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Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.—JOHN 21:22.

REPUBLICAN VICTORY

ALL signs point to an overwhelming Republican victory in Pennsylvania next Tuesday. The personal popularity of Senator Sprout and the confidence of the voting public in his intention and ability to make good his platform pledges; the undoubted strength of Senator Heidemann, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, the normal Republican majority in the state, and last, but not least, the whirlwind of indignation and protest that has been stirred up in every county by President Wilson's effort to drive Republican votes to Democratic candidates, are all clear indications. In less than a week the attention of the people has been attracted from almost complete absorption in the war to a serious contemplation of political conditions at home. Apathy on the part of Republicans who had devoted their whole thought to the winning of the war has given place to general interest and Republicans who might not have gone to the polls are roused to the pitch that they will permit nothing to keep them away.

Indeed, so strong is the Republican tide setting toward big majorities for the heads of the ticket and Congressmen that many legislative candidates who otherwise might have lost out on purely local issues or because of their attitude on the liquor question in all likelihood will be swept into office on the wave of Republican sentiment that is being rolled up. All other issues have been submerged by that which the President has raised and even the prohibition amendment, close as it is to the hearts of thousands of people, may be lost sight of in some districts, by straight-ticket voters, although as a whole it will receive a tremendous advantage through the election of Senator Sprout as governor.

The liquor forces have been endeavoring to stir up the public as a result of the temporary prohibition which has been enjoying by reason of the influenza quarantine, but nobody is finding fault save the saloonmen themselves and a few old toppers whose stomachs are so pickled in booze that drink is more to them than bread itself. These in any case would have voted for Senator Sprout. But, granted that here and there he may lose a few votes of wavering ones, he has unquestionably gained tremendously by the support of thoughtful men who have observed with favor the decrease in crime that has been marked everywhere as a result of the closed saloon.

The Bonniwell candidacy was a poor thing at best, and it declines steadily. Bonniwell has no organized support save that offered him by the brewers, the distillers and the sellers of liquor. He will not have as many votes as Senator Sprout has majority.

If you have not yet indicated a desire to participate in the big United War Work drive, you are losing a fine opportunity to help the boys who are helping you.

A NEW SLOGAN

IN the campaign of 1916 the Democratic managers deliberately started out to deceive the people on the issue that President Wilson had saved the country from participation in the world war. They proclaimed from the house-tops "He Kept us out of War!" and it is to longer a secret that they were fearful the truth would break upon their people before the election and the necessity for entrance into the war

without further delay would upset their partisan plans. It would seem now that an appropriate slogan for the Republicans in the campaign which has been initiated by the President himself would be "He Kept us out of War—Too Long!"

Had the United States begun the work of preparation in 1914 instead of listening to President Wilson's fatuous and misleading argument, against preparation on the ground that we were in no danger of being involved in the great struggle the war would have been ended much sooner and with the saving of thousands of lives and much treasure. Instead of writing notes after the destruction of the Lusitania all dealings with Germany should have been broken off in response to the widespread demand of the American people for immediate punishment of the Hun monster.

Had we not been lulled by the pacifist propaganda of "peace without victory" and "Too Proud to Fight" and "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier" and a lot more of the same sort, the full power of America would have been felt long before the present year and who can doubt that with our entrance into the war the happenings of the last year in Russia and elsewhere might never have occurred. So that the Republican party can very properly insist upon a new slogan which will comprehend the sentiment of the people now that it is being expressed in no uncertain way. "He Kept us out of War—Too Long!" When one considers all the horrible things that transpired after the sinking of the Lusitania before America did enter the war it is difficult to restrain the deep-seated resentment that is aroused over our procrastination—a procrastination which placed us in a false position as a people before the world. Thank God, our boys on the firing line have wiped out the stain upon the patriotism of the American people!

"Leiby stands with Wilson," says Vance C. McCormick's newspaper mouthpiece. The voting public is not so much interested in Mr. Leiby's stand with Wilson as it is in his stand on the unconditional surrender of the Hun. The voters know where Congressman Focht stands, and his war record is an open book. Leiby has no war record.

MR. KREIDER UNOPPOSED

SMALL wonder that Democrats at Washington learned with astonishment that National Chairman Vance C. McCormick is content to lose his Congressional district to the Republicans without a struggle at a time when the President himself is begging every Democrat to strain every effort to elect Democratic Congressmen. How can Mr. Wilson hope to arouse the interest of Republican voters in Democratic candidates when the man who should be his chief lieutenant in this time of stress for the administration has been at no pains to see that his party is represented by a nominee in his own home district?

Of course it would be impossible to elect a McCormick candidate to Congress in Dauphin, Lebanon and Cumberland counties. The very brand of McCormick politics would defeat him, for the voters here know McCormick and what he stands for, and have defeated him and his candidates repeatedly ever since he and Palmer took over the wreck of the poor old Democratic machine in Pennsylvania. But Democrats throughout the country, however, are not acquainted with these facts, and it is but natural they cannot understand the National Chairman's apparent indifference to his party's interests.

There is also another prime reason why McCormick did not think it worth while to enter the Congressional lists this fall and that lies in the splendid record and personal popularity of Congressman A. S. Kreider, who has represented the district so well since the memorable campaign of 1912 when he was elected in a hot three-cornered fight. Mr. Kreider is not only a staunch Republican but he is a thoroughgoing American and his war platform is summed up in the words—"Unconditional Surrender."

With a punch in the face and a kick in the rear it is obvious that the "imperial German government" is likely to become more and more groggy with the progress of the fight.

BURNING UP MONEY

LAST year the United States lost through the burning of property, \$250,000,000. This year the damage may be larger. This is a frightful loss, all the more to be regretted because it is estimated that more than \$190,000,000 of the damage was preventable. That means the fires should not have occurred. It means that somebody was careless.

The problem comes right home to each one of us. The next fire may take place in your home or your place of business or the factory, office or store in which you work. No matter how well covered by insurance the property may be, either directly or through loss of employment. Each of us has something to lose by fire, so it becomes the duty, if only for selfish reasons, for every one of us to do what we can to prevent fire. Rubbish and litter mean fire risk. Clean yards, basements and attics are safeguards any of us may take. "Careful" people seldom have fires," says an authority writing on the subject. If that is true we must have many careless persons in Har-

risburg, for the fire loss per capita here is twice as high as it is in many cities this size. To-day is Fire Prevention Day, by the Governor's decree. What are you going to do to observe it?

William J. Burke, Thomas S. Crago, John M. Garland, Anderson H. Waters. These are the Republican candidates for Congress-at-Large. They will stand in Congress for the unconditional surrender of Germany and the punishment of the Kaiser.

The McCormick newspaper, having no Congressional candidate at home to support, goes far afield into Blair county and thanks high Heaven that with McAdoo in control of railroads railroadmen are now free to run for office. Let's see; isn't this the same McAdoo who brutally told railroad men to stand out of politics and rescinded his order in part only when he was frightened into making some concessions?

The conditions in Russia present a fine commentary upon the influence of the Prussian idea of government.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the very unusual state and Congressional campaign which never seems to have gotten started until within ten days of the election is the absence of newspaper comment, editorial or otherwise, in the leading journals of the state. It has not been for want of incidents. The developments of this campaign have been numerous and stirring. The Democratic party in Pennsylvania, reorganized and disorganized, has furnished one of the most amazing situations ever known in the state, the national leaders and controlling powers of the Democratic machine having repudiated the choice of their party for Governor at a direct primary. The Republican party, which started off with some differences, has been solidified by the course of the President and is on the home stretch with the state ticket, but all but a few of the second largest state delegations in the country. The Democrats of the two big parties have been busy places, as business has been turned over to the county committees, except in the case of the Democratic county organizations which do not happen to be in sympathy with the bosses of the Democratic state windmill. With the federal officers, however, have brought their cash. The Bonniwell people, backed by the liquor interests, which know no party, have been busy with their own mind what the Palmer-McCormick tie gathers and distributors are doing.

Men connected with the state government and who are in close touch with the drift of politics in Pennsylvania, are of the opinion that the Wilson's partisan appeal for election of Congressmen has injured chances of Democrats in a third of the Pennsylvania districts. Republican leaders are predicting that the Democratic delegation from the Keystone State will be cut down from eight to three or four. The trend in the central counties, where the Democrats have displayed strength the last two years, is now toward the Republican candidates. The National fight between the Palmer-McCormick and Bonniwell elements of the Democratic party will have a weakening effect upon the Democratic candidates in the very sure Democratic districts and work for defeat of Congressmen Leshner, Sterling, Brodbeck and Beshlin. The Philadelphia and Pittsburgh districts are without contests, while the home district of Democratic National Chairman Vance C. McCormick is without any Democratic candidate.

Vote For Good Roads

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer.] The State Grange—supposed to represent the farmers of Pennsylvania—in sending broadcast a poster urging the voters to cast their ballots against the proposed amendment to the Constitution authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for new and improved highways, is guilty of a narrow, selfish and reactionary movement which deserves the condemnation of all thinking citizens. No class of citizens has been treated with greater courtesy and consideration than the farmers, and the special legislation enacted in their interest, and the reason for this is based on the theory that they are the producers of the nation's food. The State Grange, however, is not one who deny the present prosperity of the farmers; housekeepers and generally can speak about the democratization of Germany. Hertling resigns. The Socialists of Germany, their hands red with the blood of the proletariat of Europe, who have been and are being pushed forward to strut the stage in a new part.

The scene has changed. The Kaiser in 1914 stood in the forefront of the state, clad in shining armor, and brandishing his sword on high, with blasphemous tongue said, "The Holy Spirit has descended upon me and I am the emperor, the German, the instrument of the Most High. Woe and death to those who resent my will." Now he discreetly retires into the background and pushes his tool, Schein, forward by himself. Schein, the Slavonic peoples, Armenia, Poland, the South American states, Japan, and the four great powers of the Entente have agreed what to do, that will be done. The procedure, the forms observed, are secondary.

Long Reading said during the last week that Justice is merciful when there are extenuating circumstances, but where there are none it behoves Justice to be stern. I take it that you are ready to extend clemency if any one will find the extenuating circumstances. I confess I find few, except of the usual ignorant peasants of Austria and Germany.

And if we propose to make guilt personal, how can the houses of Hohenzollern and Hapsburg escape? It is presumable that they will shift their sails to the changing winds, if possible, to save their dynastic thrones by immolating those of the peoples cursed by their sway. But it seems clear that when we have won the war, which we have yet to win, the Kaiser and his families, the sultan and his harem, and their counselors and agents, must be brought to the bar of an outraged Christendom. We have no need to demand more than that. Give them an open and impartial trial, and then let Justice, always Justice, prevail.

SO I SENT MY TRUE LOVE

Lips that still were laughing, Eyes that still could dance— So I sent my true love, On his way to France.

Isn't Even Shocking

It seems that the German Twenty-Eighth Division glories in the name of the "Flying Shock Division," but so far as observers can detect it isn't flying so very busy faster than any other division.—From the Kansas City Times.

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING

WHEN ONE OF THE HOLES RUNS PARALLEL WITH THE STREET AND AS YOU ARE ADDRESSING THE BALL YOUR NEIGHBORING FAMILY GOES BY ON THE WAY TO CHURCH YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN OUT THE INFORMATION THAT A SEVERE CASE OF THE "FLU" WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE MORNING SERVICE.



By BRIGGS

Books For Soldiers

By THOMAS LYNCH MONTGOMERY, State Librarian.

ON the eleventh of November the united war service campaign for funds to carry on the work of the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Y. M. H. A., Knights of Columbus, American Library Association, Camp Libraries, Camp Community Service, and the Salvation Army service will be on. Never before in the history of the world have such associations come together in a united effort to secure civilizing surroundings in the midst of such gruesome tasks. The American Library Association, for instance, works in harmony with all the other associations in addition to maintaining forty-one camp library buildings in the cantonments, supplying 143 hospitals and Red Cross houses, 315 small military camps, 350 distributing points over seas, 405 naval and marine stations and ships, supplied 1,547 branches and stations located in recreation huts, barracks, and mess halls, 1,030,000 books over seas, 3,000,000 gift books, placed in service, and 5,000 magazines sent to the front early, rather reactionary, days it was thought that the soldier had no time to read. That this is fallacy has been proved by the results. Not only do the camp libraries distribute as many books as the public libraries in town of the same size, but the reading matter is of the highest type.

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"He means that when the War Department was administered with utter inefficiency they investigated the matter and insisted upon efficiency. He means that when they found that nothing effective was being done in shipbuilding they insisted that the work be speeded up. He means that when they found that \$600,000,000 had been spent for airplanes and yet that not an airplane had reached our soldiers at the front they insisted that our soldiers should get the airplanes for which the people paid. "The entire offense of the Republican leaders in Mr. Wilson's eyes is that they have demanded that inefficiency, waste and extravagance be remedied. Such a demand he treats as 'anti-administration.' In other words, the attitude which patriotic people regard as pro-United States he regards as anti-administration."

AUSTRALIAN VIEW OF IT

[From a speech in London by Premier Hughes of Australia, reported in the London Times.] Germany, balked of victory by the sword, is frantically striving not only to void paying the penalties of her crimes, but to win by craft that which she failed to win by force. With infinite cunning she is trying to persuade the people of the earth that she has repented of her crimes in sackcloth and ashes. The Hohenzollerns, seeking fearful victory with the aid of the Socialists, speak about the democratization of Germany. Hertling resigns. The Socialists of Germany, their hands red with the blood of the proletariat of Europe, who have been and are being pushed forward to strut the stage in a new part.

The Hand of Judas

[From a sermon by the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, delivered in Brooklyn, N. Y., October 20.] Some ignominious correspondent from Washington hints, in a local sheet, that we have no desire to punish Germany. As to that, some sins are punishable here, others go forward to heaven's tribunal for their punishment. But what do you think of the general situation? Are we prepared to take the hand of this Judas and begin to huckster with him? It has been suggested that the Socialist party in Germany will be the means of contact. Yet, with some exceptions, and these individual ones, no party has been more recalcitrant to our teachings than the Socialists of that empire. They are foremost themselves and split their propaganda. I speak of their recalcitrance, not of what a day or an hour will bring forth. But this much I say; Germany must make a unconditional surrender and the Allied Powers must dictate the terms of peace. If this adjustment comes tomorrow, well and good. But come when it may, it is the only adjustment that can satisfy the Justice with which we set out and with which we must keep step. When Belgium, Serbia, the Slavonic peoples, Armenia, Poland, the South American states, Japan, and the four great powers of the Entente have agreed what to do, that will be done. The procedure, the forms observed, are secondary.

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Evening Chat

Pennsylvania's 1919 automobile license tags will not only have a color scheme which will be materially different from that of former years, but will be changed in style so that such practices as painting old tags with the colors of the current year which have been reported here from time to time, will be intolerant to deceive. The new tags, which are commencing to reach the warehouse of the automobile division of the State Highway Department, will be in thousands, have the name of the state and the figures of the year with the soft metal keystone for the manufacturer's number. The new tags will be used last year. This is the second radical change which has been made in the style of the license tags. Applications for the new license tags for 1919 are commencing to arrive, but the full tide will not start until before Thanksgiving Day. As far as possible, says Registrar G. B. Brusstar, the present holders of numbers will receive the numbers assigned before Thanksgiving Day. Those who have checked the requests of people for special numbers. Among the requests made have been for figure correctors, numbers beginning with a five box or other numbers, write a new line of requests for the number with the figures of a year where in the owner of the automobile is married or graduated from college.

The influenza quarantine appears to have been strictly enforced in many sections of the state and men who have fallen out with local officials and with friends over phases of the quarantine have been urged to write letters to various departments at the Capitol. The Health Department mail has reached big proportions, while the State Highway office is also hearing from the folks at home. The Attorney General's Department, which gets all the legal problems, refuses to give opinions.

Men who objected to the closing of the counties of Pennsylvania to the hunting season have been changed their minds and now believe not only that it was a most timely and popular action, but that it was actually the means of preventing the extermination of grouse in some sections. In opinion of certain sportsmen who have sent results of their observations in the first ten days of the small game season to Dr. Joseph Kallbus, secretary of the game commission, a longer period than a year should be given to permit of extensive propagation. One of the most successful closed seasons in recent years was that on wild turkeys, which were protected for two years. During that time purchases of birds were made and sportsmen gave their aid to steps to be taken to increase the number of birds. There have been no grouse shot for years and excellent sport has been provided. Dr. Kallbus says that he has failed to find one wild turkey in any section of the state to grouse shooting and that many of the hunters have remained in the state because of the scarcity of the birds. Young grouse are being raised as conditions were favorable to hatching and some attention was given to protecting them from harm by the State Game Commission. It will make every effort possible in the next year to increase the grouse and if any can be bought they will be sold to the public. The State Game Commission is relying upon to restore this great game bird.

"I don't think there has been as much betting on the election in Harrisburg this year as usual," said a man who rather closely follows the making of wagers and who is often a successful gambler. "Nature is against the war has replaced the election as a betting subject and men have been betting more on the duration of the war than on the size of the electoral college or the size of majorities."

And now right after hearing that the satisfaction in this part of Pennsylvania is going to be met, are confronted with the news that there are not as many turkeys as expected. There was a time when such curative measures as the State Game Commission with potatoes were the backbone of many a winter meal in Dauphin and Cumberland counties. The war is working havoc in other fields than those of transportation and communication.

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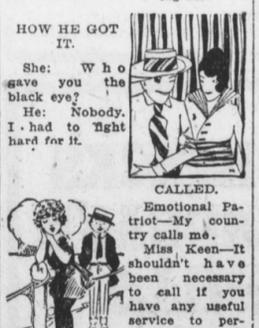
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