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Thoughts shut up, want air, and spoil like bales unopened to the sun.

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PROVIDE WORK FOR ALL

PHILADELPHIA is arranging an important program of public work that has been deferred during the war.

Harrisburg is no slacker in any respect and we are proud to observe a disposition among the municipal officials and heads of departments that there will be no delay with the coming of Spring in going ahead with the various enterprises that are under consideration.

But the burden must not be left entirely to municipal corporations. Every private concern and individual should at this time consider well how large the activities of the year may be with respect to new work and the enlargement of old enterprises.

Naturally, there will be some hesitation on account of the high level of prices for material and the wage scale, but in any readjustment we must consider the new conditions and proceed with due regard for the higher levels which are inevitable in the costs of manufacture and consumption.

So far as possible it may be assumed the various heads of departments will outline the year's activities at once so that orders for needed materials can be placed and thus avoid delay with the opening of spring. Four-handiness will mean greater activity later in the year.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

ANY points of interest are covered in Mayor Keister's comprehensive message to Council, but several stand out above the others as of extreme importance and deserving of immediate attention on the part of his fellow commissioners.

As to the need for such a housing survey as the Mayor recommends, there can be no argument. Hundreds of houses rented at high figures in Harrisburg are unfit for human habitation.

It must be evident to any thinking person that good citizenship cannot thrive in filth or in homes that might be acceptable as pig-pens, but which are unfit for human habitation.

carries with it inability of people to get away from undesirable dwellings even when they have the money, and you have a state of affairs that is intolerable.

There is just now in this country much talk as to how we are to prevent the Bolsheviks from gaining a foothold here.

What are we going to do to remove this menace in Harrisburg? As to the joint city hall and courthouse—Council and the County Commissioners have the whole city back of them in that project.

One after another the leading props of the Wilson administration are removed by resignation or otherwise.

LONG AND SHORT OF IT DOWN in Delaware Senator Long has just retired as president of the Senate to give place to Senator Short.

MR. BEIDLEMAN'S GIFT SENATOR Beidleman has earned the everlasting gratitude of three of the most worthy charitable institutions of the city by distributing among them \$1,500.

GETTING UNDER WAY THERE is universal approval in city and county of the proposition to lose no time in the erection of a joint building which will house the city and county officials and provide adequately for the conduct of the public business.

CITY AND STATE AS Lieutenant-Governor-elect the present Senator from this district may be expected next Tuesday to say something worth while regarding the pleasant relations subsisting between city and State.

Senator Beidleman is deeply interested with other State officials in working out the comprehensive plan of treatment for the Capitol Park area and through him those who represent the State in public position may be assured of the friendly interest of the city and its people in all that pertains to the welfare of the Commonwealth and those in official life on Capitol Hill.

In the near future the Chamber of Commerce will give a reception in honor of the State officials and members of the Senate and House and the opportunity will thus be given for further cementing the pleasant ties which bind together the Commonwealth and this municipality.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Publication of the table of the official vote of 1918 for congressional honors in the Seventeenth, or "Shoe-string" district, as compiled by the return judges at Lewistown, affords an interesting commentary on the way the voters of the eight counties of the district regarded the war by Democratic National Chairman Vance C. McCormick, his newspapers and his partisans and the horde of federal officeholders against Congressman Ben Focht.

Another interesting fact in connection with McCormick's fight against Focht is that everyone of the eight counties in the Seventeenth elected a Republican legislator, Republican choosing an out and out Republican for the war time years and the Democratic seat in Juniata being lost. In the whole Seventeenth district the only survivor of the Focht registration is Leiby, who was elected by an accident in 1916.

The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times is very complimentary to Focht. S. McDevitt, the new private secretary, in an article on the man who will be in charge of the Governor's office.

THE PROGRESS of the strike of Scranton municipal employees of certain departments has been watched with interest all over the state and it is possible that such occurrences may find reflection in bills for compulsory municipal wage arbitration in the legislature.

PALESTINE DANGER POINT (Herbert Adams Gibbons in the Century Magazine) When the British army entered Damascus, the French fleet sailed into Beirut Harbor.

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MOVIE OF A SOLDIER BACK INTO CIVILIAN CLOTHES



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Liebknecht and the War

"The Future Belongs to the People"—by Karl Liebknecht (Speeches Since the Beginning of the War). New York: The McMillan Co., \$1.25

LIEBKNECHT runs in the Liebknecht family. During the Franco-Prussian war, in the year of the birth of his son, Karl, the father, Wilhelm Liebknecht, refused to participate in the German elections and was arrested for high treason.

Getting Back to Their Jobs (From the Indianapolis News) The vast and trying problems of industrial reconstruction involved in the transition from war to a peace basis have wrinkled the brows of our foremost political and scholastic authorities.

N. Y. World Raps Kitchin (From the Fourth Estate) Chairman Kitchin of the House ways and means committee, the same Kitchin that fathered the second-class postal zone law amendment to the war revenue bill, is a Democrat, but here is what the New York World says editorially.

Chevrans Show Service (From the St. Paul Dispatch) "You can't tell the players without a score card," the familiar cry at the baseball parks, might be applied to soldiers returning from France, according to army officers.

And Penna., Too What a load will be lifted from the country when national prohibition becomes a fact! A load economic, moral and political. Boose has disorganized industry, wrecked lives, demoralized politics.

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Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

A copy of an official advertisement of the State of Pennsylvania for trees for its Capitol Park dated ninety years or so ago shows that the proper method of laying out the public grounds was receiving as much attention then as it is to-day when the Commonwealth is about to create an unsurpassed park about its official center.

The Spinster Problem English women and girls appear depressed to an American. They lack the ebullient and outspoken frankness of the Yankee girl.

Direct proposals either to WALTER S. FRANKLIN, Clerk of the Senate, or to FRANCIS R. SHUNK, Clerk of Representatives.

A GREAT ATHLETE (From the Journal of the American Medical Association) She was a four-flusher, particularly as to her abilities in various sports.

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