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I am among you as He that serveth.—Jesus.

REPUBLICANS, AWAKE!

THE re-election of Congressman Aaron S. Kreider, the Republican candidate, is so certain that we in this district are apt to lose sight of the congressional fight in Pennsylvania.

The Congressional delegation from this State this year should be solidly Republican. Republicans have stood behind the President in every one of his war measures when many of his own party members had deserted him.

And in this respect do not forget, when casting your ballot, that the Republican party has four candidates for Congressman-at-Large in this State and that their names are, William J. Burke, Thomas S. Crago, M. M. Garland and Anderson H. Walters.

SEND THEM TO FRONT

It may be suspected that the battle planes which are to be sent to Harrisburg and other cities from Mineola to-morrow are coming as gifts for political purposes as well as to advertise the Liberty Loan.

PEACE OFFENSIVE DEAD

THE German peace offensive is dying a miserable death, if it is not already dead. It was begun at an inauspicious moment. Designed for the time when the allied offensive should come to a halt before the Hindenburg line, with the war again one of "fixed positions," the plan was to sow in the minds of the allied peoples the thought that it would be well to make peace this fall by conference, rather than risk another campaign next year for a decision on the battlefield.

SAVE THEM

EX-MAYOR BOWMAN has been placed in charge of the collection of fruit stones and nutshells which will be used in the making of gas masks for our fighters overseas. Seven pounds of shells are required for one mask and commercial organizations and business houses have been requested to unite in all communities in collecting the materials.

ably smaller. With every victory the morale of the German armies and the masses at home falls to lower depth, while every fresh advance makes soldiers and civilians in allied lands more and more determined to carry the war along to the point where Germany will be no longer strong enough to withstand their ever growing armies and will be battered into a consciousness of the fact that the international criminal stands no more chance against law and order than does the individual who transgresses the laws of his land.

But the victories of the past week, and those of the East in particular, are more than moral victories. They are the hammer blows that are knocking the German shackles off Palestine, Macedonia and Siberia. They are smashing into fragments the German plan of controlling Palestine, Turkey and the Balkans and the road to India.

Turkey is weakening, Bulgaria is in a panic, Austria is reeling under the strain. The Allies, sword in hand, will scarcely be content to settle down for a rest during the winter months, but whether they do or not they have created a situation that will not be helpful to the German leaders in their efforts to lift their peoples from the slough of despond into which they have been driven, during the long cold months when hunger and want shall marshal their grim hosts within the borders of the slowly crumbling empire.

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Save coal, we are advised. Some of us with empty cellars couldn't waste it if we wanted to.

EXCELLENT JUDGMENT

WHILE the Bonniwell and Palmers continue to shout their political disagreements from the housetops, Senator Sproul and other Republican candidates are making few, if any, political speeches. The Republicans have shown excellent judgment in subordinating politics to the success of the coming Liberty Loan.

Senator Sproul already has led the way by declining to talk politics in the very midst of his campaign in at least a half dozen great gatherings at which he was the guest of honor and where he might easily have been excused for discussing State issues.

The interests of the nation are infinitely greater than those of the individual or the party, and Senator Sproul and his fellow candidates on the Republican ticket will not lose by their patriotic stand, so strongly in contrast with the hula-balo raised by the little politicians who are bent, above all else, upon control of what is left of the Democratic party machinery in Pennsylvania.

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A LITTLE PRAYER

Where'er thou be, In land or sea, Or 'neath the air, This little prayer I pray for thee, God keep thee ever, Day and night, Face to the light, Thine armor bright, Thy scutcheon white, Thy banner true, Thine honor smite! With infinite Sweet oversight, God keep thee ever, Day and night, And guard thee whole, Sweet body, soul, And spirit high, That, live or die, Thou glorify, His Majesty, And ever be, Within His sight, His true and upright, Sweet and stainless, Pure and sinless, Perfect Knight! —From John Oxenham's "Fiery Cross."

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

While Senator William C. Sproul and his colleagues on the Republican county ticket were in Somerset county yesterday meeting the voters and making addresses on the work that Pennsylvania must do to contribute its traditional share to the winning of the war, Democratic machine leaders were planning to freeze some aspirants for the Supreme Court off the ticket and seeking to adopt some means to overcome the bad effect produced by yesterday's organization of a rival Democratic State Committee by the Bonniwell contingent.

Senator Sproul, who received notable greetings in Somerset county yesterday, goes into Cambria county to-day accompanied by Senator E. E. Beldiemann, the county's lieutenant Governor, and other friends. As in Somerset yesterday, prominent men will meet them and the lines will be perfected. Instead of visiting Blair county to-morrow, as the Bonniwell contingent will go to Eddystone, where Senator Sproul will address the visiting Congressmen and prominent men who will assemble there to celebrate the making of the millionth rifle for the mammoth munitions plant. The next day he will be in Philadelphia and on Friday at the Reading fair. It is the intention of the Senator or his colleagues to make speeches except for the Liberty Loan next week. They may make some tours, but the loan will be the first consideration.

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Judge John W. Kephart, of the superior court, to-day filed nomination papers as a candidate for the supreme court, entering the race from practically every county in Pennsylvania at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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The Philadelphia Press says of the Bonniwell meeting: "Democrats who have supported Judge Bonniwell during his fight with the Democratic State Committee met yesterday to declare further allegiance to the Judge's cause, and before the meeting was over it became evident that the Bonniwell movement had adopted a new attitude toward the controlling wing of the party, one of offering the olive branch of peace."

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



By Briggs



Evening Chat

Harrisburg city fathers were given somewhat of a surprise to-day when William H. Metzger, secretary and treasurer of the Commonwealth Trust Company, called up and asked whether any premium was being paid on Harrisburg notes. The Commissioners declared that the city had bonds but no notes, and that they would like to redeem some of the bonds. Mr. Metzger then displayed a note of Borough of Harrisburg for twenty-five cents, dated May 15, 1845, and signed by George I. Ehoemaker, clerk. It was ornamented with a picture of the old State Capitol and the council chamber was given as the place of issue. Very few people connected with the state government had ever heard of such a thing as a Harrisburg borough note and there was a search of record until it was discovered that Harrisburg had indulged in some "shin plaster" currency for a while. The note was bought here from Lancaster by a friend of Mr. Metzger, who had discovered an accumulation of similar obligations of boroughs, banks and corporations in this section in the efforts of automobilers to raise money. Efforts to obtain the notes for the Dauphin Historical Society will be made.

Gasolineless Sunday has caused Monday to be the big day for Capitol visitors and, strange to say, the number of Saturday visitors to the big State House was declined by a rule on Monday morning, with the result that they arrive in Harrisburg for early visits to the Capitol, which is not used to such calls.

Calls from the State Department of Forestry for people owning black walnut trees are being made in their names. The State Government can buy the woods for gun stocks or shovel handles, have brought in reports on trees which are in unexpected places. Some owners of forest lands to cities have turned up with valuable trees, while some districts far in the country have reported trees which appear to be in the woods. Pennsylvania's contributions of these trees to cities have been considerable.

The number of horses and bicycles which appear on Sunday put one in mind of the days when the members of the Harrisburg Wheel Club and the Capital Wheelmen used to vie with each other in the use of their wheels or so ago the River Road, as it was then called, and the Reading pike were made dusty by the "bikes" in the morning. And as for the whistles, who did not have a goodly number to show at sundown. Bicycle lamps were as numerous as automobile headlights are nowadays and the owners of the whistles were in constant warfare with constables and the automobile drivers of to-day. We heard of bicycle paths and new makes and runs and races and all sorts of things, but the bicycle houses began that activity in chicken and waffles which is now a part of the automobile ride. But what was more noticeable on Sunday was the number of horses getting away. They were not all city horses, either, because many of them wore shoes which range on the asphalted streets. They were of the kind of a vehicle and the old-fashioned kind of a horse to have the same old young man and young woman devotees that it had thirty years ago.

A man who likes to take a drink announced yesterday that he had decided to patronize the soda fountains hereafter. He was not dissatisfied with the soda, but he said the means of gratifying it had reached the limit with him. "The beer you get now is not fit to drink. It is worse than near-beer. It does not satisfy. And as for the whiskey, it's either an inferior brand sold high or watered or doctored. Real fine whiskey costs more than I can afford. And I'm not going to drink," was the way he put it. He also added that there are a whole lot more who feel the same way, and they are just as glad that booze is going to get out of business as well as politics.

The number of orders for wood placed lately have surprised many people. The average man does not have much thought of wood, but he is giving very serious consideration to it now, and it is safe to say that there will be more firemen called out because of chimney fires this fall than known in fifty years. The chimneys should be cleaned out when the wood is ordered.

Captain Frederic A. Godcharles, deputy secretary of the commonwealth, will report at Washington next Monday morning for duty. The captain was at the national rifle matches at Camp Perry when notified of his appointment, and will take a couple of days for some farewell shoots on ranges near the city.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Benjamin Rowland, prominent Philadelphia, goes to France to engage in Y. M. C. A. work. —Dr. L. Webster Fox, the noted oculist, has returned to Philadelphia after a visit to the Pacific Coast. —Dr. L. C. Hunt, president of Albright, has been preaching in upstate pulpits the last week or so. —N. Boyd Wilson, secretary of the Williamsport Poor board for years, has just celebrated his eighty-second birthday.

DO YOU KNOW

—That the Harrisburg Capitol grounds used to be employed as a place for barbecues and called out because of chimney fires this fall than known in fifty years ago. —Historic Harrisburg in the first Harrisburg lodge of Masons was chartered March 15, 1787.

THE GREAT BETRAYAL

[From the Kansas City Star.] One of the great tragedies of Russia has been the betrayal of Russia by the leaders in whom the people trusted. The shameful peace of Brest-Litovsk was the result of a struggle the Bolshevik dictators turned over to the German conquerors more than a third of the population of the country.

But there were still left apostles in the United States for the men responsible for this great betrayal, Lenin and Trotsky, they said, left the necessity of getting peace at any price in order to have the chance to establish the principles of the revolution in what was left of Russia. So they sacrificed territory with the idea of regaining it again after Bolshevism had been established in the country under their jurisdiction.

The secret documents that are given out from day to day by the committee on public information in Washington expose the real workings of the Russian revolution. They show the Bolsheviks pledging themselves not to circulate disturbing literature among German troops. They show them co-operating with Germany in the capture of the Baltic. They show the prearrangement of the dramatic coup by which Trotsky was to lead Germany have its way in the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. They show the Bolsheviks in a secret agreement to hand Russia over industrially to the monopolistic control of Germany.

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Ten thousand bartenders should be welcome in essential industry, if not in the army.

Ten thousand hardware bars could be turned into gun stocks, ship's furniture and peace conference tables.

Ten thousand sets of mirrors, placed in the cantonments, would add to the joy of the man putting on his first suit of olive drab.

Ten thousand brass footfalls would be received by the shell factories in the next few weeks.

Ten thousand groups of "private stock" bottles could be used as ketchup containers.

Ten thousand bungsters could be adapted to shipyard work for the driving home of wooden keys. One of these interesting weapons might be sent to the Historical Society.

Ten thousand slates, after careful washing, could be used in schools.

Ten thousand vacated saloons—what would be the increased value, in money alone, of the buildings in which they now nestle?

Magnifying Helgoland

Lord Teignmouth in Answers, London.

HERE is an enormous amount of nonsense talked about Helgoland, especially by the people who, even if they can locate the island on the map, would find some difficulty in explaining what useful purpose its possession would have served us in the present struggle.

Its history is soon told. Helgoland was captured by Great Britain in September, 1807, from Denmark, during the Napoleonic wars, and our retention of it was sanctioned by the Treaty of Kiel between the Great Britain, Sweden and Denmark in 1814.

Admiral Russell, to whom the island was surrendered, reported that its value to us at this time is immense. It is the key to the rivers Ems, Weser, Jahde, Elbe and Eider, the only asylum at present for our cruisers in these seas, and our only medium of correspondence with the Continent, and he added that with a small expense the island may be made a little Gibraltar and a safe haven for small craft even in winter.

Napoleon was at this time overrunning the adjacent coasts, and the island proved useful as a point d'appui for subsequent operations against Cuxhaven. His answer to these and other proceedings was, first of all, the famous "Berlin Decree," by which, with characteristic

Murder as a Preliminary

[From the Omaha Bee] It is noteworthy that the Austrian plea for a consultation and the German offer of "peace" to Belgium were accompanied by the sinking of a passenger steamer and the consequent murder of women and children. The German mind still is working along its peculiar course.

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HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES

[From the Washington Press] The Washington Board has requested the housewives of the country to keep an accurate account of their household expenses and make report of them when representatives of the board call. These reports are to be used as the basis for estimates to gauge the increased cost of living and will figure as factors in fixing wages.

The statistics gathered in this manner will prove very interesting. Every head of a household knows that living expenses have advanced tremendously since the beginning of the war, but few know just how much. The average housewife may not keep a ledger account of her income and expenses, but she knows there is little margin each week after the bills are paid. The increases are not confined solely to rent, fuel and food. They extend to everything used by the average family, and in the aggregate amount to a large proportion of the income. The result of the proposed investigations will be awaited with interest.

LABOR NOTES

The Washington police force is to be filled from the limited service department of the National Army.

By a three to two vote the Arkansas State Supreme Court has ruled that it is unlawful for strike pickets to carry a banner in front of a non-union concern.

An order for 1,000,000 fruit baskets has been placed with the Employers' Federation of Cane and Willow Workers by the British Ministry of Food.

St. Louis (Mó.) Brewery and Soft Drink Workers Union has put into force a new schedule of wages which calls for \$27 for bottlers and \$21 for washers.

PEACE

They cry for peace who never saw the red, Warm, flowing blood our soldiers bled, Whose flabby limbs have yet to feel The tearing thrust of gasan steel— They cry for peace!

They cry for peace whose eyes shall never scan The tortured remnants of a wounded man, Whose sluggish minds can never know The cowering thing that dealt the blow— They cry for peace!

They cry for peace, while here our soldier stand Upon the sacred soil of France, beloved land, And thunder, while they fight and fall, " Tanks! Give them Hell," till comes our call Of Victory and Peace! —H. T. S. in the Stars and Stripes, France.

POLITICAL COMMENT

Politics really was adjourned in Maine.—N. A. Review's War Weekly.

What shall we do with the Kaiser when we "get" him?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

POLITE AND SAFE. What is a bachelor girl, Pa? You call an old maid to her face, my son.

FIGURES WANTED. Editor—I like this poem, it is capital. Post—Yes, I hope so; but—how much.

TOO MUCH CONFUSION NOW. Do you think women ought to smoke? I should say not. It's hard enough as it is to tell who's the man of the house.

A REMEDY. He—My brain is on fire. She—Why don't you blow it out.

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