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THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 11

DAY FOR SELF-SACRIFICE

TOMORROW, Lincoln's birthday, has been set aside as Self-sacrifice Day by the executive committee of the Home Relief Bureau Emergency Aid Committee of Philadelphia. On that day every person able to do so will be expected to give generously for the relief of the destitute of the Quaker City.

Conditions are not so greatly different here but that Lincoln's birthday might be celebrated in a similar manner in Harrisburg. It would be an excellent and highly appropriate means of testifying to our love and appreciation of the great War President who laid down his life for his country. The need of charity here at this time is greater than it has been in recent years. We have given hundreds of dollars to sustain the starving people of Belgium and for the relief of war victims of other countries. This in some measure has resulted in smaller contributions than usual for our local charities at a time when they need every penny that can be raised.

Would it not be a fine thing if the deficits thus created in treasuries that should be full to overflowing were to be made up on this anniversary of the birth of a man whose whole life was given for the benefit and uplift of his fellowmen?

There is no time for the issue of a special call for such contributions, but every citizen has it within his power to make to-morrow a Self-sacrifice Day for himself and to see to it that some of the pennies that ordinarily go into the channels of self-indulgence are given for the benefit of the poor, the sick, the aged or the needy orphans of the city.

GERMANY AND BELGIUM

IT is difficult to understand the attitude of Germany toward Belgium. The Kaiser's army comes into the country, knocks the towns to pieces, ruins the farms, opens the dikes and in general spreads such devastation that a country which only six months ago was a model of intensive cultivation and industrial activity is now largely one vast waste place, unable to maintain its starving population. Added to this Germany has laid a tax of \$96,000,000 a year on the Belgian nation. She has driven a million Belgians from the country, and now, with those who had the courage to remain and face the doubtful benefits of German "Kultur" living on the charity of the American people, the German government gives notice that unless those who have fled return by March 1 the governor-general of Belgium will levy on them an extraordinary tax equal to ten times the amount of personal tax paid by Belgian citizens in normal times.

A long distance view of the situation would give one the impression that Germany is preparing for one of the most disastrous retreats in history when the Allies begin the offensive movement that unquestionably will drive the German forces at least as far as the Rhine. It is to be no more than expected that when this occurs the Flemings and the Walloons, who are not much different now from the warriors that Caesar met when with his Roman legions he invaded that country, will take their guns from their hiding places for a period of bushwhacking warfare such as has not been seen since the British regulars began their historic retreat before the farmers of Massachusetts following the Battle of Concord.

HE NEEDS A REST

WHEN a man remains at work too long at a stretch, he loses his efficiency. He sees things at distorted angles. His vision becomes warped. He lacks the proper perspective. This is true without exception. The only remedy is a long distance view of the job. Things that looked big close at hand are apt to lose in relative size as they are merged into the general scheme. Big men as well as little men suffer from this form of mental strain. Indeed, none is so big as to escape it, and frequently the bigger the man the more violent the affliction.

That is what ails the President. What he needs is a long rest. It would be a fine thing for him—and the country—if he decided to take a squint at Washington from the Panama canal zone and another from the Panama-Pacific exposition. He might try his binoculars on the Capitol

from one or both these points to see how it looks with Congress adjourned and the members gone home.

What a splendid thing it would be if Secretary Bryan were willing to work a little more and the President a little less. Bryan's trouble is exactly the converse of the President's ailment. The oratorical Secretary stays so far away from his job that he loses sight of it entirely.

DESPICABLE TACTICS

THE most regrettable incident in the history of city council as at present constituted was enacted yesterday when the hopes and pay envelopes of the unemployed of Harrisburg were juggled to make a holiday for our spotlight-seeking mayor.

It is beyond question the duty of those in charge of municipal affairs to see that every man possible is given work at a time when industrial conditions have forced thousands into compulsory idleness. No fault can be found with such a proposal as that which Mayor Royal made. But the mayor ought to have come forward with some definite plan of action. He ought to have considered that phase of the matter before he broached it to council. It is all very well to tell his colleagues that they ought to employ more men, but at the same time he ought to be willing to show them where they are to get the money or to shoulder responsibility for the increased cost that will be necessary if contracts for public work are let under "force orders."

The resolution passed by council yesterday, while rather drastic in its language, was both fair and justifiable under the circumstances. The mayor must be willing and able to devise a plan for the employment of the idle or he must stand convicted of knowing that such a plan is not feasible so long as hard winter weather prevails and be ready to admit that he is merely up to one of those numerous political tricks by which he has been endeavoring for more than a year to bring credit to himself and at the same time put his colleagues into an unfavorable position before the public.

If Mayor Royal comes forward with a practical plan for the relief he proposes he is worthy of all praise and councilmen will be glad no doubt to put it into immediate operation. They have seen the need of public employment for months and have kept more men on duty this winter in the several departments and kept more work going during cold weather than ever before. It would be merely a continuation of this policy to accept any feasible recommendation along this line that his honor may make.

But unless he does come forward with a definite plan whereby men may be put to work in the city's employ, the mayor stands convicted of the most despicable political juggling in the history of Harrisburg.

Other states observing inquiries made at the Capitol by legislators and officials of other States about the manner of operating the State Legislative Reference Bureau, the Banking Department, the Department of Labor and Industry, the State Police Force, the Department of Health and other branches of the government indicate that Pennsylvania is attracting much attention by the excellence of its service and men who have made inquiry for this State in regard to workmen's compensation have found the officials of other Commonwealths very ready to furnish information.

The questions about the organization, financing and other details of the State police are especially significant. It is just ten years since the legislature authorized the creation of the force and inquiries made by New York, Maryland, New Jersey, West Virginia and Ohio, all of which adjourn Pennsylvania, are indicative of the interest of officials in Indiana, Michigan and Massachusetts is commentary enough.

CARNEGIE AND SUNDAY

ANDREW CARNEGIE, who got into the habit of preaching rather sensational little sermons long before our impetuous friend, "Billy" Sunday, loomed large on the horizon, in a recent address gave his hearers this remarkable bit of advice:

"Don't be alarmed about your sins." What a fine text this will provide for the afore-mentioned "Billy" and what a splendid opportunity it will afford him to use a figurative bludgeon on the bald pate of the Thane of Skibo.

However, we believe that Mr. Carnegie's admonition was entirely unnecessary. We believe, with the New York Sun, which makes some comment upon the Carnegie effusion, that few people worry much about their own sins. What troubles them are the sins of other people.

TAFT ONLY REAL STATESMAN

IT is a curious fact that ex-President Taft, recently the most discredited man in the country, is displaying the only statesmanship worthy of the name in this benighted era. Above the fog of theory and plain bultheaded obstinacy at Washington, the light of his statescraft shines clear and bright. At every turn since the outbreak of the war his judgment has been good. While the administration has been heading straight for international complications, Taft would steer for the quiet waters of true neutrality.

While the President pleads with the people to be "neutral" he takes no steps to halt the export of millions of dollars worth of the munitions of war to the contesting nations.

The man who knowingly provides a gun for the purpose of murder is guilty under the law with the man who uses it. That illustrates the position of the United States with relation to the present war. We profess to be neutral, yet we provide both sides with weapons with which to kill each other. Ex-President Taft would compel perfect neutrality by making it illegal to export munitions to the countries at war. All other considerations aside, the United States ought to be above taking blood-money.

EVENING CHAT

Members of the Legislature from third-class cities are following with considerable amusement the developments in Harrisburg's city council because the same thing is going on in most of the cities of the same grade in the State. The incidents of the last few days have been much commented upon at the Capitol and comparisons drawn with doings in the other cities. Most of the legislators from cities are watching the way Harrisburg works under the commission government with much interest because admirers generally admitted fact that Harrisburg was more successful than any other city under the old acts. In fact, the experience of this city will be drawn upon in committee hearings on proposed changes in the third class city code. Some of the legislators tell interesting stories about the contests for council seats in first homes and did agree that the salary feature is a powerful incentive in getting men to run, although in nine out of ten cases it is merely a bribe to the men who are generally admitted to be the most successful in getting into office. Others tell of squabbles in the council over trivial matters and some say that councilmen who had only three or four votes would have more men with whom to talk over their problems. The plan for a council based on ward representation is expected to make its appearance.

Henry F. Walton former speaker, is as interesting as of yore. He has always been a live visitor to Harrisburg but yesterday he went some distance when he told the members of the State Board of Charities that there was enough in the property of the Fairview State institution to make all the bricks it would need for extensions and to supply some other institutions and enough coal also on State property to burn the bricks.

Augustus H. Kreidler, senior member of the grocery firm losers by fire on Monday night, is a great admirer of pets. He has had at the store for some time a large mottose cat known as "Kitty." After a business place has been badly damaged by fire, one would suppose that the first thing a proprietor does is to ascertain his losses. Not "Gus" Kreidler, however. After the firemen had finished their duties the other night, the first thing "Gus" did was to search for "Kitty." The cat had been in the store when the latter was closed for the day at 6 o'clock, and it was feared the store pet had been burned to death. A search for the cat a half hour's search the cat was found. "Kitty" had escaped from the blaze in a half suffocated condition and was picked up by a neighbor who took care of the cat until the fire was over. "I certainly would hate to lose that cat," said Mr. Kreidler last night. "She is the best rat exterminator in the place."

To-morrow will be a great day in the schools of the city. Lincoln's birthday has come to be widely celebrated at Washington, except that exercises of a patriotic nature are held instead of observing a general holiday. Especially is the occasion enjoyed by the children of the city, who through the schools in some quarters of Harrisburg. Strange as it may seem they are far more eager to learn of American history and historical events than the children of Lincoln are displayed on walls and blackboards, Lincoln songs are sung and Lincoln stories told and read. Many a tiny tot has known for many years a new idea of the possibilities of his own future when teacher tells him the story of the great Lincoln's early struggles and pictures for him the humble town backwoods boy of this man of destiny in his childhood called home.

Among the visitors to the city yesterday were Dr. James B. Ely, the moving spirit in the famous Lemon Hill meetings in Philadelphia. Dr. Ely called upon Governor Brumbaugh when he was in the city on business in Philadelphia matters. It was the first visit the doctor had paid to Harrisburg for a long time and he much admired the Capitol.

Just as an instance of how the farmers are using automobiles it may be stated that there were a dozen market wagon automobiles about one of the city streets yesterday. A few years ago one would have had a novelty and attracted much attention.

Professor W. S. Steele, principal of the Central High school who had been ill at his home, 1622 State street, for several months, has returned to resume his duties again at the institution. Although he will not take full charge for some time yet, his advice is found helpful and all members of the faculty were glad to see him at his old post. The principal, too, who has been in his position for many years ago one would have had a novelty and attracted much attention.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. A. J. Rowland is celebrating twenty years as secretary of the Baptist Publication Society.

—Provost Edgar F. Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, encourages fraternalism.

—President Farrell, of the Steel Corporation, says the tide has turned for the better in business.

—Judge John D. Shaffer has ruled at Pittsburgh that the county must bear cost of special "wet" and "dry" elections.

—R. L. O'Donnell, who will lead the fight against the full crew bill, is superintendent of the Pennsylvania lines in Western Pennsylvania.

—H. J. Ryan, son of the Philadelphia city solicitor, won the Frazier prize for debating at the University of Pennsylvania.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is used in boilers in some of the big Atlantic liners?

THE COLD WEATHER CHAP
 By Wing Dinger

I laugh at these fellows so bold,
 Who say when it's awfully cold,
 "This weather is fine,
 And I'll take it for mine;
 It's better than glittering gold."

But somehow when these chaps I meet
 On the trolley they look for a seat
 That is over the spot
 Where the heater kettles hot
 Is giving out oceans of heat.

To a home, I occasionally get
 Where lives such chap, and you bet
 That his thermostat's not
 At the seventy spot,
 But at eighty and two is it set.

THE THREE BOOKS
 A Lincoln Birthday Story

"WERE the greatest in Bookland!" one day sang three worn old books huddled in a corner of Librartown. "The very greatest! The very greatest!"

All the other books turned up their noses. Why some of the new books were popular sellers; some were of foreign lineage; some of the old books dated back to the Revolution; some were great detectives; some beautiful little child stories; some so full of pathos, poetry and song that they could even make men weep—yet the three worn books persisted in saying: "We're the greatest! We're the greatest!"

"We're all willing to grant that BIBLE is among the very greatest," said all the books, "but why we must grant the same to that Aesop's Fables and Pilgrims Progress, we can't see. It does seem strange, but they are quiet and peaceable enough all last year round, until February comes; then they band together and will not be separated, always crying: 'We're the three greatest books!' If only we could understand it all!"

After all it was History who made all the books of Librartown understand early one February morning, when he began to recite in a monotone voice: "Such a poor little cabin as that was on the banks of a small stream in Kentucky, where Thomas and Nancy Lincoln lived." "One Sunday morning in February a baby boy came to live with them. His name was Abraham." "His father could neither read nor write." "His mother was a fine woman and, although busy, taught little Abraham and his sister to read and write." "In all his life very few days were spent in school, for he worked very hard, and had to walk eight miles to school with nothing but a bundle on his back." "He was very fond of reading." "Here the three friends crept very close to one another, murmuring all the while: 'We're the three greatest books!'" "He had only three books: Aesop's Fables, and Pilgrims Progress. He knew these almost by heart."

"He knew us by heart!" almost sobbed the three great books. "And he became the most loved President of the United States!"

The old Calendar on the wall pointed its long finger to February 12th: "History drooped on sleepily. The three books huddled down to sleep murmuring: 'We're the three greatest books!'" "It was the Birthday of a Great President of a Great Land."

Loveingly, AUNT ESTE.

COMMITTEEMEN ON FIRST TOURS

House Appropriations Committee Starts For the Three Sanatoria Today

GOVERNOR IS IN EARNEST Tells Members of the Legislature That He Would Like to Have Some Action

—Members of the House appropriations committee divided into three parties to-day and went to the three State tuberculosis sanatoria, parties going to Mont Alto, Cresson and Harrisburg where the work of the State Department of Health was explained to them. The parties will return to-night. Next week more inspections will be made to the various institutions under direct State control.

—It is believed about the Capitol that these inspections will be curtailed because of the recess and that no inspections will be made after the middle of March except to State College. Next session they may be still further reduced.

—Thus far 291 bills or just half of those presented in the House have been appropriation bills.

'Round About Pennsylvania

'Round about Pennsylvania the queerest things are happening all the time. For instance:

Down in Waynesboro, the other day, a prominent preacher heard a strange voice right over his head while he was out taking a walk in the sun and he'd have sworn—if he'd been that kind of a fellow—that the Germans were coming. And when he looked up there were sure enough, swarming by dozens, the most beautiful aeroplanes of Zeppelins. They were, mosquitoes.

Another queer thing is a story from Reading. The religious folk down that way have been trying so hard to find a site for the Stougen Tabernacle and their efforts have been so futile that the one of the big brewing companies is thinking of building a big plot back of its plant lest the big campaign fall through.

Speaking of Reading, that town is notoriously fond of the liquid in which the brewers make their beer, but there are some things the Berks county judges just will not stand. When an applicant for a liquor transfer appeared before Judge Endlich and Judge Wagner, the other morning, wearing a white shirt and a necktie and a coat of any kind, the Bench curiously informed him that he was in a courtroom and not a barroom.

"Has he no coat to wear?" asked the Court of the attorney who represented the applicant. There was an affirmative reply. "Then Judge Endlich chirped: 'Well, tell him he's in a courtroom and not a barroom.'"

The boozing merchant withdrew to the seat he had been occupying and reappeared shortly afterwards with his person and his necktie and coat, and the honor and dignity of the Bench enveloped in a big plaid balmacian. Now if that isn't contempt of court, pray what is it?

Out in Pittsburgh the Gazette-Times came out Monday in a new dress. What was the new dress? Just this: the page form has been changed from seven to eight columns, the news type is seven lines against the Full Crew 1311. You people turned down the common-sense law providing for three brakemen on train like this, and now I'm glad to see you enjoy some of its benefits."

The crossing was cut twenty-four minutes later, following the arrival of

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

In Winter Quarters
 Washington, Feb. 8. — Grant's army is now building winter quarters along the new line it established.

Guerrillas Defeated
 Louisville, Feb. 10. — The guerrillas in this vicinity have been routed.

Rumor Unconfirmed
 New York, Feb. 11. — The rumored capture of Branchville has not been verified.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Principal Coming
 H. W. Gilbert, of Columbia, will come to Harrisburg next week to take charge of the High School.

Paxton's Given Horn
 A fire horn given to the Paxton Company, last night, at the Catholic fair.

JUST TWO BRAKEMEN

The other day, at Harris, Mo., a long freight train, made up of ninety-eight cars, was standing on a side track awaiting the arrival and departure of two passenger trains, one from the north and one from the south, which were to meet at Harris. The train, more than a half-mile in length, was unable to get in the clear, owing to the shortage of the side track. The rear brakeman raced back down the track to flag the north bound passenger. The head brakeman rushed ahead to flag the south bound one. There was no time for crossing cutting. People's lives depended upon haste action on the part of the inadequate train crew.

While the train was thus standing, blocking a wagon crossing a large seven-passenger automobile drove up, and after waiting a few minutes, two of the male occupants dressed in tailor-made suits and carrying walking sticks, came up to the engineer and, in authoritative tones, demanded that one of the passenger trains, relieving crossing be opened immediately. The engineer very sweetly advised the cultured aristocrats that there was no one to cut the train. Said he: "One brakeman is up ahead flagging a south bound passenger train, and the other one is out behind flagging the north bound. The conductor is in the caboose making up his report, and the fireman, even if it were his business to do the switching, is now under the engine cleaning the firebox. You've come to a mighty poor place to get that crossing cut. Better go back home and again voice against the Full Crew Bill. You people turned down the common-sense law providing for three brakemen on train like this, and now I'm glad to see you enjoy some of its benefits."

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9x12 Fibre Rugs (only 3 of these) very good designs, durably made, regularly \$9; special for Friday at \$5.00

One 9x12 Axminster Rug (slightly soiled), was regularly \$25; special for Friday at \$12.50

100 pairs of high grade Lace Curtains, in white and ecru, \$2.00 and \$2.50 values; special for Friday, at, per pair \$1.50

15c, 19c and 25c Colored Border Curtain Scrim, 36 and 40 inches wide; very pretty designs; special for Friday at, per yard 10c

40-inch Silk Poplins in a dozen good shades, sold regularly at \$1.25; special for Friday at, per yard 89c

36-inch soft chamois finish Longcloth, splendid serviceable quality for all around use, our own special brand in 10-yard pieces, worth 10c per yard; special for Friday, at, piece 79c

36-inch White Dress Linen, fine even cloth, all pure linen, medium weight, worth 45c; special for Friday at, per yard 31c

Large double bed size Comfortables, filled with clean white cotton and Chintz covered on both sides; special for Friday—\$1.75 kinds at \$1.39

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Large size double gray Cotton Blankets with neat blue, pink or gray borders; perfect in every way; special for Friday—\$1.00 values at, per pair, 87c

\$1.25 values at, per pair, 97c

\$1.39 values at, per pr., \$1.17

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I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 311A Macmillan Avenue, Manassas, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation. Advertisement.

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Good staple Apron Gingham in all the best styles and colors; colors absolutely fast; splendid, even cloth; regularly 7c; special for Friday at, per yard 5c

38-inch Unbleached Muslin, fine even cloth of medium weight; special for Friday at, per yard 4 1/2c

42-inch Bleached Pillow Tubing, a splendid cloth for general wear, worth 16c; special for Friday at, per yard 11 1/2c

Men's Stiff Bosom Shirts with detached cuffs, neat striped and figured effects, an odd lot in sizes 14, 16 1/2 and 17 only; regularly \$1.00; special for Friday at, each 39c

Men's 50c Colored Negligee Shirts in sizes 16, 16 1/2 and 17 only; special for Friday at, each 19c

Ladies' Bottonieres, little buttonhole novelties and an odd lot of Neckwear, 25c values; special for Friday at, each 12 1/2c

Ladies' All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, worth from 25c to 50c; special for Friday at 17c or 3 for 50c

Ladies' Chamois Suede Gloves in white, gray, tan and black, all sizes but not in every color, regularly 39c; special for Friday at, per pair 25c

An odd lot of Corsets of such well-known makes as Warner's, Royal Worcester, C. B. and also Ferris Waists, regularly \$1.00 to \$2.00; special for Friday at ONE-HALF PRICE.

An odd lot of Warner's Brassieres, worth 50c; special for Friday at 35c

Ladies' low neck lace trimmings, all white, also plain tuck with flare collar; a good 25c value; special for Friday at, each 17c

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