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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 16.

I have found by experience that nothing is more useful to man than gentleness and affability.—Terence.

IMPROVEMENT SPIRIT
THE public improvements started many years ago in Harrisburg are nearing completion. Almost all of the money provided through the various loans has been expended. The city is about to celebrate the accomplishment of the plans and efforts of a decade and a half. But the public spirit that took Harrisburg out of the class of sleepy inland towns and made a progressive city of it is very much alive. No better proof of this need be cited than that on one day this week two noted landscape architects, one in the employ of the Municipal League, the other in the pay of the city, came to Harrisburg with instructions to outline plans for the future.

Mr. Manning is looking to the time when both sides of the river basin produced by the construction of the now nearly finished dam at the lower end of town shall be the great pleasure resort of the people, and he is sketching out in a general way the beautification of both banks, not only of the Susquehanna, but of the Conodoguinet creek as far up stream as the first dam, the marking of all shoals and the deepening of the boat channels. Some of this work may not be done in the immediate future, but its accomplishment is not so far off as some of the developments contemplated in the first improvement loan appeared to be at the time that increase of debt was before the people for discussion. The City Planning Commission is wisely looking into the future. The results of its work will be best seen a dozen years from now. Had it been created twenty-five or fifty years ago, Harrisburg would be much better off to-day in very many respects.

We suppose the naval critics will attribute the rejection of a Utah battleship jackie by a New Jersey girl who was won by a baseball player to some "weakness of the navy."

TAFT'S PEACE PROPOSAL
THE League of Nations for Peace which former President Taft suggests, and the formation of which is to be discussed this week in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, is by no means the impractical plan that most international peace proposals have proved to be. Like everything else that former President Taft has advocated, it is feasible and workable. It probably represents the utmost limit toward which the great powers would be willing to go to-day. And, indeed, in one particular, it includes more than some of these powers will be willing to concede of their individual sovereignty and independence.

All justiciable questions, says the proposal, are to be submitted to an international tribunal for hearing and judgment, both upon the merits and upon any issue as to its jurisdiction of the question. But what are justiciable questions? They may be defined as questions of law or fact relating to the interpretation of a treaty or the obligations of international law. But this definition is most elastic. International jurisdiction is yet in a rudimentary condition and its principles, many of them, are undetermined. No one knows yet just how far they may be extended by construction.

And now we come to the much disputed question whether nations should agree to refer questions affecting their honor and vital interests to an international court. Here we are in this dilemma. If a treaty agreeing to submit disputes to such a court should exclude all such questions, then almost any question may be considered a question of honor or vital interest at the will of the nation so desiring, and the treaty will mean very little. On the other hand, if questions of honor and vital interest are included in the things to be submitted, then if a vital interest is really affected, the probabilities are very strong that the decree of the court will not be acquiesced in by the losing party. Germany considered that her vital interests demanded a passage through Belgium into France, so the treaty became a "scrap of paper." America thinks that her vital interests require that no new aggressive foreign military power shall obtain a foothold close to our boundaries on our own continent. We feel that our national security requires this. Would we consent to submit this question to a world court? No nation will submit a really vital question involving its national life to a world court and then keep the agreement if the decision is adverse. It is evident that the agreement of submission should itself provide exactly what vital questions shall be excluded. In other words, that the signatory powers "shall by solemn covenant agree as to their respective rights, which shall not be questioned; that they shall agree that all other questions arising between them shall be submitted to a court."

The German press in Germany are becoming almost as bitterly anti-American as some of the extreme papers in the United States.—Boston Transcript.
China and Japan have again demonstrated their unfitness to rank with the civilized powers by signing a treaty which assures peace in the Far East.—New York World.
Venice never will know what war is until a German submarine bobs up right in the middle of the main street and sinks a new gondola.—Philadelphia North American.
The Kaiser's dependence on the Milwaukee vote looks like the biggest piece of political sagacity since Spain in '98 thought that the South wouldn't fight.—Boston Transcript.

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PENNSYLVANIA'S GRAND PRIZE
[From Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.]
The Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been awarded the grand prize for its exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. Health Commissioner Dixon, who planned and arranged the display, is given honorable mention by the international jury.

BENEFITS OF ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT ARTHUR D. BACON, of the Harrisburg Rotary Club, has outlined plans to bring the membership together at least twice during the summer months when no regular meetings are held. The Chamber of Commerce announces that it also will have an outing to which all members are invited.

PEACE NOT IN SIGHT
[From Philadelphia Inquirer.]
Colonel House, Texas politician of the millinery class, has come home from Germany and England. He brings with him the news that peace is not in sight.

WONDERFUL 15,000,000 FAMILY
[From Leslie's.]
Few persons are aware that more than 22,000,000 human beings, or nearly one-quarter of our entire population, depend directly or indirectly on the manufacturing industries of the United States. This includes the 3,000,000 employees of the various establishments and the members of their families.

THE INTERNATIONAL DOLLAR
THE American dollar is coming into its own at last. The day is near when United States dollars will be accepted at face value in any of the Americas, and eventually in any country, according to statements made by leading exchange bankers.

STRIKING DOWN LOOSE LAWS
[From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.]
More loose legislation of the recent Assembly session at Harrisburg is brought to light by the illuminating votes of Governor Brumbaugh, particularly those which deal with the subject of precautions for the safety of human life in theaters and moving picture houses, and the power of police authority to suppress immorality in public stage exhibitions.

HIS FAULT
By Wibe Dinger
Tether day when it was raining
On the street I met a chap
Who was grouchy, with the whole world.
Seemed to me he had a scrap.
Then I asked of him this question
'What's the matter, got a pain?'
'No,' he answered, 'I had planned to fish to-day, now see it rain.'

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman
Dauphin county's Democratic committee attracted the attention of the voters of Pennsylvania by its action late yesterday afternoon denouncing William Jennings Bryan for quitting the Cabinet and the remarks of the secretaries of the committee.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY
TORPEDOING THE REMNANT.
A cartoon illustration showing a ship being torpedoes.

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In his inaugural address last evening Arthur D. Bacon, new president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club, said there has been so much misfeeling in the community, and misunderstanding and misapprehension regarding Rotary, its objects and purposes, that he had thought well to include in his remarks some of the things that he felt should be said to the Harrisburg Rotary Club and concerning the objects of Rotary in general.

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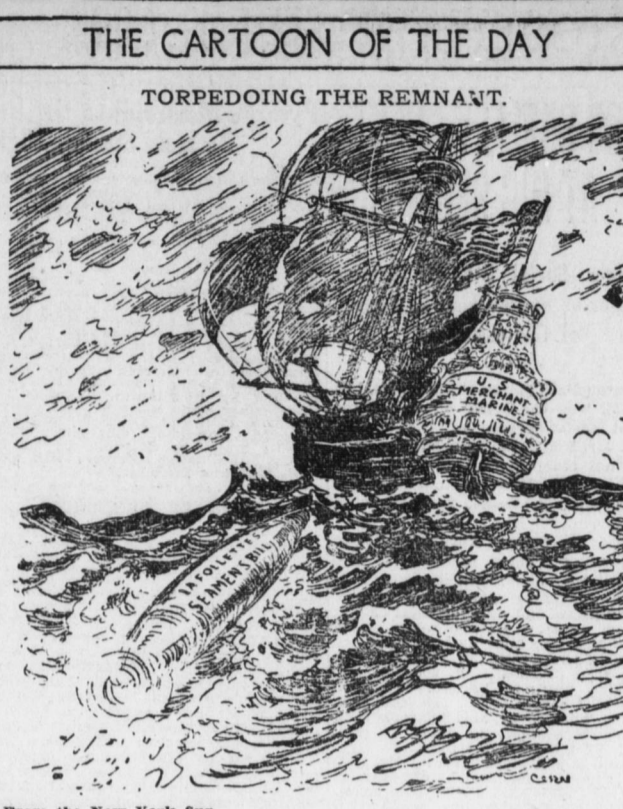
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BOOKS AND MAGAZINES
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THE BRUCE REPORT ON ALLEGED GERMAN ATROCITIES IS APPARENTLY TO TAKE ITS PLACE AS ONE OF THE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS OF PERMANENT VALUE BEARING ON THE QUESTION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DISTINGUISHED MEN UNDER WHOSE SUPERVISION THE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED. THE RESULTS BROUGHT TOGETHER IS A GUARANTEE OF THE ACCURACY AND RELIABILITY OF THE STATEMENTS SET FORTH. THERE HAS BEEN CRYING NEED FOR A PRESENTATION OF THE FACTS THAT COULD BE REGARDED AS TRUTHFUL AND COMPLETE, WHICH NEEDED IN THE OPINION OF UNBIASED JUDGES THE BRUCE COMMISSION HAS WELL MERITED. IT MAY NOT BE GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN PERMANENT FORM BY THE MACMILLAN COMPANY, FROM WHOM IT MAY BE OBTAINED.

CLAYTON HAMILTON HAS A GOOD WORD FOR THE BIBLIOGRAPHY IN FRANK WADSWORTH'S ASPECTS OF MODERN DRAMA. WRITING IN THE BOOKMAN MR. HAMILTON SAYS THAT THE BOOK WOULD BE WORTH BUYING FOR THE BIBLIOGRAPHY ALONE. THIS OCCUPIES FIFTY-SIX CLOSELY PRINTED PAGES AND CONTAINS A LIST OF STUTES THE MOST LABOR SAVING 'WHO'S WHO IN THE MODERN DRAMA' THAT HAS EVER BEEN COMPILED BY ANY MAN OF LETTERS. AS FOR THE TEXT ITSELF MR. HAMILTON PRONOUNCES IT 'AN INVALUABLE SUMMARY OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE MODERN DRAMA.'

PRESIDENT WILSON'S DELAY
[From New York Press.]
While he is negotiating the crisis between the government of the United States and the government of Germany the American people would be loath to give President Wilson anything less than undivided support. But there is no gaining the fact that the people regard with disappointment bordering upon impatience the continued delay in sending to Berlin the answer which, in a case so clearly and unmistakably marked, might just as well have gone the day the Von Jagow note was received as at any time later.



From the New York Sun.

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The Rotary Club of Harrisburg meets at least twice each month except July and August. Its membership is formed on the unique plan of one most active and most representative man from each line of business and profession in the community. Benefits making the acquaintance of men you ought to know; genuine, wholesome road fellowship, enlightenment as to the other man's work; problems and solutions; developing true and helpful friends, education in methods that increase efficiency, stimulation of a desire to be of service to your fellow men and society in general. Your acquaintance and inspiring confidence in your business.

worthy, and as affording me distinct opportunity to serve society.
"Second: To improve myself, increase my efficiency, and enlarge my service, and by so doing attest my faith in the fundamental principle of Rotary, that he profits most who serves best.
"Third: To realize that I am a businessman and ambitious to succeed; but that I am first an ethical man, and wish no success that is not founded on the highest justice of moral principles.
"Fourth: To hold that an exchange of my goods, my service, and my ideas for profit is legitimate and ethical, provided that all parties in the exchange are benefited thereby.
"Fifth: To use by best endeavors to elevate the standards of the vocation in which I am engaged, and so conduct my affairs that others in my vocation may find it wise, profitable and conducive to happiness to emulate my example.
"Sixth: To conduct my business in such a manner that I may give a perfect service equal to or even better than my competitor, and when I doubt to give added service beyond the strict measure of debt of obligation.
"Seventh: To understand that one of the greatest assets of a professional or of a businessman is, his integrity, and that any advantage gained by reasons of friendship, is eminently ethical and proper.
"Eight: To hold that true friendship demands nothing of one another, and that abuse of the confidences of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary, and in violation of its Code of Ethics.
"Ninth: To consider no personal success legitimate or ethical, which is secured by taking unfair advantage of certain opportunities in the social order that are absolutely denied others, nor will I take advantage of opportunities to achieve material success that others will not take because of the questionable morality involved.
"Tenth: To be not more obligated to a Brother Rotarian than I am to every other man in human society; because the genius of Rotary is not in its competition, but in its co-operation; for provincialism can never have a place in an institution like Rotary, and Rotarians assert that human rights are not confined to Rotary Clubs; as deep as the sea, and as broad as the race itself exist to educate all men and all institutions.
"Eleventh: Finally, believing in the universality of the Golden Rule, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to others. In view of this your committee hold that fundamental in a code of trade ethics for International Rotary are the following principles:
"First: To consider my vocation

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