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SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 27

A RIDICULOUS POSITION

PRESIDENT WILSON'S peevish denunciation of the businessmen's protest against further nagging by Congress has brought down upon him the criticism of most of the independent newspapers and influential leaders of the country. Many of the strong newspapers of the Democratic press have likewise suggested that he went beyond decent bounds in criticising those who had a right to object to his program in Congress.

Calling a halt upon attacks on business and the prosperity of the nation is neither unpatriotic nor unreasonable. It is the right of the people under our form of government to petition Congress at any time and President Wilson cannot arrogate to himself the powers of a dictator or an all-wise ruler. He is human like the rest of us and must expect criticism of his errors, especially as in this way only can the people bring him to a realization of what he is doing.

Manufactured sentiment would have no permanent influence upon the President or Congress, but there can be no argument as to the importance of listening to and heeding the appeals of those who are in position to understand better than the administration politicians what is involved in a continuance of the hectoring of business through ill-digested and unwise legislation.

What the United States needs most is a rest from the bombardment of theoretical legislation and restrictive rulings tending to discourage business activity and expansion. There ought to be some limit to the legislative and administrative program to the end that confidence may be restored and prosperity invited.

Manifestly the President has been hearing from the more level-headed men who get his ear as to the unwisdom of his course in charging "conspiracy" against the important interests of the country which have appealed to Washington for a respite from the constant assaults upon business of every class—big and little.

Surely business men have the same right to appeal to Congress with petitions and letters and telegrams as those thick and thin supporters of the Administration who are advised by Secretary Bryan in his newspaper to deluge Congress with telegrams urging support of the President's policies.

Apparently, however, it makes all the difference in the world whose ox is gored in the attitude of the Washington Administration. Every little whipper-snapper newspaper supporting the Washington Administration takes the position that the President can do no wrong, just as accidental leaders like Palmer and McCormick in Pennsylvania insist that their sponsor in the White House shall have the acclaim of the multitude when his thumbs are up or down.

There will be a bumper wheat crop in Pennsylvania, according to a statement of Secretary of Agriculture Critchfield, and there is also prospect of a large fruit crop. A kind Providence is certainly overruling for the welfare of the people the blunders and persistent blindness of the present dynasty at Washington.

THE "HONOR MAN"

MUCH is being made by the newspapers during these high school and college commencement days of the "honor men" of the graduating classes. Brilliant success always does attract attention and it is right and proper that the brightest student should receive due praise. But the fact remains that the valedictorian of graduation day frequently fails to maintain his pace in leadership and in many, many instances the big rewards of afterlife go, if not to the tailenders, at least to some boy or girl not especially noted for scholarly attainments while in school.

Budgell, co-writer with Steele and Addison, in the Spectator, notes this fact.

He was acquainted with two men, he says, "one of whom was not only thought an impenetrable blockhead at school, but still maintained his reputation at the university; the other was the pride of his master, and the most celebrated person in the college of which he was a member." Yet the man of parts was buried in an obscure country charge at an annual salary of $800, while the "blockhead" in the space of a few years accumulated for himself a large fortune and became one of the leading men of his country.

As it was then, so it is now. Human nature doesn't change much in a century or two. The law of compensation has its own way of bringing about the equation that constitutes each human life, and at all events the scholar is often too much wedded to his books to take time to apply to practical things the knowledge he has so laboriously acquired. "The first shall be last, and the last shall be first," does not always apply, but quite frequently enough to make it the rule rather than the exception.

The administration has gravely demanded an explanation of Huerta concerning the deaths of two Americans in Mexico. Some folks can be excruciatingly funny without knowing it themselves.

ROAD REPAIRS

THE cost of finding out whether Auditor General Powell is right in withholding payment of automobile license funds for road repairing expenses is far greater than most people realize.

Road repairs that could have been made for $2,000,000 this year will cost from $4,000,000 to $6,000,000 next year. In other words, the money that the State Highway Department ought to have at this time for highway maintenance will not do anything like the work next year that it would have covered had it been available this year. Nothing goes back so rapidly as a road once it begins to break. The highway that could be put in order at small cost this year will require a vastly larger expenditure next year. Indeed, it will be remarkable if 1915 does not find the roads of Pennsylvania in worse condition than ever before. This, however, is due to no fault of State Highway Commissioner Bigelow. Firm in the belief that the automobile license fund of more than $2,000,000 was at his disposal, Mr. Bigelow organized his forces and prepared to spend the money on the repair of those vast stretches of road that have been taken from the townships by the Legislature and turned over to the Highway Department as part of the State system. Then came the legal snarl that put all his plans awry. The whole repair force has been disorganized and engineers who should now be directing gangs of workmen are on furlough.

Meanwhile not a stroke of work is being done on the roads and they are going from bad to worse. The borough and township officials have no authority to make repairs and the State Highway Department cannot get the money the Legislature unquestionably meant it should have. The condition is, indeed, unfortunate.

It is no longer a reproach to speak of a man as a high flyer.

FOURTH OF JULY, 1915

THE Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce has arranged what promises to be a very sensible and appropriate Fourth of July celebration for next week, but it has an opportunity to do something vastly greater and more imposing next year. The Fourth of July in 1915 ought to be made occasion for a joint observance of the national holiday with a dedication of the city's "front steps" and parkway along the river.

This improvement will have been completed long before that date and the dam also will have been finished. The whole river bank will be turned into a park, with broad, paved walk leading to a series of steps ending in the lake-like waters of the Susquehanna. These steps would serve splendidly as a vast grandstand for the viewing of a great water fete and the calm water backed up by the low dam downtown will afford a splendid setting for boat races, a canoe parade and all manner of aquatic sports.

It is not too soon to begin to plan for such a celebration.

T. R. is some busy person with the difficulties in the Progressive party and the indifference of the Washington administration to his strictures upon the Colombia treaty and other breaks of the administration. His typewriting machines are going overtime.

CORNER-LOAFING

POLITELY, but very firmly, the curb loiterer is to be jogged into action. To-night the police will hand out cards to those who congregate on the curbs downtown to move on or be arrested.

We suppose there will be a few who will "stand on their rights" and make trouble for the policemen. But the law-abiding persons will realize that the order is just and proper. A few blameless persons may suffer slight embarrassment when the officer of the beat presents them with "move-on" cards, but in the main the order will affect only the persistent street and corner loafers who ought to have been ordered to "march on" long, long ago.

PROPER ACTION

IN all public improvement work it is the fair thing for the officials in charge to keep the public advised of every important development, inasmuch as the public is the interested party in all municipal enterprises. Harrisburg has been particularly fortunate in all its great undertakings of the last few years in escaping large expenditures growing out of unforeseen contingencies. It is therefore a commendable thing that the Board of Public Works, co-operating with the head of the Department of Highways and Public Works, has taken up with the proper authorities an unexpected condition that has arisen in the construction of the river dam.

In the building of the dam it has been necessary to go to bed rock so that the breast might be firm and strong. Here and there, however, have been discovered deep pockets which required unusual engineering devices to overcome. This has made necessary increased expenditure, which will be provided for by the City Council in order that the work may not be interrupted.

Of course, it would have been possible to complete the work and create a deficiency account without action now, but the wiser course has been pursued in making provision for the emergency at the present time and in the proper way. Public confidence is always retained by straightforward conduct of the public's affairs.

EVENING CHAT

Young Harrisburg is no longer afraid of snakes. Just now the snake instead of being a cause for scampering is the object of hunts. Time was not so long ago that a well developed, enterprising snake could keep boys away from any swimming place, and even prevent the enjoyment of a bullfrog sticking expedition. Now every place where snakes are known to frequent is turned over a couple of times a day by boys in the first flush of vacation, and any snake within fifty feet who gets away is well entitled to the enjoyment of bug-hunting on another day. Water snakes appear to be the particular prey of boys about the city, and there is hardly a band that returns from rambling near the mountains or along the valleys of the Paxton, Yellow Breeches and Conodoguinet that does not come back with a serpent. The other night two boys tried to make the poor frightened reptiles that had fallen into their hands engage in a duet, and another boy offered an amateur gardener a well-rounded garter snake to clear bugs from his potato patch for a quarter. If there are any copperheads or rattlers close to Harrisburg they had better cover their tracks and hunt new apartments.

Each of the battle flags recently installed in the rotunda of the State Capitol is to be given a number and a better display than is at present afforded in the glass cases. Preparations to this effect are being made and next week men will begin a rearrangement, so that the flags can be seen to better advantage. It is the idea to make as much room as possible between the flags and to have a number on each one, a key chart being placed in front of the case. Eventually some of the flags may be moved to new cases, which the Legislature may be asked to provide. The Revolutionary, War of 1812, captured Mexican flag and various interesting flags of the Civil War and the flag carried by the Tenth Pennsylvania through the Philippines will be framed after being covered with silk for better preservation. It is the plan to display these flags in the corridors of the State Capitol.

"The rains and hot weather of the last week, while very uncomfortable, have been worth a great many dollars to the farmers of Pennsylvania," says Secretary of Agriculture N. B. Critchfield. "The land was badly in need of rain and the combination caused the corn to grow rapidly, and there are some excellent predictions being made about the crop, which looks very well in southern counties. The wheat crop shows every indication of being very large and the reports about the yield of cherries are that the trees are loaded with them. Early summer crops appear to be excellent."

Capitol Hill is having a case of "nerves" over the activities of the State Economy and Efficiency Commission, which after a month or two of investigations and inquiry has been hearing heads of departments of the State government tell of the organization of their branches and of the number and duties of their subordinates. In a number of instances it has been found that changes could be made to the advantage of the public service and that some of the attaches are not overworked at certain times. The commission has also been going carefully along a line suggested bp Governor Tener, who thinks that a central mailing place would be a good idea for the Capitol, and that it would promote efficiency as well as economy in the handling of letters and mail matter of various kinds. Some of the departments have been more or less perturbed by the probing into their operations, and the idea in some offices was illustrated the other day when in an informal conversation one man connected with a big department asked to be told just what the commission was "driving at." He was told that the commission was seeking information to correct "lost motion" and "lapsed time." This appeared to make the inquirer feel very much better, for he remarked: "Well, you're not head-hunters then."

Some of the heads of the State departments are commencing to figure around about the manner in which they will ask appropriations from the next Legislature, and it is expected that the demand for the conduct of the State government will be considerably heavier than last year because of the extension of State work. The Department of Labor and Industry, the Public Service Commission, moving picture censors and other branches of the State government have gotten organized and are preparing the estimates for their work. Then the State will have to provide a road-building program, the proposed bond issue having been defeated, and will also have to arrange to take care of the natural increase in various older branches. The indications are that the appropriations for government next year will be greater than known since Pennsylvania established itself.

While public improvements are being mentioned it is interesting to recall the enthusiasm of a burgess of a small town for improvements. He was discussing them at a recent meeting here and remarked with enthusiasm, "We'll bond the home town for the limit."

"What's your limit now?"

"Eight thousand, four hundred dollars," he replied proudly.

The discussion of the astronomical tower at Philadelphia, which is represented in the newest Abbey painting at the Capitol has caused a number of people to ask questions about it and the way the guides keep up to date on such things is worth while. Yesterday afternoon a guide was asked to point out the 'tower painting." He piloted his party to the hall of the house and then produced a clipping telling all about it.

2ND LANCASTER IS POLITICAL POINT

Has Twenty Candidates For the Four Legislative Seats to Be Filled in Autumn

CAMPAIGN GETTING HOT

Republicans Will Meet in Pittsburgh in August— Morris Between Two Fires

Records of the May primary published at the State Capitol show that the Second Lancaster legislative district, which elects four members of the House, leads in the number of candidates who will go before the people at the November election, having an even score of men on the ticket. The Seventeenth Philadelphia district is next with eighteen, followed by the Eleventh Allegheny with sixteen and the Second Westmoreland with fifteen. Many other districts have ten or a dozen candidates. In some of these districts the same men are on two and three tickets, so that if every separate nomination was set out the number would actually be higher. In five districts there are but two candidates for the legislative seat. These districts are the Eleventh Philadelphia, Monroe, Montour, First and Fifth Luzerne, one of the two in the last district being on five tickets. There are three candidates for the seat in each of the following districts: Cameron, Clarion, Forest, Fulton, Juniata, Fifth Lackawanna, Fourth Luzerne, Second Montgomery, Pike, First and Second Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Union, Wayne and Fourth York.

In the senatorial list the Sixth district leads with six candidates, while the Twentieth district, part of Luzerne county, has two candidates.

Most of the congressional districts have five candidates, the Thirtieth district, the McKeesport district, has but three candidates, one man being on six tickets. There are twenty-four candidates for Congress-at-large.

There are six candidates for Governor and six for United States senator and five each for Lieutenant-Governor and Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Under the nonpartisan law there are but two candidates for the Supreme and Superior Courts.

Meeting to Be Held at Pittsburgh

State Chairman Crow announced yesterday that as a result of the referendum vote on the postponement of the State committee meeting from Philadelphia on July 15 to Pittsburgh on August 26, enough members had answered in the affirmative to authorize the change. The notices will be sent to the committee members. The platform committee will meet next week for another conference and the committee on changes of rules will also have a session. Prominent Republicans are keeping in close touch with the State headquarters to an unusual extent this year.

Democratic Bosses Will Talk It Over

State Chairman Roland S. Morris, of the Democratic State machine, is in a bad state of mind just now. On one side he has the Thornton men who were turned down by the city committee in Philadelphia demanding that the whole Democratic committee elected by the people be electrocuted, and on the other he is hearing from practical politicians who demand that any further split be prevented in the party. McCormick is said to be determined to get revenge, but some other candidates are not so keen. Next week the bosses will get together in Philadelphia to discuss the question of inquiring "into the legitimacy of the Philadelphia city committee." Apparently the right of the people to elect a city committee does not weigh with the Democratic ruling clique.

Penrose to Be in City Tomorrow

Senator Penrose will start late today on an automobile tour across the State to Pittsburgh, where he has a number of engagements. He will be accompanied by his brother, Dr. Charles B. Penrose, president of the Board of Game Commissioners. The two expect to arrive at Harrisburg about noon to-morrow for dinner with the Governor at the Executive Mansion. Monday the trip west will be resumed. On Tuesday, the Senator will deliver an address in Pittsburgh before the State Sportsmen's Association. On that same day, Colonel Roosevelt will be in Pittsburgh to speak at the second annual conference of the Progressives. The following day, Wednesday, the Senator will attend outdoor festivities to be conducted by the Sportsmen, and on July 2, Thursday, he will be the guest at a reception to be given by E. V. Babcock at his country home near Pittsburgh. July 4 will find the Senator in Ephrata, Lancaster county, where he will deliver the Independence Day address.

Democratic Cause Now Hopeless

The Philadelphia Ledger in a political review by Frank J. Price to-day says: "The more closely primary returns, now being tabulated in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, are studied, the gloomier the outlook grows for those Democrats who believed a year ago that this was to be a Wilson year in Pennsylvania. The President himself, the Democratic delegation in Congress and the party at large had conceived the notion that because the Taft electors were rejected at the polls the Keystone State was getting ready to swing into the Democratic column; and yet, the Wilson electors had polled fewer votes by more than 50,000 than the Bryan electors had received only four years previously; fewer by 30,000 than Bryan received in 1900; fewer by nearly 40,000 than Bryan received as a result of the free silver hysteria of 1896; fewer by nearly 60,000 than Cleveland received in 1892. Even in 1888, when Cleveland was defeated by Benjamin Harrison, he received 443,633 votes, while Wilson, in 1912, received only 395,637. Winfield Scott Hancock, author of the phrase, 'the tariff is a local issue,' received 12,000 more votes, in round figures, thirty-six pears ago, than Wilson received in 1912."

The Central Democratic Club last night named Harry Vollmer, prospective Federal appointee, to take charge of the instruction of teh awkward squad for the marching club of 1914. In 1912 there were almost 300 members and they learned to march as the campaign wore on.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A Lottery
"Speaking of gambling, I won $100,000.00 once."
"I got yer—married a widow with that amount, eh?"

Sure Enough
She — What do you think of love at first sight?
He — All right, if the girl's the kind that'll put yer eye out.

Hard Lines
Sister — Willie, if you hang around and listen when Jack calls to-night I shall whip you.
Willie — And Ma says she'll whip me if I don't keep tabs on you and him.

A True Knight
She — Oo-oo; What a dirty face! Don't you dare speak to me!
He — Er—but I got it dirty kissin' the ground you walk on!

GOIN' FISHIN'

By Wing Dinger

Some weeks ago I gave you all
A quiet little tip
That I was going to take the kids
Upon a fishing trip.

I bought the rods and hooks and lines,
A day or two ago,
And dug the bait this morning, so
We're ready now to go.

We're off, I haven't time to write
Another single thought.
Perhaps on Monday I will tell
Of fish we caught—or bought.

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

—Wouldn't it be funny if the Colonel and Penrose met and talked over old times.

—Frank Dershem's campaign for re-election in the Seventeenth seems to have become mouldy.

—J. Wood Clark, an old-time Guffey man, was elected chairman of the Indiana county Democratic committee.

—Evidently the House did not take kindly to the Bryan economy plan of adding an assistant at $4,500 to his staff.

—Bryan and McCormick seem to have the same ideas of economy.

—One thing is certain and that is the Colonel and Penrose will not meet if Flinn can help it.

—Penrose's visit to Pittsburgh when the Colonel is there has made even seasoned politicians sit up and gasp.

—Chairman Morris appears to be torn between his desire to get revenge on the old Democratic organization in Philadelphia and common sense.

—Mitchell Palmer always could be wise. He went golfing when Bryan's new assistant bill came up in the House yesterday.

—Ziba T. Moore says that Philadelphia Progressives are with Roosevelt in his stand on Perkins.

—Chairman Detrich will be endorsing the Colonel next.

—It's going to take something more than a marching club to hold the home town this year.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Senator W. C. Sproul will sail for Europe next week.

—State Treasurer R. K. Young is becoming a golfer.

—Montgomery Evans, president of the State Bankers, is one of the oldest bankers in point of service in Norristown.

—The Rev. T. W. McKinney is head of the Coatesville open air revival movement.

—Congressman Palmer is fishing and golfing in the Poconos.

—William Flinn is returning from a trip to California.

WHY NOT A FOURTH PARTY?

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer]

The Pinchot brothers—Amos and Gifford—have read the financial angel of the Progressive party—Harvester Trust Perkins—out of the organization. True, as chairman of the executive committee, he has furnished a goodly portion of the campaign funds, but in the opinion of the Pinchot brothers—Amos and Gifford—he is a burden upon the party. Their ultimatum has been given—Perkins must go.

But Perkins shows no sign of going. Indeed, so prominent a personage as Thedore Roosevelt, founder and commander-in-chief of the party, says he shall not go. "As for reading him out of the party, when that is done they will have to read me out, too." That is the Roosevelt ultimatum. Thus does ultimatum clash with ultimatum.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of June 27, 1864.]

No Heavy Firing

Washington, June 27. — The steamer Highland Light arrived here at 11 o'clock from City Point and reports that there has been no heavy firing within the past few days. The cannonading at times is heavy.

Foster Makes Capture

New York, June 27. — The Commercial-Advertiser's army letter of June 25, says that General Foster's force of the Tenth Corps, has probably attacked Chapin's Bluff and perhaps captured it.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of June 27, 1864.]

Trouting

The trouting season closes on the 30th of September. Anglers will yet have three months in which to capture the "speckled beauties."

No Fourth Celebration

Monday next will be the "glorious Fourth." Aside from the picnics announced for the day, the anniversary will be observed by our citizens in a manner to be determined by themselves. There will be no general celebration.

HEADQUARTERS FOR
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Have You Money To Invest?

If you have had difficulty in finding a satisfactory investment for your money this Summer, don't neglect the matter in the meanwhile and lose the interest.

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"FIDDLER-CRAB" LOCOMOTIVES

[From the Engineering and Mining Journal.]

For handling cars at their Cleveland ore docks, the Pennsylvania Lines West have recently had built three locomotives of unusual design. The novel feature in these locomotives is the fact that they do not run on the same tracks as the cars they handle but on narrow-gauge, parallel tracks. They are not attached to the cars by couplings, but each locomotive is equipped with an arm on each side, which can be lowered by means of compressed air controlled from the cab and acts as a pusher. Single cars or trains can be easily handled and cars can be shifted and cut out from trains with the least time and trouble. The locomotives, of Baldwin-Westinghouse make, have bar-steel frames and weigh twenty-five tons.

THRIFT

Men of thrifty habits, strive during their life time to acquire property so that when they have passed away, their families may enjoy the results of their hard work. It is the height of wisdom for them to select for the distribution of their estate, AN EXECUTOR OF EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

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