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MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 13

In everything you do, consider the end.—Solon.

LANSING'S NOTE

THE note of Secretary Lansing to Austria, made public last night, is strong in tone and unquestionably in full harmony with public thought. It is clear cut and its meaning is unmistakable. It sets forth facts and makes demands in true American fashion, without any of the foolish frills so dear to the hearts of European diplomats.

THE MUMMERS' PARADE

THE Harrisburg Mummers' Association has invited several of the Philadelphia clubs to come to Harrisburg for the big New Year's parade now being arranged, and it is to be hoped that the invitation will be accepted. But there is a lesson in this for the Harrisburg association that should not be overlooked.

NO FACTORIALISM FOR SMITH

THOMAS B. SMITH, the Mayor-elect of Philadelphia, has determined to give the metropolis of the State a constructive and wholly consistent administration. He has already demonstrated that he will not be controlled or influenced in any unreasonable way by political leaders or factions.

Smith should be given a chance to make good; that he was qualified to give the people a wise and helpful administration. Our Democratic brethren and those who are the malcontents of all parties would doubtless hail with joy another political row in Pennsylvania. It would be grist for their mill. Their disappointment is pathetic.

CUTTING THE MUNICIPAL TREE

THAT men are but children older grown is well demonstrated by the fact that a big party of very busy merchants and public officials will lay aside duty during the midst of the holiday rush and tie themselves away to the winter woods to participate in the cutting of Harrisburg's Municipal Christmas Tree.

PATRIOTIC SENTIMENT

MAYOR BLANKENBURG, of Philadelphia, a German-born American of the highest type, in an address before the Pennsylvania Society at New York on Saturday, spoke earnestly in favor of preparedness for the invasion of a foreign foe, and he struck a body blow at those who have been enjoying the blessings of this favored land and at the same time are plotting and working secretly against the interests and welfare of the nation.

THAT NEW HIGH SCHOOL

THE new school board should, and probably will, take early action looking toward the erection of a new high school or high schools for Harrisburg. The situation at the Central High school is approaching the intolerable. The boys and girls who attend one session a day there are being cheated of a part of their education, for no corps of teachers, be they ever so painstaking and conscientious, can do two days' work in one and accomplish the best results.

part reports of conditions then cannot be made to apply to those of today. The new board, working with the school officials, must solve the problem and it is big enough and important enough to demand earliest attention. It is the one great work now facing the directors and there can be no good reason for delay.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

With Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, backing up the declaration of Mayor-elect Thomas B. Smith, of Philadelphia, that there should not be any factional warfare in the Republican party and that he will follow Senator Boies Penrose as national leader as the only means toward party unity in Pennsylvania.

—Thomas F. Logan, writing from Washington to the Philadelphia Inquirer, regarding the next convention says: "Pennsylvania will have twelve delegates at-large in the National Convention."

—In his statement declaring against any factional warfare Mayor Armstrong said: "Pennsylvania's endorsement of the National Convention, through Senator Boies Penrose, who is here, when asked who, in his opinion, would be selected at large, said he had heard several names mentioned among the Republicans."

—The Governor-elect of Kentucky is on the water wagon. But then he is only Governor-elect; give him a chance.—Brooklyn Daily Times.

AN IMPENDING DANGER

Undoubtedly, whether theoretically desirable or not, the end of the present war will force upon the United States the restoration of a protective tariff. The issue seems unavoidable.

—Senator George T. Oliver has been elected as the Pennsylvania member of the Senate committee on foreign relations. He succeeds Elihu Root, of New York.

—The new Chester county district attorney has appointed the former district attorney as assistant and the new register has done the same thing with the former chief. The new officials were deputies.

—A Wilkes-Barre dispatch indicates that Democrats are fighting again in Luzerne county. The dispatch says: "Old Guard Democrats, under the leadership of Judge John M. Garman, and Palmertists led by William McLean, Jr., and Fred Kirkendall are scrapping like ferrets for the spoils which go with Democratic control of the county commission."

The price of the pork barrel tagged on the American army is more than thirty million dollars. And because of it our army is the most expensive in the world, each soldier costing, roughly, a thousand dollars per annum.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING



"FORGOTTEN" (Courtesy Eastman Kodak Company.)

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—The war has eliminated the English chorus man, according to a news dispatch. Score ten points in favor of Germany.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Col. Roosevelt states that President Wilson is a logothete, which, of course, explains many hitherto incomprehensible things.—Brooklyn Daily Times.

One thing must be conceded this man Von Hindenburg. He has the right idea about how to settle a war.—Brooklyn Daily Times.

"Personally," said Judge Fisher, of Chicago, "I would object to a skirt reaching much above the ankle."

Just when every one is issuing forecasts concerning the duration of the war, an old letter of Glycerus S. Grant is discovered in which he predicted that the Civil War would be a very brief struggle.—Brooklyn Daily Times.

At present we are as unprepared in an economic as we are in a military sense. Our present customs tariff neither protects nor produces a revenue. Were it not for the war, we should even now be closing our factories. As it is, the manufacturing nations of Europe are engaged in a conflict that absorbs their chief energies, giving us for the moment an opportunity to manufacture, if we please, what they would otherwise be exporting to us, and at the same time artificially stimulating a certain class of industries by the production of instruments of destruction.

It's all right to say "Love me, love my dog," but there is a world of difference between that and loving your dogs to the exclusion of everybody else. Wherefore Mrs. Lena Libbey, of Scranton, has obtained a divorce from her husband on the ground that he loved his dogs so much that he slept with them, and took them out for drives in his master's carriage, he being the driver, while his wife and children cooled their heels in the parks.

The meanest man in the world keeps cropping up here and there, but here is one living in Philadelphia, who deserves several stars opposite his name. Poor shivering newsboys the other evening were met by a well-dressed person who bought a paper from each one and tendered a dime in payment. Later the poor "kids" learned that the money was counterfeit, and the "kindly philanthropist" is nowhere to be found.

THE MEXICAN MUDDLE

Perturbed but Peaceful El Paso By Frederic J. Haskin

THIS metropolis of the Southwest wishes to correct the national impression that she is a war center. Although she is the gateway through which war-torn Mexico imports everything from cartridges to dictators, the city continues calm and orderly as ever.

—Two more days and then the deer that are left can settle down again to the joys of undisturbed winter grazing.

—Judge Bemus, of Colorado, is not going to have his hair cut until Ford makes peace in Europe. It is to be hoped that the judge is fond of very long hair.

—Immigration comes in waves. Every battle, or prospect of a fight, sends a

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

When is a mayor not a mayor, is the question that the Allentown and Easton populace is asking itself in connection with the ramifications of the Clark nonpartisan bill.

—If somebody hands you a lemon nowadays, don't make a wry face and refuse to accept it, because there will shortly be a lemon famine in this country unless the upheaval in the warship trade brought about by the war is checked.

—A Connellsville section hand, working for the Baltimore and Ohio, is a connoisseur on rabbits and has them for dinner every day, is the report from his foreman. When questioned as to his source of supply by his envious comrades, he replied, "Oh, that's easy. Rabbit hounds come to my house every night. He go 'meow, meow,' and then me go out and shoot him."

—At last a little hope is being instilled in the breasts of those who pray for an end of the car strike that for weeks and weeks has been going on in Wilkes-Barre. Negotiations are in process and the State mediators say that when it is all settled there will no longer be any cause for discontent.

—Dominick Capello, aged 30, believed to be demented, showed pretty con-

Evening Chat

Fourteen thousand freight cars placed end to end would make a train that would go a long way toward reaching Harrisburg and Philadelphia by either the Pennsylvania or the Reading systems. Yet that is the average number of cars now being handled and classified in the yards of the two railroads in what is called the Harrisburg district.

Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patten, who has been watching the statistics on wheat production with the greatest care, is arranging to have some important data published by his department in the Spring which will show that Pennsylvania has been doing in the way of wheat a good deal better than it can do. Some attention will be given to Dauphin county.

Shipments of automobile licenses from the State Capitol have reached greater proportions than ever known and the Harrisburg post office authorities have had to detail a couple of men to take care of the mail carts to take care of the outgoing correspondence. The new license tags are yellow and black and bearing a small number plate which can be changed without any loss of time.

The other evening in getting out the 28-page edition of the Telegraph it was necessary on account of the size of the issue to omit the red line which has been a feature of the newspaper for years. That it was a big part of the Telegraph was speedily realized because of the fact that everyone seems to want them right away. The shipment by parcel post enables the State to save considerable money over what it used to have to spend to send it by express.

Louis W. Strayer, who was elected president of the former gridiron club at Washington on Saturday, is the Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch and one of the best-known newspapermen. He has been here a number of times on big stories. Col. Henry H. Hall, former legislator and Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph was president a few years ago. Both of these newspapermen have many friends in Harrisburg, especially at the State Capitol. Pennsylvania newspapermen have several times filled offices in this noted organization.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Francis H. Bohlen, counsel of the Compensation Board, used to be a famous cricketer.

—Theodore P. Shonts, head of the New York Transit System, comes from Luzerne county.

—Col. G. A. Zinn, U. S. A., in charge of engineering work in the Delaware river, was given a reception by the Penn Club in Philadelphia.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has been a place for State convention since 1895? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first blast furnace is supposed to have been built here in the twenties.

Our Daily Laugh

HIS SPIRIT EN ROUTE. Did you have a pleasant trip? asked the New Yorker. Fairly so, but I lost most of my baggage on the way, replied the Kentuckian. How's that? The cork came out.

HE KNEW. Daddy: Do you know where little boys go who tell fibs? Bobbie: No, but I know you go to a poker game when you tell fibs to Ma about being detained on business.

MORE LIKE CHRISTMAS

By WING DINGER. Hasn't seemed a bit like Christmas 'Ceptin' every now and then. When some coin for gifts is needed—Sometimes five and sometimes ten. But to-day with ground all covered With a goodly lot of snow. There's a breath of Christmas spirit Everywhere that one may go. Tell you what, stores may be laden With a lot of merchandise. Will to many bring surprises. But there's nothing that makes faces Like the sight of fakes a fallin' And the earth bedecked with snow.