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THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 2

Human improvement is from within outward.—Froude.

THE NAVAL PROGRAM

Signs are not lacking that President Wilson is to meet opposition within his own party in the enactment of the naval and military program he will lay before Congress at the coming session.

Kitchin sets himself up in the face of Admiral Dewey who recommends four battleships a year, but he may be somewhat mollified by that part of the President's program which calls for the construction of sixty submarines of the most approved type during the coming twelve months.

It would be remarkable indeed if the President had to look to the Republican party for support in his efforts to put the nation on a fighting basis, but by no means surprising.

The balance in the general fund of the National Treasury on August 23, was \$55,760,889 as compared with \$126,463,344 on the corresponding date two years ago under Republican revenue and appropriation laws.

WAR ON ILLITERACY

NORTH CAROLINA has declared war on illiteracy. "Every person in the State to read and write in 1920," is the slogan of the educational forces that will inaugurate a State-wide "moonlight school" campaign beginning on Labor Day.

In this movement practically every organization in the State has been enlisted. The interest which has been taken in this movement not only by the educators, including all members of all the co-operating organizations, but also by those for whom the schools are intended, is wonderful.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Our idea of neutrality is a man walking to avoid showing partiality to either side of a street.—Nashville Tennessean.
The first woman jitney driver has appeared in Washington. Before long they will be everywhere.—New York Evening Sun.

WHAT A RELIEF IT MUST BE FOR THOSE "TIED BUSINESSMEN" AT PLATTSBURG TO ESCAPE FROM BROADWAY MUSICAL SHOWS FOR A MONTH.—Philadelphia North American.

This country probably will never be wholly on a basis of preparedness until Captain Hobson and the Colonel get together in the same party.—Boston Transcript.

THE COLONEL AT PLATTSBURG

[From the New York Sun.]
Anything so foolish as an attempt by the Executive to hold General Leonard Wood responsible for Colonel Roosevelt's utterances at Plattsburg is Secretary Garrison is not only a man of strong common sense but also a man with an active sense of humor.

WATERSON WOULD HANG 'EM

Henry Waterston, in the Louisville Courier-Journal, Saturday, said: "It is the last straw that breaks the camel's back."
Von Bernstorff has given his passport; now he must go, and along with him the whole of the German mission to walk the plank.

PARK SINGING

[From the Kansas City Star.]
That "singing in the parks" suggestion, made by some thoughtful women to the Park Board, is a good one. It will give the park board a chance to show its initiative.

AMERICAN TRUCKS IN FRANCE

W. F. Bradley describes in The Commercial Vehicle the shipping to France from this country of American trucks. At the time of his writing, the trucks were on the piers at Havre or French military camps.

TOLL ROADS IN LANCASTER

It is said Lancaster county has the greatest number of toll roads in Pennsylvania. The toll roads in Lancaster are included in the proposed Lincoln Highway.

THIS COW HOLDS A WORLD'S RECORD

Following are the facts about a cow with a world's record, taken from the current issue of Farm and Fireside: "The world's record for butterfat production is again broken, this time by the star mate of the former world champion, who held the title for only three months. The new dairy queen is a Holstein-Friesian cow, Funderine Prige Johanna Rue No. 121082.

GENEROUS AMERICA

In the recently issued report of the commission for the relief of Belgium, it is found that since the first cry of the homeless Belgian women and children went up, America has sent them a total of \$80,000,000 worth of food.

PROSPERITY, SAYS EDISON

Thomas A. Edison predicts seven years of prosperity for the United States, while others think that when the Republicans return to power their stay will last much longer.—Hagerstown Herald.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Now that the Philadelphia mayorality situation is on a fair way to be settled and a harmony candidate placed before the people by the Republicans attention is being given to registration. The registration is on to-day in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, and it is expected that it will show an even stronger "back to the party" movement than in the third class cities.

The Democrats do not seem to have been able to do much in the registration in the third class cities and the Washington party registration is generally as big a farce as it is here.

—The Philadelphia mayorality situation was the topic of interest not only in Harrisburg but in other cities to-day and the most attention was given to bulletins on the developments. Capitol Hill was tremendously interested in the Philadelphia situation.

—E. M. Reed, of New Hampshire, has succeeded A. Mitchell Palmer on the finance committee of the Democratic national committee. One by one the Democratic ticket is being made up.

—Senator Richard V. Farley, who is a candidate for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket in Philadelphia is having trouble over his petition for the office.

—A Pottsville dispatch says that 2204 Republicans, 694 Democrats and 72 Bull Mooseers have registered in the hitherto strong Washington party city. Selah.

—Collector B. F. Davis, of the Ninth district, continues to top off Republicans in the way of Democratic registration. Deputy Collector Jacob R. Windolph, in the service twenty years, was succeeded by George W. Byerly, of Lancaster, son-in-law of Jacob Pontz, a Lancaster Democratic leader.

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WOODS' COMMON SENSE

[From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.]
General Wood's very free and frank expression of the "free" folly at the Plattsburg camp will do no long way toward bringing the country back to a sane and sensible basis.

LIGHTNING HIT HER EARRINGS

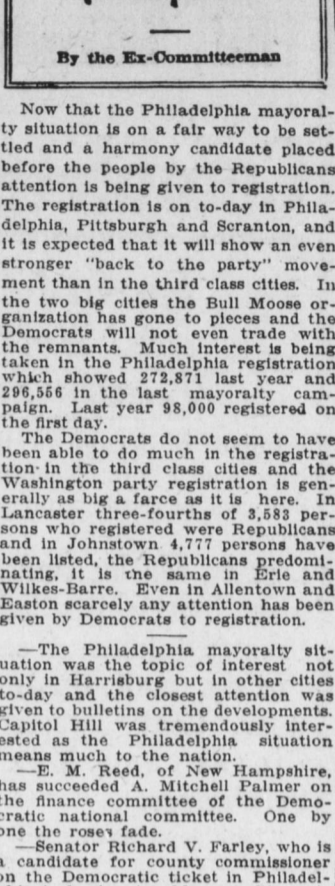
Jewelry Was Torn From New York Girl's Ears, but She Escaped Injury. [From the New York Herald.]
Plattsburg, N. Y.—During a severe rainstorm here recently, Miss Rose Bailey, at Foster's Hotel, Bluff Point, was struck by a bolt of lightning which tore the earrings from her ears and made her unconscious.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

COULD HEAR WELL.
Mr. Frog: Wait a minute, I have a secret to tell you.
Mr. Rabbit: Spring it, I'm all ears.
EVERYBODY DOWN ON HIM.
You should love your enemies.
Can't do it, parson, there are too many of them. I used to be a baseball umpire.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

EARNING A LIVING



Harrisburg, like all cities, is not without its afflicted blind. L. R. Ney, the artist of this city, has sketched one of the blind men who make their living playing music at the street corners.

CITIES BUILT TO ORDER

By Frederic J. Haskin

Those who hold that new towns should be laid down with an intelligent appreciation of the possibilities of their developing into great cities of the future, that provision should be made for order and convenience as a substitute for chaos such as exist in the average city plan, have this year been furnished with two ideal working models.

These towns are Anchorage, in Alaska, and Hopewell, in Virginia. They are not mere collections of shabby shanties such as were thrown together in the cities of mushroom growth a generation ago.

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It is less than six months since a post office was established. The town then boasted but three shanties and a couple of supply shacks. Now its population closely approximates 5,000.

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THE SEARCHLIGHT

PLANT OR ANIMAL?
The distinctions between plant and animal organisms are supposed to be clearly defined and easily recognizable. Yet a tiny creature is now puzzling scientists, which possesses the leading characteristics of both.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

We are reminded by the Wilkes-Barre Record that September 6 marks the birthday of General Lafayette. It also comments on the fact that had it not been for his aid and influence the outcome of American independence might not have been the same.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is distributing point for materials for the big telegraph companies?
HISTORIC HARRISBURG
The Pennsylvania canal was put into operation through this city in 1831.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, Sept. 2, 1865.]
Union Convention Next Week
The Cumberland County Union Convention will be held next week with the first session Monday morning.

THE EMPTY TREES

Why pole the trees that have no leaves on them?
In other words why waste advertising money on large sections of the country where there is little or no hope of return?
Why not concentrate on the place where business is ripe?
In other words why not advertise in the newspapers of the cities where the goods are well distributed?
This kind of use of the pole lands the greatest quantity of ripe and juicy fruit.

SECOND FLY CONTEST

of the Civic Club for 1915.
August 1st to September 25th.
Five cents a pint for all flies, and many prizes in gold.

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