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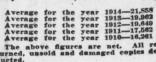
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MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 13

In energthing you do, consider the end .- Solon.

LANSING'S NOTE

HE note of Secretary Lansing to Austria, made public last night, being planned. tionably 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. One cannot repress the thought that if there had been a Lansing at the helm during the earlier crises of the European war the country would have fared better and there would have been fewer delays and no so many embarrassing incidents.

THE MUMMERS' PARADE

THE Harrisburg Mummers' Association has invited several of the Philadelphia clubs to come to Harrisburg for the big New Year's

to be the case in Philadelphia.

NO FACTIONALISM FOR SMITH THOMAS B. SMITH, the Mayor

delect of Philadelphia, has determined to give the metropolis of the State a constructive and wholly onsistent administration. He has aldemonstrated that he will not the newspapers of Philadelphia which have been speculating as to the possible attitude of the mayor-elect ward this or that Republican faction are now, according to Mr. Smith the due him for a manly and straightforward pronouncement of his purpose respecting the political fea-tures of his administration.

When announcement was made few days ago of certain important appointments in Philadelphia it heralded throughout the State that the mayor-elect had aligned himself upon the side of one group of leaders and in opposition to another group were to have another State-wide con troversy over party leadership and the domination of the Republican organization. Then followed a more defistatement by the mayor-elect in which he made clear that he did not intend to permit his administration to be disrupted by factional politics: that he proposed to be fair to litical interests and that under no direumstances would he allow con-tractor leadership to interfere with the larger policies of substantial

This ought to set at rest the specu-The rank and file of the party are thoroughly imbued with the notion that the time has come when party the State and not for the mere ag-

Our Democratic brethren and those problem and it is big enough and imwho are the malcontents of all parties would doubtless hail with joy another political row in Pennsylvania. It would be grist for their mill. Their can be no good reason for delay.

do so, to maintain a proper balance between the so-called factions of the party in Philadelphia and elsewhere. His declaration on this point is the concrete expression of many other earnest Republicans throughout the State at this juncture. Harmony and commonsense must be recognized as essential to party success, and Republican policies must prevail for the welfare of all the people.

CUTTING THE MUNICIPAL TREE HAT men are but children older

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

It needs no elaborate explanation sharpened ax could fell the tree and that two or three workmen could be hired for a song to haul it to the city. But would that provide good excuse for a dozen or more staid and dignifor a dozen or more staid and dignified citizens of the community to leave work for an afternoon and give them opportunity, under the guise of public duty, to frolic unrestricted to their hearts content in the bracing atmosphere of the mountains in December? Indeed, no. Therefore, the cember? Indeed, no. Therefore, the Christmas tree cutting bee that is now

atmosphere of the mountains in December? Indeed, no. Therefore, the Christmas tree cutting bee that is now being planned.

But let nobody get the notion that the party should be called off. Far from it. If anything it should be enlarged to take in everybody who can go along. The cutting of the Christmast tree is just as much a community event as the bringing in of the yule log used to be in the days of early England, and on those happy holiday occasions the whole population of the castle, from lord to low-liest underling, participated with shouts and merry-making.

This call to the winter woods has something that harks back beyond our ken, but very real, nevertheless, and just as urgent as the pull of the open when Spring is afield, the sap running and blossoming things beginning to sprout. Every red-blooded man knows it. and he is wise who are being injured these days just a few weeks preceding the inaugura-convention. Senator Boies Penrose, and heard several names mentioned, among them being Mayor-lect Thomas B. Smith and James Elverson, Jr., of Philadelphia; Senator of Ferrose, Jr., of Philadelphia; Senator of the State Senator of the state. Senator of the state Senator of the state. Senator of the state Senator of the State's delegates to the convention.

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go along, if you can.

PATRIOTIC SENTIMENT

in an address before the Pennsylvania Society at New York on Saturday, against the interests and welfare of We recommend Mayor Blankenburg's sentiments to any hyphenated citizen who may chance across these pages. Said he:

cross these pages. Said he:

'I am a firm believer in the principle of preparedness, not for aggression, but for defense against any foreign foe, from whatever quarter he may come. In the present world-wide turmoil caused by the European war our attention is so pointedly directed toward preparedness against a possible enemy beyond our borders that we may forget quite vulnerable points at home. Let me emphasize that in my judgment a foreign foe is not the greatest danger that may threaten over which it is not against him whatever cost of blood and treasure. Far more insidious and dangerous.

ure.
Far more insidious and dangerous is the domestic foe, who may, unrecognized for years, by artful means, in siren's song, appeal to our prejudices, our love for riches, our political ambition and our vanity in his efforts to upbuild himself on the ruins of popular government.

THAT NEW HIGH SCHOOL

THE new school board should, and probably will, take early action looking toward the erection of Harrisburg. The situation at the achievement in the making of Phil-adelphia a great city in all that the the intolerable. The boys and girls who attend one session a day there are being cheated of a part of their lations about another row over Re-education, for no corps of teachers, publican domination in Pennsylvania. be they ever so painstaking and conscientious, can do two days' work in

one and accomplish the best results Dr. Dibble is doing a good work leadership shall mean cohesive and and his teaching corps is devoting co-ordinated effort for the welfare of itself to the heavy task confronting grapdisement of individuals or groups they are working under a handicap of individuals. With the elimination that should not be required of them. it with devotion and self-sacrifice, but of the mayor-elect from any such There is only one solution-the erec

Smith should be given a chance to make good; that he was qualified to not be made to apply to those of togive the people a wise and helpful administration.

The new board, working with the school officials, must solve the

disappointment is pathetic.

Mayor-elect Smith is to be congratulated upon the clearness of his vision and also his ability to discriminate between ambition and constructive administrative effort. Party leadership is essential always under the American system of government. the American system of government. The mayor-elect of Philadelphia recognizes this fact and is evidently any local system of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objections that are raised to the building of a new high school within the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any objection that are raised to the building of the public and any obj ognizes this fact and is evidently de-termined, so far as he may be able to the past.

#### Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committee

With Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong, Pittsburgh, backing up the declaration of Mayor-elect Thomas B 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, and similar declarations coming from other men active in Republican affairs throughout the State, interest in politics has shifted to Washington where the Republican national committee will meet to-morrow. The gathering at Washington will be of the utmost importance as it will show which way the wind is blowing in national matters.

To-morrow morning the Philadelphia delegation which will go to urge the selection of Philadelphia for the national convention will start for Washington with the guarantee fund should not be any factional warfare

open when Spring is afield, the sap running and blossoming things besparade 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.

It is only by reason of harmony 
among those who, in years past, 
made such wonderful successes, of 
the Philadelphia New Year's celebrations, that they ranked with the 
Marfil Gras of New Orleans, that there 
is any possibility of inducing any 
of 
the clubs to come here at this time. 
The Harrisburg Mummers have done 
admirably during the brief time their 
have been organized and they bid 
fair to surpass all former efforts on 
the first day of 1916, but if they are 
to go on, year after year, with 
success after success, each parade better and larger than the one preceding, 
they must see to it that they work 
together, and not at odds, as appears 
to be the case in Philadelphia.

He Philadelphia of Philadelphia is 
only by reason of harmony 
ama knows it, and he is wise who 
listens to it and throws off the dull 
cares of every day life if only for a 
haff day or less to indulge it. 
The forests are but a trolley ride 
from the center of town. There 
grow the laurel and the partridge 
berries, the pine and the spruce, the 
moss and the litchens that are so 
prized for Christmas trimmings. The 
pair is full of tonic and the life-giving 
tag is full of tonic and the life-giving 
tag is not of the Finance Committee of the 
United State, with Senator Penrose's intimate 
knowledge of its needs, makes him 
have litchens that are so 
prosperity. His record as chairman 
of the Finance Committee of the 
United States Senate gives him rank, 
as suggested by Mayor-elect Smith, 
it is not what you will bring back 
in the way of Christmas greens, howe 
ever, that will make the trip worth 
while. It will be the memories and 
the mental pictures you will 
carry 
home to grace your Christmas tree 
excursionists. "Chuck" your job and 
go along, if you can.

Don't smile and business, but the masses of the working people. There is no other man better fitting into a situation like this, as Mayor-elect Smith has pointed out, than Boles Penrose, qualified for the work by years of experience in, and the widest knowledge of, public affairs. In making this statement, I feel that I am voicing the practically unanimous sentiment of the people of Pennsylvania—yes, of the nation."

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ready demonstrated that he will not be controlled or influenced in any unreasonable way by political leaders or factions. His recent declarations upon the subject of party leadership have clarified the atmosphere so that the newspapers of Philadelphia which the newspapers of Philadelphia which

cials 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 Palmerites led by William Mc-Lean, Jr., and Fred Kirkendall are scrapping like terries for the spoils which go with Democratic control of the county commissioners' office. Michael J. McLaughlin, a Garmanite, and John Todd Walsh, a Palmerite, are the majority commissioners, and, as the present working force in the commissioners' office is made up of dyed-in-the-wool followers of Palmer, it is plain that Garman is having the scrap of his political career to find places for his favorites."

combination a State-wide contest is the of a new building or n

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING



(Courtesy Eastman Kodak Company.)

#### TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

-The war has eliminated the English chorus man, according to a news

"Personally," said Judge Fisher, of Chicago, "I would object to a skirt reaching much above the ankle." Can't blame a resident of the city made famous by its big feet and strong wind for objecting.—Brooklyn Daily Times.

AN IMPENDING DANGER Undoubtedly, whether theoretically

desirable or not, the end of the present war will force upon the United

supported him in his political efforts I realize his great influence in the antional councils of the Republican Party and how valuable are his services at this time on account of his control of the season of the different Congressional districts will be elected delegates to the handlord convention, and it is my mony with Mr. Penroes and sustain an economic as we are in a milti-district will be elected delegates to the handlord convention, and it is my mony with Mr. Penroes and sustain his leadership for the welfare of the State and Nation."

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most vital interest of the country as a whole.

But there is in our situation a more fatal weakness than the absence of a scientific economic policy. Our current philosophy of legislation is speculative rather than practical. At the firm when we should be demanding expert knowledge and advice as the basis of public action, the tendency is to appeal to the inexpert, the preoccupied, and the inexperienced, to decide the most important public questions.—David Jayne Hill, in the North American Review.

Ily philanthropist" is nowhere to be found.

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# THE MEXICAN MUDDLE

#### 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 at this time. The ramifications of the Clark nonpartisan bill have been somewhat confusing in the matter of the extent of the extent of the extent of the textent of the extent of the extent of the risburg decided the matter satisfactors, ity, but the other cities seem to be having considerable difficulty in reaching a conclusion.

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vincing evidence that the belief is cor-rect when he tore an ax from a rack-in the Lackawanna station at Clark's Summit Saturday and proceeded up and down the station, swinging his weapon wildly and sending men, wo-men and children cackling in all direc-tions. He was calmed after two hours through the medium of moral, mixed with a touch of physical, sua-sion.

### Our Daily Laugh

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? HIS SPIRIT EN

The cork came out.

> 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.

HE KNEW.

MORE LIKE CHRISTMAS By WING DINGER

Hasn't seemed a bit like Christmas

With a goodly lot of snow. There's a breath of Christmas spirit

Tell you what, stores may be laden With a lot of merchandise morning Will to many bring surprise, But there's nothing that makes faces

# Ebening Chat

placed end to end would make a train that would go a long ways 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. The yards are those in the northern part of the either the two railroads in what is called the Harrisburg district. The yards are those in the northern part of the city and extending up beyond Lucknow Forge; the Enola yards with their several divisions and others operated by the Pennsylvania and the Rutherford yards of the Reading. This number of freight cars sounds appalling to the man who sees a train of fifty or sixty cars being hauled over the bridges or up or down on either side of the river. But there have been days, say railroad men, when this number was exceeded. Nowadays, it is estimated that Trainmaster Joseph Brown, who has charge of the Pennsylvania's freight, tidewater, preferential, coal, fast, livestock and just plain slow, has about 5,000 cars moved, east and west, north and south from the Harrisburg yards every twenty-four hours, while over in his Enola domain the movement runs up around 6,000. Hence the Pennsylvania movement in all directions through the yards that frings Harrisburg amounts to about 11,000 a day. The Rutherford yards, which were considered enormous for the business in sight when laid out, are now handling between 3,000 and 3,500 cars every twenty-four hours, a considered enormous for the business in sight when laid out, are now handling between 3,000 and 3,500 cars every twenty-four hours, a considered enormous for the business in sight when laid out, are now handling between 3,000 and 3,500 cars every twenty-four hours, a considerable quantity of this pouring in from the Southern States for shipment to New York. Harrisburg is one of the great classification points for the coal trade of Pennsylvania, in addition to the great varieties of other freight, and the trains are made up here for half a dozen of the ports on the Atlantic seaboard. phia by either the Pennsylvania or the Reading systems. Yet that is the

Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton, 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 what Pennsylvania has been doing in the way of food supplies and what it can do. Some attention will be given to Dauphin county.

The war has eliminated the English the horus man, according to a news dispatch. Soore ten points in favor of germany.

—Hard lack for the poor chaps a few weeks preceding the inaugurate of the compensation act.

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Here are an earn of the former gridiron club at Washington on Saturday, is the Washington correspondent of the best-known newspapermen. He has been here a number of times on big stories. Col. Henry Hall, former legislator and Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh Chronicle and the customs and the properties of the properties of

#### WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

charge of engineering work in the Delaware river, was given a reception by the Penn Club in Philadelphia. —President Isaac Sharpless, of Haverford, has been elected president of the Friends Historical Society of London

London.
Judge-elect Joseph P. Rogers, of
Philadelphia will be given a dinner
by friends in Philadelphia.
—Dr. W. C. Powell, well-known in
Eastern counties is now president of
the Lower Merion School Board.

#### DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has been a place for State convention since 1895?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first blast furnace is supposed have been built here in the twenties

"On the whole," says Mr. Tart, "I favor President Wilson's plan for preparedness." It is not an ideal plan, by any means, and it must be revised in many important respects; yet, as between the blood-drenched dream of the one Colonel and the white-feathered Utopia of the other Colonel, there are a good many millions of virile American citizens who would prefer to keep in the middle of the road, hats on and unafraid. Mr. Taft was never cut out to be a politician. He has too much common sense. — Philadelphia Public Ledger. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

#### "Shelf" Profits

"Yes," said the retailer, pointing to his heavily laden shelves, "I certainly have a fine profit in those goods, only I don't sell those goods, only I don't sell any."
It's the goods that sell that really show figures in the bank balance.
And goods that sell are good products that are newspaper advertised.
It pays the manufacturer to advertise in the newspapers and it pays the retailer to co-operate with the kind of advertising that

with the kind of advertising that helps him.
It translates "shelf" profits into real money, when the store-keeper pushes newspaper advertised merchandise.