

STATE LEGISLATURE URGES HOME RULE

Representative Wills, of Philadelphia, Introduces Resolution at Harrisburg UNANIMOUSLY INDORSED

HARRISBURG, May 8.—The House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Mr. Wills, Philadelphia, directing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to convey to Arthur J. Balfour British Foreign Minister, the information that the people of Pennsylvania are anxious that the people of Ireland be given the right to govern themselves. It also urged Mr. Balfour to exert his efforts to bring about a prompt settlement of the Irish question.

There was no debate on the resolution, which is expected to be passed by the Senate today. It follows in full:

Whereas, The United States of America, foremost free nation of the earth, has taken arms in the name of democracy and freedom and to obliterate forever the agencies that now menace the common human rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;

Whereas, The people of a free nation such as this cannot but feel a deep and real sympathy for the people of any other land who struggle to attain the rights now enjoyed here; and

Whereas, The bond of sympathy and understanding that has existed between the people of the United States of America and the people of Ireland, in the long and noble struggle for the attainment of the right to govern themselves, is such as to justify the people of the United States in using their influence in the cause of Irish freedom;

Whereas, The Government of the United States is now dealing directly with high commissioners from the government of its ally, Great Britain, with a view of finding the best methods of bringing this war to a prompt and successful termination, and a prompt and successful settlement of the Irish question;

Whereas, It is the sense of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the greatest possible demonstration of enthusiastic co-operation between the people of the United States and of Great Britain is vitally essential to the attainment of the purposes of the alliance;

Whereas, It is also the sense of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that no other single act of the Government of Great Britain could produce a greater degree of enthusiastic approval or evince a more just admiration on the part of the American people, than the prompt settlement of the Irish question to the satisfaction of the Irish people, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and he is hereby directed to make known to the high representative of Great Britain, the Right Honorable Arthur J. Balfour, that such is the sense of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as expressed through their representatives in General Assembly, met with the request that he make the fact known to the Government of Great Britain, and that he exert his great influence and power to impress upon the Government of Great Britain the necessity of a prompt settlement of the Irish question.

When the resolution was passed the Senate it was referred to the Judiciary Special Committee.

U. S. STORING BIG DRUG SUPPLIES FOR ARMY

War Orders Being Placed Daily by Office of Surgeon General for 1,000,000 Men

WASHINGTON, May 8.—War orders of drugs are daily being placed by the office of the surgeon general of the army to have sufficient supply of curatives and sanitation drugs for use by the proposed new armies of 1,000,000 to be raised.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry C. Fisher, assistant to Surgeon General William C. Gorgas, is in charge of the task of assembling the immense supply of drugs that will be needed by the medical department of the army.

Farmer Smith's Column

THE DOLL'S BURIAL My Dear—Katherine is dead. She was only a paper doll, but she was very dear to her mistress.

The cause? Something was the matter with her neck. There was a fold in it which seemed to grow worse and so her head came off.

And she was buried—Katherine, the paper doll, was laid to rest one chilly afternoon. The ground was turned over and her lifeless form laid to rest in a little white coffin. It was an envelope, to be sure, but on it was written "God Bless You" and flowers were drawn on the little white coffin.

The little mistress mourns—the other paper dolls, resting under a little wooden cross which marks her grave.

Lovingly, your editor, FARMER SMITH.

STRANGE ADVENTURES OF BILLY BUMPUS THE PARROT

By Farmer Smith Billy Bumpus was so hungry. Even the powder can't taste good to him, but little did he realize that he was nibbling at a can filled with powder.

"Fretter Polly—hey, stop eating that can of powder, you'll kill us all to pieces." Polly was shrieking with this time.

"Billy stopped eating and shouted back: 'When are you talking nonsense and when are you fooling?'"

"Stop eating that can and go to sleep," replied the bird.

"Be careful how you talk or your noise will blow us up," said Billy, once more making himself comfortable.

The two soldiers, who were, by the way, Sergeant Pepper and Corporal Fuss-button, not hearing any great explosion, returned to the tent and prepared to go to bed. Each had a blanket and had to lie on the cold ground.

"I suppose we will have to let our masters sleep here with us," said the sergeant.

"The parrot will have to, and we will try the goat one night, and if he makes any trouble, we will kick him out," replied Corporal Fuss-button.

When Billy heard the word "kick" he jumped, for he thought of all his delicate sides and he did not want to be kicked, especially since there was very little inside of him and he was very hungry. He lay for a long time thinking of what had happened and he was wondering what there was at home for his good wife to eat. And by he became so hungry he reached out and felt around with his nose. It bumped into something soft. He tasted it and liked it. He began to eat and eat, and how hungry he was and how good it tasted!

Suddenly he felt a pair of hands on his feet and a voice said, "Anything the matter?"

"Master?" answered a voice. "That goat has eaten my blanket off me!"

The parrot all for Billy was buried out into the ground.

IN THE MOMENT'S MODES

At the left, showing a strong Russian influence, is a peach-colored crepe de chine blouse embroidered richly with peach-colored roses. The new collar is especially noteworthy. Below is an effective flesh-colored georgette crepe blouse. The pointed revers of the sailor collar, both in back and in front, are embroidered in turquoise-colored molescent beads. Picot edging is used on the collar and cuffs.



THE LIFE OF MARSHAL JOFFRE

By ALEXANDER KAHN

Some Anecdotes That Vividly Reflect the Character and Temperament of the "Savior of France," Who Is to Be the City's Guest

This is the eighth and last installment of "The Life of Marshal Joffre," which began in the EVENING LEDGER last week.

AT JOFFRE'S HEADQUARTERS Were you fortunate enough to have been admitted to General Joffre's presence at his army headquarters you would have probably found him in a small room furnished by telephones and maps. The constant sound of rushing motors, the constant coming of staff officers, the arrival and dispatch of telegrams, the hearing of reports, frequently contradictory in the extreme, form the atmosphere that surrounds him.

He alone would not appear to you to be hurried as he issued orders or dictated instructions. He would be a sign of indecision, and General Joffre never gives an order before his decision has been fully made.

Some day these orders of General Joffre will be issued in book form for the guidance of generations to come.

He orders what aim is to be pursued, he leaves the choice of means to the immediate commanders of the divisions or brigades. He never stifles initiative, he never tries to prevent any one from having an opportunity of winning the laurel wreath of glory. A silent man, if you judge, he is as ready with reward as with punishment, but he exacts quick brains and firm hands from those who would serve under him.

At midday you would find him working still, as you would probably find him two hours later. Then you would see him throw himself upon the narrow iron cot, and all around him the morning sun would come out from below the horizon to signal the coming of another day it would discover the general already at work.

A silent man, if you please, but has there ever been an eloquence so powerful as his silence? A loving husband, a tender father, General Joffre has kept away from his family from the moment the first shot was fired in this war. He did so because he ordered that no woman move his camp near his soldiers' camps, and he would have been untrue to himself had he not set the first example.

"He has ever set the example, and he has never shirked the duty of a father," said a soldier who has never been a day without his father's example. "Our Joffre" from the moment he has assumed the high command of the French army.

Kings have paid their homage to him, nations have glorified him, great soldiers have bowed before his leadership, but he has remained the simple man, the soldier, the honest Frenchman, and when the war will be over, he will probably hasten to his native Riveraine and forget the hardships of the war over a game of manille, while the world will still sing his praises and repeat Lord Kitchener's words: "He is a great man."

No biographical sketch of General Joffre would be complete without a few words about his home life.

In days of peace General Joffre is the man of the home in the true sense of the word. It is but seldom that he leaves his fireside once the day's labors are over, and the Roman adage "Mens sana in corpore sano" has never had a more ardent disciple than him.

Early to bed and early to rise has been his rule when at home. Of an evening he loves to listen to his wife playing his favorite melodies on the piano; he plays and chats with his two little daughters; he sings sometimes, for he knows the classic repertoire and he appreciates good music; sometimes a friend comes in for a talk; but not a day passes on which before retiring for the night he has not read some time in his magnificent library, for he is a true lover of books and a never tiring seeker after knowledge.

Every morning at 6 o'clock he can be seen riding a horse in the Bois de Boulogne. Sometimes he is alone; sometimes his little daughters accompany him. Seldom have Parisians recognized him in the park, and he has never sought their recognition.

General Joffre's simplicity of manner is fully equaled by the simplicity of his home life, for the glamour of society has never attracted him and the pleasures of the masses stir no emotion within him.

A life full of busy interest, of active work, of serious intention and of patriotic devotion; a man of honest purpose, of constant pursuit, of unflinching energy, of deep thought and of great learning; a leader of sterling qualities, a general of genius, a soldier without fear of reproach—this is General Joffre, his life and his home.

One hundred years have passed from Napoleon till Joffre, a century separated the two. Both mark the culminating points of France's glory. But one conquered and returned to his country; the other will conquer and bring his country from ever menacing his country again.

SOME ANECDOTES It will be remembered from the foregoing chapters that General Joffre, like our own Lord Roberts, did not understand the art of self-advertisement. He had, indeed, a perfect horror of publicity. Some time after he was intrusted with special missions to Senegal and Timbuktu he wrote an account of the expeditions without once mentioning himself.

Of his private life so little is known that a French lady, who recently delivered a lecture on the general's career, had to confess that she was a social lioness. From such a name of Madame Joffre. There is, indeed, no hostess in Paris who can boast that she ever entertained the general. He never wished to pose as a social lion. From such small and unpretentious functions as he would allow himself to attend he always departed early, so that he might be fresh for the next day's duties.

The only all for Billy was buried out into the ground.

HANDY REFERENCE TABLES FOR THE HOME GARDENER

Planting Times, Distances, Period Till Maturity, Yield to Be Expected, Quantity of Seed or Number of Plants Required and Other Information

TABLE OF PLANTING DATES, MATURITIES AND YIELDS

Table with columns: Vegetables, Planting time, Seeds or plants per 100 sq. ft., Yields per 100 sq. ft. of row for 100 plants, and Yields per 100 feet of row for 10 plants.

By JOHN BARTRAM

REFERENCE tables which will show the home gardener at a glance such data as planting time, amount of seed required, period till maturity and yield that may be expected are given here.

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Table showing intervals between vegetables in the row and space between rows for various crops like Asparagus, Beans, Broccoli, etc.

Pole beans, corn, cucumber, muskmelon.

MISS MARION CHILDS TO BE REAL WAR BRIDE

Wedding in West Collingswood Hastened by Bridegroom's Summons to Duty in France

A real war marriage will take place late today in West Collingswood, N. J., when Miss Marion Childs, daughter of S. Canning Childs, former president of the Childs grocery stores, will become the bride of Edward R. Kraft, oldest son of William J. Kraft, proprietor of Camden County.

The young people became engaged eleven months ago. Their wedding had been set for several months hence, but this week Kraft was notified to be ready to sail for France with Base Hospital No. 10, of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and the pair decided to marry immediately. Kraft joined the base hospital several weeks ago.

The ceremony will be performed at the bride's home, Browning road, in West Collingswood, by the Rev. Alexander Corson, pastor of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, Camden, assisted by the Rev. Henry W. Weitz, pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Camden, and several relatives and a few friends have been invited. Kraft graduated from the Episcopal Hospital several years ago. Since then he has been studying law in the Pennsylvania Hospital, and recently received his law examinations. Miss Childs is twenty-three years old and was educated in private schools.

Woman Kills Herself With Gas While suffering from an attack of melancholia yesterday, Fannie George, fifty-one years old, who lived with her brother, Joseph R. George, at 5104 Warrington avenue, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas. The woman had been morose for some time, and it was thought she never gave any intimation that she would end her life. Her body was found by a sister. A neighboring physician was called and pronounced her dead.

CHURCHES PLAN \$1,000,000 FUND TO FIGHT BOOZE Federal Council of America, in Session at Capital, Discusses Part to Play in War

WASHINGTON, May 8. A million dollars to fight the liquor traffic was the first war measure introduced today in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in session here to consider the part that the church shall play in the war.

The resolution, which was introduced by the commission on temperance, provides for an expenditure of \$1,000,000 in a publicity campaign for prohibition. The measure is still before the council for action.

As a former member of the council and as a Christian leader in the war, the council today extended to President Wilson an urgent invitation to attend a council session and present a message to the Christian churches of America on his views of the work for religious bodies to carry out during the war. Vice President Marshall, who was also formerly a member of the council, will be invited to attend.

Arthur James Balfour, head of the British mission, and M. Viviani and Marshal Joffre, of the French mission, are also to receive invitations to address the council.

Waists at Factory Prices

GEORGETTE CREPE CHINE \$2.50 SATIN STRIPE TUB \$1.75

Joe Lazarus, 56 N. 6th St.

BOOSTS PRICE OF COAL STILL ANOTHER 25 CENTS

One Dealer First to Add to Burden on "30-Cent Basic Increase" Announcement

UP \$1.00 SINCE APRIL 1

Complain of Failure of Roads to Make Delivery—Therefore the Consumers Must Pay

The first known increase in the price of coal to consumers in this city following the thirty-cent "basic increase" announced by the operators a few days ago was made today by A. H. Bates, who has a yard at Sedgley avenue above Twenty-seventh street. The increase made was a flat twenty-five cents a ton on all sizes except first coal. Whether other dealers will follow the example of Bates is not known.

With the new increase the price to most consumers are: First, 38 cents; second, 35 cents; third, 32 cents; fourth, 29 cents; fifth, 26 cents; sixth, 23 cents; seventh, 20 cents; eighth, 17 cents; ninth, 14 cents; tenth, 11 cents; eleventh, 8 cents; twelfth, 5 cents; thirteenth, 2 cents; fourteenth, 0 cents.

Differences between large coal operators and retailers in the city, as to the supply of coal here, constitute the coal price question, brought into notice by the Federal Trade Commission's warning against a "buying panic." Dealers say they are unable to obtain deliveries from the operators, whose prices are well known to the trade and whose mine price figures agree with those named by the trade commission as not excessive.

In consequence, Mr. Bates and other dealers say, they are forced to turn to sales agents for independent mines, who are able to make deliveries, but at prices far above the Trade Commission's schedule. Anxious to supply their trade, and unable to obtain deliveries, they are "paying big premiums" to the sales agents for small mines, dealers throughout the city declare.

William H. Clausen, a retail dealer at Twenty-seventh and Diamond streets, said: "It is true the Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron company is quoting prices that are fairly low, but shipments in the proper quantity are not being made. The railroad quotes low prices, but fails to deliver enough coal here."

According to Clausen this forces retailers to buy from so-called "independent" dealers, and pay \$4.00 a ton for egg, \$4.50 for stove, \$4.50 for nut and \$5.00 for pea at the mines.

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Whether this higher price will absorb the

thirty cents added to the price of the coal operators in a question all the retailers except Mr. Bates have thus far avoided answering. All orders for future delivery are taken subject to the price prevailing at the time of delivery, thus leaving the way open to retailers to add the thirty cents the operators have put on mine prices.

Last week the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company shipped to Philadelphia and points along the Reading lines into this city 70 per cent more coal than in April, 1916, according to W. J. Richards, president of the company. There is no coal being stored by the Philadelphia and Reading Company, which supplies more than half of the retailers in the city, and orders are three and four times as great as they were a year ago, Reading officials say.

Prior investigation will involve the retailers, representatives of the large operator say, as the Trade Commission's report said there were slow practices in retail prices unexplainable in view of the prices of the coal at the mines.

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