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MONDAY EVENING, MAY 17

DR. DERNBURG'S DEPARTURE

DR. DERNBURG'S decision to leave the United States will not be mourned by anybody, but just why the government should comply with his demand for "safe transport" across the ocean and through the war zone is not easily understood.

Dernburg had no thought for the safety of the passengers on the Lusitania. Indeed, he was one of the few in this country to justify the German government in this murderous act.

Let the learned doctor get home the best way he can. Perhaps a week or two on a vessel that may at any time be the target for a German torpedo may awaken him to an appreciation of the agonies of those who went down aboard the Lusitania as a result of the operations of that war-policy of which Dernburg is such an enthusiastic exponent.

AMERICAN RESTRAINT

WITH an unanimity that demonstrates the solidarity of the American people when the interests of the whole nation are concerned the press and people of the United States are standing back of the President for the sake of humanity.

All hysteria and jingoism and mock heroics must vanish in the presence of a grave situation which calls for restraint and the highest form of patriotism.

BOATHOUSES

WITH the completion of the various improvement projects along the river within the next few weeks and the final closing of the dam the question of providing proper facilities for the boating interests of the city will doubtless receive attention.

Park Commissioner Taylor realizes better than any one else, perhaps, the requirements of the situation and he may be trusted to provide what is necessary along this line.

PROTECT THE DOGWOOD

NEARLY every automobile returning last week from a run through the country districts brought back to town its load of dogwood blossoms, most of them withered and of little value for decorative purposes.

It is to be regretted that sojourners in the country during the Spring season cannot keep their hands off the wild flowers. If such wholesale destruction continues it will be only a few years until the countryside is denuded of these wonderful floral growths that make its hillsides and glades resemble vistas of fairyland during the blooming period.

Whether these boathouses be municipally owned or not is a question, but

EVENING CHAT

When the Legislature adjourns sine die on Thursday, May 20, it will be the eighth General Assembly since the adoption of the present Constitution to adjourn in May and the record of the month of flowers will equal that of the month of roses for final adjournments.

Whatever is undertaken in this direction will probably be set in motion before the work along the River Wall shall have been finished. This will avoid disturbing the park lines and shrubbery hereafter.

It is very properly held by the lovers of the river and its pleasures that their interests are quite as important as those of the golf and tennis players at Reservoir Park.

Thousands of people who walked along the River Front yesterday were unanimous in their commendation of the splendid character of the improvement.

CHARITY ENDORSEMENT

TOWN DEVELOPMENT, a magazine of national circulation, devoted to the objects its title indicates, has this to say of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce plan for the investigation of worthy charities:

Charity endorsement is one of the most vexatious problems of a commercial organization. A policy of further fraudulent practices, while a policy of rigorous severity is likely to trample on the feet projects of influential members of the organization.

Coming from such an authority, the officials of the Harrisburg Chamber may well feel complimented.

There is nothing in the Harrisburg plan that is not praiseworthy. No charity worthy of the name can object to any of its provisions.

If there was ever any doubt about the necessity of closing the unsightly gap in the "Front Steps of Harrisburg" at Market street, that doubt would be removed by the conditions at present.

"JITNEY" REGULATIONS

CITY COUNCIL must soon do something to regulate the "jitney" cars if serious accidents are to be avoided. One "jitney" driver arrested yesterday for violations of the traffic ordinance confessed, it is said, that he had never heard of such a measure.

There is reason why the "jitney" driver should take some risks to reach his destination as quickly as possible. His earnings depend upon the number of trips he can make in a day.

Council faces in this "jitney" traffic entirely new conditions and problems. Some way of meeting them must be devised. The subject is worthy of the best thought of city officials.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—President Drinker, of Lehigh, is home from Jamaica.

—C. L. Harper, Philadelphia banker, has been elected director of the Wheeling and Lake Erie.

—Congressman W. H. Coleman, of McKeesport, has been making a series of speeches in towns in his district.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg boilers are in use at many of the southern coal mines?

AN EVENING THOUGHT

It is for young men to gather knowledge and for old men to use it.—Seneca.

The Call of the Tennis Court

And now the devotee of tennis is beginning to get himself in form.

And this is a matter not to be taken lightly. The tennis expert is fastidious.

His tools must be just right—must fit his hands to the nicety of a hair.

But the wise tennis expert follows the customs of his everyday affairs and he is the advertiser of the Telegraph.

GRANSBACK TO END TENTH SESSION

Grandfather of the Philadelphia Delegation Will Close Fine Record This Week

FULL CREW BILL AGAIN

Much Interest Being Shown in the Measure; Powell Bills Having Their Troubles

Henry Gransback, oldest member of the Legislature in point of years and one of the oldest representatives in point of service, will close his tenth session of the general assembly this week.

He was elected to the Senate in 1891, and has since that time served in the House for the sessions of 1895, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913 and 1915.

The full crew bill appears to be attracting attention all over the country and there is as much speculation in New York as there is in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh over what will be the result of the hearing on the bill.

People from this State who have visited Newport, N. Y., lately say that every effort is being bent to complete the battleship Pennsylvania as rapidly as possible.

Some last demands for hearings on bills are being made by people who have been working on legislation, but it is unlikely that much will be done in that line.

Members Prepare to Close

The House plans to have three sessions Tuesday and Wednesday and to wind up work easily on Wednesday night.

As a matter of fact, things are in better shape for the House to have an easy finish than for a long time.

Between the legislative wind-up and the meetings of the Public Service, Board of Pardons and other bodies things will be lively at the Capitol this week.

Lists of the bills that died in committees last week are furnishing interesting reading now.

Some of the bills that attracted attention in those newspapers engaged in fomenting trouble do not appear to have won much consideration in the last analysis.

Bernard Egan, the new postmaster of Emporium, came to see the Legislature in action.

He is a Democrat and did not find the reorganization wing amounted to much this session.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

"America and Her Problems," by Paul H. B. d'Estournelles de Constant, is announced for publication late in May.

"Doodles," by M. C. Dowd, Houghton, Mifflin Company, Boston, Mass., publisher, is another of those delightful little volumes which adds to the sum of human happiness.

"The Creed of the Knocker," by Fulton (Ohio) Sentinel, I believe that nothing is right, I believe that everything is wrong.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

War fans are still waiting to see what those Germans can do on their home grounds.

Some Philadelphians who go to San Francisco will get their first glimpse of the Liberty Bell.

Dispatches announce that the nobility of Great Britain, Russia, Belgium and France is to boycott the "Aimann de Gotha" as a result of this war.

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NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

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IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

It is rumored here to-day that Jeff Davis will pass through this city on his way to Washington under guard.

The State Treasurer is having numerous repairs made in his office.

People are urging the Mayor to use his authority, and after conducting an investigation, to close a number of places in Third street, where some of the worst characters of the city congregate.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A HEATED CONVERSATION. "Maud," I cried, resolved to chance her.

"There are words I burn to say!" Then she made this cryptic answer.

"All right, Charlie, blaze away."

HARD LINES. That life is full of ups and downs.

This quatrain proves to wit. We must put up with what we get.

And then plank down for it.

Events of Tomorrow

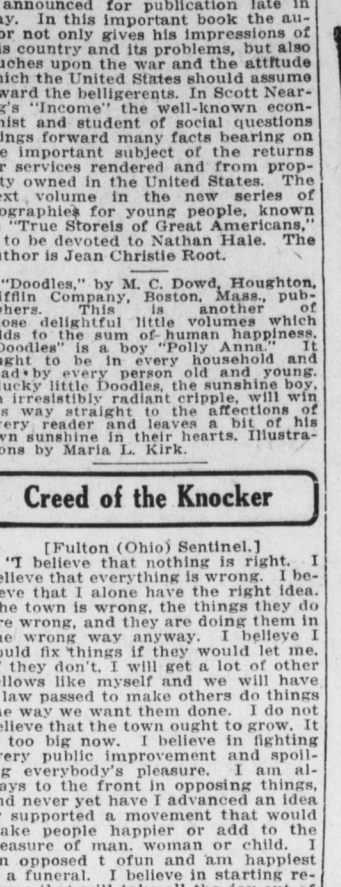
Principals' Club to entertain Professor Dibble, new principal of the Central High School, at Willard Building in the evening.

Rotary Club meeting at Harrisburg Club at 5:30 o'clock.

Harrisburg Councilman Association banquet in Chestnut Street Hall tomorrow evening.

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