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The man who can not forgive any mortal thing is a green hand in life.—ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

THE ANALOGY FAILS

DEMOCRATIC newspapers have been defending President Wilson's plea for a Democratic Congress to help him win the war on the score that President McKinley made a similar appeal during the Spanish-American war period.

In the first place, the 1898 appeal was made by Republican party leaders. President McKinley had nothing whatsoever to do with it.

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The Democrats in 1898 were demanding an inconclusive peace. The Republicans to-day want nothing less than unconditional surrender. The analogy fails completely.

U. S. Senators Knox and Penrose were justified in their severe arraignment of the man in the White House for his partisan attempt to gather about himself a Congress which will be subject to his every whim.

Pennsylvania has never been accused of that sort of thing and it will not now change its attitude at the behest of one who at a single stroke has done more to destroy public confidence in his disinterested patriotism than all his enemies.

LIFTING THE BAN

HARRISBURG will rejoice that the influenza quarantine ban is to be lifted in the near future. Our people have accepted their hardships uncomplainingly and have willingly suffered heavy losses of business for the public good.

A LOOK IN THE MIRROR

SINCE the unfortunate and wholly indefensible appeal of President Wilson for a Democratic Congress the people of the United States are more than ever determined to have their will expressed in all future negotiations with the Berlin government.

fellows countrymen. At this juncture a paragraph from Woodrow Wilson's "History of the American People" in which he refers to Jefferson Davis has a most significant meaning.

He had the pride, the spirit of initiative, the capacity in business which qualify men for leadership, and lacked nothing of indomitable will and imperious purpose to make his leadership effective.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Buckling down to work on the part of Republican leaders in every section of Pennsylvania coupled with the resentment aroused by the President's partisan appeal for election of Congressmen and the Bonniwell campaign methods have clarified the situation in this state and the election of the whole Republican ticket by a majority that will be more than emphatic and a gain on Congressmen are assured.

State Chairman William E. Crow and Secretary W. Harry Baker, of the Republican state committee, who have been in touch with every section of the Keystone State, say that the task now is to make the Republican vote as big as possible so that the whole country may know where Pennsylvania stands.

When a wag in the cloak room of the House of Representatives the other day proposed this toast, "Here to our Czar, last in war, first in peace, long may he wave," he was jocularly giving expression to an undercurrent of public sentiment which has now come to the surface with a rush as a result of the President's fatuous appeal for a Congress of his own selection and of his own party.

"Unconditional Surrender" is the proper slogan of all patriotic citizens and to the mashead of the Republican party has been hoisted a banner bearing the challenge "Win the War Now!" There is to be no further parley and the response of the people is almost universal.

Perhaps President Wilson has done the country a service which he never contemplated when he uttered this partisan call in the very crisis of the war. Instead of apathy and absolute lack of interest in the campaign there is now intense appreciation of the importance of casting next Tuesday an intelligent ballot that will safeguard the fundamental principles upon which our Government rests.

We are not surprised that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, the son-in-law of the President is anxious that his distinguished father-in-law should have absolute power. We are gradually putting a crimp into the autocracy across the ocean and we certainly are not going to establish one on this side.

"FLYING WITH SHAFER" THOUSANDS of the people of Pennsylvania who, through the columns of this newspaper, have been "Flying With Shaffer," read with regret last evening that misfortune has overtaken the gallant young Dauphin aviator. But they will rejoice in the thought that the "guardian angel" of whom the young adjutant so often spoke in his letters, took care of him and enabled him to land safely, although behind the Hun lines.

—Law R. Palmer, who was dismissed by Governor Brumbaugh as chief of factory inspection, seems to be in demand at Washington, Mr. Palmer was asked last night to go to Washington to discuss with national officials such matters as rehabilitation of disabled soldiers, employment of women, and the problems attending the closing of establishments. Mr. Palmer has also been urged to accept places in various big corporations.

—The President has written across the head of the Republican ticket "Verboten," and Republicans will pay about as much attention to it as small boys do to "keep off the grass" signs.

—The National War Labor Board favors the adoption of a dividing line between the war industries in which women should be employed and those in which they should not.

—Organized bookbinders in Montana have secured a new wage agreement with their employers. Journeymen rates are \$34.50 and foremen's \$39 per week.

—Five and one-half per cent. of the married women in this country work for their living, while the unmarried ones number 46 per cent. and of the divorced ones, 55 per cent.

has full confidence. The fact that Mr. Bretz may be conducting himself in a manner entirely above reproach has nothing whatever to do with the matter.

President Wilson has satisfied the Republican vote in a most remarkable manner. Even hundreds of those who for one reason or another were disposed to cut their ticket are now rallying to the party colors.

Germany's Great War Prize

With all her defeats and check-mates, the melting of the dream of a Mitteleuropa, of an empire through to the Indian Ocean, the larger economic conquest of the empire to the north if all but within the grasp of Germany. Is this why she is precipitately seeking peace?

From sundry reports which have come back from the distracted land we know that the Germans have been making prodigious efforts to fasten their tentacles upon Russia so wide and deep that they can never be shaken loose.

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AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



By BRIGGS



Evening Chat

To-night will be the first Halloween in a long, long time in Harrisburg that the boys and girls have been unable to have some fun on the streets and the parades and corn throwing are things of other years.

The Hole in Uncle Sam's Pocket

By P. G. FARQUHARSON, Chairman Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce Fire Prevention Committee

IT IS one thing to borrow money, and it is another thing to pay it back again. Uncle Sam has just carried on the biggest money-borrowing campaign ever known.

Let us study the problem. Four and one-quarter per cent. interest upon six billion dollars is \$255,000,000 a year. This is a vast sum in itself.

Suppose, however, that somebody should discover a wonderful treasure-house of wealth sufficient to pay this huge interest charge without adding a single cent of taxation to anybody. That sounds like a dream, doesn't it?

What can we do about it? We can do many things, but two are the most important—clean up our premises and change our habits of carelessness.

Saturday, November 2, is National Fire Prevention Day.

Preach Liberty

Ernest Poole, in the Red Cross magazine, quotes a Russian schoolmaster as saying:

"We must do all we can to help defeat the Germans. All over Russia we must teach 'War or slavery, but—until at last the peasants rise. You Americans have years of blood before you, and whether you win or lose will depend on whether Germany can recruit her armies here in Russia."

"If I were an American I would say, 'By the love of Christ and Liberty, these Russians shall be made our friends! By our deeds we will make them understand.'"

Every school should teach English and American books to offset the ones that the Germans are giving you. Let us believe in liberty as the Germans believe in their devil's cult.

Wages Into a Bag With Holes

Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat but have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

HIS LONG RUN. And how long a run did he make for the touchdown yesterday? He ran clear over into the second column on the next page. It was only magazine football, you know.

SUBTLE-IMPOLITENESS. Briggs always agrees with anything I say. Yes, it's his way of intimating that he doesn't consider your views sufficiently important to be worthy of an argument.

DO YOU KNOW. —That Harrisburg is shipping more products from its yards these days than ever before.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Steel made in this city was early used in making experiments for steel rails.

Hun Captives Are Ox-like (Arthur Conan Doyle in the London Times) Once through Templeux and on the main road for Peronne things became less interesting as the drive went on.

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[From the New York Tribune]

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Yeast Keeps Influenza Away

[From Syracuse New York Herald]

The use of yeast as a preventive against and cure for Spanish influenza is suggested by Dr. Frederic H. Knoff, a specialist in disease of the lungs and physician to the Tuberculosis clinic.

Yeast, Dr. Knoff said, has been used with success for many years in the treatment of acute bronchitis, diseases of the skin and gastrointestinal diseases. He advises people to eat three yeast cakes, one with each meal.

The free use of yeast, the doctor claims, will ward off possible attack of influenza. Some who have the white blood corpuscles, which attack the disease, and thereby adds to the power of resistance in the body.

Many doctors here and elsewhere are administering yeast in treating various infectious diseases. Dr. Knoff said, "and report exceptional results."

There are many physicians who eat yeast with each meal while treating infectious diseases. Some, whose bodies bring them in contact with infectious diseases at intervals, remain on the yeast diet throughout the year.

Records show that yeast has been used with success in previous epidemics of influenza here and abroad and it seems that if it were to be administered freely in the present epidemic conditions would soon be remedied.

Spanish influenza, which is ordinarily prevalent in young adults, makes its appearance almost annually in Germany during June and July. Spain experiences an epidemic of the disease practically each year during the months of July and August, all which times about thirty per cent. of the population is affected," Dr. Knoff said.

Covered By The Appeal

[From the Kansas City Times]

The President's appeal to the country to return a Democratic majority in Congress is an invitation to elect Champ Clark, speaker of the House, who fought conscription and said that "in the estimation of Missourians there is precious little difference between a conscript and a convict."

Claude Kitchin, Democratic floor leader and chairman of the committee that handles taxation bills, who voted against the declaration of war.

S. H. Dent, chairman of the committee on military affairs, who was against the draft and was superseded by Representative Kahn, Republican, in managing the Draft Act in the House.

George Huddleston, Democratic congressman from Alabama, whose war record was such that the President publicly opposed, though unsuccessfully, his nomination.