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It costs much to be capable of real friendship, but those who are would be ashamed to be otherwise and rather suffer than be incapable.

NOT BURLESON, PLEASE

THE President is said to be hesitating about making Postmaster General Burleson chief of the telegraph and telephone lines about to be taken over by the Government.

Organized labor has Burleson sized up correctly, and if the President listens to his advisers among the labor leaders he will save himself from one of the worst blunders of his administration.

THE LATEST DRIVE

WHILE it is too early to foresee the end of the latest German drive, there is every indication that it has met with little success.

From all accounts the Americans in most sectors played the old Bunker Hill game all over again on a massive scale—waiting until they could see the whites of the German eyes before firing.

All America thrills with the news. We have met and defeated the Hun in its most tremendous effort.

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The editorial in question argues that the United States is the only country with sufficient surplus manpower to undertake the task of restoring Russia to its proper place in the family of nations.

THE ALBANIAN FRONT

NO WONDER the allied troops are being welcomed by the Albanians with "open arms," as the press reports put it.

lives, have had about enough of fighting. With Albania safely in the hands of the allies, there is every reason to hope for the early redemption of Montenegro and Serbia.

But it is not the allies alone who will benefit by such a series of victories as the French and Italians are now scoring.

A VITAL FACTOR

CORRECTION of the housing conditions in Harrisburg goes beyond mere increase in the number of good houses to rent at reasonable figures.

We should have State regulations establishing definite minimum standards for lot occupancy, together with enforced requirements for open space and fixing regulations for light and ventilation, water supply, sanitary accommodations, privacy, protection against fumes, maintenance of dwellings and the use of the same.

Zoning is now very properly regarded as a prime requisite to good housing. "Zoning" is the term town planners use for laying the city out into districts for the protection of the residents against obnoxious industries.

Zoning also is useful in simplifying traffic regulations and expediting traffic, and by scientific distribution of homes tend to the eventual elimination of congestion.

Likewise, it segregates factories along natural or artificial traffic lines, and while providing for the general well-being of the public it also improves the living conditions of workers and aids in reducing the cost of living.

THEY ARE LOOKING TO US

DISCUSSION of the situation in Russia gives emphasis to the importance of reorganizing the east as a condition precedent to the winning of the war on the Western front.

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Out of the chaos of to-day may emerge a sensible and practical solution of the difficulties in the east. Germany realizes the menace to her own ambitions and is to-day striving quite as hard to overwhelm and take possession of Russia as she is to defeat the allies on the western front.

the great areas covered by Russia and the adjoining countries. As the Monitor suggests, Germany cannot be permitted to become the arbiter of the fate of Russian commerce and industry, as she is now proposing to do, unless the democracies of the world are prepared to fight another tremendous war in the future with the advantage more than ever on the side of autocracy.

Our government is being forced every day into the place where we must intervene for the salvation of Russia in one way or another.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

State Chairman William E. Crow, of the Republican State Committee, today announced the names of the men who will draft the platform for the Republican state campaign of 1918 at the special convention.

The platform committee is headed by John B. Halsey, of Wilkes-Barre and is composed of the following: Charles H. Hetzel, Pittsburgh; Elwood W. Minster, Bristol; R. E. Johnson, Harrisburg; Harry B. Scott, Philadelphia; C. Victor Johnson, Meadville; John H. Myers, Lancaster; Fred E. Gerner, Allentown; Harry G. Steg, Easton; William E. Finley, Philadelphia; William S. Rial, Greensburg; with the state candidates: Senator Willis L. Shulz, of Chester; Senator E. E. Beidleman, Harrisburg; Representative James F. Woodward, McKeesport; Thomas S. Crago, Waynesburg; M. M. Garland, Edgewood; William J. Burke, Pittsburgh; and Anderson H. Walters, Johnstown.

Officials at the executive and state departments at the State Capitol declare that nothing has been determined upon as yet as to the measures for taking the votes of the Pennsylvania soldiers in France.

George J. Brennan, writing in the Philadelphia Inquirer, says that Congressman W. W. Griest is bent on having the next State Treasurer from Lancaster County.

The average rate or pay paid women time workers in England is \$6.08 per week.

The latest field for women's work in England is helping to provide eyes for the army and navy by making lenses and prisms.

The large estate in Ireland owned by the Countess of Drogheda is being farmed by her and her young son.

From the London Opinion: A French soldier who came proudly up to an American in a certain headquarters town the other day asked: "You speak French?"

From the New York Sun: "The marvelous manner in which the banks of the United States did their allotted work in meeting Federal tax requirements has relieved public and banking anxiety as well with reference to the ability of the institutions to take care of the billions of dollars' worth of Treasury certificates which must be sold prior to the issue of the fourth Liberty Loan in September or October."

The Altoona Tribune makes these observations on politics in the state: "The Republican leaders must present a constructive platform if they wish to win the confidence of the majority of the voters."

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A PUBLIC PARK PASTURE Dear Sir—When, Mr. Editor, did the people of Harrisburg consent to the pasturing of cattle in the parks of the city?

HELPING WIN THE WAR Steamers running out of Tacoma, Wash., are employing women as officers.

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Says Trotzky Rides in Nicholas II's Motor Car

Herman Bernstein's Report on Conditions in Russia Shows the Nobility Forced to Mental Labor While the Bolsheviks Indulge in Various Excesses

LABOR NOTES New Brunswick, Canada, has passed a workmen's compensation law.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., has elected a union man as mayor of that city.

There are now 52 organizations affiliated with the Dayton (Ohio) Central Labor Union.

Des Moines (Iowa) Trades Assembly is now managing a local labor paper.

Plasterers at Richmond, Cal., are now getting \$1 an hour.

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Virginia City (Nev.) Miners' Union, organized in 1867, has never gone out on strike.

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Evening Chat

Survey of the housing situation in Harrisburg proposed by the Chamber of Commerce will result in the bringing to light of conditions of living within sight of the State Capitol dome which will surprise a good many people whose knowledge of the city wherein they live is restricted to half a dozen streets and as many state highways leading out of the municipal gates.

It is interesting in this connection to note that several of the most progressive of the third class cities have undertaken special studies of housing conditions impelled by the scarcity of homes and the miserable accommodations offered for skilled workmen who flock to these towns because of the war industries.

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BY BRIGGS



OUR DAILY LAUGH

NOT BEING CONSULTED. How does your boy like army life? Fairly well. He has one criticism to make though. The officers don't take him into their confidence.

MET 'EM ALL. Did you meet the aristocracy? You bet, both kinds—moneyed and titled!

NO HURRY. When is the proper time to congratulate a bride and bridegroom. After they have lived together for at least a year and are still happy.

SOMEHOW. Somehow I never thought that you would go. Not even when red war swept over the land.

MOBILIZING GIRLS. Abbe Wetterle, the Alsatian priest, whose book, "Behind the Reichstag," has just been published by Doran Company, writes revealingly of the German Colonial League, his own and its activities.

DO YOU KNOW. That this city is one of the points where meat is prepared to be shipped to men on the fighting front?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG. The first Dauphin county court is believed to have been held in Front street near Washington.

IT COMES OFF. This is a grouchy word. Ah, me! A fellow seldom laughs. Why don't we wear the smile that we use in our "Whig" and "Enquirer."

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