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What thou hast in store This coming year, I do not stop to ask; Enough if day by day there shines before me

GO TO IT, ADMIRAL

OF ALL the officers in the service who have suffered from abuses of power and influence under the Wilson administration, Admiral Sims alone has dared speak his mind in public.

As Admiral Sims says, the commander of the fleet is the only man competent to judge the merits of the men under him and if his recommendations in the matter of awards of service medals and the implication is made that the Secretary's own son-in-law, who was given the highest award, even though he lost his ship, was one of those Mr. Daniels chose for special distinction.

UP TO ALL OF US

THE sending out of a calendar for the new year one of the big corporations at Youngstown makes this comment: It is accompanied by our fervent good wishes and the hope that we, who hold service to our customers as our greatest obligation, may be able during the year to render this service unimpaired by conditions such as have attended much of the year just ending.

SIGNS OF PEACE

SIGNS are not lacking that on both sides of the political fence at Washington members of the Senate are growing restive over delay in getting some final action on the Peace Treaty.

A WISE CHOICE

GVERNOR SPROUL could not choose a better qualified man than former Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McClain, of Lancaster, for head of a Fair Price Commission in Pennsylvania.

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sands of others who watched their vain efforts to keep prices at a reasonable level during the war. Some benefits to the consumer may result from the publication of prices, but as a general thing the dealer whose prices were below those published by the committee went up to meet the "fair" figures, while those above paid little attention to them.

THE COAL COMMISSION

WE HAVE heard a great deal of the evils of legislation by commission, but never has such a body of men held greater control over the welfare of the country than the commission for the investigation of mine wages and coal prices to be appointed by the President under the terms of his settlement with the strikers.

Of course, the commission directly cannot make those changes. It can merely submit recommendations to the President. But Mr. Wilson has already indicated, in his statement outlining the terms of compromise for the coal strike, that he will accept whatever arrangement the commission may make.

It has been the policy of Congress for many years to favor legislation prohibiting combinations in restraint of trade. Such combinations were considered as imposing an unfair burden upon the public in the shape of unnecessarily high prices, and to furnish a means whereby certain classes of our citizens were able to enrich themselves at the expense of the others.

With the knowledge that increases in coal costs may be passed along to the consumer, the operators will readily capitulate to any demands the miners may make. The miners are well aware of that fact and have as little regard as the operators for the public as a whole.

Although the President's followers are hailing his action in the coal strike as a tremendous stroke of executive genius, in reality it but paves the way and provides the means for an interminable struggle between miners and operators on the one hand and the public on the other.

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Both sides of the political fence at Washington members of the Senate are growing restive over delay in getting some final action on the Peace Treaty.

That, we believe, is what the American people want. They are not opposed to the treaty in any form that will leave their independence and liberties unendangered and unquestioned, and they would breathe a sigh of relief if the whole thing were done with and out of the way.

They are interested in the affairs of Europe, but they are mightily interested in every question of a domestic nature, and it is evident that before we can reach a peace basis at home we must have returned to peaceful relations with the world at large.

The fault mainly lies with President Wilson's refusal to regard the rights of America first and our relations with Europe secondly, but there are hard heads on both sides and the American people are becoming more and more impatient of unnecessary delays.

Those who are interested politically should take these thoughts to themselves, if they have any regard for their own party preferences and personal interests in the coming campaign.

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman

Probably the matter that is giving most concern just now to folks who follow politics in Pennsylvania is the advance in the tax rate that is being made in almost every city and borough in the State, while comparatively few counties have put up their share for 1920.

Reading and Erie will present some interesting studies in the next year, as they are both going into the year with administrations elected under the third-class city code, which will automatically go into the record-class cities, owing to the fact that both will show more than 100,000 population, according to conservative estimates.

Many complimentary things are being said about the Scranton Times and its editor and owner, E. J. Lynett, in view of the approach of the golden anniversary of the Times and the silver anniversary of the Lynett ownership. They are to be celebrated at Scranton on January 3 and Keystone State Journalism will rejoice with Mr. Lynett and his capable staff.

Governor William C. Sproul is very much gratified at the manner in which the Philadelphia Record and the Pittsburgh Post and Courier are carrying on the celebration of the centennial of the Philadelphia Record and the Pittsburgh Post and Courier.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



By BRIGGS

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Mother's Farewell

Two days before George Washington's departure for his inauguration as first President of the United States he went to Fredericksburg to pay what proved to be his last visit to his venerable mother.

Public Schools Best

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THE SOVIETIZED ROMANCE "1" AND "4"

The Sovietized novel, according to Forest Ware in the New York Evening Post, has appeared. It is called "1 and 4" instead of "Ivan and Anna," its original title, because of the Bolshevik ruling substituting numerals for Christian names.

HE was alone, waiting, waiting in the shadow of the old family eucalyptus tree, where he had spent so many happy hours. Would she never come? He had seen the Stephanovitski girls, 1 to 3 inclusive, leave the house early in the evening for a ride in the motor.

Presently the old clock in the kitchen struck the half-hour. A figure glided swiftly down the path. It was "1," she murmured. "One," "tis but 7.30, though it seems like one," he replied—for even in moments like this I would have his name on my lips.

"You are right," he concurred. "It can't be done, but—and a look of pain creased his strong, handsome face—"would it never be satisfactory to say so much for 1 from 4?"

"That the laws of simple arithmetic are against us, dear. To-morrow I leave for Brest-Litovsk and points east. It is so ordered."

Breaking Away

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, a representative Democratic newspaper of Ohio, has been a strong and consistent supporter of the Administration with reference to the league and peace project.

So saying he bounded lightly over the garden wall, tossing a kiss to the lonely figure beside the eucalyptus tree. Little did he realize that at that very moment he was 1 minus 4—or three down—while the girl he was leaving behind was only 4 minus 1 and therefore in a much better position, arithmetically to figure out the future.

The telephone conversation between the hero and heroine when the former after many years, returns to take his 4 in hand: Nervously he tapped out a Russian cigarette and lit the foolish end. How he longed for the music of her voice, sweetest music in the world to him.

"And who are you?" she inquired. "That you must tell me. Guess." "I can't guess." "Seven," she ventured. "No, come again." "Eleven." "Wrong. Try again." "Fifteen." "No." "Twenty-one?" "Heavens, no." "Well, then, 6?" "Say, 4," shouted our hero, "are you kidding me? This is 1, your 1, your one and only 1. Don't you remember?"

Not Meant For Him

Judges on the bench have sometimes been assaulted. A litigant threw an egg at the late Vice-Chancellor Malins in an English court. The judge had the presence of mind to duck his head, and at the same time he established a reputation as a humorist by remarking that the present must have been intended for his brother, Bacon, the vice-chancellor who was sitting in an adjoining court.

Kidding the Help

Chambermaid—I found 75 cents in your bed this morning, sir. Professional—Ah, my sleeping quarters, no doubt.

Lure of Spicy Zanzibar

(William Ashley Anderson in Harper's Magazine) Aden, from which I had but recently departed, is a man grown gaunt and rugged in honest strife; but Zanzibar is a courtizan, whimsical, gay, sullen, presenting many aspects.

Zanzibar Town is the great metropolis of the east coast. It is Rome to the dusky pilgrim; it is Paris to the reckless wanderer from India. Bantu folk of Cape Delago to the sons of the corsairs of Oman. Its clubs, its coffee shops, its cinemas, its dark, arched rooms where dusky belles from India and Arabia, the Somali coast and Zanzibar, giggle and shrill and dance monotonous dances; its spreading mango trees under which the white and black burn, and the tom toms beat the measure of night long noisiness; its shops tumbling with riches of costly ivory and ebony, its hammered Cingalese silver and gems; its bazars, gaudy with cheap cloth—kikoys, hodrkans, kanzas—its bright with point of flags and ships in the harbor, the great vessels of the Gulf, the Seychelles and Madagascar—all, all and more, contribute to the renown and lure of Zanzibar.

The Christmas rush gave the Harrisburg Railways Company the hardest test it has ever had to meet and the Valley Railway Company poured thousands of buyers into Harrisburg and took them out again. It was a hectic week for the trolley people and the public and motor men thanked heaven that custom has so firmly established in Harrisburg that folks pay as they enter. Old-fashioned fare taking in the cars that jammed the cars would have been a trial to the spirit and a menace to clothes. Cars were crowded and the people insisted on crowding them. Crowds paralyzed schedules every now and then and many people got home late, but it was because public demands were pressed upon the public and motor men thanked heaven that custom has so firmly established in Harrisburg that folks pay as they enter.

Why America Is Slow

From Kansas City Times] Mr. Lloyd George's speech in the house of commons shows a natural, if concealed, impatience over America's slowness in making peace.

Such a situation would be almost inconceivable to a British statesman, where no public man can remain in office after he has lost the support of the people as represented in the House of Commons.

Offers Reward in Vain

When an editor uses canned editorials, he knows he is laying himself open to the scorn of his expectant readers, who, while they accept, but a good many think that is offset by the flattering prestige they win in their home towns by the fact that the editor is a reader.

Well Known People

Pravost E. F. Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, entertained the students who could not go home for Christmas yesterday.

Sure, New York Is Dry

This is the way to order wine with a liquor nowadays in New York, according to Herbert Corey, war correspondent and feature writer: First you establish relations with the waiter. Then you ask for the proper amount. Then you summon him and ask in a loud, clear tone, so that every one within hearing distance can catch the words: "Charley, did a boy leave a package here for me?"

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Evening Chat

This is a tribute to those who made Harrisburg's most lavish Christmas possible. It seems to be generally agreed that never was so much money put into preparations for the great holiday in the history of the city and certainly stores never did such a business in everything from fur coats to the most trifling distribution of the general amount of material that went into the State capital's Christmas probably kept more Christmas possibilities in history recorded, here, than any other town bought early and it bought late and when the time came to close the stores on Wednesday there were still buyers, just as when the game was their "owl" runs around midnight there were folks with bundles going home.

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Just one shivering bellianckle, the embodiment of loneliness and melancholy, was to be seen in the shopping district Wednesday night. Gone were the crowds of people, the hilarity and merriment who used to make Third and Market streets joyous jams and twist the soda fountain clerks and jostle the bartenders.

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