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Only one life, it will soon be past; Only what's done for Jesus will last.

MEMORIAL DAY, 1918

MEMORIAL DAY this year will have a new meaning for millions of Americans. The war has done that for us. To many of the younger generations, born within the past 50 years, the war of the rebellion was little more than a bad dream; a part of the dead past and to be buried with it.

But these and all others of us understand better now. We are living in a period like that which called the sword and gun. We know now why they went and what the going means. We who are still at home are as one with the soldiers of the Grand Army in our desire to pay tribute to the soldiers of the country who sleep beneath the sod—whether of this war or that of a half-century gone, whether in this land or abroad.

To-morrow the respect and devotion of the American people for their fallen heroes will be expressed in the strewing of flowers upon thousands of graves in the cemeteries of the country. Let us not forget the new-made graves "over there," and the great cause for which the soldiers of this day are giving their lives.

STRAW HATS

HAVE you noticed the number of straw-hats on the streets these days bearing the unmistakable signs of last year's vintage? Time was when to appear in a straw of the season previous was to label oneself a financial bankrupt or a sloven in dress. In those days the hat-cleaner was an unknown institution in the land. To scrub a straw hat and then venture forth in it was to make oneself a target for the jibes of witty friends. The new straw hat was as regular an accompaniment of late spring as strawberries and asparagus. Our "best dressers" decreed that last year's hat was taboo, and nobody but a few daring souls, so far removed from the ordinary walks of life that public criticism never reached them, or so sunken in the depths of hopelessness that stirring ambition never prompted them to look beyond their present state toward more prosperous days, ventured an objection.

But that was before the war. Today the sunburned straw dome of yesterday year is as numerous on the streets as bees about a sugar barrel, and it is worn at a jaunty angle, indicating the conviction of the individual beneath it that he is quite properly clad and proud of his appearance. We are learning a lot of things about the foolishness of kneeling to the fashion and bowing before the dictates of precedent these days, and wearing last year's hats is one of them.

Surely, the gentlemen of City Council can find no real objection to the creation of a Shade Tree Commission and the planting of thousands of living memorials in the way of trees in honor of our soldier boys. Other cities are doing it; why not Harrisburg?

A UNITED PARTY

FORMER Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft having shaken hands and renewed their old friendship, Republicans everywhere may be tempted to follow their excellent example and close forever the bloody chasm of 1912. In Pennsylvania and elsewhere there are strong indications of genuine reunion and lasting cementation of factional and party differences that will present a

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

Headquarters of the J. Denny O'Neil Republican campaign committee in this city will be closed within the next few days. The headquarters staff is busily engaged in closing up the details of the campaign, getting in the money, paying the bills and preparing the expense account, on which the last day is June 5. Commissioner O'Neil, who has been here since Monday, is looking after some of the details of the campaign, but most of his time is spent with the work of the State Highway Department.

No dates have been fixed for the meetings of either of the state committees. They must meet by June 19, according to the way it is figured out here. The probability is that the Democratic state committee will meet here about June 12, although the leaders have not yet discussed the date. Joseph P. Gufler, who is acting as state chairman, will retain that position until the state committee meets to select a successor to him.

Nothing has been suggested as yet as to the time and place of the Republican state committee meeting. Officers of the State Department said to-day that it depended upon what the big counties did whether there would be two candidates for Superior Court Judge or not. There have been three candidates in the counties, mostly small ones, which show Huselton running well up. It is believed, however, that when the Republican state committee meets, only one nominee, Judge W. D. Porter.

ANOTHER COAL FAMINE?

FROM authoritative sources come frequent warnings regarding a possible coal shortage more serious than that of last winter. It is little wonder, under the circumstances, that the river coal fleets are working with unexampled energy. But the river source of supply will be far from adequate and recent assurances of additional railroad cars give some promise of relief later in the summer. Manifestly, it is going to be necessary to bend every effort toward increasing the supply and providing transportation to all parts of the country. An expert authority says:

The incentive which has always acted most powerfully to urge on the doing of things has been the hope of reward, either quick reward or reward in the future. This hope roused the early pioneer and sent him steadily plodding on over trackless prairies in search of an Eldorado—inspired the promoter to find capital and lay rails through wilderness—encouraged the farmer, laborer and miner to work every day, and into the dark hours to plant this year's largest acreage of wheat. It is the hope of reward, in fact, the very opposite thing that at bottom should be brought about.

Production in the early part of the year was stunted by the establishment of a price at the mines so close to coal cost that many coal sources were closed. Men, too late, for shortage came in to further minimize the distribution, and the coal famine last winter ensued. Labor shortage are furnishing fatal obstacles to overmining, which should be avoided.

Evidently the outlook is far more cheerful, but it would appear that a remedy should be promptly applied to the end that the suffering of last winter may not be repeated in the months to come. Of course, the biting of the railroads under the old order and the failure of the embarrassed transportation systems to provide sufficient equipment as a result, were the contributing causes of the coal famine of last winter; but under Government control and with unlimited resources these difficulties should now be met and fuel provided for the people.

The same authority above quoted declares that what we want is coal, and coal enough to bridge over the winter dangers; that no niggardly policy as to cost or jealousy of political authority should stand in the way.

They say there's nothing in a name, yet Watertown, N. Y., went "dry" last week.

RESTORE WOOD

D. R. BRADY struck a responsive chord in the hearts of his audience yesterday when he made a plea for the reinstatement of General Wood to the command of the division he would have led to France but for the pettiness of the administration in sidetracking him. General Wood is being punished, it is presumed, because he permitted former President Roosevelt to criticize the administration before the students at Plattsburg. General Wood is less a diplomat than a soldier and he has far more military skill and frank courage than he has tact in dealing with the tender feelings of super-sensitive statesmen. Furthermore, all that Colonel Roosevelt said and Wood condoned on that historic occasion has been borne out by developments since.

If the President had hearkened to him the country would not have faced Germany unprepared. The people believe in the General and they cannot understand why the President, big man that he is in many ways, should stoop to petty personalities in the administration of the Army, especially since he would be the last to approve any such conduct on the part of a subordinate officer. How will he explain to the country if, by reason of falling under the command of a less experienced soldier, the Wood division should meet disaster in France? And what will our allies think of this piece of folly?

Saving of food through the prohibition of the manufacture of liquor appeals to the average person, and as alcoholic liquor is a waste of fuel, men, money, transportation facilities and industrial efficiency, there would seem to be no reason whatever for further postponing action at Washington.

WONDER WHAT A BASS DRUMMER THINKS ABOUT

BY BRIGGS

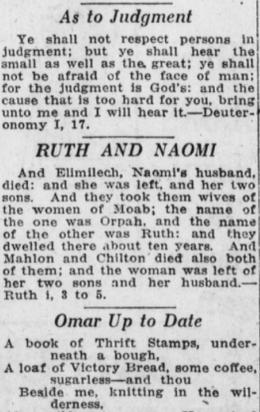
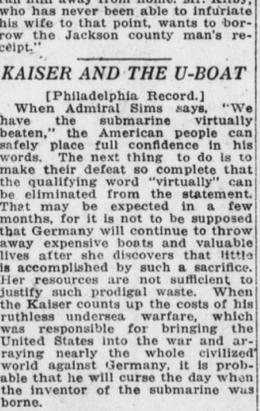
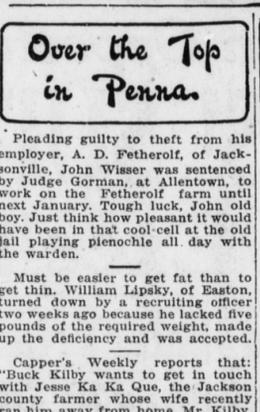
OVER THERE! GOSH I GET TIRED HEARING THAT TUNE! I COULD WRITE A BETTER ONE MYSELF. I NEVER COULD SEE HOW'S STUFF ANYHOW

SHE DON'T TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT I'VE GOT TO LUG THIS — PAN AROUND ALL DAY

THAT LOOKS LIKE MIKE BOTTS OVER THERE — THE BIG STIFF WHY DON'T HE GET ME THE TWO BITS HE OWES ME?

I'D LIKE TO GIVE HIM A WALLOP OVER THE HEAD WITH THIS STICK — SOME DAME HE'S GOT WITH HIM. HOPE THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE PLAY THIS TUNE

OH WHAT A LIFE!



Over the Top in Penna.

By the Ex-Committeemen

Pleading guilty to theft from his employer, A. D. Petheroff, of Jacksonville, John Wesser was sentenced by Judge Gorman, at Allentown, to work on the Petheroff farm until next January. Tough luck, John, old boy. Just think how pleasant it would have been had he been at the old jail playing pinocchio all day with the warden.

Must be easier to get fat than to get thin. William Lipsky, of Easton, turned down by a recruiting officer two weeks ago because he lacked five pounds of the required weight, made up the deficiency and was accepted.

Capper's Weekly reports that "Buck Kilby wants to get in touch with Jesse Ka Ka Que, the Jackson County farmer whose wife recently ran him away from home. Mr. Kilby, who has never been able to infatrate his wife to that point, wants to borrow the Jackson county man's recipe."

KAISER AND THE U-BOAT [Philadelphia Record.] When Admiral Sims says, "We have the submarine virtually beaten," the American people can safely place full confidence in his words. The next thing to do is to make their defeat so complete that the qualifying word "virtually" can be eliminated from the statement. That may be expected in a few months, for it is not to be supposed that Germany will continue to throw away expensive boats and valuable lives after she discovers that it is accomplished by such a sacrifice. Her resources are not sufficient to justify such prodigal waste. When the Kaiser comes up with the cost of his undersea warfare, which was responsible for bringing the United States into the war and arming nearly the whole civilized world against Germany, it is probable that he will curse the day when the inventor of the submarine was borne.

As to Judgment Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's; and the case that is too hard for you, bring unto me and I will hear it.—Deuteronomy 1, 17.

RUTH AND NAOMI

And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other was Ruth; and they dwelled there about ten years. And Mahlon and Chilion died also; both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.—Ruth 1, 3 to 5.

Omar Up to Date

A book of Thrift Stamps, underneath a bough. A loaf of Victory Bread, some coffee, sugarless—and thou Beside me, knitting in the wilderness were Hooverized now! —Life.

The Best Example

Russia is the best example of German intentions the world has had.—Detroit Free Press.

LABOR NOTES

Mechanists at Hamilton, Ohio, secured an eight-hour day. Durham (N. C.) tobacco workers have formed a union. The present Congress has seven-teen union labor members. Battersanders at Miles City, Mont. get \$5 for an eight-hour day. Sioux City, Iowa, has a labor-union mayor. Miners at Belleville, Ill., will build a labor temple. Wages of laborers at Pocatello, Idaho, is \$4 a day. Macon (Ga.) unions have formed a building trades council. Teachers of Tulane county, Cal., have organized a union.

Woman Soldiers

[From the New York Times.]

"I notice on the billboards around the city an advertisement of the 'first American woman soldier.' I have been informed that one Molly Pittsford, of the town of Monmouth, N. J., in the Revolutionary War, taking the place of her husband, who was killed in that battle."—Letter in Yesterday's Times.

Captain Molly wasn't the only one. We must not forget Nancy Hart, of Georgia, gun in hand, driving her ten Tory prisoners to the American camp. But Nancy, prodigious fighter as she was, was not technically a soldier, whereas Captain Molly was made a Sergeant on the Monmouth battlefield and subsequently put on the list of half-pay officers for her act of "Congress. She had the right to wear the uniform, and competition for a woman's coat over her dress and a cocked hat on her red hair. But Deborah Sampson, of Massachusetts, was the real woman soldier of the Revolution; she enlisted in the Continental Army, her sex being unsuspected, fought in battle after battle, was wounded, was commended for bravery, and headed military expeditions. She was 21 when she enlisted. Despite her wounds, she managed to escape detention until a serious illness and her secret, and her comrades were astonished to learn that "Private Robert Shurtliff" was Miss Deborah Sampson of Uxbridge. General Knox gave her an honorable discharge; the Massachusetts Legislature voted her an honorarium. Congress put her on the pension roll. She had taken part, with the first New York Volunteers, in the New York Times of a May 22, 1863, is a letter from a soldier telling of the surprise of his comrades of the 1st Kansas when they found that a Sergeant, who had just died, and by the side of whom they had marched and fought for almost two years, was a woman. "She had fought, he said, in a dozen battles, and she wished. 'She was as brave as a lion in battle, and never flinched from any duty or hardship that fell to her lot.' None of us knew her real name. Death had learned her. Who knows how many others went unrevealed?"

DOWN THE WAYS

[Kansas City Star.] The April deliveries and launchings of new ships and those set reported in May show America is setting into its stride in this essential department of war making. The "bridge of boats" that is to carry our millions of soldiers across the Atlantic and maintain them there is building. It has gone far enough to remove all doubt as to our ability to build it, and with that doubt removed the last uncertainty as to the effectiveness of America's participation in the war is dispelled.

The decision of character of the Republican primaries fills me with a sense of deep responsibility, a consciousness that a great confidence has been placed in me by the voters of my party. With a thorough appreciation of my duty as a candidate and of the work that is ahead of me, I give myself over to that duty and that work, and promise a most complete effort to deserve the faith in me which my friends and the people in general have shown. I have no grudges to pay, no enemies to punish, no debts to discharge—only a desire to lead a united party to victory in November, that we may render devoted service to our nation and to our people here in Pennsylvania.

The words give the measure of the man. They are a satisfying pledge of the quality of character which the Commonwealth in the past four years. They are irrefragable. There can be no disagreement with the results of the polling on Tuesday. Citizens of whatever party affiliations, must share in the pride of Republicans that Pennsylvania is to have for governor one so worthy as Senator Sprout. It is known to be. The very large majority given him in an apparently light vote, is an augury of party harmony in the election campaign that may end in the Commonwealth in the fall of 1918. They are irrefragable. There can be no disagreement with the results of the polling on Tuesday. Citizens of whatever party affiliations, must share in the pride of Republicans that Pennsylvania is to have for governor one so worthy as Senator Sprout. It is known to be. The very large majority given him in an apparently light vote, is an augury of party harmony in the election campaign that may end in the Commonwealth in the fall of 1918.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Those young bloods who kick about the government taking over the entire output of their favorite brand of cigars have a way of obtaining a practically unlimited supply if they care to make the plunge.

Roumania now knows exactly how an ink-spot feels when the blotting-paper is applied.—Chicago Evening Post.

If the Germans captured Kemmel Hill in order to secure an observation-point, they should take a good look while the looking is good.—New Orleans Item.

What with the food and care and amusements and hospitals supplied to our soldiers, this would really be a pretty good war if it weren't for the Germans.—New York Tribune.

Speaking of faint praise, Jimham Lewis refers to Woodrow Wilson as "the greatest benefactor of humanity New Jersey ever sent to mankind."—Buffalo Express.

Another British failure! Ring joy-bells in Berlin! They've blocked up Ostend Harbor And now they can't get in! —Brooklyn Eagle.

Joshua Succeeds Moses

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead, now therefore arise, go over this Jordan. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.—Joshua 1, 1-10.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THE SAME ARGUMENT. I don't see why you complain about the size of my bill. It's not as big as it might have been. That's right; I wasn't as sick as I could have been either.

BENT OVER. She used to have a fine carriage. Yes? But now she has that automobile hunch.

THAT WOULD HELP SOME. Wish I could help the government win the war. Why don't you join the aviation corps; one with your means ought to be able to fly very high.

GOT THE GOODS ON HIM. Mr. Holdout—How can you accuse me of robbing the children's bank when you have only the words of those infants that their change is short? His wife—They are the little things that count.

Evening Chat

The big rush for registration of new automobiles in Pennsylvania is over and more transfers are being authorized now than ever known before, according to officials at the State Highway Department.

The applications for transfers have run as high as 600 a day at the automobile division and it is evident that as sales of new cars have been falling off due probably to curtailment of production that considerable business is being done in used cars. The spring registration of cars in Pennsylvania this year broke all records for number and for receipts and issuance of license tags in the 320,000 series has been started. Some of these tags are being used on transferred licenses. Most of the cars now being licensed are of the low-priced makes and sales to farmers are reported as constituting a considerable amount of the new business. The interesting feature, however, say officials, is the number of transfers that are being made almost daily. It is predicted that the number will increase. Tractors have also shown an increase in number registered. It is estimated that the number in Pennsylvania will be doubled this year, largely because of the demand for machines for agricultural service.

Demolition of the Matterhorn, the building erected in Capitol Park extension by H. Homer Matherly, will start in a few days. Already the informal demolition is under way as says from the neighborhood have been ridding the structure of its armor-plating. The Matterhorn became an object of state interest, as Mr. Matherly resisted not only the award of the Capitol Park Commission but bucked the decision of the court taking the proposition to the Supreme Court, where he also lost. Lately the only dispute has been whether he would accept the money awarded him. The state has possession of the property.

By way of suggestion one of the State Agricultural authorities who has been observing some farms in Dauphin county, sends this clipping from the Pennsylvania Farmer: "More profit could be made from the run-down, waste and otherwise unproductive land by raising buckwheat in a more systematic way that is inclined to 'go wild' and grow up with briars and bushes can be 'tamed' more easily by sowing it in a regular way than by any other method. It is a crop that is most upon great fertility; in fact, soil in a condition in which it would not produce a profitable crop of any other crop. It is a crop that is most productive of buckwheat, if it can be supplied with plenty of phosphoric acid. It is in every way a cheap crop to grow and it is a crop that is most productive of cereal grain for human consumption there should be special effort made to increase the buckwheat crop. The greatest difficulty met in the way of securing the long and general use of buckwheat cakes during the past year has reduced last year's crop to small proportions."

"Got any pennies around?" asked a bank clerk of a businessman yesterday. "Maybe so. What's the trouble?" replied the businessman. "Harrisburg is one of the few towns where the trolley fare has been advanced by the means of nickels. There are a lot of towns yelling for pennies. Between trolley fares and nickels up to six cents the demand for copper coins is going to run high," said the clerk.

The United States government's announcement of an increase in passenger rates may be the means of some people connected with the Pennsylvania state government setting raises in pay. Many of the people at the state are receiving salaries which were fixed ten or fifteen years ago and efforts to secure some readjustments have been under way. The proposition is to raise the salaries of the Auditor General, it is said by about 10 per cent. The demand for more money for such attaches or else losing them and their knowledge of the business and their skill. Some of the men employed in steel mills make far more than Capitol clerks nowadays. As a number of people connected with the Capitol conduct it may be possible that the state will advance the means of increasing the move to advance their salaries to meet living conditions to a climax. It is certain that bills for a general readjustment of salaries in the department will be brought in Legislature which was frowned upon by the state administration last session, will be presented next year.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Charles A. Reber, nominated for the House in the Allentown district, will go to France and refuse to run for re-election. —Hampton L. Carson is delivering a series of addresses in Philadelphia with American patriotism as his theme. —Evan J. Jones, who will run for Congress in the McKean-Clearfield-Center district, is a Bedford business-man. —Burgess George Koons, of Pottstown, will be fire chief in addition to his duties as executive. The fire chief was killed in an accident a few days ago. —Herbert C. Hoover will speak in Philadelphia on Friday in interest of the food saving campaign.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg's Y. M. C. A. is much talked of as a real place for rest? —Historic Harrisburg The first State Library was moved here in wagons from Lancaster. Sanderson Confesses (Philadelphia Public Ledger) Despite all the animus and all the mauling desires of Sanderson to shift the blame to other shoulders, the "confession" without dates or data, is singularly weak where it ought to be strong. And it looks very much as if the state, in any final rounding up for history of the true facts of the Capitol graft, will have to go to some other document than the Sanderson-Delany "confession" of the Pennypacker defense and autobiography to get the real facts of what went on and who were who in the great conspiracy.