

GROWING BOLDER

GETTING UP WITH THE BIRD

Delicate Adjustment of American and Foreign Stock Markets May Be Jarr'd by Changing the Clock

DAYLIGHT saving has not been the joking thing. Germany, Holland, Denmark and Sweden have advanced legal time one hour and Great Britain is virtually certain to make the change this month, a bill having passed the Commons almost unanimously.

As it is now the New York and Philadelphia stock markets open at 10 o'clock. At that hour it is five hours later in London, or 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and as the London market closes at 4:30 there is one hour and a half "over" for the transaction.

To all of which the first thing a sane mind remarks is "Boh! Why change the clock at all? Why not just get up an hour earlier in summer, all of us, and be it go at that? Or, if the London brokers want to play with us for an extra hour a day, let 'em work an hour longer and 5:30."

"Kidding" Ourselves Along

It's a question of habit. Changing the clock is just a trick to "kid ourselves" into early rising. Who would start the business of "all getting up an hour earlier" if the change were left to the people and not made by law?

England, who started the idea nearly a decade ago, led Germany get ahead of her in the sequel. The first bill was brought forward with typical British conservatism. There were so many people who didn't want things disturbed that the author of the measure actually suggested setting the clocks back in 20-minute instalments each week for four successive weeks beginning in April, so that nobody would notice the change overmuch.

Tennis at 10 P. M.

In Great Britain, which is in the same latitude as Latroit—that is, as far north of Philadelphia as Florida is south of Philadelphia—the change would be more important than in most parts of this country. Englishmen can play tennis in summer as late as 9 o'clock at night. They can play till 10 under the new system. The clock will still make them stop at 9, but they will have gotten up an hour earlier in the morning.

As for the argument that nobody would be so foolish as to be fooled by an arbitrary change in the clock, the answer is easy. Everybody is foolish enough to be in bed and let themselves be fooled by the foolish clock now. So undoubtedly they would be foolish enough to be fooled by a wiser clock. And there would be the trains to catch. It would not take a few months to get used to it in this workaday world—it would take just one hour.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

It is the American people who are voting, and they vote for American interests. American citizens and American rights every time.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

It may be more than coincidental that the duration of the new working week would be the period between presidential elections.—Albany Journal.

The eight American miners captured at Michoacan, who made their escape from United States territory bringing their own tools with them, are a horrid example of the crime committed by men who are not "wired to fight."—Hochester Democrat and Chronicle.

The work of establishing the dressmaking industry to make this country independent of Europe has been largely accomplished. The outlook for ultimate success in producing the coal miners and their supplies is bright. In the meantime, in fact, the industry is a success. It is a success because the dressmaker is not a slave of the dressmaker's whims and fancies. He is a man who is not a slave of the dressmaker's whims and fancies. He is a man who is not a slave of the dressmaker's whims and fancies.



THE READER'S OPEN FORUM

Henry Ford Likened to William Penn—A Protest Against Giving Prominence to Sporting News—Taft and Buchanan, and a Good Word for the Hospitals

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

QUIZ
1. What is a Congressman-at-large?
2. When did Washington deliver his Farewell Address?
3. What is the original meaning of "the fifth wheel of a wagon?"

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. A private room used to be called a cabinet, and the President's cabinet thus got its name from its meeting room.

STAND BY THE HOSPITALS
To the Editor of Evening Ledger:
Sir—In the early part of the year the city kicked because it had received bills from about January 1 to February 15, 1916, for about \$10 in all, for some city employees who had been taken to the hospitals.

SPORTING NEWS AND POLITICS
To the Editor of Evening Ledger:
Sir—I offer the following as proof of one of the many reasons why our good old United States of America is so far away today from the glorious path that Washington started them upon and Lincoln so steadfastly held them to:

THE FAILING SWORD
The sword having failed to achieve what was promised us, the time is ripe for the brain to assert itself in directing German affairs.

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DAWN

Europe is thinking peace and the way to get it. The thought is bound to lead to action.

A STRANGE thing is happening in Europe. The black night which descended with terrible swiftness nearly two years ago seems at last to be waning. There are lights in the skies which are not the red light of M.A.R. Is it false dawn or daybreak? In answering this question, we cannot ask guidance from our hopes and fears. We cannot trust the tentacles of Germany and the lofty denials of England and France unless we can discover behind each a determining event.

It has been said many times, but the truth bears repeating, that for Germany the absence of defeat is not enough. To justify the existence of her militarist and the methods of her government, she must be decisively victorious. She is the greatest chess-player of the world and a state-mate or a draw will ruin her. France took a knight at the Marne and called check at Verdun. It remains for Russia to mate.

Bean Boundaries
MARTIN G. BRUMBAUGH
Boundary of Martin G. Truly, of a verity—
All except that lump upon it.
That was lately raised, you see,
By the presidential bee—
Buzzing 'round inside his bonnet.

Health Hints
To those who break into a stomach-front all day every time they hear the whistle of a locomotive.
The time to hurry, my friends,
Is before there is need of much hurry,
And then, when your journey ends,
You'll have got there without any worry.

WE ARE going to be very busy today, buying a modest luncheon for Strickland W. Gilliam, the "Off-Agin-On-Agin-Gon'-Agin-Finnigan" guy, the poet-morrist of the Baltimore News, and at large. After Gilley cries "Enough!" and pulls his napkin out of his neckband we'll lead him around to the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel and maybe listen to him speak to the Pennsylvania State Bankers' Association on "Generalities, Glittering and Otherwise." He says his speech is going to be new, but we're betting he'll spring that old one of his on "Germs." It's the shortest poem in captivity and he caught it. It goes:

Germs
Adam
Had 'em.

GET TOGETHER, GENTLEMEN
THE interest of the public in the wage dispute between the P. R. T. and its employes does not stop with the desire that a strike be avoided. The people who ride on the street cars have a right to demand that there be no interruption in their operation. A tie-up of the cars would cause the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the city. No justification can be found for putting a million and a half people to great inconvenience because six thousand of them are not satisfied with their wages.

THE secondary interest of the public in the wage controversy arises out of its belief in fair play. The motormen and conductors are human like the rest of us. They are amenable to reason. They know that no unreasonable demands which they may make can stand the test of public discussion. They know that they will have the support of public sentiment in any fair demands. The public expects the dispute to be arbitrated and settled peacefully.

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The most difficult of tasks to keep heights which the soul is competent to gain.
—Wordsworth.

The landing of American marines at Santo Domingo is not news; it's a habit.
The owners of flivvers were dismayed. Henry Ford polled only 3300 votes in this city.

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That noise you heard around 11th and Chestnut streets all day yesterday was "Dave" Lane's explosive indignation at the size of the transit vote.

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The Senate rejected the nomination of George Rubin, of New Hampshire, as a member of the Federal Trade Commission, not because he was not qualified for the post, but because he was personally adverse to Senator Gallinger. There were enough Democratic Senators who believed in insisting on the right of a member to be consulted about the ap-