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TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 5

AN AUSPICIOUS START

It augurs well for Pennsylvania that the members of the Legislature approached their first task with harmony. There was a breeze over the Republican nomination for Speaker, which carries with it the election as of yore, but as Robert P. Habgood, one of the aspirants, said last night in withdrawing: "The welfare of the Republican party is greater than ambitions of its members." It was this spirit that prompted the contestants to yield to Dr. Brumbaugh's preference for Charles A. Ambler, and it is to the credit of the erstwhile candidates that they did it so gracefully. As for the selection of the president pro tem. of the Senate, the members did the wise thing in choosing a man of the experience and talent of Charles H. Kline.

In both chambers there was manifested to-day a general desire to help Dr. Brumbaugh. Even the Democratic members evinced an interest and the incoming administration will find plenty of support for even those measures about which there have been some questions in the past.

Over 590,000 voters called Dr. Brumbaugh to be Governor and he had a majority over all rivals of almost 70,000. He has taken the position that pledges are pledges, and he has called, more directly, perhaps, than have some other Governors, upon the legislators to follow his lead in giving the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania what they demanded at the polls.

The legislators responded at the first call to-day.

THE DEER SEASON

While many sportsmen may not agree with the proposition submitted to the State Game Commission to have the deer hunting season moved to the first fifteen days of December, it would seem that the suggestion is based on good, hard, common sense. The Legislature will have to deal with the subject and it should be considered on humanitarian grounds, not those of hunting.

In hunting deer nowadays sportsmen use guns almost as high-powered as an army rifle. Bullets carry for miles. The loss of life by a chance shot has occurred. Deer hunting requires a good eye and a steady nerve and as the kills are possible at long range, there is always more or less danger.

After December 1 the leaves are off the trees and the underbrush and men can see for long distances, comparatively speaking, in the woods. The advantage of this would be obvious. Then, too, it would enable men to track deer in the snow, which ordinarily falls by that time of the year.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

HARRISBURG is extremely fortunate in having Dr. C. I. Scofield, the noted Bible teacher, in charge of the annual Bible conference of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Dr. Scofield is looked upon by biblical authorities as one of the greatest, if not the leading, religious teacher of the day. He will take those in attendance at the conference through the Bible from Genesis to Revelations in his forceful, interesting way.

The Christian Association has made a good suggestion when it hints that an evening spent at the Bible conference will be worth ten spent at the "movies."

THE "BREAD LINE"

It is to be supposed that those Philadelphia charity experts who condemn the "bread line" and urge that its work be assumed by the Society of Organized Charity would decline "first aid" to an injured man and watch him slowly bleed to death pending the arrival of a trained surgeon.

To be sure, many unworthy persons breakfast free of cost to themselves at the expense of the "bread line," and most certainly it is not to be recommended as a means of permanent relief. But the "bread line" forms at 4 o'clock in the morning and it is reasonable to suppose that the poor devils who make up its shabby, shivering procession are hungry to the point of starvation. Men who have eaten a hearty supper do not rise at that hour even in the hope of a free breakfast.

—The Society of Organized Charity

will detail one of its well-paid, well-fed agents—or, better still—one of the "experts" who have been so loud in protestation against "indiscriminate giving" to be on hand at 4 o'clock each morning to take the names and ascertain the needs of the outcasts and down-and-outers who constitute the "bread line" they may be able to formulate a program for the "intelligent effort" of organized charity of which they prate so learnedly.

Let the "bread line" alone. It is enough to know that its ranks are made up of the hungry and the destitute. That being so, our first duty is to feed them. Nobody ever reformed on an empty stomach.

THE LODGE AMENDMENT

SENATOR ROOT'S plea for free and unrestricted admission into the United States of Belgians who may care to take up residence in this country not only offers a partial solution to the problem of relief with which we as a nation are now confronted, but it is in full accord with the high ideals of humanitarianism upon which our government is founded.

Senator Root's arguments for an emergency amendment to the immigration bill to permit the free entry of Belgians and their families are all summed up in this very striking paragraph:

We should open the door to Belgium, because the people have no country. It has been taken away from them. Besides, they are wandering over the face of the earth without homes, and there never has been, since the foundation of our Government, a people to which the hearts of Americans have turned with as deep compassion or as strong desire to give relief to suffering. There is no other people in the world without government, without a country. Two millions of them are exiled in foreign lands, without means of earning a livelihood. Never in modern history has there been a case like this. It is exceptional and should be entitled to exceptional treatment in this bill.

All this is true beyond question. We owe the Belgians whatever of aid we can give. We have been and are sending them shipload after shipload of food and clothing. The amendment offered by Senator Lodge and supported so eloquently by Senator Root would exempt from the literacy test and contract labor provisions Belgian farmers who, during the war or as a result of conditions arising from the war, declare they came to buy land and to become American citizens. Thus we would at once give opportunity and hope for permanent betterment to thousands who could find peace and freedom among us and reduce the numbers who must live by our charity until war shall cease and the plowshare be substituted for the bayonet in Europe. Nevertheless, we shall expect some of the eminent theorists now in control at Washington to find objection to the plan.

ROOSEVELT'S VIEWS

COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S peace proposal is no doubt practical as well as utopian. In brief, he would have the efficient civilized nations of the world act with the combined military strength of all of them against any nation which transgresses at the expense of any other nation. No doubt some such plan will be attempted following the conclusion of the present European conflict.

But far more interesting to Americans are Colonel Roosevelt's views of the treaty obligations of the United States toward Belgium. Regarding The Hague treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium the ex-President says:

I took the action I did in directing these conventions to be signed on the theory and with the belief that the United States intends to live up to its obligations, and that our people understood that living up to solemn obligations, like any other serious performance of duty, means willingness to make effort and to incur risk. If I had for one moment supposed that signing these Hague conventions meant literally nothing whatever beyond the expression of a pious wish which any power was at liberty to disregard with impunity, in accordance with the dictation of self-interest, I would certainly not have permitted the United States to be a party to such a mischievous farce. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, however, take the view that when the United States assumes obligations in order to secure small and unoffending neutral nations against hideous wrong, its action is not predicated on any intention to make the guarantee effective.

The only conclusion that can be based on this statement is that, had the 1912 elections resulted in the reelection of Roosevelt to the presidency, either Germany would not have invaded Belgium or we as a nation would be now taking part in the war in Europe. Speculation as to either possibility is futile, but, in the light of the Colonel's exposition, doubt grows as to the worth of our own many recently enacted "peace" treaties.

BISPHAM IS RIGHT

IN his recent recital in this city David Bispham, world-famed baritone, vigorously championed English as the language which American singers should use.

In his forceful way he brought out the fallacy of singing in Italian, French or German to an English-speaking audience. He showed that the most exquisite song is nothing but nonsense to the average listener when sung in a language which he does not understand.

It is a pity that there are not more Bisphams on the concert stage to champion the commonsense cause of the English language. Too many, alas, imagine their reputation depends on their ability to warble or shriek in some foreign language rather than to charm by an intelligent use of their native tongue. The concert halls would be better filled if music-lovers could be sure they would not have to listen to songs that are as Greek to them.

RAILROADING AND THE ARTS

EMPLOYEES of the Union Pacific Railroad are urged in a New Year bulletin to take at least three baths a week, drink three pints of cold water a day, search their own souls, sleep without dreaming and to cultivate a love for art, music, literature and children.

Fine! That is real uplift work on the part of the Union Pacific! Harri-

man, George F. Baer and the rest of the old boys were a crowd of fogies! All they insisted upon was that men should know about black signals, the use of the airbrake, coupling apparatus, switching mechanism and time tables, and that they should be decent, law-abiding citizens without bad habits.

But ho! for the new philosophy of efficiency!

EVENING CHAT

The speakership of the House of Representatives, which goes to Montgomery county to-day for the first time in fifty years or more, has alternated a good bit between the two big counties, with the northern tier doing pretty well. As a matter of fact, since 1870 twelve of the Speakers, and some have been re-elected and then elected again, have come from either Philadelphia or Allegheny. The last Speaker, George E. Alter, came from Allegheny, whence came John F. Cox. Frank B. McClain, of Lancaster, the Speaker of 1909, is the son of the late Governor, Henry F. Walton, of Philadelphia, preceded him, and W. T. Marshall, of Allegheny, came after John R. Farr, now Congressman from Lackawanna. Henry F. Walton and Henry K. Boyer alternated for a while in the nineties and before them C. C. Thompson, of Warren, had two terms. Before him were J. L. Graham, Allegheny, and John E. Faunce, of Philadelphia, in 1881. B. L. Hewitt, of Blair, was Speaker. Before him was H. M. Long, Allegheny. He was preceded by E. Reed Myer, of Bradford, S. F. Patterson and H. H. McCormick, were another pair of Allegheny men. Before them was William Elliott, of Philadelphia. James H. Webb, of Bradford, and Butler B. Strang, of Tioga, were early in the seventies.

To-day is Charles A. Ambler's fortieth birthday and he was congratulated before he was out of bed this morning. Friends called to tell him all about it. Mr. Ambler took his honors modestly, smiling as usual, and insisting that he could not make a speech, but that he could work with a large W.

Strawberry shortcake, the first of the season, appeared on the bill of fare of a downtown restaurant last Saturday. Needless to say, the cake was more short than strawberry, but the berries were there, right enough, and they were large, luscious and had the blush of southern sunsets on their cheeks. Every year the Florida growers bring the fruit into the northern markets a few days earlier than the season previous. This time they seem to have established a new record.

Local strawberry growers say the plants have not been injured in the least by the intense cold. The beds are well covered by snow and have been protected to that extent. At all full weight and more damage is ordinarily done by the alternate freezing and thawing of the ground than by steady freezing weather such as has been experienced this winter.

Harry Boyer, sealer of weights and measures, says that the proportion of measures below standard is not only rapidly on the decrease, but that he finds most dealers not only willing but anxious that he should examine their scales and measuring apparatus. "A great many dealers," said Mr. Boyer, "weight without knowing it. They are for the most part as honest as their patrons and just as anxious to give fully weight and measure as we are. I have found and continue to find an astonishingly large percentage that do not come up to standard, although the number of such since my inspections were begun has been more than cut in half."

In addition to tabulating all the figures relative to paving, grading, sewer and building operations that have been done during the year just closed by the city department of streets and public improvements, James C. Thompson, chief clerk to City Commissioner W. H. Lynch, has included comparative figures showing what has been done in these branches of public work for the last twelve years. These figures have all been reproduced on blueprint sheets so that one by a glance at the sheets can obtain accurate information on these subjects.

"I am back again in Harrisburg for the opening of the session just to see how things start," said ex-Auditor General A. E. Sisson, of Erie, who came in yesterday afternoon. The General was warmly greeted by his old friends in the city on and off the "Hill."

"Just now I'm neither governor nor mayor," said Frank B. McClain, the Lieutenant-Governor elect, last evening. "I'm here to see things move. I always like to see the start and to be in at the finish."

Among the Governor's callers yesterday was W. H. Brooks, former member from Philadelphia and noted as the author of the Brooks high license law. Mr. Brooks served for an active term as a member and was a colleague of City Clerk Charles A. Miller.

Ex-Judge Frank Wheaton, of Wilkes-Barre, was a figure here to-day. He came to attend the argument in the coal tax case.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Michael Francis Doyle, Philadelphia lawyer, has received photographs of King and queen of Bavaria in recognition of his work during the early days of the war.

—Deputy Attorney General J. E. B. Cunningham spent the week end at Atlantic City.

—Highway Commissioner E. M. Biegelow says that his department is all ready for snowstorms.

—Congressman J. N. Langham, of Indiana county, says he will be ready to quit the game when the gavel falls. S. Taylor North will succeed him.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg makes cigars every day in sufficient quantity to span the river?

The Newspaper's Gigantic Work

PENNSYLVANIANS ARE AT THE HELMS

Both Ambler and Kline are Natives of the State and Educated in its Schools

PROMINENT MEN ARE HERE

Some of Those Who Have Taken Active Part in the Legislative Organization

The heads of the legislative chambers are both Pennsylvanians. They are four years apart in age. Both were educated in Pennsylvania, too. President pro tem. Kline was born on Christmas Day, 1870, in Indiana, whence hall other noted Pennsylvanians. He was educated at the State Normal School, Kiskiminetus School and the University of Pennsylvania. He is a lawyer in Pittsburgh and a good one. He served in the House two sessions and enters on his third term in the Senate. He is some hustler, too.

Speaker Ambler was born in Jenkintown January 5, 1874, and was valedictorian of his class in Abington at the age of 15. He worked on a farm, clerked in a store, bought a couple of stores and has several business interests. He was postmaster of Abington until 1902, when they sent him to the House and he has sat in every session except that of 1911. He is noted for his affability and his smile.

—Senator E. E. Beidleman, of this city, heads the Senate roll and W. L. Adams, Beaver Meadow, heads the House roll. Mr. Beidleman is the first Doublin countian to head the Senate roll.

—Congressman-elect John R. K. Scott, of Philadelphia, the stormy petrel of the session of 1913, was an afternoon arrival yesterday. He said he came to see how the session began and met a number of members of the last Legislature, some of whom told him they were glad he was promoted.

—Resident Clerk W. S. Leib was the popular man for some hours to-day. He was busy assigning members to seats and attending to their wants. "I never knew I could answer so many questions," said he in talking about things.

—Mahlon H. Shaaber, the Republican member from Reading, attracted much attention because of his immense size. He is the tallest man in the Legislature in many a day, overtopping Bill Adams. He is even taller than Governor Tener.

—S. A. Whitaker, of Phoenixville, chairman of the military affairs committee of the House last session, is here again. He is one of the members who attracted attention by looking into business and will be an influential man this year.

—Coroner S. C. Jamison, of Allegheny county, was prominent in the throng gathered about the Capitol to-day.

—Senator P. W. Snyder, of Blair county, arrived yesterday to look after his seat and details. He escorted his fellow legislators from Blair county about and introduced them. The Senator was in the House last session.

—G. J. F. Falkenstein, ex-Mayor of McKeesport and Journal clerk for a couple of sessions, was about to see the commencement of business.

—H. E. Lanus, the blind member from York county, was given a hearty greeting by colleagues yesterday.

—Congressman W. S. Vare and Senator E. H. Vare were big figures in the Amble headquarters yesterday and when the fight was all over they joined in congratulating the candidate. Later on Senator Vare and Mr. Baldwin had an interchange.

—Speaker Alter was about the Capitol to-day and his presence recalled the historic battle of two years ago. But he was here on Public Service business.

—K. L. M. Pray, who was manager of publicity in the Democratic campaign, is to have charge of the Democratic noise bureau during this session. The plan of the machine is to see that every chance to knock some one not agreeing with its bosses is taken advantage of to the full.

—Dr. Richard Powell, a former Republican member from Luzerne, is back as a Democrat. He was defeated on the Republican ticket, but won on the Democratic one.

—Ex-Senator J. H. Morgan, of Bethlehem, was here for the opening and enjoyed visiting friends.

—John S. Carrigan, former member from Fayette and sponsor for the school code, attended the opening to-day.

—R. Willis Fair, former member from Westmoreland, was among the visitors to the Capitol.

—R. C. Miller, former member from Norristown and now a county official, came to help Ambler along.

—Newspaper friends of R. P. Habgood stood by him loyally and when he withdrew yesterday afternoon the committee working in his behalf told him they were proud of him.

—William H. Wilson, of Philadelphia, for whom there was a boom for Speaker for a while, says he plans to enjoy seeing some one else work for Speaker.

—Senator Charles A. Snyder still enjoys the distinction of being the Beau Brummel.

—William Luxemburger, a Democrat from Scranton, attracts attention as he was elected in a strong Republican district.

It was noticed that few Democrats appeared to know or care whether Democratic State headquarters were in Market Square or in Philadelphia.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



What's In a Name?
 We've named our motor boat True Love.
 What's the idea? Never runs smooth.



How He Feels About It
 Your wife's dog is gone, eh? What reward are you offering?
 Ten dollars if you find it and doesn't bring him back.



He Had It Mixed Up
 I've had it mixed up. What do you think of the feminist movement?
 He: Sort of a widdle, ain't it?

MADE IN U. S. A.
 By Wing Ding
 How often have you noticed a lot of little things. The three words "Made in Germany." There's scarce a day but beings to us some simple little thing. That bears this imprint, and it means of old of business for the well-known Vaterland.

THE TRIO
 Would you know the things that make life glad, the things life lends? Be there ever so much of gray. Would you hear a solace for memories? That brightens the darkest day? Then come to my knee while I name them—three.
 Each with the joy it lends, The trio that sing and comfort bring, Our faith, our work, our friends.

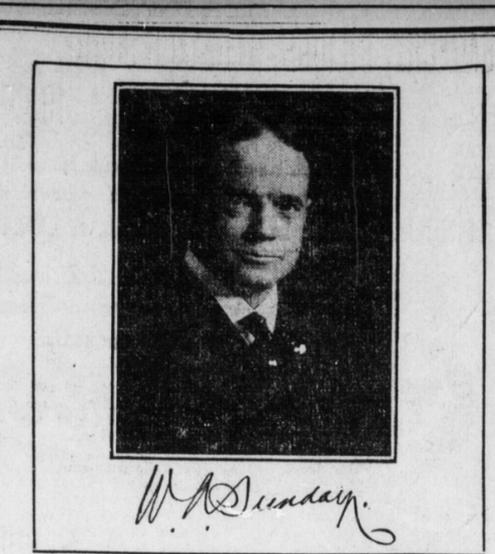
RESOLUTIONS DISCLAIMED
 I shall not turn A New Year page. No more I'll yearn With moral rage My ways to heed. That do not suit. I have no need To resolve.
 The laws can be Brought down to date Our habits free To regulate. Tobacco bold Gets many a call And so does Old King Alcohol.

HEREDITY
 Fond Parent—That youngster of mine is beginning already to have the family traits. You know we gave him a top watch for a Christmas present? Friend—Yes.
 Fond Parent—Well, sir, within half an hour of the time he first got hold of that timepiece he had found a bowl of water and put it in soak.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR
 (From the Telegraph of Jan. 5, 1865.)
 Capture Pirates
 San Francisco, Jan. 3. — Seven pirates were captured by the U. S. S. Sagina.
 Steamer Damaged
 Fortress Monroe, Jan. 2. — Porter's fleet has arrived here safely with slight damage, due to the recent storm.
 Capture Blockade Runner
 New York, Jan. 5. — Another blockade runner has been captured, but no particulars are known.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY
 (From the Telegraph of Jan. 5, 1865.)
 Circulate the "Queer"
 New counterfeit \$1 bills on the Merchants' Bank, Baltimore, are in circulation.
 Religious Services
 The Rev. John Hunter, Irish preacher, is conducting special services in the Fourth Street Bethel.
 Dr. Hower
 Druggists refund money if PAZO physician of the County Poorhouse.

AN EVENING THOUGHT
 He who has not been a servant cannot become a praiseworthy master. —Plato.



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