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FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 20

A TRADE CONFERENCE
GOVERNOR TENER has graciously consented to take part in the conference on foreign trade which is to be held in this city next Tuesday under the auspices of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce.

With the outbreak of the war in Europe the business interests of the country immediately became active and in every way the lines have been thrown out toward the markets of the world.

While the people of the United States have manifested a large charity in their efforts to succor those who have suffered through the war, they have also properly looked after the enormous demands upon our commercial and industrial institutions.

For this reason the conference to be held here next week has a peculiar interest, and the Chamber of Commerce is showing a proper appreciation of its relation to the business community in bringing together our business people for consideration of the questions that are necessarily involved in the expansion of our trade relations through a war with which we have had nothing whatever to do.

Once more Secretary Bryan's great and good friend, Villa, is marching on the City of Mexico and gathering under his wing enroute the soldiers of that famous Constitutional-Carranza. No moving picture machine has anything on Villa.

OUR SIDEWALKS

RECENTLY a correspondent of the Telegraph called attention to certain defective sidewalks in different parts of the city and urged that some attention should be given to these stretches before winter came upon us.

Now would seem to be a good time to have a prompt report on the sidewalk conditions of the city, which might be quickly obtained through activity of the police department. We have no doubt that Mayor Royal, cooperating with the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, could easily obtain in twenty-four hours a report upon all sidewalks needing immediate attention.

We have no doubt that a mere reference to the situation will bring prompt action on the part of the city authorities. It is not infrequent that a defective sidewalk results in injury to life or limb and consequent damages.

Every bit of outdoor work on the several improvement undertakings that can be done before King Winter interferes should be done. There ought to be at least six weeks yet for pushing the rough grading of the river wash-outs, and the planting of trees, the completion of the Paxton creek job and the work along Cameron Park Extension.

CONFIDENCE AND BUSINESS

THERE is a very general revival of confidence throughout the country, and while the Democratic newspapers and party spokesmen decline to attach any importance to the recent elections, the financial writers and industrial experts agree that the immediate effect of the Republican victories has been an almost instant optimism concerning the future.

President Wilson himself has sounded an optimistic note of the business situation in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury on the occasion of the opening of the reserve banking system. Incidentally

the President recognizes the efforts of the banks and the railroads to meet the situation and suggests that the railroad problem will have to be dealt with at an early day in a spirit of "candor." The President's utterance on this point is looked upon in Washington as profoundly significant and a suggestion that railroads must not longer be forced to carry on their business at a loss.

It has been hinted for some time that the President was not entirely satisfied with the evident reluctance of the Interstate Commerce Commission to recognize the plain needs of the commerce carriers of the country.

As a matter of fact, the attitude of the Interstate Commerce Commission has been so arbitrary and so manifestly one of indifference toward the business interests of the nation that there has been general amazement everywhere over its peculiar course. The President recognizes the essential factor of prosperity as represented by the railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission must soon have driven into its inner consciousness the fact that the people are not satisfied with its way of handling the important matters which have been submitted to it from time to time during the last two years.

"A new day has dawned for the beloved country whose lasting prosperity and happiness we so earnestly desire," is the felicitous and optimistic way in which the President concludes his "prosperity letter."

State Health Commissioner Dixon is remarkably felicitous in expression, and his epigrammatic and forceful presentation of hygienic truths makes a deep impression upon his hearers.

AN OVERWORKED COMMISSION

AFTER an experience of a year or more with the Public Utilities measure it is manifest that there is room for improvement in matters of detail and local control. If we may judge by the hearings from time to time, the increased burdens of this commission will make its work almost impossible. Every sort of complaint is put up to the commission and it would appear that many of these complaints should be remedied by the local authorities and not by a State commission.

When the public utilities act was passed it was subject to all kinds of amendments and a trial of the measure was necessary in order that its deficiencies might be disclosed. Without indicating any particular weakness it is plainly evident that the scope of the work of the commission is entirely too wide and is likely to weaken the beneficial operation of this important branch of the State government.

Paternalism has been eating its way into State and national administration in response to the demands of the people for change, and still more change, but whatever has been done that is beyond a reasonable exercise of State control should be undone at the first opportunity.

Instead of the strong arm of the State reaching out in every direction there should be a wider exercise of home rule so long as the local authorities observe the restrictions of the organic law and the statutes affecting the general welfare of communities. Ordinary laymen do not see the necessity for every little complaint and improvement and municipal undertaking being submitted to the overworked Public Utilities Commission. There is bound to be reaction against waste of time and large expense, and it would seem to be the part of wisdom to anticipate such reaction by intelligent amendment of the law to the end that the communities may be allowed to handle their own affairs without constant appeal to the commission on Capitol Hill.

Long after the few knockers shall have been forgotten the municipal officials—past and present—who have done and are doing big, constructive and enduring things, will be remembered with gratitude by the people.

ELECTION AFTERMATH

STUDENTS of political conditions are still analyzing the results of the November election. Most of these agree that the revulsion of popular opinion against all manner of alleged reform legislation and fads in administration is complete. One of the expert observers says: Popular interest has been strained by a political agitation which has lasted too long and has made a too continuous demand upon its attention. It is tired of Congresses which do not adjourn, of questions which are always being discussed and never being settled, of supposed settlements which fall to produce the promised results, and of a ferment which yields such a small net return of good white bread.

It is undeniably true the great body of the voters of the country have gone back to the two great parties—Republican and Democratic. They have had enough for the present of mere fussing and political clap-trap. Business men and working men want a rest and above all else they want business and industrial conditions to settle into something like the normal state. Mighty little attention is going to be given those who feed upon fads and fancies which catch the public attention for a little while, but which are mighty unprofitable in the end.

Whatever else may come of the suits for damages growing out of the River Front improvement, in South Harrisburg, a fine opportunity was presented in court yesterday for an exhibit of the comprehensive plans for the permanent changes that will mean so much to the people in that section of the city. Even Judge Johnson, who was specially presiding, could not resist an admiring comment or two regarding the attractive "Front Steps of Harrisburg."

As China exterminated the poppy plant and the opium habit in a single night, so Russia has wiped out all strong drink throughout the Empire by an Imperial decree. And it is the sort of prohibition that prohibits.

Mrs. Frederick C. Penfield, wife of the American Ambassador at Vienna, has received the Grand Cross of the Order of Elizabeth, in recognition of her efforts for the welfare of Austrian soldiers. Good for Mrs. Penfield. Now,

if she will but use her good offices to induce the Weichtman Estate, which she represents largely, and which is owner of the old Opera House corner, to give us a hotel, all Harrisburg will decorate her with flowers and the good will of the people.

EVENING CHAT

Congressman-at-large-elect Daniel F. Lafaen, to give him his full title, has just received six letters which are an entertaining close to his campaign. He has filed his expense account and that is off his mind and he can now enjoy the best wishes. It appears that when the congressman, who is known as "Uncle Dan" by many, was in Middleburg he saw six of Snyder county's fairest young ladies between 15 and 17, standing in the street watching the Republican parade and busily engaged in the side diversion of consuming lollypops. He invited them to attend the meeting at the courthouse and he would give them thoughts on citizenship when he spoke. The girls showed up at the meeting and declared that Mr. Lafaen was just the way they would shake hands with them and said he was sorry they could not vote for him. When the votes had been counted a "round robin" reached Mr. Lafaen at York reminding him that his admirers were awaiting a return of their best wishes. Mr. Lafaen noticed that they had written a couple of times in the letter and sent each a five-pound box of the best candy he makes in his factories. Then each girl sat down and wrote him a letter. He has six of the strongest rooters in Snyder county now.

Francis H. Bohlen, who made the address on the workmen's compensation bill at the welfare conference yesterday, is a student of the subject known to legal sharps as torts. It is to do with damages and came in handy when he acted as the safety first industrial Accidents Commission, which drew the compensation act. Mr. Bohlen is a lecturer in the University of Pennsylvania law school and although his students sometimes wonder if he can balance his chair on one leg he nevertheless gives them good, sound information that sticks. Mr. Bohlen has studied compensation acts in every country and state where they are in operation and not only has the theory but the practical end down pat.

Dr. J. E. Carnett, the old Penn football player, who has a number of friends in this city, has just been appointed as a surgeon in the Philadelphia Hospital. He succeeds Dr. E. S. Martin, a noted medical man.

The frosty air has caused numerous rabbit hunters to start out on the trail and this morning fields in the vicinity of the city resounded with shots. Some of the hunters took automobiles and from place to place according to the sport, but there were many who hunted clear up to the city limits.

Charles MacVeagh, the attorney who appeared before the Public Service Commission yesterday, is a brother of Wayne MacVeagh and known to a number of residents of this city.

Commissioner John Price Jackson, who arranged the welfare conference, said last night that the attendance had been larger and that every person attending the meeting had given assurance of interest in the safety first movements. "That is why the conference was held," he added.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Robert Swan, Pittsburgh director of public works, is employing men with families on public improvements.

J. R. Flannery, Pittsburgh English man, is in London corralling business orders.

P. A. B. Widener, the Philadelphia capitalist, is gradually retiring from corporation activity.

Judge Land, of Westmoreland, is deer hunting in Elk county.

Mayor John Kosek, of Wilkes-Barre, has got into a dispute with temperance people in his town.

General G. R. Edwards, a Pennsylvanian, will command infantry in the canal zone.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg was one of the big centers of canal transportation, especially for coal, for many years?

WAR AND THE WOMAN

The life and drum, the banners fine, Spur on the men in warring line 'Till the bullets' last be won; But out in lonely hamlets wait Those who can only guess the fate Of father, brother, lover, son.

The Red Cross nurses gladly go To ease the pain of those laid low By murderous shell and gun and dart. But surely no surgery That for a moment set free A waiting woman's grief-torn heart.

The soldiers in the deeply fight Soon grew accustomed to the sight Of wounded men and ghosts dead, But daily deeper grows the pain That rends a mother's heart in twain When children cry in vain for bread.

O God of nations, grant, we pray, That there may be some speedy way Of quieting this warring host; And meanwhile grant thy special care To war-ridden women everywhere, For they it is who suffer most, Alice Crowell Hoffman in The Christian Herald.

PELLING TIMBER

In felling timber, whether it be a fullgrown tree designed for firewood or a mere switch desired as a fish-stringer, be sure the butt points in the way you wish to drag your plunder. Anyone who has dropped one of a thick stand of popple saplings with its top toward the clearing where he wishes to use it as a tent-pole will have no doubt as to how the task of the barbed spear-head originated. On the more placid other hand, a stick put down with the butt-end toward the clearing can be dragged with ease out of the thicket and trimmed up and worked over at ease in the open.—Outing.

War Maps and Peace Maps

Far more interesting than the war maps that mark the devastation of armies, are the peace maps that picture the great constructive work on this continent.

North America is finding itself. It is developing its own resources; developing its strength. The advertising columns in this and other leading newspapers are the American peace maps.

They tell of the march of industry, the great work of construction and upbuilding. No man can be a daily reader of advertising without being a better patriot.

SPEAKERSHIP IS NARROWING DOWN

Most of Men Suggested Are Not Following Up Mention of Their Names For the Honor

BALDWIN IS MAKING HAY

Buckman May Be Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; Political Talk

With the withdrawal of James F. Woodward, of McKeesport, from the race for the speakership of the next House it looks as though the contest had really narrowed down to Robert P. Habgood, representing the northwest; R. J. Baldwin, the eastern section outside of Philadelphia, and W. H. Wilson and T. F. McNichol, Philadelphia. George W. Williams, Troop; F. C. Ehrhardt, Lackawanna, or H. L. Wilson, Jefferson, have not followed up the mention of their names.

Baldwin has been making hay lately and has been building up an organization among the central members by swinging around the circle. Charles J. Roney, of Philadelphia, who was spoken of for speakership, is more likely to be floor leader again.

Woodward wants to be chairman of the appropriations committee again and so do Charles A. Ambler, Montgomery, and Ehrhardt.

The name of James W. Collins is being mentioned as a possible judge in Allegheny county. The Montgomery and Northampton judgeships are to take their own time.

Friends of J. Lee Plummer, former member from Blair, are busy building fences for him for State Treasurer in 1918. It is intimated that if things do not look bright for the senatorship, Auditor General Powell might run for State Treasurer.

According to some of the gossip which is going the rounds City Commissioner W. L. Gorgas is being urged to become a candidate for mayor at the election next year.

Senator C. J. Buckman, of Erie, is being boomed for the chairmanship of the Senate committee on appropriations upon which he has served since 1912. Senator Charles H. Kline, the chairman of the committee, will be re-elected president pro tem.

Senator Henry A. Clark, of Erie, is paying close attention to the proposed changes in the third class city law. He thinks that the commission government should be well tried out before any changes are made.

Although the Washington party element will be aided by the machine Democrats in making a big fuss for a constitutional convention to turn the present organic law inside out it is not thought that it will get very far in the coming session. Sentiment in favor of a short session without business being upset by presentation of a lot of panaceas for all ills is growing rapidly all over the State and indications are that there will be a session of about 100 days and that the legislative program pledged during the campaign will be carried out without much fuss.

Friends of local option are commencing to feel dubious about the bill getting out of the House, the action of the Anti-Saloon League in dabbling in partisan politics in the last campaign having upset by presentation of exceeding the vote for the bill last session are not very high just now, but this is not the time to look sad.

PROVERBS OF BROADWAY

A Rolling Stone gathers no Montgomery. Where ignorance is bliss, the Follies are wise. Make (for the) hay when the sun shines. If at first you don't succeed, rye, rye again. There's no fuel like an old fool.

Say what you will against civilization, it has at least got rid of whiskers, the vermiform appendix and the heart.

It takes a man his whole life long to find out that he has been a fool his whole life long.

A romance begins with a man trying to capture a woman. It ends with a woman trying to recapture a man.

Women have very simple tastes. They can get pleasure out of the conversation of children in arms and men in love.

In the year 1820 the average American had six children and one wife. How times changes all things!

Brevity: the quality that makes cigars, sermons and ocean voyages bearable.

If all public questions were settled by shooting dice, fifty per cent. of them would be settled correctly. This would be five times as good a score as we make now.—December Smart Set.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



In the Studio For the love of Mike! You've smoked all the cigars again. Yes, old chap; I think so, my boy. You I always take your part.



He Seems Well Named Mr. Fluster makes me think of a canoe. How so? It takes so much trouble to upset him.

DONATION DAY

By Wing Dingy If you really want to do something To make you feel better, here's how: Take part in the donation movement For the hospital, and I'll allow That not only you will feel better For having done good, but you'll make Lots of poor souls confined there with illness A new lease on life promptly take. Just think if in pain, or through illness, You had to spend Thanksgiving Day Somewhere in a great big hospital. From family and friends far away. A heap of the weight would be lifted If strangers sent something to you— As Donation day, they've named Tuesday. Get busy, do what you can do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHY NOT JUDGE JACOBS?

To the Editor of the Telegraph: The Attorney General is the pilot of any Administration. That was the sentiment expressed by ex-Congressman George D. McCreary when I doctored Brumbaugh's Cabinet.

You can tell the course a Governor means to sail from his selection of this important adviser. I find that a good many persons think that Judge George B. Orady will be the new pilot. Whoever stands at the legal wheel to steer the Brumbaugh ship, he will follow some very distinguished predecessors.

Pennsylvania can be proud of her Attorney General, taking as a whole the forty-six men who complete the list. William Bradford, Joseph Reed, Richard Rush, Jared Ingersoll, George M. Dallas, James Campbell, William M. Meredith, Benjamin Brewster, F. Carroll Brewster, Lewis C. Cassidy, W. U. Hensley, Henry Clay McCormick, Justice John P. Eakin, Hampton L. Carson and Moses Hampton Todd were some of the men who have acted as gubernatorial pilots.

A good many of them became distinguished in other ways, as Dallas, who was a Vice-President of the United States; Campbell was Pierce's Postmaster-General, and Brewster also got in a "kick" when he was President of the people care who is Secretary of the Commonwealth, but they are almost as keenly anxious about the Attorney General as about the Governor himself.—Public Ledger.

Why not Judge M. W. Jacobs of Harrisburg? That would surely mean that the Governor-elect would sail true. The selection of Judge Jacobs would insure the warm approval of all fair-minded men regardless of party affiliations. D. M. W.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

A. Howard Gunter supplies a delightful story of repressed girlhood in "Her Wonderful Week."

Ellis Parker Butler, always clever, contributes "The Story," which gives an author's viewpoint of his own creation.

"Two Women," by Ray Sprigle, is an interesting study in femininity. "The Model and Ajax," by Rene Chartrian, is a vital studio story.

Forrest Halsey, whose subtle humor is unique, repeats the mock tradition of a husband pursued by his "past," in "The Appearance of Pansy."

"The Awakening," by Anna M. Honey, is a sweet little tale of young married life.

Fred Jackson with a successful young comic opera star in "A Basket of Sweet-Peas."

Other stories in this number are: "The Gentleman," by Octavius Roy Cohen; "The Diary of a Drunkard," by Adeline Ritchie; "Phryne," by Ethel Summers; "The Friend," by Michel Provins, and "Progress," by William Weaver.

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IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, Nov. 20, 1864.] Odd Fellows Meet A convention of the Odd Fellows of the city will be held to-night at the hall in Walnut street.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

Rebels Disheartened Washington, Nov. 19.—Rebels along the lines at St. Petersburg are disheartened.

Sherman Causes Alarm (From the Richmond Dispatch) People here are alarmed about Sherman's movements and the destruction of two more railroads by his men.

Three Hurt Three Harrisburgers were seriously wounded in a railroad accident near Reading.

FOX FARMING The feature will tell the outcome as to fox farming. Some few farmers now are on a paying basis, many more are not, and with almost a certainty that increased offerings will cause a material cut in prices, it looks as if those who paid from \$10,000 up for a pair of breeders had best go very carefully. There are more than 150 fox farms on Prince Edward's Island alone, many others elsewhere in Canada, besides several in the United States. One, after an initial expense of more than \$140,000, is just beginning operations near Ogden, Pennsylvania.—Outing.

SILK NETS IN DARK COLORS The Dry Goods Economist says that light silk nets, on the Brussels order, are the foremost sellers in the lace market at present. They are particularly strong in black, but some call is experienced for very dark shades, such as tete de negre, plum and Russian green. This demand is the natural result of the very strong fashion position which is now occupied by goods of this character.

Black laces continue in fair demand. Black Chantilly flouncings in 18- and 27-inch widths are the best sellers in this type of merchandise. The current lace demand centers largely in narrow net-tops with very fine Venise and Margot designs. The narrow 3 or 4-inch widths are particularly strong for use in the manufacture of women's neckwear.



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