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MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 28

One, on God's side, is a majority.

WENDEL PHILLIPS.

REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS

STAND BY THE PRESIDENT," is a cry that has gone up from newspapers of all political creeds all over the land during the past few days...

Had the President at the very outset of hostilities in Europe informed the warring powers precisely where the United States stood as a neutral nation...

Just now we must stand by the President, first because in the present instance he is unquestionably right, and secondly because there must be left no room for thought in Europe that we in America are seriously divided on a matter having to do with our liberties as citizens or our honor as a nation.

That is why a great majority of Republicans at Washington—led by the venerable but courageous Lodge—are lined up solidly behind President Wilson. But because they are in full accord with the President on this particular issue must not be taken as an indication that they have endorsed as a whole his conduct of our foreign affairs.

Like the English, in their present sad plight, we "must muddle through it some how," pinning our faith on the people to change leadership in November. But that's a matter of the future. Just now the Republicans in Congress are displaying qualities worthy of the best traditions of the party.

WINTER AMUSEMENTS BENJAMIN F. UMBERGER, former president of select council and member of the City Planning Commission, told the ex-councilmen at their annual banquet last week, that one of the great problems municipal governments are now facing is the duty of improving citizenship by making living conditions better and eliminating crime.

We in this city have done fairly well in the way of public improvements—much to make the municipality a pleasanter and a better place in which to live, much to increase happiness and contentment among our people.

weather comes we shut our parks and our recreation places and tell our people, young and old, to go find their amusement where they may and as best they may.

Now this is all very well for the well-to-do family, with its ample and delightful home surroundings. It is all very well for those who have the wherewithal to provide for themselves. But how about the thousands whose homes scarcely may be called such? How about those who are crowded into more or less cheerless quarters and who have not the means to find their social pleasures elsewhere in pleasanter surroundings, unless it be amid the bright lights of the saloon or the cheap dance hall?

It may be contended that the Clark act, under which we operate, provides for no such indoor amusements as those of social centers, or municipal dancing places, or bowling alleys or billiard rooms. And the reply is that there is small difference between a municipally conducted golf course or tennis court outdoors and a billiard table or bowling alley indoors.

There can be no question of the need. One of the physicians of the county poor board, in conversation with the writer a few days ago, said:

I know of no one thing that would be more beneficial, morally and physically, than some form of municipally conducted amusements, such as dancing, bowling, billiards and the like, with reading rooms and public gathering places, and rough and where vice and wickedness enter many a time unbidden and unrecognized until they have done their deadly work.

It is this man's conviction that much of the good accomplished in the summer is lost during the winter. He believes that whole families would go to city conducted places of an evening for basketball, for bowling, for lectures, or merely to meet and chat and read. People of all ranks mix on the public golf links, on the tennis courts and in the parks, and, he argues, common winter resorts would bring about the same results indoors.

Harrisburg has set the pace for cities everywhere in the way of public improvements. Why not in this new and somewhat untried form of social service?

MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT THE Municipal Band will give a concert at the Orpheum theater on Thursday evening of this week. It has been a long time since Harrisburg has had opportunity to hear one of its own bands in winter concert.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE SAYS Frederick Palmer, just returned from a long period along the battle line in France and in the French and English capitals, writing for Collier's Weekly:

War cannot change the law of supply and demand. Europe will inevitably go out into the markets of the world to buy the things that she must sell goods in order to restore the trade balance. The men who survive in Europe will still have their brains, their skilled hands, their energy and industry and organization. These are the things that must succeed in the world.

Here we have the opinions of two keen observers possessed of "inside" information. Both are convinced that America is to be flooded after the war with the cheap labor products of Europe.

There is nothing new in the thought. Most Americans were convinced of that long ago. The conclusions of the Ambassador and the war correspondent are merely in the nature of additional evidence from authoritative sources.

THE MINISTER'S PLACE PRESIDING ELDER HEIL told the United Evangelical Conference in session here, during the course of his annual report on conditions in the district, that while the professional evangelist may be a helpful influence in church growth, he can never take the place of the evangelistic minister.

One of the boys at the office, who lives out at Penbrook, phoned me this morning that late in arriving at work, he would possibly be. The water pipes, he said, were frozen, with torch he was running about in an effort to locate the trouble. So that he might then thaw it out.

No, the professional evangelist can never take the place of the minister who labors for a pittance and gives his life in humble application to arduous duties, and it is a question if the high favor in which the traveling evangelist is now held will not soon wane.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

"Fat figures are the fashion," says a style magazine. Not in our bank book.

"We have a bunch that from the anxious air some of our women folks are assuming, the housecleaning folk is about to be repeated."

"But Verdun is no more Paris than Warsaw was Petrograd."

"If the brewers were as innocent as they claim, why did they burn their records?"

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Foiled Ford Retire in Confusion [Grand Rapids Press.]

In the first anti-preparedness advertisement Henry Ford said that if an enemy comes he is willing to devote his fortune and his life as Americans have done before, and we can imagine the chagrin of the enemy when Mr. Ford meets him at the dock with a page ad.

Faint Smile Here and There [Muncie Star.]

Former Senator La Follette says he is a candidate for the presidency, but the announcement has caused no consternation in any party camps.

THE SEARCHLIGHT

THE ELECTRIC KITCHENETTE

A model electric kitchenette recently exhibited in New York is likely to find its way into a large number of apartments and homes. All of its conveniences are compactly arranged in a stand, which is only 18 inches wide. It contains an electric range with oven, a dishwasher, washing machine, ironing board, and a refrigerator.

HOW TO LIVE LONGER

ACTIVITY—Rule 15—The mind and the body work together. The mind has a strong effect on the health of the body. A fit of anger, or a spell of worry, or envy, or hate, or jealousy may make you more tired than a hard day's work.

LABOR AND LITERACY

The Burnett Immigration Bill, which makes literacy the test of the admissibility of aliens to the United States, comes up before the House of Representatives this week. With some prunings and changes, it is in substance the same measure which Mr. Taft and Mr. Wilson vetoed, and for which the House of Representatives passed a two-thirds vote in the Sixty-fourth Congress.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

AN ERROR. Cholly: I came to ask for your daughter's hand. Fond Dad: Do you realize she's all I've got? Cholly: Gee, I thought you had a million!

LONG DISTANCE WAR. And then the captain telephoned his men to charge. Telephoned, eh? Well being an officer under those circumstances isn't so bad.

THE CAUSE OF IT ALL

By Wing Ding. One of the boys at the office, who lives out at Penbrook, phoned me this morning that late in arriving at work, he would possibly be. The water pipes, he said, were frozen, with torch he was running about in an effort to locate the trouble. So that he might then thaw it out.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Friends of Senator E. E. Beidleman said to-day that when his petitions for renomination which are now in circulation over the county are all returned they will show a majority of all the voters of Dauphin county as signers. Already the total number of names approaches the 15,000 mark and there are still something like 400 petitions still to be received.

Augustus Wildman, who made his formal announcement as a candidate for re-election to the Assembly from the city district through the newspapers on Saturday, also has many signs in his petition and said this morning that he is much pleased with the progress of his campaign.

The slate of delegates and alternates at large to the Progressive national convention from Pennsylvania has been made public by A. Nevin Detrich, of Chambersburg, state chairman of the Washington party committee. He says he has corresponded with the Washington party leaders in every county and the following men are the candidates agreed upon:

Delegates—William Flinn and H. D. W. English, Pittsburgh; Lewis Emery, Jr., Bradford; Robert K. Young, Wellsboro; Gifford Pinchot, Millford, and William Draper Lewis, Philadelphia. Alternates—E. A. Hempstead, Meadville; Major Harry Watson, Greenville; Dana R. Stephens, Athens; Thomas A. H. Hay, Easton; Arthur G. Graham, Philadelphia; and A. Nevin Detrich, Chambersburg.

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Do not make any work of being healthy. Lay down certain rules and follow them the best you can until you get used to doing them. Do not hurry if you can help it. Start to your work a little earlier in the morning and take your time. You will not be tired when you get there and you will work better.

Fighting Serbian Maid Is Now a Sergeant

Out in North Dakota there is a seventy-two mile from a railroad where the teacher has been preparing for months a program of three plays for the local celebration. The children have caught the touch of her



SERGEANT SLAVKA TOMITCH

This seventeen-year-old girl was promoted from the rank of private in the Serbian army for heroic conduct in action. She served two years in the comitajes, under Maj. Tankesitch, named by Austria as responsible for the assassination of the Archduke Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

"WASTING TIME"



From the Columbus Dispatch.

The Shakespeare Tercentenary

By Frederic J. Haskin

SHAKESPEARE is going to center the center of the stage this year with the preparedness problem, the presidential nomination and the European war. On April 23 he will have been dead three hundred years, but he is still a live issue.

Plans for celebrating the tercentenary were begun by Shakespeare lovers more than ten years ago. The original intention was to unite the world in a universal memorial festival.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY It is not necessary to travel to Spain or Mexico or any other country where toreros hold sway when we have bull-throvers and fighters right here in our own State.

This Is the Birthday Anniversary of—

Charles Emmet Murray, alderman of the Third ward. He is a Harrisburger by birth, and a strong booster for his native city.

RECENT REMARKS [From the New York Independent.] Whiffred Black—To most women nowadays love is a side issue.

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Evening Chat

Lovers of trout fishing in this city and vicinity, and there are quite a few who are awaiting the passing of the six weeks until the trout flies may be thrown, are showing much interest in the suggestion of Nathan R. Buller, State commissioner of fisheries, that brown trout be used to stock the streams which were formerly known for "good trout" places, but which the speckled beauties have forsaken.

DAVID T. Watson, the eminent Pittsburgh lawyer, who died at Atlantic City a few days ago, was well-known to this city as he had appeared in a number of big tax cases, and before the Supreme court and various State boards. He was of the counsel for the State in the preparation of the equity suits growing out of the State Capital raising investigation.

The cold wave which has been surging up and down over this part of the State in the last week or so has taken away all fears of a shortage of ice in the city. The ice is being cut and stored in worth while noting. Some fine ice is to be had within a short distance of this city and carefully protected sources of supply are now furnishing many carloads for storage against next summer's ice cream.

A Harrisburg man, coming from New York, has the following remark upon the fact that things happen in bunches, even on trains. Some journeys are deadly; everyone is uninteresting; nothing exciting happens, and the passengers are all looking forward to the next stop. On this journey, however, things happened constantly. For several hours a portly Irishman in the end of the car sang Irish ditties and a smaller and weaker-voiced friend made valiant but unsuccessful efforts to accompany him, for this latter, it must be admitted, was of the class of John Barleycorn's and had but recently spent certain hours in his company.

Men interested in politics are of the opinion that except in the cities and in some of the counties where there are special reasons there will be no extensive filing of nominating petitions beyond the number required to put a name on the ballot. The papers will be signed, but in many cases they are retained by candidates as evidence of the regard in which he is held.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Bishop J. F. Berry yesterday dedicated a new church house in Philadelphia.

—Captain W. S. Randle, active in shipping, said in Philadelphia that the Panama canal had held foreign ship volunteers firemen, served a long time as a member of Common Council, and holds the position of secretary for the local Aeris Fraternal Order of Eagles.

—E. F. Statesbury celebrated his sixty-seventh birthday at Palm Beach.

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