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THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 13

It is foolish to be afraid of making our ties too spiritual, as if so we could lose any genuine love.—EMERSON.

### NO PARTY DIVISION

ATTER the declarations from the progressive conference at Chicago it can hardly be imagined that the Republicans, whether they term themselves regular or progressive, will engage in factional struggles in Pennsylvania or elsewhere this year. Upon every side it is becoming evident that the welfare of the country demands constructive and consistent policies of government. And because it is so manifestly desirable that all elements get together for the benefit of the United States and its people that mischievous of every sort within the Republican fold will be forced into back seats.

Here in Pennsylvania there has been more or less foolish talk of a conflict between the friends of Senator Penrose and Governor Brumbaugh over the election of delegates to the national convention. This gossip emanated largely from quarters never in close touch with the body of the people. But so general is the desire for a united party in this State and elsewhere that the provocateurs of strife are receiving mighty little consideration. Instead of arousing antagonism among others they are invoking the wrath of the party as a whole upon themselves.

It is a pleasing indication of the returning sanity in every direction that county and district leaders are almost with one accord advising party peace and harmony with a view of presenting a solid front to the common political foe in November.

While he is about it Mayor Meals can prevent the public setting a bad example to the nonswearing policemen by requiring the patrolmen to report all overhanging tree branches less than seven feet above the sidewalk. There's a lot of scientific trimming necessary, and the police force might easily report the offending branches to the City Forester. A swish in the face is quite provoking, b'gosh!

### SAFETY FOR AMERICANS

IN the younger days of the republic, when we had more of spirit than strength, to be an American citizen was to be assured of protection anywhere the flag was known. On more than one occasion, with the odds against it, the American navy has backed up the demand of Washington that American citizenship be respected. But recently "watchfully waiting" statesmen have amputated the long arm of Uncle Sam at the elbow and our citizens are not safe from the plotting and murderous designs of foreigners even within our own boundaries. Life after life has been snuffed out in the munition factories at home, our people have been warned to leave their livelihoods and their properties in Mexico and get out of the country, and now congressmen, with no disapproval from the White House, are demanding that American citizens remain off the passenger ships of bellicose nations.

The latest outrage in Mexico is the culmination of the administration's weakness and folly.

When Rome was at the zenith of her power, to be a Roman citizen meant immunity from harm wherever the power of Roman arms was known. Take the incident of Paul at Jerusalem. When they would have scourged him he demanded: "Is it lawful to scourge a man that is a Roman and uncondemned?" And when the centurion heard this he went to the captain and said: "Take heed what you do, for this man is a Roman." Not only that, but Paul was not scourged, and the chief captain "was afraid" because Paul was a Roman and he had bound him.

But that was Rome, and this is America, and who is there to-day abroad who dares not treat with scorn an American or take his life if he so desires, if that accords with his murderous will?

The spirit of John Hay must weep in sorrow at the changes that have taken place so recently in Washington. We have lost the respect of the world. Our diplomacy is the laughing stock of the great governmental powers of the earth. And yet there are those who would continue the vacillation another four years, and others who

try out against preparedness on a scale that would put unlimited power of enforcement behind the demands of the experienced and courageous men who must be placed in charge of affairs at the national capital to replace the timid experimentalists who have brought disgrace upon the nation and whose spineless policies have been responsible for the death of so many American citizens. American citizenship must be made to count for something in the world, but "watchful waiting" will never bring it about.

### A WORRIED PARTY

THE disingenuous attitude of President Wilson and his apologists in the matter of the one term plans of the Baltimore convention is proving a serious handicap for the present occupant of the White House in his ambition to succeed himself. Bryan having previously repudiated the plank when he was in the Wilson cabinet is now hamstrung in his desire to make use of the same weapon as a big stick in his anti-Wilson propaganda.

It has not been forgotten either that the President declared to a party of women suffragists on one occasion that he would be controlled in his judgment and action upon matters of such moment by the declarations of his party in the Baltimore convention. But it has been long since proven that Woodrow Wilson is exceedingly nimble when it comes to changing front on any proposition which may in any degree affect his ambition or personal interests.

It is going to be a rather difficult year for Wilson defenders, owing to the fact that the President has so frequently found it desirable from his standpoint to declare what was blue yesterday is a vivid green to-day. So generally has this come to be understood that even the foreign governments to whom he has been sending frequent notes do not take them seriously. They are simply "scraps of paper" to be treated with contemptuous indifference in some cases, and with ridicule in others.

For the relief of his party and those who are still supporting his alleged policies the President should write the platform of the St. Louis convention this year so that it will not be necessary for him to repudiate its pledges in the brief time left to him as chief executive after the November elections. With his facility of expression it ought to be easily possible for him to write any plank so that it may be susceptible of at least two conclusions.

As to the "hardscrabble" dispute, it is not a sentimental matter nor is it one of those things over which to grow excited. City Solicitor Seitz has given one assurance after another that the city will deal fairly with the owners of property in this district. As to the equities involved, the case stands on all fours with the Capitol Park extension, save only that properties which are benefited must pay part of the cost. It is generally admitted that the viewers earnestly labored to give all concerned a square deal.

### A WORTHY APPEAL

HISTORY holds no more horrifying tale of man's inhumanity to man than the sufferings of the Jews of Europe during the present war. Of the millions of men on the battle front, none are fighting with greater bravery than the hundreds of thousands of Jews. And upon none have the hates of kings fallen more terribly.

In America sorrowing coreligionists have heard the sobs of heart-broken mothers, of weeping fathers, of hungry babies, in the devastated states of Eastern Europe. How well they have heeded the call is written in the financial statements of the American Jewish Relief Committee.

The Jewish people of Harrisburg have contributed their share toward the sufferers' fund, but another great demonstration of the popular spirit of helpfulness and sympathy has been planned. Sunday afternoon at 2:30 is the time; Technical high school auditorium is the place.

The committee of arrangements is composed of Harrisburg's representative Hebrews. David Kaufman is chairman. To-day a personal letter was sent to every man, woman and child of the faith urging attendance at Sunday's meeting. Help, co-operation—these are the keynotes of the spirit that prevails among the Jews of Harrisburg and surrounding towns.

The cries for aid for Europe's wounded, starving men and women and hungry babies will be answered by their coreligionists of Harrisburg in the voluminous voice of one of the greatest gatherings ever held in this city.

These are the days for planning and preparing for the outdoor work of the year. Commissioners Lynch, Bowman and Gross particularly have much to think about, and preparedness now means efficiency and practical results when the blue birds come again.

### REPUBLICAN PROSPECTS

The Republican party by this time ought to be pretty well cleaned up, and I hope have had their ears to the ground and been listening and watching.—Ex-Senator Flinn at Chicago.

Right you are, William Republicans can leaders have had their ears to the ground and their eyes upon the trail of events. They are not mistaken as to the signs of the times. This is a year of peace and readjustment in the great Republican party.

Mr. Flinn is a practical, hard-headed businessman and when he observes that the party leaders have been prodigals of the party been watching and waiting and, like the ex-Senator, they are ready to act with their brethren. He is right also in the declaration that new issues have arisen since 1912 and "we must be Americans above all else."

"M. G." had as his guests at the Executive Mansion, one night this week, two old Huntingdon friends, and it was a session of wild lang syne. Every step of the Governor's is closely fol-

lowed by the Juniata Valley folk, who want his administration to be a great success.

Only a few properties are yet to be acquired in the Capitol Park zone, and the next Legislature will have submitted to it the plans for permanent improvement of the whole park area.

Great goings-on these days in preparation for the big charity ball next week. "Mind your step and get your tickets" is the revised slogan in many households.

Those "concurrent" Chicago conventions will be more spectacular than any moving picture show.

### TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

We have had yellow books, blue books, red books and white books on the war, and now comes a black book. That describes it.

—What's a platform plank, between friends?

—The President says he is perfectly willing to bow to public opinion. Bowing to the inevitable, as it were.

Bryan declines to carry his peace policies to the extent of party politics.

—There's one thing to be said in favor of the "grill"—it's a mighty good excuse for staying away from some place to which you don't want to go.

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

Villa means to go to Argentina and raise cattle.—News Item. The buccaneer will be tame after what he has been accustomed to raising.—New York Evening Sun.

"Educate soldier for civil life," is the substance of a communication to The Herald. The most pressing thing just at present is to educate a few civilians for the soldier's life.—Chicago Herald.

Speaking of the British failure to take the offensive in the war, it is to route, it is to remember that some other people have not yet reached Paris, Calais, or Riga, and they started first.—New York World.

—Between friends, what's a little thing like a one term plank?—New York Sun.

### THROUGH HERSEY

[The Hershey Press.]

No large public improvement in Pennsylvania is of such direct interest to Hershey as the William Penn Highway. It will pass directly through the town and will be of the highest possible value to us.

At present we suffer a little because of the fact that we are off the main track, which is the Lincoln Highway running south of us through Lancaster.

The William Penn Highway is the more northerly line and it offers larger attractions to the motorist because it has fewer grades. It will mean an increased motor travel to Hershey and Harrisburg from Philadelphia, New York and eastern and northern points.

We commend the truth and spirit of this editorial in the Harrisburg Telegraph:

"There can be no doubt of the success of the William Penn Highway. It is as safe to travel as the highways of Spring. There are back of this proposition most of the livewires of the commercial and motor organizations between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Harrisburg is radiating east and west a strong influence on the side of this proposed route. It appeals so strongly to the populous towns and districts throughout the central part of the State that there can be no doubt of its success. With the Chamber of Commerce of this city pulling a strong oar it is certain that the new year will not be very long when definite steps shall have been taken."

Why not have Harrisburg invite the aid and interest of those "populous towns and districts" and get them to send delegates to a meeting in that city? The cause is worth all the trouble and progress can best be made by co-operation.

### WHAT IS YOUR VIEW?

[Kansas City Times.]

Those who live within hearing of a railroad yard will appreciate the following statement from the officials of a railway in Dallas, Tex., and signed: "Unfortunate who try to live and work and sleep in the vicinity":

—"It is absolutely necessary to the discharge of his duty day and night that the engineer of your engine should make it ding and clang and fizz and spit and clank and bang and pounce and roar and yell and pant and rant and yowl and howl and grumble and grind and puff and chug and clunk and clank and chug and moan and hoot and toot and crash and bumble and jolt and jostle and slam and scrape and throb and crink and jangle and quiver and rumble and roar and rattle and yell and smoke and smell and shriek like a hawk."

—People at the hearing in the Coatesville mayoralty contest almost came to blows yesterday. It was charged that forty votes for Mayor Jones were frauds and his people rather resented it.

—It cost Johnstown \$4,300 to insure fire.

—The Franklin party organization met and entertained at Philadelphia this summer. Most of the men in it have gone over to the Republicans.

—Senator Penrose's declaration for Knox found hearty echo here to-day and many Republicans declared they hoped to see him return to the Senate soon.

—Friends of Joseph R. Grundy, the Bucks County Republican leader, today paid tribute to their congratulations on his election.

—R. O. Heilmann, appointed postmaster at Catasauqua, is the original Dewalt boomer.

—Major Smith, of Philadelphia, has declared in favor of a \$4,000,000 art museum for the city.

—Luzerne county politicians are trying to see whether the county will not need a workers' compensation act.

—The county will not need a workers' compensation act.

—The legislature is to meet on Jan. 15.

—W. J. Burke, who succeeded his brother as postmaster of Mount Carmel, has received notice that he is to serve out the full term.

—John C. McLean, of the Mount Carmel post office, has been promoted to the rank of assistant postmaster.

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