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I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor power, nor thing present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Romans 8:38, 39.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1918

MADDOO'S PROPOSAL

SECRETARY MADDOO will have to produce more convincing arguments if he wants to induce Congress to accept his plan for a continuation of government control of the railroads beyond the twenty-one-month period prescribed by law.

A PRACTICAL STUDY

THE natural law which causes water to seek a level has its counterpart in an economic law influencing the flow of labor and the leveling of wages.

ALREADY FORGOTTEN

IT is not about time that some attention was paid to our casualty lists, that some effort was made to relieve the anxiety of thousands of wives and mothers whose husbands and sons have been in the thick of the fighting.

MR. HILLARY GOES UP

THE hundreds of Harrisburg people who have learned to love and admire E. D. Hillary during his nine years of residence in Harrisburg as division freight agent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, will be glad to hear that he has been promoted to be assistant general freight agent of the

Reading system, the Atlantic City Railroad and the Port Reading Railroad. Mr. Hillary has been identified with all of the big progressive civic movements since he came to Harrisburg and, despite extraordinary activities in a railroad way since the declaration of war, has been prominent in all the Liberty Loan and war work campaigns.

HARRISBURG PICTURES

NO COMMUNITY anywhere in the United States has had a more creditable record in all war activities than Harrisburg and now that we are approaching the stage of recorded history those who are concerned about an accurate record of the events of the last year or two must co-operate in every possible way with the recognized historical agencies.

Unfortunately, the material Colonel Weeks so far has received from this city is not adequately representative and his letter to Mayor Keister is an invitation to appoint some energetic individual or association to collect and forward to the War Department, Pictorial Section, the photographs that would properly portray Harrisburg's activities from city campaigns or celebrations to the simplest home work.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committee

While the Republican leaders of Pennsylvania have been getting together on the speakership and discussing the fine points of Representative Robert S. Spangler, of York, the chieftains of the Old Guard of the Pennsylvania Democracy have been quietly getting hold of what members the Democrats may have in the General Assembly which will meet next month.

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Some of the Philadelphia newspapers, notably the Democratic Record and the Ledger, devote considerable space to-day to denials of any harmony plan on mayor as a result of the Moore dinner.

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The Public Ledger considers the speakership settled. After much discussion of the subject it says today: "It has been known for some time that the Penrose and Spangler camps regarded Mr. Spangler's candidacy with favor, and it now can be said that he is acceptable to the Democratic and other anti-Republican organizations throughout the state."

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The Philadelphia Press says: "The charter reform idea is attractive to the anti-grub in strength. It will come before the incoming Legislature under better auspices than met these proposed reforms two years ago, and we have faith that something of value in charter changes will be accomplished at the session."

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MOVIE OF A BRIDEGROOM OF TWO DAYS



Leave Our Dead In France

On hearing that the government proposed to bring back for burial in this country the bodies of American soldiers fallen abroad, ex-President Roosevelt writes to General March, chief of staff:

Farms For Returning Soldiers

Discussed in the annual report of Secretary of the Interior Lane, a summary of which is published this morning, and some vital questions are asked, the answers to which are not flattering to us as a nation.

Fighting Off an Extra Session

Senator Simmons has let the cat out of the bag. The administration wants taxes raised for next year in order to avoid an extra session of Congress. That was pretty well known, but it is interesting to have it avowed. Republican opposition so fixing the tax rate for next year is based on many sound considerations.

Playing Better Politics

The change in the attitude of the Republican side of the Senate toward the Revenue Bill seems to be further reflective of a change in the advisory councils of the party which began to be manifested about two weeks ago.

THE SUBTLE MINISTRIES

The murmur of a waterfall, The rustle where a robin lights Upon a spray, The lapping of a lowland stream on dipping boughs,

The Highwayman Within

The threatened hotel workers' strike in New York involves only waiters, cooks and storekeepers. You never hear of a checkroom employee walking off his job, except to retire to a mansion on Riverside Drive, or else to the hospital when some ruined patron attacks him.

AMERICA'S HOMECOMING



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Tramp, tramp of men, Men of the East and West, Men of the North and South, From Maine and New Mexico, (They had said that we were dead at heart!)

AMERICA'S HOMECOMING

Tramp, tramp of men, Back from the pits of France, Back from the shamble towns— Out of the rain of blood, Rumble and lunge of guns Blundering down the ways, Sounding in avenues, Guns that had dragged the roads Of France of the million scars, Sloughing and slipping and sucking through the mud, Strain on their chains, With the washing trucks, Guns triumphant from France, Sullen and grim—long stilled, Men pouring back from France, (They had said we were cravens all!)

AMERICA'S HOMECOMING

The march of a million men, And a million more of them after! Flooding the Eastern coast Is American vision and strength, Flanned from the suns of the steppe, Ruddy cheeks from Verdun, Muscles made at Mihel, (And they'd said we were soft from gold!)

AMERICA'S HOMECOMING

Glory of American men, America's heart full of song; America's heart in the stars; America's thundering force; Wreathed and victorious grand!— Archie Austin Coates, Braithwaite's Anthology, Boston Transcript.

SLOW TO GIVE UP JOBS

Miss Kathleen O'Brien, director of the woman's department of the federal labor bureau in the courthouse, and Mrs. Mabel Walker, women war workers' agent of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, are of one opinion regarding the duty of married women in giving up their positions in business or industry.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg had a store in almost every house along Front street 100 years ago, and those which were not stores were taverns?

Evening Chat

Hundreds of abandoned or discarded limekilns throughout this part of Pennsylvania will be fired up again and made paying enterprises this winter and next spring, according to expressions of opinion made at the December meeting of the State Commissioners to Agriculture by men who have been studying the fertilizer situation.

The limekiln is a familiar object all through Pennsylvania, especially in the lower end. There is hardly a mile that one can go along the Reading pike or the highways that meet it every now and then and not find a limekiln. Some are further on that a kiln is not to be seen. Clear into Lebanon county the farms contain kilns and there are quarries, many of them far removed from the city and operated only for lime for burning for the farm. The Cumberland Valley is also rich in limestone and there are sections of York and Lancaster counties which are in sight of the boundaries of Dauphin which have many kilns. Many of these kilns are big, modern affairs, which have in many cases produced a valuable lime, but the lack of men has caused the Dauphin county farmer to buy where he could and the result has been that with stone and kilns men in charge of farms are unable to get what they need so much. It is characteristic of this rich agricultural region that it has the soil and all that makes it rich, but that its sons and daughters are unable to service or engaged in war industries to an extent that hampers food production. It was so in the Civil War, too, they say.

This is the period of the year when the small checks and money orders are reaching the State Treasury in such quantities as to fairly clog it. State activities of the agricultural department in collecting taxes and the rush for automobile registrations is causing a big increase in the volume of money handled and a big jump in the number of checks that must be carried a considerable amount of money is being handled in cash.

Harrisburg friends of Joseph N. Mackrell, Pittsburgh newspaper man, who is well known to many people in this section of Pennsylvania, will be interested to learn that the activities of the Syrian community in this section of Pennsylvania, one of the most influential organizations of the Ancient Arabic Order. It has over 7,000 members. The Chronicle-Telegraph says of the election of Mr. Mackrell: "His elevation comes from the position of chief rabban. It was a night of unbroken jubilation. The young men are accompanied by some unusual features. The new potentate is possible the youngest man selected for that exalted position among the sons of the desert in many years and in addition to that every station in the fest wearers was filled without a single count. Syria has been accustomed to interesting balloting in past elections. The new potentate, Treasurer W. S. Brown to remark that the name of the temple should be changed to 'Harmony.'"

In spite of all that is said by men who affect indifference there is considerable uneasiness hereabouts over a possible recurrence of influenza and it is showing its effects in the energetic manner in which quarantine is being bought up and taken. When the story of the epidemic comes to be written in this community it is going to have its humorous as well as its tragic side. Men who never drank before learned the lore of the highball and some who had trodden the primrose path with cocktails and champagne gave it up, while quinine and the Chinese opium devotees who had considered them as excuses before.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Ex-Senator Francis S. McIlhenny, of Germantown, has been nominated for trustee of the University of Pennsylvania. —The Rev. Dr. Maitland Alexander of Harrisburg, has been called to direct religious work among the American troops in the Army of Occupation. —Ex-Senator E. F. James is directing the War Chest Campaign in Hazleton. —The Rev. J. Shane Nichols, prominent Pittsburgh Presbyterian, has been called to a big church in Cincinnati. —Arch Johnston, Bethlehem's mayor, is said to have worked out plans for city improvements and business methods in government that will make it a model municipality in a few years. —Mayor W. S. McDowell, of Chester, has been giving personal attention to the housing extensions in his city. —Louis Franke, mayor of Johnstown, is now thinking out ways and means to better health conditions in his community.

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HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The provost marshal general's office during one of the Civil War was close to where the State Draft headquarters stands.

Remarkable Remarks

[From the Independent (N. Y.)] President Masaryk—I'm only an unspooled boy. Colonel House—I always have a happy appearance. The ex-Kaiser—Wouldn't 'Teddy' look funny in a gas mask? H. L. Mencken—A wife is almost always the most intelligent of the pair. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle—The village was full of Americans and Australians extraordinarily alike in type.