the Secretary of War. I advocate the universal training of munitions director of war cabinet bills to aid the government; that is my whole motive. There is only one thing for an American to do, namely, to help win the war, as I am actuated by that impulse only."

French Jewelry Popular

The wearing of French jewelry was so complained at one time by a more or less apologetic attitude. Women liked the pretty and inexpensive little trinkets, but had a feeling that somehow they were not up to the standard and that it wasn't quite the proper thing to wear them.

But that is over and done with. Nowadays one buys and wears unblushingly metal that simulates gold and stones that are far from precious, except in that they are very beautiful.

There are metal bagtops, for instance, in remarkable shapes and jeweled designs. And there are any number of styles in combs, pins and barrettes for the hair. These are all resplendent with colored and scintillating stones.

Bead chains are to be had in such a variety of colors that one can find just the hue sought for almost any costume. Some of them have fancy designs that give them quite a barbaric splendor.—New York Evening Sun.

An Allenby Myth

[From the London Observer] A strange tale is in circulation at clubs where men from the East foregather, says A Club Member. It is said that, apart from General Allenby's unquestioned success, his name has had a remarkable effect on the Turks. For Allenby is by some interpreted as Allah Nihil, which means the man from Allah, or the emissary of Allah. Therefore, his triumph has been accepted as a direct divine interposition. This was a stroke of luck which never entered the minds of the war authorities when they wisely gave him his command.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

UPTOWN SALOONS To the Editor of the Telegraph: The killing at Verbeke and Capitol streets at the all-night saloon is a tragedy that is being passed on to posterity almost to apathy of the general public.

The colored man who was well-known in every saloon, and finally landed in an all-night affair, filled with the worst men you could find in the city. He was tanked there five or six times and then he was thrown out. He felt insulted and wanted to fight as nearly every man does who has the rotten stink of liquor on his breath. He replaced his chance and killed a man. He has been landed in jail and if he pays the penalty with his life it will be a just punishment. He has been satisfied. It isn't right if the poor negro alone is punished. That same law was convined by testimony of citizens and pleadings of the lawyer, that a rumshop was necessary at Verbeke and Capitol to accommodate the public, although the saloon was not in the immediate vicinity. I know what an all-night saloon means from coming in actual contact with it, and I know that the same law should be held responsible for poisoning a man to such a degree that he does what he wouldn't think of doing, normally. The saloon keeper should share in the punishment. Doesn't it seem ridiculous that the people permit the licensing of saloons which are the cause of seventy-five per cent. of our crime? The court is the servant of the people and it reflects the opinion of the people. The voter who is not interested in having the best administration is likewise guilty in this case. It's a crime to punish just that colored man. J. H. FAGER.

Miners Should Not Be Drafted The present coal scarcity felt in almost every section of the country, furnishes the very strongest argument in favor of favorable consideration of the request which Congressman John R. Farr made of Fuel Administrator Garfield in Washington.

This request was that the Fuel Administrator take action looking to the prevention of further enlistment in the Army, the Navy, the aero squadron or the engineers' corps of mine workers who are needed at the collieries to help get out a record output of coal.

The fact that weather conditions, recently, have greatly minimized the tonnage mined shows that the situation is one calling for action. The fact is that more labor and not the taking away of experienced men who are invaluable in the work of getting out fuel.

A miner busy cutting coal is serving his country just as effectively these days as the men in the trenches holding a part of the line in France. The fact is too clear for argument. It is supreme folly to ask men engaged in this industry to leave their present duties to engage in any line of army service.

We have no doubt that the President and Secretary Baker will see this matter in a proper light when it is laid before them. Dr. Garfield.—Scranton Republican.

LABOR NOTES

The United States Employment Service will have the task of mobilizing 3,000,000 workers for agricultural, shipbuilding and war contract plants.

England's co-operative movement owns its own gardens in India and Ceylon, palm oil plantations in West Africa and wheat fields in Canada.

As a result of the conference between the employers and the men, the striking funeral undertakers' employees at Dublin, Ireland, have returned to work.

Dublin (Ireland) Master Carriers' Association has offered its men an increase of three shillings and sixpence in addition to their previous war bonus.

Eleven hundred and ten were killed in general industrial establishments in Pennsylvania last year, 1,112 in mines and 418 in public service.

Over the Top in Penna.

Woman down in York County, weighing over 400 pounds nearly lost her life when thrown into a snow bank. Perhaps she is not so badly off as Mabel Johnson, of Chicago, who has been taken to St. Bernard's Hospital for treatment to stop her growth. She is 25 years old; 7 feet, 6 inches tall. Her disease is acromegalia and there have only been one hundred cases of it in the history of medicine.

Read this and be happy, Mr. and Mrs. Coffee Drinker. Justus Liebig proved that, by taking equal lots of men, working in the salt mines, feeding one loaf bread and meat, the coffee squad could do more work and come out in better shape than the meat eaters. He says coffee has very considerable nutriment.

Pennsylvania is one of the most important contributors to the cause of foreign missions, and the statement of Major General Hibiki, of the Japanese Army, shows that, although it costs \$250 to bring in to the church each convert, foreign mission work thrives. There are over 100,000 Japanese members of protestant churches. One Presbyterian church in Tokio has 1,300 members.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

MADE HIM MAD. 1st Book-worm: Why so sad, Louis? 2nd Book-worm: After boring all through that volume I found it is a blank book.

CHANGE OF SENTIMENT. For coal I used to hate to hate to hate. I scorned to chop the wood, but now the fuel is so low, I only wish I could.

HOW IT WORKED. Just one month ago Edith and I agreed that we would point out each other's faults without reserve. And you are still doing it? Oh, no; we haven't spoken to each other for twenty-nine days.

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Evening Chat

Lafayette men here, and there are a number of them, are taking a big pride in the appointment of Major General Peyton C. March to be chief of staff of the Army. This is the place held lately by another Pennsylvanian, General Tasker H. Bliss, a Lewisburg man and a brother of Robert F. Bliss, of the State Library, who is one of the sons of the late Prof. Francis H. March, the grand old man of Lafayette, all of whom have made good. In addition to the General the other members of this remarkable family are Thomas S. March, author and statesman; high ranking general in the Philadelphia Press; Moncure C. March, general counsel of the Equitable; Prof. John March, of Union College, and Prof. Francis C. March, of Lafayette.

Harry S. Calvert, who was secretary of the old State Railroad Commission, was here this week on matters connected with state departments.

The claim that the United States has a total of about \$3,000,000 against the State of Pennsylvania is nothing new to people here. Such things turn up every now and then, just like great estates abroad and just like a report of every city. When the latest claim came up people at the Capitol gave three guesses as to the amount of the claim and Washington, Md. of them guessed Washington first.

Jesse E. B. Cunningham, former Deputy Attorney General, former against the law the other morning, but seems to have survived and also like a report of every city. Cunningham dropped into a luncheon place and after some thinking of boyhood days ordered sausage and wheat cakes. Back came the waitress.

"Sorry but this is a meatless and also a wheatless day." Cunningham, "Well bring me what the law allows."

Dr. John H. Fager isn't going to be cheated out of his spring hypnotic. (For the benefit of the benighted, the hypnotic is a sort of spring flow and that when Dr. Fager in years ago used to find the first hypnotic note of the fact that spring had arrived.) But with winter calculations all shot to pieces, the Groundhog prediction for six more weeks of cold weather and spring still huddled in the offing, Dr. Fager can sit in his easy chair by the fire-side for days and laugh—for on time, no matter what the birds on their northward trip. Dr. Fager said yesterday, in a note of the fact that spring had arrived, that he had a friend who had most of the hypnotic roots in Whitwood park by too zealous pickering of the snow permits a friend of his to find the secret of the spring in a little gien the secret of which is not known to the general public, and that the gien are watched and cherished by the gien know how to take care of them.

The thoughtful man has few friends even in a trolley car. This was rather strikingly shown the other evening when a citizen who wanted to go to about the top of Adams street, in a trolley car, which was already packed with people who had to go from five to nine miles. Without regard for anyone else, the trolley car was placed near the rear door, ignoring the injunction to "move up front." The car was delayed about three and a half minutes at Thirteenth and Market streets while the switch was cleared of snow and ice and when it did get under way the man called out that he wanted off at Howard street and that Tuesday morning of last week he had stalled at Thirteenth and Market, one block away, and he was on until it reached Howard street and the man held it up half a minute more while he gave the motorman what he termed "a piece of candy" for not stopping at Howard street.

"That's a skip stop and we don't stop there anyway," said the motorman. "And you deserved to be carried to Derby," put in a passenger on whose foot the man had walked in his wild rush for the door.

Speaking of wild flowers a trio of West Shore people whose word cannot be questioned, unite in asserting that Tuesday morning of last week they all three saw a big fat robin and heard him sing. The bird did not mind the snowdrifts, apparently, but was as lithe and as chipper as on a summer day. Naturalists commenting on its appearance at this time say that a few robins and other birds that ordinarily go South each winter prefer to spend the cold weather here and make use of the snow. There is no explanation for this variation from habit.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Dan T. Pierce, who was in charge of publicity at the Hog Island ship-building plant, will go to Europe to engage in Y. M. C. A. work.

Louis Dreake, of Philadelphia, is at Palm Beach for February.

Dr. Henry W. Stough, the evangelist, is preaching to the soldiers along the Mexican border.

Delos Wilcox, trolley expert well known here, is sitting up at nights trying to untangle the Bethlehem traffic situation.

James Neale, one of the experts on the Garfield board, has seen to it that the trolley car kind of coal is being shipped these days. He is a coal operator himself.

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BY BRIGGS

SAY HARRY WILL YOU CASH A CHECK FOR ME? IT'S FOR FIFTY AND THE BANKS ARE CLOSED.

WHY SURE BILL—GIVE IT HERE.

HARRY IM A THOUSAND TIMES OBLIGED TO YOU.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT BILL—GLAD TO DO IT—NO TROUBLE AT ALL!

TWO DAYS LATER—

IS THAT SO—MUST BE SOME MISTAKE.

THAT CHECK HAS BEEN RETURNED MARKED NO FUNDS—

BRIGGS