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The fair situation as a whole is by no means as bright as it should be. The Mayor is endeavoring to enlist the interest of the President. This would, of course, be distinctly welcome.

THE FIRST YEAR OF HARDING AS HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT

His Record of Achievement is Much Better Than That of Congress

IN ANY consideration of the record of the first year of complete Republican control in Washington a sharp distinction should be made between the achievements of the executive and the legislative departments.

President Harding, who entered office comparatively unknown, did not arouse any enthusiasm at first save among the hard-core partisans who always insist that any sort of a Republican is better than the ablest Democrat who ever lived.

The announcement of his Cabinet was received with satisfaction, for he selected as his advisers a group of able men with minds of their own, who would actually advise. The final decision would be with the President, of course, but it would be reached after a genuine exchange of views among men qualified to speak with knowledge.

In the twelve months that have passed since this Cabinet was announced the President has shown that he is a capable leader and not a mere dummy or figurehead. He began his term with the wish to confine his attention to the executive branch of the Government, while Congress would devote itself to legislative matters.

Under his direction conferences have been held in Washington to study ways of relieving unemployment and agricultural depression. At his suggestion the powers of the War Finance Corporation were extended in order to enable it to go to the relief of the railroads, and when Congress took his advice and passed the Budget Law he appointed to administer it General Dawes, one of the most capable business executives in the country.

The record would have been better if the President had interfered more frequently with Congress. He is the head of the party, and its continuance in favor depends on what Congress does as well as on what he does. He could have interfered more frequently with good results.

The Immigration Restriction Act, passed to prevent an increase of unemployment by the flooding of the country with refugees from Europe, was probably justified by the circumstances, but its enforcement has been unskillful and has produced needless hardship by the separation of families and by the deportation of children with no homes left in Europe to go back to.

The law providing for the funding of the foreign loan will put that loan in a responsible shape and save the way for its final disposition in whatever way may seem best. And while Congress is struggling with the bill, it has not neglected the disabled soldiers, for it passed a law establishing a veterans' bureau and consolidating all the agencies of relief.

But no attempt seems to have been made to treat tariff revision with the seriousness that the subject demands. An emergency law was passed in the interests of the farmers. It was a political measure aimed at conciliating the farmer vote, and it has done no good. No one familiar with the subject expected it to have any economic effect.

Months have been spent by the committees in the preparation of a general tariff act, but it has been prepared largely in accordance with the theories that were popular twenty years ago and in almost complete disregard of the changed conditions of the world.

SHORT CUTS

It is the lack of a brake that breaks a broker.

No blue-sky law deters the financial aviator.

Have you started a little daylight savings account?

Stamps now knows there is no stammer in the voice of authority.

A warship with only a skeleton crew quickly gives up the ghost.

Every time a man drops a bone to catch a shadow he loses his head.

The poor lonely little Yap Treaty hasn't a reservation to its name.

Peanut politics just loves to wear a party label and doesn't care which party.

Omaha clergymen who said marriage required nerve has been divorced. Lost it.

John Bull still has it to the back of his mind that he has a mandate for Egypt.

It is never safe to chuck an irreconcilable under the chin. He'd bite his tongue.

The most impudent "but" in the language, is that between "poor" and "honest."

The passing of Fort Apache definitely marks the last chance the small boy had to fight Indians.

France, as Polonceau sees it, is not militarily minded. She hopes to get what she wants peacefully.

German Big Business is finding it most pass more than the banks for its credit's sake and must pay, pay, pay.

When women reach the United States Senate, instead of talking reservations to treaties they'll pin 'em on.

Even with decisions favorable to them, anti-British political ball players continue to yell, "Kill the Empire."

Commerce may be crippled, but some of those who are quarrelling with the railroads are kicking at her crutch.

Just you wait until Mr. Bryan discovers that the world is flat as Volva says it is. Then somebody'll get a lambasting!

Yonkers Herald says Left this year is unusually long. Wonder what kind of wild oats the editor is seedling for his party?

St. Paul, Minn., man is able to read wireless waves without any instrument. Wilson Democrat probably, hearing voices in the air.

Mechanical engineer says chemists of the future will be able to make doughnuts of old rubber tires. Let 'em. We won't be here to eat 'em.

The Rockefeller gift to the Johns Hopkins Hygiene School shows that John D. wishes this to be a cleaner world because of his being in it.

Hamburg, Pa., farmer recently found a young deer in his barn. Can't tell a thing about Hamburg steaks nowadays. One may even get venison.

Councilman Gaffney says it would be a crime to have the fair in any part of Fairmount Park. Then the large majority of Philadelphians must be criminals at heart.

After a Pottstown woman justice of the peace had performed her first marriage ceremony she kissed the bride. Story lacks ginger. Why didn't she kiss the bridegroom?

New costumes, we learn from the cheerful Parisian dispatcher who loves to dwell on these things, make no provision for corset space. Another anti-parking ordinance.

Perhaps the offer to Herbert Hoover of the directorship of the Resqui-Centennial is being held up so as to make it synchronize with the publication of the engineer's report on sites.

The only business man has all to himself nowadays is carrying a hod. And one lone woman has ever asked us for a chew of tobacco.

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In the roll call prompted. But, law I don't care a penny for Watson or Wood. But Carter Glass sticks in my craw!"

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He will be a strong candidate in the primaries, and if he should get the nomination he would conduct a campaign which could not be safely ignored by the Republicans. Their course, then, is to turn their attention to the selection of a gubernatorial candidate strong enough to defeat McSparran. Beideman could not do it. Neither could most of the other distinctively partisan jobseekers and jobholders in the field.

Bucket-shopping is a gigantic game of out-and-in. The putter's put, the bucketeer takes.

THE GIRLS OF PENN

THE University of Pennsylvania is still in the experimental stages of co-education. Many of its departments remain closed to women, and the majority of the students are men.

With pretty girls crowding in the foreground of the University scene it is safe to suppose that not one student in two millions will make the most of what his professors and his opportunities. Co-education is a necessary measure, but all things considered, it seems to be about all that you can say for it.

THE Summer Clock in Time. The unanimous passage by Council of the daylight-saving ordinance is in welcome contrast to the railway act of last year, whereby Philadelphia became a landmark in the summer clock.

THE McSPARRAN TREAT. JOHN A. McSPARRAN, of Lancaster, as a candidate in the primaries for the Democratic nomination for the governorship, is likely to ruin whatever chances Lieutenant Governor Beideman ever had to be seriously considered by the responsible leaders of the Republican nomination.

THE Fairmount Park. The announcement that the fair in any part of Fairmount Park must be criminals at heart. After a Pottstown woman justice of the peace had performed her first marriage ceremony she kissed the bride.

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BEGUILLED

LURED out by the softest glances of a man, I took my chances. An enticing curious eyes; stole within the sweetest of eyes. Where the scent of pine-tree ledges Made the world a paradise.

Long I sat with soul enraptured, For the man my heart captured, Though he spoke no word of love, And the wind throughout was teasing With his presence, while I, dreaming, Saw him gazing from above.

To the night bird's song I harkened, Till at last the wood was darkened, He had left me all too soon, Now my love I seek to soothe.

For my chamber was now other, Than the man up in the moon; -Ed M. Thomas, in the N. Y. Times.

Optimism. From the New York Herald. If the protest of the American people cannot lift the ban in Congress, the Congress that jams it through.

A Prediction. From the Astorian Globe. Five years from now all automobiles will be equipped with kitchenettes and bed-rooms, and houses will be abolished.



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

M. HAWLEY McLANAHAN On American Architecture

WHAT the ideals and the spirit of America are beginning to find a representative expression in the development of a distinctive style of architecture is the opinion of M. Hawley McLanahan, one of Philadelphia's leading architects.

"The general public influence of good architecture," said Mr. McLanahan, "is healthful, elevating and refining, just as in the case in the other arts. But here it is not design in the dead language of another age and design Greek temples to house our power plants? The American people are receptive, impressionable and easily influenced. If we, therefore, develop an architecture which shall express the spirit of our own lives, it would be at once recognized by the people, who would thus have the spirit of national pride aroused in them."

"Most of our architecture now speaks in a foreign, not to say dead language. We have been handicapped by the idea that the American architect must be imitated by the architects of recognized styles of European countries, and in pursuance of that idea we have given a cordial welcome to those foreign architects who have come here, just as we have welcomed the foreign-born in any other art."

"Much of the work done thus far by American architects has been imitative, but imitative work which is thoughtlessly done is destructive to the imagination through which design is conceived. It is also injurious to the craftsmen engaged on such work, as they are thus denied the opportunity for individual expression through their work. Skill is acquired. Imitative work ultimately makes them simply wage-earners."

"Architecture is the one art in which plagiarism is permitted. A musician who took a Beethoven sonata, for example, and added a few notes of his own, would be taken utterly to task, but this condition does not exist in architecture. However, we must get away from this before we can have a real architecture of our own. And there is every reason why we should do this. No nation has ever had so much to say architecturally as ours, nor has any other country had better means of saying it. The piled-up accomplishments of the last century in mechanical and other material achievement afford a wonderful field for our architectural development as well as our other arts, but we remain practically silent."

"It has been frequently pleaded that we are a young country, still fully occupied with the necessary material development, and for this reason must be excused for our failure thus far to express ourselves in the arts. But, as a matter of fact, we are approaching the 150th anniversary of our independence, and shall not much longer be able to offer this excuse for our lack of proper efforts intelligently directed toward the creative art problems."

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. Who is the first woman to secure a seat in the British House of Lords?
2. Name two countries in the Western Hemisphere named after celebrated characters in history.
3. Who said "God grants us liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it?"
4. What is the largest passenger ship in the world?
5. Who was Admiral when was the first American President to issue a Thanksgiving Day proclamation?
6. What is the name of the Pope's triple crown?
7. What is the game of mora?
8. What is the name of Helena the capital?
9. Of what state is Helena the capital?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Currier Bell was the pen name of Charlotte Bronte, author of the novel, "Jane Eyre."
2. Three Secretaries of State who served during the Wilson Administrations were William Jennings Bryan, Robert Lansing and Bainbridge Colby.
3. The playwright Plautus in his comedy "Miles Gloriosus" wrote "He whom the gods favor dies young."
4. The Federated Malay States, in the southern extremity of Asia, is the greatest tin-producing country in the world.
5. In 1922 Columbus crossed the ocean from Pales, Spain, to the Bahamas in thirty-seven days.
6. From deep water in the Atlantic to deep water in the Pacific the Panama Canal has a length of 48.8 nautical miles.
7. The Battle of Marston was fought on June 14, 1860, near the village of Marston, near Alexandria in Northamptonshire, England. Under the leadership of King Henry III, the English army defeated the French army. The latter were significantly defeated.
8. The sedentary population of the country is that which has permanent residence in a country. Egypt is a country of sedentary population.
9. Ares was the Greek god of war.
10. A kangaroo animal is one that walks on the soles of its feet.

Today's Anniversaries

- 1781—Rebecca Gratz, the American girl who was the original of the heroine of Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe," born in Philadelphia. Died here August 27, 1860.
1802—Jean Francois Champollion, celebrated Egyptologist, died in Paris. Born in 1791.
1856—Sardinia declared war against Russia.
1863—The National Academy of Sciences was established in Washington, D. C.
1860—The Great North Bridge was opened by the Prince of Wales (Edward VII).
1864—The Rev. Rev. John A. Paddock, first Episcopal Bishop of Olympia, Wash., died at Santa Barbara, Calif. Born at Norwich, Conn., January 19, 1823.
1902—United States House of Representatives voted \$4,500,000 for prohibition enforcement.
1921—Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, and Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, were inaugurated President and Vice President of the United States.

Today's Birthdays

- Brand Whitlock, late United States Minister to Belgium, born at Urbana, O., fifty-three years ago.
Sherman L. Whipple, an eminent Boston lawyer, whose services in Congress were the Federal and State laws have been enlisted by the Federal and State Governments, born at New London, N. H., sixty years ago.
Earl Granville, who has held important posts in the British diplomatic service, born fifty years ago.
The Rev. Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, president of Union Theological Seminary, born at Saugnet, N. Y., sixty-one years ago.
Henry Hadden, of the University of Illinois, born at Troy, N. Y., fifty-seven years ago.

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