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SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 4

The shadow of human life is traced upon a golden ground of immortal hope.—HILLARD.

THE BABY SHOW

THE Harrisburg Health Department is preparing an exhibit for the annual baby week...

The baby week emphasizes the constructive side of infant care. It addresses not only individual parents but communities.

The best test of its value will be the work that follows it.

Undoubtedly every State Board of Health should secure what only six States have at present—a special division of child hygiene.

There are 2,009 counties in the United States. In every county seat there should be a center for the health work of that county—a station for examining babies, and other children, and for furnishing expert advice for keeping them well—in short, a health teaching center.

We must have complete birth registration. All these will be institutions for the common use—no more revolutionary, no more clumsy, than public schools and weather bureaus and agricultural experiment stations.

The New Zealand infant mortality rate is less than one-half of ours and is being further reduced.

Why take less pains for American babies than New Zealand takes?

The correspondence between the President and late Secretary of War is described by Oswald G. Villard as a "fresh revelation of the President's stability of purpose."

The "lonely President in the White House" has disappeared from the news dispatches from Washington.

CENSORSHIP AT ITS WORST

THE censorship which European governments exercise over the correspondence from the theater of war has the valid excuse that free communication from the zone of fighting might tend to enlighten the enemy.

Mr. Wilson's party has a majority of sixteen votes in the Senate and the resolution of inquiry was passed without a dissenting voice.

compatible with the public interest." This is censorship at its worst, for it confounds the interest of the President with that of the public and refuses to the representatives of the people the facts which they are entitled to receive and which an administration which was acting in good faith would be prompt to produce.

"Arrant nonsense," says Champ Clark of the talk that Claude Kitchin is to be ousted from his place as Democratic leader in the House of Representatives.

HAM AND "MARSH"

THE exigencies of the Democratic situation in Indiana have caused the President to do another flop, and he is now in favor of Marshall as his running mate for a second term.

Mr. Wilson once described his mind as a single track affair. But he cannot say it is a single-term mind.

BRINGING HOME THE SCRAP

WHEN the European war broke out it was Charles M. Schwab who first saw the vast demand for American-made munitions, and his foresight and salesmanship are now taking shipload after shipload of munitions in a continuous procession across the Atlantic to the armies of the Allies in the field.

A lot of "deserving Democrats" got prominently mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the War Department. This puts them in line to make a substantial contribution to Wilson's second campaign fund.

THE GORE VOTE

IT is said that Berlin does not look upon the United States as a well united nation, but rather as a "mass meeting," where it has been agreed that popular opinion shall prevail, but where there is little unity of thought or purpose.

The German government appears to be basing its assumption of disagreement in the United States on the same basis as it did the mistaken notion that Great Britain was on the verge of revolution at the outset of the present war, and therefore, would not risk getting into the fighting—and with just about as much foundation in fact.

Spain found that out in 1898 when she went into the conflict more than half believing the South would not prove loyal to the national government, only to learn that the South needed no spur to cause it to rush to the nation's defense in time of need.

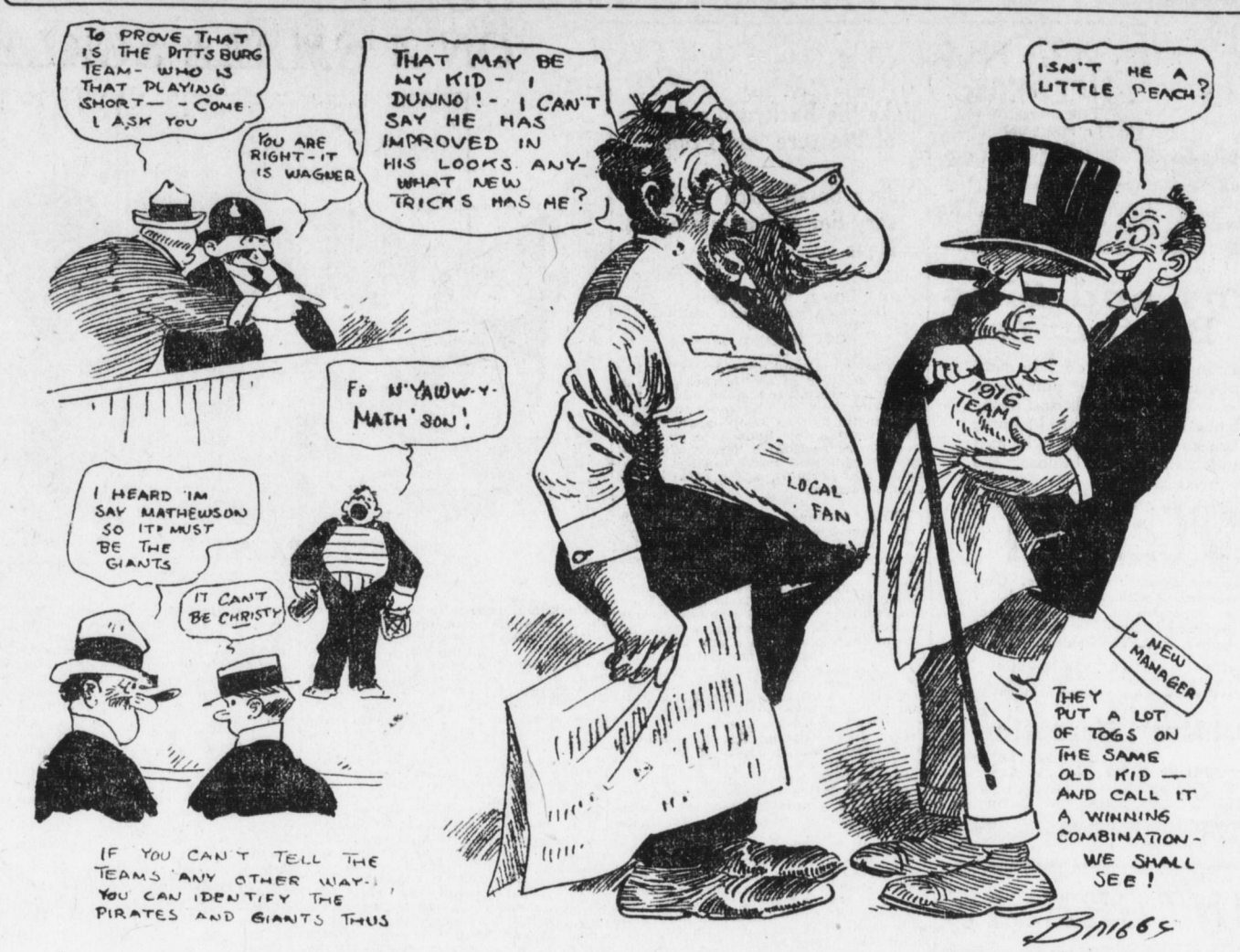
That Denver does not grow hysterical over New York's demands for coast defense does not mean that Colorado would not be one of the first States to come to the defense of the East at the crack of an invader's cannon, or that because New York is not excited over San Francisco's real or fancied fear of Japan is no sign that the metropolis of the East would not, without a moment's hesitation, throw her men and her millions into the balance if the Pacific coast were threatened.

Senator John Sharp Williams is to address the Berks Democrats at Reading on April 13.

Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the State Compensation Board, aroused some attention in Philadelphia yesterday by attacks on the city police, but William H. Wilson, the director of public safety, ignored them.

There is no telling how much harm this Gore resolution has done abroad, but the Senate's almost unanimous vote in support of the White House should have a counterbalancing effect and there can be no question that the Republicans of the House, backed up by the better element of the Democrats, will stifle all attempts of Bryan and his pro-German ilk to further embarrass the administration in the lower branch of Congress.

YOU'LL HAVE A HARD TIME RECOGNIZING LAST YEAR'S TEAM



BUSY DAYS AHEAD

THERE are busy days ahead for Harrisburg, with the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company building a new river bridge and extending its tracks, the Pennsylvania constructing new yards and a new freight station and the Philadelphia and Reading putting on two new passenger trains and letting contracts for big extensions between Harrisburg and Rutherford and in the Rutherford yards.

Philadelphia Progressives are much torn these days. Some are for return to the party and some for Roosevelt.

The declaration of the Chamber of Commerce convention for home rule for Pennsylvania cities sounds very much like a shower of bills in the next Legislature to bring about changes in the third class city law.

Philadelphia city's board of revision of taxes has been reappointed by the courts.

EX-Congressman A. M. Walters is said to be considering running for Congress against Warren Worth Bailey on either the Republican or Progressive ticket.

Berks county controller has refused to approve bills for rum for mince pies at the almshouse.

HOUSECLEANING

"Ah see yo' is housecleanin," said Mrs. Snow White. "Yes," replied Mrs. Marsh Green, "dey is nothin' lak movin' things 'round once in awhile. Why I des come across a pair of slippers under de bed dat Ah hadn't seen for five years."

FRUITS OF WILDERNESS

Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.—Joel 2:20.

FREE GIFTS

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.—I Corinthians 2:12.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

BOBBIE WARN-ED HIM. Cholly: You might tell your sister I have a couple hundred dollars saved. Bobbie: Lemme see, that's about four spring hats, ain't it?

ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT. Moralizer: All men are born equal. Demoralizer: Yes, and the equality stops right there.

HER IDEAL. Inventor: That machine can do the work of ten men. Visitor: Gee whiz! My wife ought to have married it!

NOTHING AT ALL. He: Darling, I would live for you alone. She: Humpf! Lots of fellows would die for me.

MORE SETTLERS WANTED

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE United States has an emigration problem. All our national life we have been worried over the immigrant, whether to admit him, what to do with him.

In the last ten years almost a million Americans have emigrated to the Dominion of Canada. Their space cannot be filled by any million of the immigrants that Europe sends us so liberally.

Contrary to the current impression, the United States also has an immense amount of public land unappropriated. Practically all of them are young native-born farmers and their families, the best kind of Americans.

The present Congress is considering a number of different bills calculated to keep the American at home. They are all land bills, for the question is a land question.

Now it is desirable that as much of our public lands as possible should be settled by Americans. Out of the 260 million acres open to entry, it is doubtful whether more than half can ever be put under cultivation.

Nowadays when a man boards a ship to cross the Atlantic its often all over for him.

The man who shrinks from marriage is usually a pretty cheap pattern.

They tell us that there is no use in preparing as we will never be attacked; which is just what they were saying in England before the war broke out.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

FORWARD, MEN! [Grand Rapids Press.] Owing to the war there is a great shortage of canary birds. Now if you can manage an embargo on rubber plants, men, we shall have something worth fighting for.

PROMINENT SMALL POTATOES, TAKE NOTE [Milwaukee Journal.] Yes, every good and great man has been attacked, but that doesn't make every little two by four who reminds you of it either good or great.

THE SEARCHLIGHT NEW WIRELESS OUTFIT A new set of wireless apparatus has been designed for the United States Signal corps with a number of advantages over any now in use.

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TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

A lawyer calling a witness on the other side a "paid hireling" reminds us that the pot called the kettle black.

Altoona's mayor in his first message urges a new city hall. Aw, come on down to Harrisburg and write another.

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THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

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Evening Chat

Adoption of the military plans now favored by the military committee of the lower house of congress means the doubling of the National Guard in Pennsylvania in the opinion of people at the State Capitol who have been considering the effects of such a big increase in the organized militia.

Records of the State Treasury which was operated in Philadelphia in 1793 and kept here in barrels when the Capitol was moved to Lancaster over 100 years ago, are being rearranged and given better storage places by the auditor general.

At noon the other day in the electrician's office at police headquarters, a crowd of city patrolmen, officials and deputies were gathered.

One of the signs of Spring which have been noticed by thousands of Harrisburgers the last week was huge piles of canoes in front of a Market Square sporting goods store.

In striking contrast to the long pinched faces of the ice men are the smiling countenances of the city canoists, who plan to get an early start this Spring.

Not only the canoists, but other rivermen were disgusted with the condition of affairs last year. The turbulent, muddy waters made fishing meetings and road congresses this year were remarkably few bass and salmon caught.

This is the season of the township supervisors' conventions throughout the State and practically every official of the State Highway Department has been out addressing the meetings or road congresses this year.

Justice Martin N. Brubaker, Mr. Joy, of the County, his eighty-five year old and has seen seven generations.

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