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THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE

PRESIDENT WILSON'S note to Germany has been written. He has presented fully the views and the demands of the United States. Statements in the note clearly insist that German submarines are to be used only against war vessels.

Germany must disavow the Lusitania and other outrages upon American life and property of which this nation complains. She must make reparation "so far as reparation is possible for the injuries which are without measure" and she must take "immediate steps" to prevent a recurrence of the attacks on the American flag and on American lives and American vessels.

The President has clearly "put it up" to Germany. The Kaiser must acquiesce or abide by the consequences. That is made clear in every line of the document which, while couched in words of velvet, nevertheless does not attempt to conceal the prongs of steel beneath the surface.

There may be those who believe that the President has taken a too far advanced position with respect to the use of submarines, as acceptance of that clause of his note by Germany would not only entail a complete reversal of policy with regard to her attitude toward belligerent shipping, but would necessitate, in the event of its acceptance, negotiations on the part of the United States with Great Britain looking toward a modification of some of the methods of warfare which Germany alleges have been responsible for admitted violations of international law.

But on no other score can the note be adversely criticized. It is moderately phrased, but forceful and unmistakable in its language. It covers the points at issue so well and so diplomatically that one may be forgiven for suspecting the experienced Mr. Lansing of having been at the President's elbow when it was written.

However, this is no time either for "Jingoism" or for carping criticism. The President has spoken. His views beyond doubt voice almost unanimously the opinion of the people. Whatever the outcome, the nation stands as a unit at his back. He can depend upon it to the last penny and the last man. He has based his contentions upon the broad principles that Americanism and humanitarianism are one, that the United States is ever the champion of right, ever the foe of wrong, and willing and ready at all times to demonstrate that she possesses the courage of her convictions. With that no American can disagree.

HELP THE LIBRARIES

THERE is pending in committee of the Senate a House bill which is exceedingly important to Harrisburg and other cities of the third class. This bill provides, in brief, that city councils may make appropriations for the support of public libraries, but does not make such action mandatory. Under the circumstances there would appear to be no reason why the Senate should not promptly pass the bill and send it to the Governor. If it were a compulsory proposition there might be some reason for hesitation, but even then the purpose of the bill is so worthy that there ought to be no delay in its prompt enactment into law.

A GREAT LEADER

THROUGH the stress of a great national crisis William Howard Taft is looming larger and larger as a statesman. His recent speech at the Union League at Philadelphia has attracted more attention than any public utterance of the last decade. As a student of public events and a leader of the people he stands firm as a rock against the theories and isms that have wrought so much harm during recent years.

Mr. Taft stands in the limelight as a consistent and courageous patriot, pointing out the errors of the rulers and the people and directing public attention to the necessity of a change of front in the public attitude toward legitimate business and the questions which concern the national welfare. As a Republican he believes that "government can only be carried on under popular rule by party and with confidence in the main purpose and the proved efficiency of the Republican party." He says: "Should occasion

arise when party is to be forgotten in the interest of the republic, the party tie will be loose, and our country's weal be your own chivalry."

Referring to some political developments of the last two years, in which he was himself a conspicuous figure, he observes with all the optimism of his great heart: "It has been said that I do not have confidence in the people. Well, I have. I observe that even reformers—I use that in a technical sense—begin to lose confidence in the people when they go the other way."

The former President always makes it clear that he has confidence in the people and his justifiable job at those "reformers" who are always for the people so long as the people are willing to follow the "reformers," but who turn pessimists as soon as their theories are rejected, is much to the point.

Dwelling for a minute upon the business and trade conditions, he says with great force, discussing "unreasonable hostility to capital," that "the result has been that capital has been frightened. It has buttoned up its pocket, and as it is better able to look after itself than any other element in the community, the injury that has come from the reduction and paralysis of investment has fallen on those people and those elements of our people that are least able to bear it. But we have had a jolt; and one of the good things about the American people is that they have no pride of opinion, and when they have found that they are wrong they can change over night."

All of the American people realize that we have had a jolt—a severe jolt—as a result of foolish governmental theories which have been promoted by political demagogues who have had no real interest in the welfare of all the people. But, like many others, Mr. Taft understands the signs of the times and sees symptoms of the change that is rapidly taking place, the change from hostility to appreciation of the great business interests of the country. He points out with all the force of his splendid intellect that "we cannot do injustice to any class in the community without injuring the entire community; that we are all in the same boat, and if one rocks the boat the whole crew and company suffer."

All through his remarkable speech the ex-President presented a thoughtful analysis of the underlying conditions which are now affecting the body politic. He speaks boldly of the things which ought to be discussed in the open without thought of fear or favor from one side or the other.

It would be well for the American people if more of their statesmen were to line up with Mr. Taft with a free, fair and manly discussion of the things which now concern the whole nation. It is a time for sane and wholesome and optimistic consideration of these matters to the end that the people may be led into the ways of peace and prosperity and happiness.

Our people are realizing, as never before, that the city is no longer content with purely administrative functions, but has taken on a great variety of activities practically related to comfort, convenience and happiness of the people. Planning of cities and the making over of old communities are problems engaging the best thought of the American people.

A WILDWOOD ZOO

MAY we not expect some time that the city, co-operating with the State, will establish in Wildwood Park a modest zoological garden that will be an attraction not only for the people of Harrisburg but an educational institution for all the people of the Commonwealth?

It should be a zoo confined to the wild animals and birds and reptiles of Pennsylvania only and there is little doubt that the State Game Commission, acting in conjunction with the city, would be able to gather very soon a fine collection of these denizens of the woods and fields of the State. There may be a hint here for those men and women who are considering what shall be done with their surplus funds when they shall have passed on to the other side.

The Telegraph printed, a day or two ago, a story of the Reading Zoological Garden, which is said to be quite a success. This zoo is at the foothills of Mount Penn, and, while it is not a large institution, it is a great attraction for the people of Reading. Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, owner of the Altoona Tribune and a member of Governor Tener's staff, is given credit for founding the Reading Zoological Garden. He has shipped from the mountains fringing Altoona one cage after another containing bears, wildcats and the like, so that the children of Reading, we are told, love him a great deal better than they do Santa Claus. The Reading zoo was started with three fallow deer and these were followed with other animals, including foxes, raccoons, squirrels, swan and other furred and feathered denizens of the forests of the State.

Looking ahead to some such an institution in Wildwood Park, the Telegraph has been making some investigations of the probable cost with a view to interesting our citizens in a Harrisburg zoo. This is an ideal place in view of the bluff on the eastern side of the park, the lake and the ample spaces for deer and other animals which quickly become domesticated.

NEEDLESS LAWS

NOW that the Legislature has fixed the date for final adjournment and another week will see the dissolution of the lawmaking body, it will be up to the people to perform the biennial duty of acquainting themselves with a mass of new laws. We shall hope that Governor Brumbaugh and those who realize the importance of reducing the body of legislative enactments will be able between now and the session of 1917 to submit for the consideration of the Legislature another large list of laws which ought to be repealed.

With the passing of the hysteria of legislation for anything and everything that occurs to the human mind, there should be some simple method of acquainting the people with the more important laws that affect their lives, property and pursuit of happiness. Log-rolling has been one of the causes

of the multiplication of laws and the mistake of listening to every hair-trigger reformer who presented a panacea for the public ills has aggravated the situation.

EVENING CHAT

Apparently there is going to be a great deal of interest taken in the closing week of the Legislature, judging from the manner in which the hotel people are discussing the demand for reservations. One of the hotels expected to be crowded during the whole of the week, while several have found that their capacity will be severely tested by the requests which are pouring in for accommodations. The legislative session has been one of more or less vexation to the hotel people. Tuesdays and Wednesdays of almost every week they were filled to the roof and the rest of the week they had only the usual run of business. The week-end was invariably dull, according to most of the hotel people. The difficulty, they explain, is to have accommodations for the temporary crowds, or rather jams, that come to the city for the hearings and debates and other big things at the Capitol. They tax the capacity and the rest of the week the investments have to cry for business. It is remarked by hotelmen that this session was marked by more crowds than known in recent years. The week-end came every week or so, whereas in other years there were two or three big crowds during a session.

Governor Brumbaugh is planning to go to Huntingdon next month to make an address when the new high school in that borough is dedicated. He will also make a speech at the dedication which will be an important index of what he plans for the remainder of his administration. The Governor visited Huntingdon during the winter on a trip to his father's home and did not think much of the roads he encountered.

Harrisburg people always take a great interest in the Legislature when it starts on the home stretch and the sessions the last two days have attracted a good many people who like to see action. They are especially interested in the rapid fire way in which the House acts on appropriation bills, which is one of the swiftest methods of legislative procedure known and also one of the most interesting to the student of civil government, especially when some member rises to record a negative vote when the work has all been done.

Spring is certainly being heralded by the bugs. The warm wave in the latter part of April brought a lot of crawling, flying, wriggling and boring bugs to visit us and the cooler weather which followed caused a number of them to retreat to their holes. The last week or so there has been a gradual increase in the bug tribe and they have found ever so many new electric signs in Market and other streets to build their heads upon since last fall. The new electric lights in Capitol Park, which are of much greater intensity than those used last summer, are also a great attraction. However, it is to be noted that the number of bugs that prefer indoor visits is just as large as ever, notwithstanding the outdoor attractions.

An owner of a motorcycle built for two had some fun in Market street yesterday afternoon. He went up and down the street twitting the jitney operators and attracted a lot of attention. His vehicle looked very interesting because it had on the rear: JITNEY SERVICE, ONE ONLY

The men engaged in tearing up the street in Derry street between Twenty-third and the city line are anything but complimentary about the quality of the macadam highway they found. Some years ago the traction company improved the street and it would seem that if the highway had been maintained in that condition it would have been excellent. The diggers have had to cut through several inches of solid stone. At the bottom of that they have struck the rocks on which the old pike ran.

Dr. H. B. Bashore, who spoke last evening at the Dauphin County Historical Society meeting, is one of the authorities of Pennsylvania on Indians. He has given special study to the Indian tribes that inhabited the valley of the Susquehanna and has located the territory they dominated. Dr. Bashore's studies have covered several counties and the data he has collected will make a very interesting book some day.

Some early strawberries have been grown on the other side of the river, but the man who displays them is not proud of the taste. The berries were cold and firm and got a great start during the April warm days. It is said that time they have been very well taken care of with the result that they came up in fine style. However, they do not have that taste of the sun which goes with the genuine York county berry.

Very complimentary notices of the recent publicity run of the Motor Club of Harrisburg are appearing in the newspapers through which the trip passed. Some of the towns appear to want the Harrisburg people to come their way again. The trip appears to have further advertised the State's capital and in a most effective way.

"I have heard fewer patriotic airs since the Lusitania incident than I have known for a long time. I think it is because people want to keep cool and not get over the war," said a man who often goes to the theaters. "When the time comes they will be heard abundantly," he added.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Mayor Blankenburg is out with a plea not to show war pictures.

—Ex-President Taft is to speak in the western part of the State.

—Transit Director Taylor, of Philadelphia, plans some ceremonies when the excavations for subways begin.

—Governor Willis, of Ohio, is expected to pay a visit to this State in the summer.

—Dr. Jeremiah Tingley, veteran Allegheny teacher, was honored on his eighty-ninth birthday.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg schools are being studied by men interested in education in other places?

Brass Tacks For Retailers

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GOVERNOR'S STAFF NEARLY COMPLETE

Only One Place Which It Is Understood Will Be Filled Within a Short Time

SESSION IS NEARING END

Members Preparing to Leave For Their Homes as Soon as the Gavels Fall

Governor Brumbaugh still has one place to fill on his staff of aids, provided he intends to have as many as did his two predecessors. Yesterday he named Col. Walter T. Bradley, of Philadelphia, the senior aid, for another term and appointed Col. Charles A. Rook and Oscar T. Taylor, of Pittsburgh. Col. Oliver S. Hershman, publisher of the Pittsburgh Press, who was named some time ago, declined to serve again. He had been a member of the staff under Governors Stuart and Tener and is one of the well-known men of Western Pennsylvania.

Col. Rook is publisher of the Pittsburgh Dispatch and president of the Board of Inspectors of the Western Penitentiary and was an aid to Governor Stuart. Col. Taylor is a prominent Pittsburgh lawyer. Some time ago the Governor named ten aids and yesterday's official order provided for three. Col. Hershman's declination leaves one vacancy. Under the new militia act, which takes effect on June 1, the Governor has ten aids only. It is not known whether he intends to name another aid or not.

—The Governor signed the child labor bill last night. It takes effect on January 1 next.

—Chairman James F. Woodward, of the House appropriations committee, is taking a few days' vacation after his work on the bills. He expects to return Sunday.

—Representatives E. E. Jones, of Susquehanna, and Samuel A. Whitaker, of Chester, are being mentioned for senatorial nominations in their districts next year.

—Speaker Ambler was host at a finely appointed dinner at the Board of Trade last night in honor of the newspaper correspondents. The decorations were national and State flags and Spring flowers and some rattling speeches were made. Lieutenant-Governor McClain acted as toastmaster and speeches were made in behalf of the newspapermen by Frank Bell and George J. Brennan and Representative W. H. Wilson, R. J. Baldwin, S. A. Whitaker and others. Speaker Ambler was highly complimented upon his dinner and the way the members had worked to clear the decks for adjournment.

—The newspaper correspondents gave the messenger boys a dinner at the Columbus last night in which sixteen boys sang songs, did stunts and made speeches. Charles Herbert was toastmaster and handled his job in his own singular way. He was guided by Lee Ellmaker, Edmund C. Taylor, J. H. Keltlinger, Joseph N. Mackrell, E. J. Hart, Frank L. Knight and George J. Brennan. The boys present were: Western Union, John Pessano, Harry Sauers, George Carlisle, Harvey Cange, Ben Payne, Carl Lisenbach, Raymond Miller, Edward Rupp, Postal Telegraph, Fred and Thomas LaRue, Charles Pittinger, Leroy Mount, Raymond Sterner and Wilson Fells, and Associated Press, Richard Conway. The menu was gotten up in very attractive style.

—Representative Dunn, Philadelphia, to-day asked that the members of the House who attended the session be photographed and used as examples for the House when it met on Monday next.

The two houses were visited to-day by scores of people. The House session, despite the fact that it started at 9 on the dot, was visited by a delegation of teachers and other visitors.

—Members having bridge building bills are getting busy on the appropriations committee in the hope of getting some action. The Molly Pitcher bill passed second reading in the House to-day.

The signs that the session is about to close are numerous. The members are sending home their bills, that they will be able to buy them for reference. Quite a few will leave Thursday as soon as the gavels fall. Some hope to get away Wednesday.

—Labor delegates were among legislative visitors to-day.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

Within the last fortnight Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, the famous German propagandist, issued a memorandum to the press inquiring how a force of 40,000 British succeeded in attacking a position held by 3,000 Germans with a loss to the German side of 12,000 men. The figures were taken from the official British bulletins of the battle of Neuve Chapelle, and according to Dr. Dernburg's arithmetic, each German must have been killed at least four times. It early in the winter before addressed a body of college students at Princeton, N. J. The facts, as obtained from his publishers, Frederick A. Stokes Company, are as follows: Mr. Noyes at the outbreak of hostilities volunteered for service and for a time did special work in the coast defense. He was later placed in the reserve list, as the British government is not yet accepting in their first line troops men who need eyeglasses. Mr. Noyes then completed "A Belgian Christmas Eve" and early this winter came to this country to fulfill his engagement with Princeton University. He is here still.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

A REASONABLE REQUEST. Monk Dentist: That's wide enough, Mr. Hippo, I'm going to work from the outside.

A TERRIBLE THREAT. Willie Fly: If you don't promise to be mine, Miss Fly, I will plunge to my death in your dark pool!

EDITORIAL COMMENT

But will President Wilson be magnanimous enough to admit that good times are psychological?—Boston Transcript. If we can't get the dye-stuffs from Germany, isn't it up to us anyhow to be satisfied with neutral tints?—Brooklyn Eagle. Germany complains of our defective neutrality, but finds our harbors neutral enough to intern in.—New York Evening Post. Returns from Wisconsin counties are of a character to make Milwaukeee feel much like the old-fashioned definition of an island.—Washington Post.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, May 14, 1865.] Canned Goods Poisonous Several persons almost lost their lives by eating canned goods which had been poisoned by the tin used in manufacturing the cans. Urged to Kill Caterpillars Residents of the city and county have been urged to destroy all caterpillars on the trees. To Elect Delegates This Evening Several fire companies will hold special meetings this evening to elect delegates for the coming convention.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph, May 14, 1865.] Jeff Davis Captured Washington, May 14.—Jeff Davis and his staff were captured on the tenth at Irwinesville, Georgia, by Colonel Pritchard and the Fourth Michigan Cavalry. They will be forwarded under a strong guard. Davis attempted to escape in his wife's clothes, but was caught by several of the soldiers. Capture President of Rebel Congress Philadelphia, May 14.—R. T. M. Hunter, late president of the Rebel Congress, was captured to-day at Lloyd, Va. Supposed Arrest of Quantrell Louisville, May 14.—A guerrilla has been arrested here supposed to be Quantrell. He is now in the military prison awaiting identification.

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