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MONDAY EVENING, JULY 26.

Never deliberate about what is the first newspapers to condemn Bryan for resigning. Yesterday it held him up in the light of a martyr to the cause of peace. Is this a first step toward yourself that it is not.—Frederick supporting him for the Presidency next Temple.

FROM the standpoint of public latest note. safety, the determination of the Public Service Commission to first safeguard, and finally abolish all THIS STATE IN LEAD grade crossings in Pennsylvania is the most important step that body has ever taken. The task to which the Commission has set itself is gigantic.

MOTHERS' pension bill was passd by one branch of the Wisconsin Legislature last week. We reprise this in the bone that it will There are more than 10,000 crossings mention this in the hope that it will scattered throughout the Commonwealth, and each one of them is a potential deathtrap. The sum of \$300,000,000, which the Commission estimates will be required to replace them with subways or bridges, is of hopelessly reactionary and its legislastaggering proportions, yet in the end the railroads, which must bear the bulk of the burden, will be the gainers. Watchmen by the hundreds will be displaced, safety gates will be removed and the constant possibilities. displaced, safety gates will be removed and the constant possibility of enormous damages, such as the Reading faces as the result of the recent Hummelstown tragedy, will be removed.

The plain truth is that Pennsylvania is more frequently in the lead than not when it comes to genuine reform. We do not emblace every wild idea that comes along, it is true, for a certain consequently in the lead than not when it comes to genuine reform.

The grade crossing is a constant menace to people who find it necessary to use it. As Chairman Ainey, of the Commission, says, courts and the legislatures have condemned it and the Commission is right in assuming the commission is right in assuming the condemned at any content of the commission is right in assuming the condemned at the commission is right in assuming the commission is right in assuming the condemned at the commission is right in assuming the commission of the commission is right in assuming the commission of the commission is right in assuming the commission of the commission is right in a constant that comes along, it is true, for a certain amount of conservatism is necessary to use it. As Chairman Ainey, of the Commission, says, courts and the legislatures have condemned it and the commission is right in a constant that comes along, it is true, for a certain amount of conservatism is necessary to guard against palpable errors and costly experiments in government. But if we adopt fewer so-called progressive laws we actually make more real progress along all lines are constant. commission is right in assuming that the law places upon it the duty of ridding the State of a peril that in the first place should never have been permitted to come into being. mitted to come into being.

Secretary Daniels is said to be delaying work on the naval program for the next Congress in the hope that he may secure from belligerent operations in Europe some useful suggestions. One vania conditions. Even those people such impredictals and their views frequently are content to follow our lead. These facts are clearly understood by all who are familiar with Pennsyl-Secretary Daniels is said to be delaysuch immediately occurs to us: in Eng-land there has been a change in the years in misrepresenting the State and head of the admiralty.

THAT DEFENSE PROGRAM

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It is intimated in Washington that
President Wilson has under consideration a national defense program which will call for a navy "on an equality with the most efficient" and equal that are as despitation as they are palpable these people refuse to acknowledge them or even admit them. It is safe to say that if an equal amount of energy had gone into generally with the most efficient" and legitimate boosting of Pennsylvania as gram which will call for a navy "on an legitimate boosting of Pennsyrvania as equality with the most efficient" and went into vilification during the past an army reserve of "at least 500,000 five or six years the effect would now the source of the sourc men and perhaps more." Not a word be apparent not only in the spirit of is said about the size of this efficient navy or the efficiency of the half mil-each other and the rest of the world, lion reserves. What is even more sug- but in the bank balances. gestive, no definite time has been fixed for submitting these plans to Con-On the surface it looks very much

as if the administration, with an eye on the elections of next year, has decided to reply to the piffle of the newspaper and magazine volunteers in the armanent lobby with piffle of its own. If that is the actual meaning of the vague announcement from Washing. ton the country might as well prepare itself for a great deal of army and navy mismanagement, with incidental waste of large sums of money.

There is no more important problem before the American people at this time than this matter of the national defenses. It is so important that there should be general agreement that it is political bias, hysterical fear or chauvinism. But what is happening is exactly the reverse. Landiubber politiclans are veciferously reconstructing the navy and deciding off hand problems of offense and defense that the authorities confess themselves all at sea about, while penny-a-liners with no greater knowledge of military affairs than may be picked up during an occasional visit to a State guard camp on the big day, lay down army plans with the assurance of a Von Moltke. We became used to Hobson a question for experts to consider and Moltke. We became used to Hobson, and many know to a nicety just how much importance to attach to the outsivings of the Dickie Davises, but the large number of those engaged in this, to them, remunerative activity is a bit disconcerting, and unless something is step, which his company had taken to done to counteractivity is a bit offered to counteractivity is a bit of the counteractivity is a bit offered to counteractivity is a bit of the counteractivity is large number of those engaged in this, to them, remunerative activity is a bit disconcerting, and unless something is done to counteract it, it is bound to have an unfortunate effect upon the public. Considerations such as these must have prompted close advisers of the President to put forth the national defense statement at this time.

What we have of naval power alroady is as efficient as any in the world. But we need a great deal more —more, in fact, than any other nation except Great Britain. Our army —flax straw; without at least that mount at least that mount in the former, in fact, than any other nations and the manufactured in the province of the provinc

also is good as far as it goes, but it is amount of protection his atraw will too small. It totally lacks a reserve continue in the main to be burned on force and most of the time it is insufficiently supplied. These deficiencies The Democratic committee looked call loudly for a remedy, but it is not wise, put flax straw on the free list merely a matter of more dollars, as so when it had been dutiable at \$5 a ton; many of the people seem to believe.

fax, not hackled, on the free list, from
n spite of our small showing on land
\$22.40 per ton; dressed linen (hackled)

This should be the first thing taken

it which calls for congressional re-form, but it will be especially hard for

the Democrats to fill it. However, if

it should develop that President Wil-

son is in as complete control of the new Congress as he was of the late

one there is hope that some gains will

The New York American was one of

The New York Evening Staats Zeitung seems pleased that the President talks less about humanity in his latest note. We didn't know humanity

MOTHERS' pension bill was

attract the attention and stimulate the

reasoning facilities of a few of those earnest souls who have been taught

by conscienceless politicians and news-

States that are anxious to be regarded

years in misrepresenting the State and

that are as despicable as they are

FACTS ABOUT FLAX

that fiber flax of excellent quality can

Empire?

be made.

and sea we already spend as much on the free list, from \$67.20 per ton. money as do the frankly militaristic nations of Europe. True reform must industry which the department of agbegin with elimination of the graft riculture seeks to revitalize and the waste. When that is done. and the Government is getting a dollar's worth of service or supplies for each dollar expended, we can proceed

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

with confidence to increase the naof useless navy yards and army posts.

-- There are those who believe that up by the Congress which will meet this coming winter. The pork barrel capable of a speed of more than scandal, which has been worse since twenty-five miles an hour and equipped the Democratic party came into con-trol of the Government than ever be-titled to a niche in the hall of fame. with a Maxim silencer should be en-

fore in the history of the country, must be suppressed. Congressmen —Certain recent messages to the with the instincts and the intellects of errand boys must be taught to think Colonel Roosevelt is not only a rough nationally and internationally and the rider but also a rough writer.

whole campaign must be carried on with a frankness and sincerity that -What's the use of being a great will command the confidence of the temperance reformer? Here's a writer public. This would be a large order who calls Mr. Grape Juice Bryan a for any party, especially that part of | "milk and water statesman."

> tution. Gunmen please take notice. toward the river with fishing rod and bait can we realize what a great man the poet was who wrote that "barefoot

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boy" piece.

SOURCES OF WATER AND FICTION

Holman Day stated in a recent letter that some of the situations which make the plot of his just-published novel, "The Landloper," were suggested by events that actually occurred in a part of the country with which he is personally familiar. There was a series of typhoid epidemics similar to the one that roused the chivalric hero of "The Landloper" to action; and the water syndicates in real life—as in novel—"persisted in laying them to anything except the water sources controlled by them."

PEANUTS AT THE NORTH POLE

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Frederick F. Rockwell, author of "The Key to the Land," has stated his belief that there has been a lot of sentimentality and some unpardonable exaggeration in a good deal of the recall the state of the recall that that he reads is based upon imaginate that are second-hand knowledge rather than upon experience the ear-marks of an easy experience the ear-marks of an easy experience the perusal of Government bulletins and per acre crop statistics are strong upon it. It is quite feasible to grow peanuts at the North Pole at an excellent profit—on paper. My purpose in writing 'The Key to the Land' has been not only to show the advantages of life on the soil,' but also to demonstrate how certain problems to be encountered may be overcome. I say this with a certain positiveness because every incident in this story is based upon actual experiences, either my own or

A WOMAN'S POWER IN WAR

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Atherton Brownell's peace play, "The
Unseen Empire," written before the
war, offers some startling coincidences
with later conditions. The cabled reports of a threatened strike at the
Krupp Works, which may imperil German's suply of munitions, and the mention of the great influence of their
owner over the workmen is paralleled
in "The Unseen Empire." There, too,
the owner of the big steel works is a
young woman, and her influence is so
great that she is able to avert war.
And in "The Unseen Empire" Mr.
Brownell has pointed out a method by
which the United States might bring
Germany to terms. as advanced in their views frequently

CHINAFIED?

[Kansas City Stan.]
Is the United States to be Chinafied?
That issue, made vital by the course of recent events, has never been more forcefully stated than by Colonel Roosevelt in his San Francisco speech. To-day Belgium and China are living examples of the fate that menades pacifist nations. They trusted in international guarantees and in their incrnational guarantees and in their incr its citizens know them, but for reasons national guarantees and in their inof-fensive dispositions. To-day they are

subject peoples. To contend that preparation against attack invites war is as absurd as Colonel Roosevelt pointed out, as to argue that the maintenance of a fire department is an invitation to carelessness against fire.

REGRETTABLE, INDEED

From the Harrisburg Sunday Courier.]
It would be regrettable, indeed, if anything is permitted to interfere with the completion or the city's public improvement enterprises now so very nearly finished. One can scarcely imagine that party politics may go to such lengths. It is to be hoped that some way can be found whereby the work may go ahead, especially in view of the fact that the City Solicitor has pronounced the hold-up without legal grounds. Nothing can be gained by foolish delay. In the end the work will be done. Those who put themselves in the way as obstacles to that end may expect nothing but public censure. No good can come out of such a proposal for anybody. This straining at gnats and swallwing of camels has gone financial transactions of carels has gone financial transactions of citicism than the progosition to finish a public work which the people themselves have authorized. Varsaw will the end of the war be any nearer, or must they go on and on wasting men and money in a vain atempt to subjugate the whole Russian Boston and Philadelphia newspapers are puzzled as to where Secretary Dan-iels got his "mobilization of brains" idea. We suggest a cross-examination the bright young correspondents immering at the nation's capital. the United States Department of Agriculture says that "it has been demonstrated beyond all doubt

OLD MAIDS

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

It is announced that an attempt will be made this week to get Governor Brumbaugh to declare in favor of the woman suffrage movement. Miss Mary Winsor, president of the Limited —Mr. Bryan is harping again on his theory that the editorial should bear the name of the writer. Let's see. the name of the writer. Let's see. theory that the editorial should the party in power lies. Public opinion will suppower lies are preparing letters which will be sent to the Governor asking him to get the ex-secretary into print at limit to publicly place himself on record. If the letters are anything like ord. If the letters are anything like ord. If the letters are anything like ord. ord. If the letters are anything like the interviews given out in Philadelphia on this subject they will contain a diplomatic suggestion that sympathy for the suffrage movement might prove helpful in making Governor Brumbaugh a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination. Said Miss Lewis, "The attitude of Governor Brumbaugh at this particular time is of great importance. The women who are working for suffrage in Pennsylvania will, of course, want to support a man for President who has openly espoused the cause. The women of the West also will want to support such a man. There are 4,000,000 who vote in the West."

This is the week in which the people of Philadelphia hope something definite will be arrived at in the matter of selecting the Republican mayoralty candidate. It is understood that within a few days a conference of the leaders will be held at Atlantic City at which the matter will be taken up. It is hoped that the Vares will in the meantime make a definite announcement of their intentions. -Capital punishment is to be included in New York's new consti-

The other day Congressmen Dewalt while in Reading issued a pressing invitation to the Berks county Democrats to attend the annual meeting of their Lehigh county brethren. It now develops that there was something more than mere hospitality in that for the principal event of the gathering this year will be an announcement of Dewalt's candidacy for renomination. The date for the meeting is August 14 and the place is Breiningsville. This usually is a great event in the eastern section of the State, for it is an actual survival of the days when barbecues and huge mass meetings were the big features of every political campaign.

Civic patriotism is at a low ebb in Hazleton. The office of councilman pays \$750 in that town, but so far there is an actual dearth of candidates for the places that are to be filled this

cellent new work

Our Daily Laugh



NOT MARRIED This is the last resort I'll ever go to.

Well, you came here as a last resort didn't you? YET.

WHILE THE TEAM'S AWAY By Wing Dinger

In offices and stores, et cet., About this little burg, you bet
Hard work will more attention get,
For three weeks—here's the why!
Because till August 14th, bo,
There'll be no baseball games, you

SUMMER SCENES IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA



"THE REAL THING." (Courtesy Eastman Kodak Company.)

IN THE WAR'S VAST ARENA

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[From the Telegraph of July 26, 1865.] Ordered to Washington

Lieutenant B. C. Cook, in command of the Fiftieth Company, Veteran Reserve Corps, has been ordered from this city to Washington.

Soldier Killed

Samuel Bortz, a corporal in Company A, First Pennsylvania Artillery, was almost instantly killed when he walked in his sleep last night and fell from the balcony on the third story of Orsinger's Hotel. He was a resident of Shiremanstown before the war.

Bank Cashier Commits Suicide William M. Beetem, cashier of the Carlisle Deposit Bank, committed suicide early this morning by hanging himself in the garret of his home. He was a prominent businessman of Carlisle.

IDIOTIC

Lays evil on woman's dress .- Headline.
Of course, of course, The evil comes and the blame stays with woman. We hate to be rude of speech, but usually when we find a man chattering about woman's dress, we can't apply to him a more endearing title than "idiot."—New York Sun.

More Reason to Push

Harder

Speaking of business condi-tions recently, John Wanamaker said: said:
"People to-day are buying only three things—automobiles, wearing apparel and shoes.
"They are buying the first because they are cheap and shoes and clothing because they must be replaced."

he replaced."
Then he made the telling point that if manufacturers of other lines are to meet this condition they must push harder.
They must follow the aggressive methods of the large stores.
They must advertise.

GEN, LOUIS BOTHA

Pretoria, July 26. - General Louis

Botha, commander of the British ferces in South Africa, is in control

of the entire southeastern section, hav-

ing accepted the surrender of all the German forces. Hostilities have ceased, it was announced.

starting with one and two year notes which may be converted into twenty-year bonds, is but the beginning of extensions of large credits to foreign countries. Operations of this sort have been going on for about half a year to an aggregate of \$300,000,000, more or less, preliminary* to the real work of co-ordinating our finance and commerce in such a way that the unprecedented international trade in which we have been engaged can be promoted and maintained.

The new Canadian loan illustrates how utterly remote from an American standpoint is the standpoint of the alien propagandists whom we have too much tolerated. They will assert that American money is to finance the war, thus clearly demonstrating that their reasoning is controlled by foreign sympathies exclusively. The Canadian loan is not at all a contribution to the financing of the war. It is simply a transaction for the furtherance of our own export trade and but a small instalment of the financing which we must do to keep our trade going and growing in these times when our is the only country that has surplus goods to sell abroad, the means to produce them, and the capital to enable other nations to patronize our markets during the Strain of the war.

CITY WITH A FUTURE FAVORED

[From the St. Louis Republic.]
The average man is not ambitious to cast in his lot with a city that is recled up and finished, no matter how neatly reeled it may be, or how perfect the finish is. This Nation, speaking generally, is in the constructive stage. The people of America have a fancy for places where there is "something doing." They like the towns where the big transformations are being made, where the big struggles are going on. A city attracts people by the opportunity it offers to the individual.

Fly Contest June 1 to July 31 Prizes of \$5, \$2.50 and several

CIVIC CLUB \$1.00 ones duplicated by Mr. Ben Strouse