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Man's inhumanity to man Makes countless thousands mourn.

STARTING RIGHT

THE example of the men who have had to confront the town development problems that attend the construction and operation of shipyards, iron and steel works, collieries and other industries where housing facilities are lacking should commend itself to every man who is interested in business which calls for expansion or creation of towns.

PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW

UNTIL the Washington administration recovers from the illusion that it owes the people no explanation of its official acts the increasing protests will grow in volume and energy.

AS TO THE HOME FIRES

THERE are many persons in every community singing vigorously the popular war ballad "Keep the Home Fires Burning," who are not putting much fuel on the flame in the way of personal effort or contribution of funds to the things which are necessary to maintain those things which are essential to the happiness and prosperity of the home life.

the winning of the war, but they want to know whether what is proposed is a military necessity or merely an experiment of government.

Can you get away from your job for six months or more? The Y. M. C. A. needs war workers in France.

OUR HOUSING PROBLEM

SINCE March 8 of this year, when the Telegraph drew the attention of the people of Harrisburg to the seriousness of the city's housing problem and the necessity of improvement, this newspaper has given serious study to the question and today begins the publication of a series of articles which it is hoped may point the way to a solution.

The stage is set for a successful campaign, but those who have interested themselves in the movement must realize that they face what may, and very likely will, prove a long, hard task.

The leaders may well take a lesson from the public improvement campaign of 1901, when all manner of obstacles were thrown in the way of those who were making the fight for filtered water, paved streets, parks, sewers and those other improvements in which Harrisburgers now take so much pride.

These and other discouragements there will be. But back of it all the campaigners will know that they have the support of the best-thinking people of the city, that they are engaged in a most important civic work and that success will crown their efforts if they persevere.

The project is big and the problem not to be solved in a day. In the next six months, or even the next year, brings with it concrete results we shall be fortunate.

There are American readers of country newspapers who used to think the Battle was only another name for the county jail.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Politics has certainly not been adjourned among the Democrats of Pennsylvania. While Judge Eugene Russell, the candidate for governor who refuses to recognize the sincerity of the men who got control of the machine through reorganization some seven years ago, is going about the State making speeches, some of the Federal officeholders have been gunshooting and each side has scouts watching the other.

Plans for carrying out every county in the State the campaign of Edward J. Fox, of Easton, for election of the Supreme Court bench, were laid at a largely attended meeting in Harrisburg last night.

The Insider, writing in the Philadelphia Press, says: "Draft irregularities have been dragged into local politics and it is entirely within the possibility of some of our active and influential ward and division leaders will be called upon to explain their connection with decisions rendered by the local boards."

—Congressman John R. Farr, in a speech at Scranton, urged that General Leonard Wood be sent to Russia.

—The Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin suggests that it would do some people good to read the school reports. Not enough is known of what is being taught.

—Governor Brumbaugh has accepted an invitation to speak at the Typographical convention at Scranton on August 11.

—Pittsburgh newspapers say that Mayor Babcock found a man with a \$500 warf lease and a pull cleaning up \$5,000 a year.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

BY BRIGGS



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Senator Sherman Talks of Creel

IN a blistering speech on the proposal of the President to take over the telegraph lines, United States Senator Sherman paid his respects to George Creel, chairman of the Committee on Public Information.

by as many men, up in his dome all at one time.

—The long run people aren't fooled. Those who think that the war are the real fools.—Kansas City Star.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE HOUSING STUDY To the Editor of the Telegraph: It is a pleasure to read that our Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is about to undertake an inquiry into the housing situation in Harrisburg.

Conservé Fiscal Strength At the beginning of the war we were debtors to the extent of from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 to our foreign countries.

PEOPLE AREN'T FOOLED

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

HERS. Maude—Our food conservers have been trying to get around the waste. Frank—So have I for some time.

THE QUESTION. We that shall live, They will ask me, and Not what did you give But what did you do.

NOTHING DOING. Hard dupe Just asked me for \$10 on the pretext that he left his pocket book at home.

JOY. What delayed you for your dinner? The baseball season is over. Sh! My wife doesn't know that, as yet.

GET ACCLIMATED EARLY [From the Wilkes-Barre Record.] Now comes another decree from the war-time autocracy in Washington one that next to the stomach hits the public in the most tender spot.

AS A GERMAN SEES IT

BY BRIGGS

The Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin protests against the German government's proposal to demobilize the German soldiers in private families following demobilization at the end of war as one that has "sent a shudder through Germany" and publishes the following letter:

I hope as a father and husband that your paper will agitate restlessness against this unheard of scheme to thrust the demobilized soldiers into our private households.

THE ENLISTED MEN [By Ella Wheeler Wilcox] There are many splendid soldiers, with insignias on their shoulders; When I meet them on the street up goes my hand.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION

The public in the Allied countries is beginning to inquire at whose door this paralysis of Entente diplomacy lies. If it should be at America's, the fact, in the event of a prolongation of the war, will detract seriously from the merit of her splendid co-operation with men and material.

COTTON IS IMMUNE

Amid all the talk about profiteering and the activity in regard to price-fixing at Washington, one product of the country remains immune from attack and action by the cotton. This state of things is a very significant commentary upon the present political control of the country.

HOW THEY LOVE

How does a woman love? Once, no more. Though life forever its loss deplore; Deep in sorrow or deep in sin, One kiss that reigneth her heart within;

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Stacy B. Lloyd, of the legal department of the Pennsylvania railroad, who has frequently appeared here in hearings, has been commissioned a major in the judge advocate's branch of the Army.

DO YOU KNOW

—That every week thousands of dollars are paid on Liberty Bonds in Harrisburg banks?

Evening Chat

BY BRIGGS

While the folks in Harrisburg are commencing to notice the gaps there are being made in places, stores, the steady entering into military service of the young men more than we did a year ago when the National Guardsmen were mobilizing and the eager spirits were thronging the recruiting offices, it is only when walk is taken through some of the residential sections or a ride to surrounding towns that there is a realization of what manpower means.

THE ARMY CONSTRUCTION TRUCK DOES NOT seem to know the days of the day. They are in motion most of the daylight hours, and yesterday a number of trucks were observed getting up rush supplies for some of the construction near the city.

IT strikes me that the new State Capitol park policemen, of whom I observed a number, should be put through a dog drill. If they are not better posted in the way of dog the squirrel population of the park will be thinned out," remarked a man who has considerable business in the State House.

People in this city will be interested to know that the directors of the Susquehanna Trail Association, which was formed to build the great North and South state highway, will meet this week in Sunbury to arrange to make the road a national affair.

—Dr. H. A. Garfield is expected to leave the Washington conference of coal operators, which was held in Harrisburg, formerly in the newspaper business.

—W. F. Detzel, the vice-president of the State Association of Chiefs of Police, has been long connected with the Erie police.

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