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He knows not his own strength that has not met adversity.—BEN JOHNSON.

WHY WE SHALL WIN

ONE of the reasons why we accept, with no opposition and little remark, the tremendous demands of the war is because we are so much in earnest. Within the year we have given up vast sums in taxes, purchased billions of dollars worth of Liberty Bonds and millions more of War Savings Stamps.

That is what will make us a winning Nation. We are the richest people in the world—in man-power, money, natural resources and manufacturing capacity. But all that would be as nothing without the will to go—without the determination to go through with this job if it takes all we are and all we have.

The U-boat menace is fading," says the French Minister of Marine, and he might have added, along with it the hopes of Germany.

A SCHOOL "RIGHT THERE"

ACTION of the Central High School in presenting to the Harrisburg Public Library a \$100 Liberty Bond for its permanent endowment not only inaugurates a movement which will be of importance to the library whose circulation is rapidly growing, but it evidences the patriotism and spirit of the school.

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floor of the Commonwealth, that where utility is shown by extraordinary conditions to be entitled, in order to make a living, to charge more than specified in its franchise grant, the Commission will permit the advance. And similarly, valuable trackage and other rights, suggestion of which would have met storms of protest only a year or so ago, are now granted. The Commission naturally provides that these allowances shall be for the period of the war only, or until conditions become normal, but the fact that they are authorized and the authorization accepted by the public is one of the interesting signs of these times.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Discovery that although announcement was made in advance of the primary election, that Stephen H. Huselet, Pittsburgh, would not ask friends to vote for him for the superior court nomination, Mr. Huselet polled many votes, which will be counted as a matter of course, in view of the situation, that Judge William D. Porter would be the sole nominee for the court, of which he has been a member, and that he would be elected at the primary. The very first county to file a return, Bucks, showed a large poll for Mr. Huselet.

CHEERING NEWS

TWO items in Saturday's Telegraph will bear repetition. The first is from a report to Congress on the progress of our preparations for war, and it is so filled with optimism and encouragement that it ought to be kept handy for ready reference when the "wet-blanket" citizen comes around, with his long face and sad countenance, to relate the latest short-comings of the American people and the hopelessness of the country ever becoming a real fighting factor in the war.

Quantity production of the heavy Browning machine gun has reached more than 1,000 Liberty motors have been built and found satisfactory, fast pursuit many other parts are being built in the United States, with Liberty motors for their drive.

More than 600 Brewnings manufactured here during the last month, more than 100 are now in actual field conditions. Work on the light Browning is getting under way, although the completed gun is not being turned out in quantities as yet.

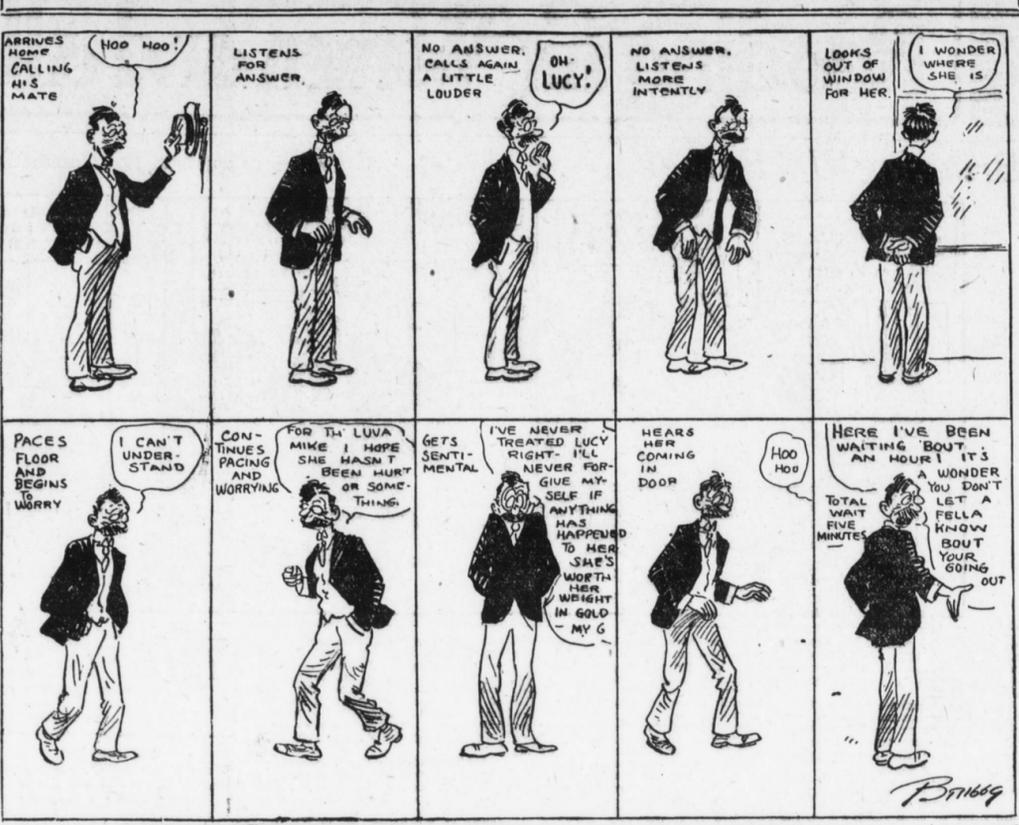
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And then you will read him this dispatch from Washington: Steel ships completed thus far in May exceed the output of any previous month in the history of the shipping board. The total output up to and including May 25, was 29 vessels, of 174,521 tons.

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MOVIE OF A MAN ARRIVING HOME EARLY (FOR ONCE)



Over the Top in Penna.

Snakes, say the state zoologist, are a valuable asset as rodent destroyers, which ruin crops at a percentage of \$5 for each citizen. At the same time there are only seventeen of the many varieties of snakes in America that are poisonous, and none of them will attack a human being except in self-defense. Long live the rattler!

Abolish All That Is German

Editor and Publisher: In his address to the Town Council of Ancker a few days ago, the German Kaiser is reported to have said: "I believe it is now time to abolish all that is foreign. We must cease to talk French."

THE PRUSSIAN SWORD

By Kenneth L. Roberts. "Answer to the sword!"—Koenigliche Volks-Zeitung. What is the Prussian sword? A flaming blade? Three bills to take Philadelphia out of politics are being prepared and the Vire contracts may be attacked. These are strenuous days.

TURKISH, YET GENTLE

(E. Nelson Fell in Asia) When the Bolsheviks threw Russia into the scrapheap they certainly had no thought for the Kirghiz and kindred races; perhaps they had never heard of them; probably very few people are thinking of them, and their condition is very precarious. It is sad to think of this happy, gentle people thrown into the scorching struggle and, unless re-fortified by Russia or Great Britain comes to their rescue, it is hard to see what they can do to save their existence, except to fall into the hands of Germany, who will protect

Bottling U-Boats Big Feat of War

THE following is an extract from a private letter received by a British naval attaché located in New York from a brother officer in the service: "Great excitement has prevailed over that show the other night. Every one in it was simply delighted over it, and say it was a huge success. They were prepared to lose as many men again as they did, so the casualties were not heavy. Any man can imagine what she looks like now. Herbert's was the boat that towed the submarine alongside the Mole and which blew the Mole up. All the men got away safely. Most of them were wounded from machine gun fire. Some of the escapes were simply wonderful and some of the stories of the things the men did make one's hair stand on end. Their bravery is beyond belief. "They say 'tis a huge success. It ought to make a great change in the food in a few months' time. Photographs from airplanes show how perfectly everything was carried out, and that they did exactly what they set out to do, in the way of blocking the entrances, etc. It really is considered one of the feats of the war, and down here everyone is frantically 'buckled' over it. I went into Dover with Herbert the next day and we were taken to see the Vindictive. No one can conceive what it looks like. I could not describe it. Of course it was absolutely untouched below the waterline, but from there up, there seems very little of it left. The decks are ripped up and the place is like lacework, with machine gun bullets and hits—how anyone ever lived for one second on it is beyond belief. It seems so wonderful that Captain Carpenter, after fighting on the Mole one hour and forty-five minutes, calmly went on board again and steamed her back to Dover. "I believe they never expected to see any of the destroyer people back again. The admiral was quite excited when Herbert went in to see him after it all, as he said he thought he had said "Good-by" to him. "Of course, the Huns are making out that nothing has been done, but the photographs which Herbert saw yesterday prove that story to be an absolute lie."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEER AND COAL To the Editor of the Telegraph: I wish respectfully to call your attention to the fact that you forgot to put the brewers and saloonkeepers at the head of the useless employment list. It is Germany's principle to abuse women and children. Thousands of us are proud of Old Glory and the principle of which it floats. We don't want German principle mixed in with it. Tear out those kettles and make respectable works out of the building. Clean out the saloons so when coal is scarce other places there is no rendezvous for husbands to go when their wives and children are freezing. Give those poor wives and babies the coal to burn that the brewers consume. With a soul of patriotism for true principle. MRS. E. B. SCHLOSSER.

SAM AND I I met Sam Brown, a friend of mine, and took him home with me to dine. We talked at length of this and that. As friends will do in random chat, Sam says to me, "How comes it, Joe, you're not arrayed agin the foe?" And I replied with rising heat, "Flat feet."

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Evening Chat

Realization on the part of numerous Dauphin county property owners, especially farmers, that the insurance policies they have carried on buildings and contents no longer call for amounts which would afford them protection against loss or replacements costs because the advance in the price of materials has resulted in more business for fire insurance people than known at this season for a long time. People living in the towns had been watching the advance in cost of materials and had kept their policies in shape, but some public institutions have been forced to increase the amount of their insurance while corporations have been taking precautions amounting to many thousands of dollars in the same way in the Harrisburg districts. The situation appears to have struck many of the farmers in Dauphin and Cumberland counties rather suddenly because they have been making many inquiries the last few days. The farmers in this section are insured in the mutual companies to a considerable extent. They blame the general disposition to increase the amounts carried so that there will be no danger of severe loss in event of fire. Another striking side-light is that there has been a marked increase in number of purchases of lightning rods in rural districts lately.

Status of Harrisburg dogs and dogs belonging to Steelton and other boroughs and Susquehanna and Swatara townships is subject of a bill commencing to enter constabularies and may get to the county authorities for determination. Constables in the township clubs and constables are dogs owned in Harrisburg which have not been licensed and which the city authorities have not been taking up. They blame the situation for trouble in the farming districts. Unlicensed dogs have also turned up in boroughs which, it is claimed, are owned in Harrisburg. The bill provides how to give notice to Harrisburg owners in event that dogs are caught in townships without licenses is a mooted one.

Reorganization of the Harrisburg Reserves, the State Capital's home defense organization, which has been proceeding under Major Henry M. Stine, will be completed in a short time. Two companies have been formed under command of Captains F. H. Hoy, Jr., and Major H. H. Hoy, Jr. They have recruited from former members of the Reserves, while a number of men who served with Major Stine and the "shotgun" squad with the National Guard and veterans of the city's infantry and cavalry companies have joined. These men are proving valuable in the training of the new units and the strength of the companies is almost attained. The Reserves are uniformed with gray shirts and hats and plain are being made up of the equipment. Their appearance in the Italian war anniversary parade elicited very favorable comment. The Reserves have two units and a street work and riot duty under Major Stine and a "shot gun" squad has been organized, composed of men from the city's infantry and thoroughly familiar with shot guns, including some who are experts. A number of the Reserves are members of the Harrisburg Rifle Club and handy at the rifle.

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