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Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—Prov. 27:1.

A SECOND GETTYSBURG

When the great German offensive started last spring, the telegraph, cautioning its readers against panic over the first successes, suggested that the battle, then in its initial stages, might become another Gettysburg.

That would be a sad error of judgment. Instead of letting up for more than a moment to toss our caps and cheer, we should take courage from our comrades in France and settle down now more grimly than ever to drill our armies and pile up our supplies and build our ships.

The people generally are coming to realize that a Republican Congress would greatly aid in the further work of the war and prevent the building up of a political machine without regard to the more important duties necessary to the winning of the war.

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That's what we at home have got to learn—the faster the Germans run the more shells and bullets our men will need—and the harder we at home must work to provide them. Meade defeated Lee at Gettysburg, but that didn't win the war. The Confederacy even then might have triumphed had the folks at home stopped sending recruits to fill the vacant places in the Union ranks, or paused in their equipment of new regiments, or faltered in the making of supplies for veteran organizations long in the field.

Glad to note that the Harrisburg police officials are appreciating the need of semaphore traffic signals. It has been a continuing wonder why the traffic officers were compelled to take their callisthenic exercises at street intersections.

SAD DAYS AHEAD

OUR rejoicing is shortly to be unctured with sorrow. Pennsylvania troops have been in the thick of the fighting in France. They have had their share of the glory and they have shared also in the casualties.

Regiments cannot charge in the face of artillery and machine gun fire without suffering severely. Shortly we shall begin to hear of our losses. Beyond doubt they will be heavy. We must steel ourselves for the shock that is coming.

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vania, but they will bear themselves as heroically and as stoically at home as their boys are doing in France.

We haven't read anything to-day about the church bells being rung in Berlin.

LET US GIVE THANKS

THE American people prayed for victory.

Now let us give ourselves over to a day of thanksgiving.

Let us keep ourselves right with God. Our cause is just. We fight for no principle not in full accord with Christian teaching. Which is all the more reason why we should publicly acknowledge our harmony with divine purpose and our dependence upon divine aid and guidance.

MR. TAFT'S SPEECH

IN his Saratoga speech, ex-President Taft clearly demonstrated the weakness of the Wilson administration with respect to certain policies. He indicated quite clearly that politics was "adjoined" only where Democrats are in minority, and insisted on the value of constructive criticism as a help to the President in the great crisis.

In the opinion of the former President, a Republican Congress would be a distinct help to the administration in formulating plans for the prosecution of the war.

So long as Congress is merely a complacent "me-too" of the man in the White House it is not likely that any distinct suggestion in that quarter may be expected. In the opinion of Mr. Taft, the tendency of the administration is to allow "party considerations" to impede the performance of its duty.

The former President highly commended the appointment of such men as Schwab, and Ryan, and Goethals and others during recent months, as types of big men who should be working for the government. He also favored an enlargement of war military preparations.

A lot of people would like to "Keep the Home Fires Burning" without having to use any coal.

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"Have you ever thought that our enemy is attacking us, not only in Europe, but at home? Have you realized that his special trickery consists in seeking to make men disloyal here in our own country? Have you tried to discover and suppress the enemy's work here in the peaceful regions of our own homes?"

Fortunately, we have right here in Harrisburg just such a school as the young soldiers need. Under the command of Major Henry M. Stine, himself inviolated home after nearly a year in the training camps, the Harrisburg Reserves have become a right smart military organization.

Commissioner Gross may depend upon the approval of the community in his efforts to break up rowdianism in the parks and also the parking of automobiles along the River Front Park sections.

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Cotton is still king, and will continue to rule the roost so long as the present administration remains in power.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Announcement some weeks ago that friends of Frank A. Smith, former chairman of the Dauphin county Republican committee and for some years Republican state committeeman from this district, will ask him to stand as a candidate for state senator in the event of the elevation of Senator Beidleman to the lieutenant governorship, as now appears certain, has been kindly repeated not only at home but abroad.

Mr. Smith has not yet said that he will get into the race but if he does it is foregone conclusion that he will be the next senator from this district. He is a student of state politics and thoroughly familiar with legislative procedure, with which he has had long experience. It is known that neither Senator Beidleman nor Senator Sproul will resign from the Senate until after the organization of the Legislature. Both will be on the floor of the Senate up until the evening before their inauguration, an occurrence heretofore unknown in the history of the state.

John W. Leshner, Democratic Congressman who seeks a fourth term from the voters of the Sixteenth District, realizes more clearly the closer he gets to election day, the more he realizes that the Republican nomination is a real fight.

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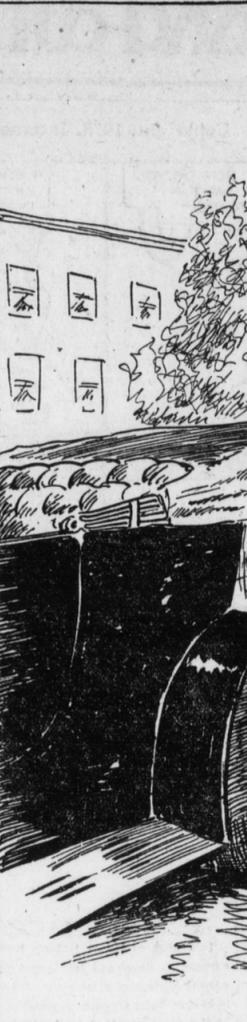
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BY BRIGGS



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NO TIME FOR OPTIMISM

[N. Y. Times]

No sooner does General Foch begin a smashing attack in the Boissons sector and take prisoners and ruins with the go-operation of hard-hitting American divisions than his movement is welcomed by our impressionable optimists as the beginning of the end for Germany.

No optimism could be more foolish than the auto-intoxication of the Americans and their allies when a German thrust is parried, a "drive" checked or stopped, in Flanders, Picardy, or the Champagne.

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Mr. Roosevelt at Saratoga

Theodore Roosevelt is a representative American, representative of what is best and soundest and most enduring in the principles to which the country owes its greatness.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A REAL ARTIST

How is your son getting on with his art career? In his particular line he has no peer.

What is that? D r a w i n g checks, oh, he draws beautifully!

DISMAL DOPE

The time has come when poets hum their sentimental lays and ladle out a sad stuff about the melancholy days.

DEFERENT PRE-TENSE

There is one person worse than the man who talks about what he doesn't understand.

Who's that?

The one who listens obsequiously and pretends he understands every word.

ECONOMIES

Mr. Grouch—Why don't you wear some of your last year's clothes? Daughter—Why, father, didn't I have my last winter's furs made over and wear them all summer.

THE IDEA

1st Fly—I wonder where are 2nd Fly—I wonder where are 3rd Fly—I wonder where are 4th Fly—I wonder where are

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Major James A. Dewey, who has been called into the Reserve Army for service as an inspector at Camp Stewart, was formerly an officer in the 1st New York Cavalry.

—J. W. Kinser, Pittsburgh attorney, who has been in France, is delivering a series of addresses in the churches of his city in furtherance of the war work.

—J. C. Bell, Wilkes-Barre banker, has retired after thirty-two years of service with one bank and will receive a pension for his services.

—John H. Mason, treasurer of Harrisburg, is a prominent Philadelphia banker.