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TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 9

As sure as ever God puts His children in the furnace, He will be in the furnace with them.—ANON.

"M. G." AND THE N. G. P.

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH was absolutely right in his Harrisburg speech when he declared the position of the Commonwealth with respect to the use of the National Guard in maintaining order in the strike area. Time was when the military arm of the State was frequently utilized by coal operators and other industrial concerns as a police power for their own special purposes. With the coming of the State police, however, this attitude was changed somewhat and for a considerable period of years the forces of the National Guard have not been called into service for strike duty.

When the Governor stated in his speech that the heads of the big industrial plants affected by the present disturbance had been warned that the Guard would not be kept on duty indefinitely simply to protect the plants involved in the absence of any effort on the part of the companies to reach an adjustment of the differences in some reasonable way, he properly indicated that the State expects as speedy a settlement as possible and a peaceful and prompt adjustment of existing disputes. That is the right course. So long as life and property are at stake the strong arm of the Commonwealth will intervene, but it is not reasonable to expect the State to act as a policeman when no effort is made to adjust the differences between employer and employee.

It is well that Governor Brumbaugh made clear this phase of the matter in the heart of the disturbed region.

THE GERMAN SITUATION

WE should not permit ourselves to be lulled into a sense of false security with respect to the continuance of friendly relations between this country and Germany as a result of the recent correspondence of the two governments regarding the use of the submarine against merchant vessels. The whole situation is more fraught with danger now than ever before. We have reached a point in the negotiations where one more incident like that of the Sussex would automatically cause a diplomatic break, with all that usually follows. The President in almost so many words has warned Germany that the Government of the United States will do no more neutral writing, that it has reached the end of its patience and that it looks to the imperial government to keep its pledge of respect for neutral rights. A violation of that pledge can mean but one thing.

It is stated now that there will be a big jump in the price of coal as a result of the recent agreement between the operators and miners in the anthracite coal regions. A dispatch from Scranton states that the price of domestic sizes will be raised 40 cents a ton which will mean that the people will be paying 90 cents more a ton for coal than they were a year ago. Again the interested bystander gets the rooks.

WAR ORDERS BOOST WAGES

VARIOUS States east of the Mississippi River, and particularly along the Atlantic coast, laborers in the mills supplying the belligerents with munitions of war, or indirect beneficiaries of the war, are receiving substantial benefits from our war order prosperity in the shape of increased wages.

Four textile mills in Adams, Mass., for instance, have announced an increase of 10 per cent. in their wage scales. This will affect 1,300 operatives. The Atlantic Mills, Providence, R. I., have granted a 10 per cent. increase to their 3,000 employees. Corrihan, McKinney & Co., Cleveland, Ohio, have advanced wages 10 per cent. to their 1,700 employees. Five mills in Pittsfield, Mass., manufacturing woolen goods, have boosted wages 10 per cent.

In this State the steel workers are learning what it means to them if their mills operate at capacity. The 10 per cent. increase in wages granted to the operatives of the United States Steel Corporation, February 1, was followed by an additional 10 per cent. increase effective May 1. This means an addition of \$23,000,000 to the pay envelopes of that company since the

first of the year. The Pennsylvania Steel, Central Iron and Steel and the Lalance-Grosjean employees have felt the benefits.

Many of the Pennsylvania independents have announced increases, with the distinct understanding that it results entirely from the abnormally large business being done and from the present high profits. In the Youngstown district the men are to receive each month a bonus of 10 per cent. of their pay for the month preceding, to continue so long as steel prices remain on a high level and plants are operating at capacity or close to capacity. Employees of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company will get a bonus each quarter in addition to their 10 per cent. wage increase.

These increases in wages mean increased purchasing power on the part of labor, or larger savings bank deposits by those who are thrifty and have an eye to after-the-war conditions and a return to a normal wage basis. Reduced to its simplest terms, the Democratic party is depending upon the hungry jaws of European cannon and the dependence upon the United States of European soldiers for food, clothing and equipment to keep this war-order prosperity going until after the November elections, in the hope that this abnormal state of affairs will throw political issues in the background. Most business men realize, however, that a party which relies on this sort of business is not a good business party.

If there is any improper relation between the activity of school teachers and the publishing firms supplying text books to the Harrisburg school district, then it would seem to be an easy matter to remedy the situation. Figures printed by an Altoona newspaper would seem to indicate that we are paying more for school books in Harrisburg than in any city of our class in Pennsylvania. These facts are at least ascertainable and since the matter has been brought to public attention it is reasonable to assume that there will be no delay in getting at the truth of the situation.

A LIVEWIRE ORGANIZATION

IT is a good sign when the motor clubs of Harrisburg and Palmyra combine to compel a turnpike company to keep an important highway in good condition. Time was when turnpike companies and borough officials assumed that they could do as they pleased respecting the roads. This has all passed away, however, and motor clubs and other organizations are forcing a different attitude toward the public. It ought to be apparent to the average citizen of Harrisburg that the Motor Club of this city is a live organization. It has always come to the front in every emergency and during the last few years has accomplished much in the direction of improving the highways of this section.

The Technical High School will be open for inspection Friday evening. Harrisburg has no better example of what its school board and school officials have done and can do in the way of providing proper educational facilities than the "Tech" school. Taxpayers ought to take advantage of this opportunity. They owe it to themselves and they owe it to those whom they elect and those whom they employ to conduct their school system to go and see what excellent results are being obtained.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

THE inability of Carranza to maintain order even along the border of this country and Mexico has been made painfully evident again by the loss of American lives at the hands of the bloodthirsty bandits who follow the leadership of this or that chief, permit so long as their allegiance will permit them to lead a life of lawlessness to which they are dedicated. Just now it suits their purpose to pose as followers of Villa. Next week, or the week after, they may be allied with any other trouble maker who is not vested with legal authority, so far as that term applies in Mexico at present. They will never be anything but bandits so long as conditions permit them to live by murder and loot.

The answer is that, sooner or later, the United States will have to go into Mexico for more than Villa. The restoration of order in that country is going to be a tremendous task and one not to be entered upon lightly. Now is the time for the government to prepare itself fully for what may be forced upon us at any moment. Better to be ready in all things for the performance of this work and never do it than to attempt it in a haphazard, hit-or-miss fashion. The Philippines are an example of the length of occupation and difficulties to be overcome that we may be called upon to face in Mexico at a moment's notice.

We have reached the high point in ballot foolishness. It is explained that the primary ballot for the 16th of this month will require the average party man to make 48 marks in order to express his preference as to candidates. This is a fine situation. Unless there shall come a change we may expect each voter in the near future to hire a professional marker in order that there may be an intelligent showing at the polls.

VETERANS AND PREPAREDNESS

THE Veterans of the Foreign Wars of the United States, in session here, have gone on record most heartily in favor of preparedness. There is a lesson in this for everybody. These men have been through the mill. They have faced the deadly rifle and the even more deadly fever in far-off lands whether they have gone on the nation's business. They know whereof they speak. None of them wants to undergo the same experiences again, but one and all feel that if the call should come and they would like their sons to know better how to take care of themselves than did the boys who responded when war broke out in '98.

Most of the veterans of the foreign service went into the army absolutely untrained. They had to learn to be soldiers in the fever-stricken camps of the South, at San Juan Hill, in Porto Rico, in the Philippines, and among the rice dykes of China. It was rough experience and many a lad lay down his life in those campaigns because he did not know the things that every

soldier on field duty should know. Their graves in far-away countries are monuments to the "unpreparedness" of America.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

While Governor Brumbaugh was in Erie county last evening urging voters to keep their eyes open and Senator Snyder was in Philadelphia saying things about the way the governor's administration was conducting affairs men prominent in politics throughout this State and New York and at Washington were talking about the frequent conferences between Senator Boies Penrose and George W. Perkins, the general of the progressives and close friend of Theodore Roosevelt. Many appeared to think that the senator and the friends of the colonel had come close to an understanding, which would let events take their course at Chicago. In a Washington dispatch today the Philadelphia Ledger gives prominence to a story in which the following passages occurred: "It was reported that the day of Senator Penrose opened with a conference with Mr. Perkins in the Senator's suite at the Waldorf. This Senator Penrose denied, but Mr. Perkins when visiting this city, 'I would not call our meetings conferences,' said the Senator. 'I have known Mr. Perkins for a good many years and I see him frequently when I am in New York. My visit in New York has no particular significance.' Senator Penrose said Colonel Roosevelt had not been an issue in the Pennsylvania primary election. 'The delegates from Pennsylvania,' said the Senator, 'will go to Chicago uncommitted. When we get there we will look over the field and consult with other delegates to the extent that in a judicial and patriotic spirit we may be able to aid in the selection of a candidate who in the judgment of a majority of delegates will do the country the most good and the Republican party the greatest credit.' Senator Penrose was told there had been reports that he would support Colonel Roosevelt in the convention. 'I shall preserve an open mind on the question of candidates as well as on any other questions of importance likely to come before the convention until I reach Chicago,' the Senator replied.

"If Pennsylvania has a favorite son," he said in reply to another question, "it is Knox. That does not necessarily mean that his name will be placed before the convention during the early stages of the balloting." The thought embodied in the comment of Senator Penrose on Knox led to a reference to the quarters that he might be the dark horse on whom Colonel Roosevelt and his following and the "old guard" element in the Republican party hope to unite.

Allegheny county is still buzzing over the efforts to couple up the governor's candidacy with Col. Roosevelt and it is generally believed that William Penn and his friends had something to do with the posters and the other arrangements. "Walter N. Gemmill, of Carlisle, yesterday announced that he had quit as a candidate for the legislature in Cumberland county." Governor Brumbaugh appears to have received a notable ovation in Meadville, the county seat of the latter county, when he reached there yesterday. Ex-Congressman M. W. Shreve, of Erie, presided at the Erie meeting last night. Senator Penrose said yesterday in Philadelphia that at least sixty-five of the seventy delegates from Pennsylvania will be uninstructed. He predicted a clean sweep and reiterated his statement that the Brumbaugh candidacy had "fallen flat" as he phrased it.

Penrose men who refuse to swing for Vane war leaders are having hard times in Philadelphia county offices. The mayor has devoted a large amount of the primaries, but there are charges that men connected with the government are still busy. The Philadelphia Record to-day says: "Senator John J. Coyne, candidate for Congress in the Sixth district, said, at a meeting in Philadelphia last night, 'Unless you vote right you are likely to have the Vares run the State as they are trying to run the city. There isn't a man in this hall who believes Martin G. Brumbaugh is the real governor of Pennsylvania. Not one of his moves in the last year was made without dictation from somebody else.'"

Senator Penrose is to speak at a meeting in Philadelphia on Thursday and some more statements are expected. Democrats in Wilkes-Barre are in a row and the Casey faction is demanding removal of five election officers.

Mayor Smith last night said that no one would be dropped or changed in Philadelphia city government until after the primaries except with his approval and that he would not stand for any holdups.

William Alexander, appointed postmaster of Chambersburg, was a delegate to the Democratic national convention. J. Willis Freed, appointed at Mt. Joy, has also been active in Democratic politics.

Over 300,000 voters have registered for the primary in Philadelphia. Some of the changes in registration made by the commissioners have been appealed to court.

The Philadelphia Democratic city committee last night heard Michael Liebel charge that the troubles of the democracy in this State were due to incompetent leadership.

It is strongly intimated that Col. Roosevelt would be acceptable to Senator Penrose.

A Combination Stairway

A new device for saving space in a small house consists in placing the cellar stairway and that to the second floor in the same space. The lower flight of the stairway leading to the top floor is hinged and may be raised by pressing an electrical button. The cellar stairway is in the ceiling. While the upper flight is elevated, it looks like a door.

WHEN SPRING ARRIVES

By Wing Dingler Well, planting time's with us once more, And I've got to go down to the store Just because there's a lot Of things to be bought That I've purchased in years gone before. Each year when Spring time comes around And I want to put seeds in the ground Through the time I will go On a search, high and low, But the trowel's nowhere to be found. Lawn mower, grass shears, garden hose And the patented sprinkler that throws A strong stream or a spray— All have vanished away Where they've gone to, dear only knows.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—The German press says the "imperial government has gone the limit" in its recent note, and there are many Americans who believe so too.

—Twenty-two monkeys arrived on an immigrant ship at New York last week. We thought all the monkeys were at war in Europe.

—Some men have gotten into the social swim by watering stocks.

—The Germans keep right on at Verdun, just as though they didn't know they are licked.

—The Buffalo Evening News publishes a full page antipreparedness advertisement, because, it says, it believes the advertisement will do more to make converts for preparedness than the opposite, and adds by way of apology, "This newspaper excludes from its columns all quack advertisements."

—Even telling a girl that her lips in repose form a perfect cupid's bow would not keep some girls quiet long.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

In all its perplexing and seemingly purposeless intricacies, Mr. Wilson's Mexican policy has received support from the major fraction of Americans because they recoiled from the embarrassments and thankless difficulties of intervention in the detestable politics of Mexico. But the conditions on the border are intolerable. They must be ended, and it is increasingly apparent that the course Mr. Wilson has hitherto followed has not improved them in the slightest degree. —The New York Sun.

While Germany was sinking passenger vessels because they resembled transports, she was careful not to approach dangerously near the real transports that were carrying the Russians to France. —Philadelphia North American.

Carranza seems to be much stronger for the recall than the initiative. —Columbia State.

Any connection between Leap Year and the British seizure of mail?—Wall Street Journal.

\$7.50 a Week For Five [New York World] The Department of Health in an official bulletin publishes the results of tests made at the Beth Israel Hospital to discover a system of diet of minimum cost for a family of two adults and three children. They show that a family of this number can live well and remain fully nourished with an expenditure for food of slightly less than \$7.50 a week.

The sample menus given indicate that this low cost diet can be both varied and appetizing. It includes necessarily more farinaceous than animal food; yet the allowance of two pounds of meat a day is liberal and because they recoiled from the emphasis that the dietary has a scientific value and not merely a cookbook value. It is balanced and selected with regard to the proper proportion of protein and nutritive elements. "If we could devise a plan for insuring such a diet to all the poor people in this city," says Commissioner Emerson, "we could materially reduce our death rate." That is too much to expect, nor is it likely that those who would most benefit from the proper proportion of a standardized diet prepared on a basis of household economy and food efficiency. But it is a good thing to have a diet of proved wholesomeness and cheapness available for those who do want it, and the Health Department has performed a public service in providing it.

Our Progress in Latin-America

By Frederic J. Haskin

A SHORT time ago an American firm was awarded a contract worth nearly five million dollars for the building of port works at Ascunson, Paraguay. Ten years ago an English or French company would in all probability have done the work. The incident is one of many current indications that the United States is gaining a business foothold in Latin America. We have undoubtedly won a place in Latin-American trade. Now another question arises. Can we hold this business when the European war is over, and the great industrial nations of that continent re-enter the market? This is a question of the utmost importance to the commercial future of the United States. The Latin-American trade means far more to us than an opportunity for the individual to make money. It is a national opportunity for the United States to take her place as one of the foremost commercial nations of the world. The average American citizen, full fed on copy-book patriotism, is apt to exclaim that we are already that, and he will point to the immense val-

ue of our exports as conclusive proof. The demand for books on Indians at the Harrisburg Public Library is also an interesting commentary upon the popular interest. The commission will have exceptional opportunities for the study of the history, experience and skill of the men in charge and the co-operation of State and county organizations as well as the liberal funds at hand.

The greatest Indian story of these parts is the raid of what was known as the "Paxtang Boys" on the Comestoga Indians. The "Paxtang Boys" were the forefathers of some of our men from all accounts, and despite the pleadings of Parson John Elder they rove to the river bank village of the Comestogas, in Lancaster county, and proceeded to lynch some Indians at Lancaster, taking them from the county jail.

In Stony Creek valley under a spreading old tree that looks as ancient as the country itself, opposite the homestead on the Irwin farm about three miles back of Dauphin on the main road to Ellendale Park, are the graves of a number of Indians. Tradition has it that they were killed there in a fight with the settlers in which the settlers themselves did not come off unscathed. For years the graves were marked but in recent years they have been plowed over and the ground cultivated.

It is probable that as a result of the survey that some of the Indian village sites in this community may be marked for the purpose of being used to perpetuate the memory of the red men who hunted and fished where the trolley cars now run.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Senator Snyder delivered the memorial address at the Pottsville Order of Moose exercises. —LeRoy Ross, prominent in Easton affairs, has been elected president of the Northampton County Christian Endeavorers. —Dr. M. J. Kline, of Franklin and Marshall College, was the speaker at Reading firemen's memorial exercises.

—Varden John Francis, of the western penitentiary, has allowed prisoners to form a ball league. —George W. Elkins, Jr., has been elected president of the Abington Memorial Hospital.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg manufacturers go to every country in Europe and many in South America? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first State Capitol was considered a model of colonial architecture for over half a century. WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY [Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and their answers as presented at the organization's annual Municipal Quiz. What is the city tax rate for 1916? 9 1/2 mills.

Short Change!

It amounts to about the same thing when a storekeeper substitutes an inferior article for a standard brand. He is hurting the reputation of the manufacturer who has put character into his goods, and spent money to advertise the name. It is doing an injury to the customer, and through his own shortsightedness, he is weakening his own position in the substitution practice. Reputable and far-seeing merchants do not indulge in the substitution practice. When you see an article advertised in a newspaper, and it is the kind of an article you want, ask for it by name. Go to a good store and you will get what you ask for.

Evening Chat

Reference in the Year Book of the Pennsylvania Society to the unveiling at Lancaster of a "Distinguished Visitors" tablet, erected through a gift of that eminent Pennsylvanian and lover of its history, William Usher Hensel, makes one think what a rich field there is for marking of sites or commemoration of events in Harrisburg. If one only took the trouble to read the history of Harrisburg it would find that the men who have made America have been visitors to the capital city of Pennsylvania at one time or another. Harrisburg has not as long a history as the county seat of its mother county, but because of its official importance it has had many visitors of wide fame. Mr. Hensel thought enough of the visits paid to his city to leave funds for marking of the place where Presidents Lincoln, Buchanan and Roosevelt and Horace Greeley spoke. Lancaster is proud of that place and justly so. And by the same token Harrisburg has reason to be proud, too. Take the Commonwealth Hotel, for instance. From the steps of hotels which have occupied that site for the last 125 years or so there have been speeches made by George Washington, John Adams, General Zachary Taylor, James Buchanan and Abraham Lincoln, while other places in Harrisburg have been visited by William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, James K. Polk, U. S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft and Woodrow Wilson, to say nothing of visits by Marquis de Lafayette, General Jacob Brown, Daniel Webster, Albert Edward (later King Edward VII), Charles Dickens, General George G. Meade, James G. Blaine and others who place looms big in American history. Practically every Pennsylvanian of note in the last century has been a sojourner in Harrisburg. Many of them spoke in the State Capitol. Practically all came on ceremonial visits, the kind that are commemorated in other cities. History has been made here, but there is nothing to tell the tale but local traditions and paragraphs in county histories. The history of Harrisburg is embalmed in its newspapers which have been forces in the community for many years and the person who glanced over many of them will find many names high in American annals who have been visitors to this city, but of which the passerby never knows.

Considerable interest is being taken up the Susquehanna Valleys in the proposed archeological commission which is to make investigation into the history of the Indians along the wide branching river to which reference was made recently in this column. Indian literature is being looked up and the traditions of the river valley are being traced. A manuscript in the books of Col. Henry W. Shoemaker. Attention is also being given to Indian lore in the schools and the demand for books on Indians at the Harrisburg Public Library is also an interesting commentary upon the popular interest. The commission will have exceptional opportunities for the study of the history, experience and skill of the men in charge and the co-operation of State and county organizations as well as the liberal funds at hand.

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THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

The Third ward school grounds in Bradford were the scene of a dreadful carnage yesterday when the I. D. K.'s defeated the J. A. C.'s in an amateur baseball game. Pitcher Pirk of the I. D. K.'s (key to situation missing) made a homerun in the fifth with the bases full. Good boy, Pirk!

"Verbal Bouquets Pelt Commissioner Lynch" were the headlines in yesterday's New York Sun. Readers looked eagerly to see how Harrisburg had been so signally honored, but it was not the chief. It was the State Industrial Commissioner of New York who received the word-tokens.

Miscreants have been digging up bulbs in Kane as well as this city, it would seem. Kane has been worse desecrated than Harrisburg, however, because the thieves took the flowers right out of the cemetery there.

Citizens in a certain small town in the State are urged by a two-line advertisement "not to forget the 5-cent dance to-night." What a relief to find something that has not gone up in price since the war started.

The prisoners in the Bellefonte penitentiary have learned to be economic, having saved 32,000 tobacco coupons with which they have equipped themselves with baseball outfits sufficient for four teams. Big leaguers may rest assured that they will be well taken care of any time they care to "kill the ump."

Queerly tasting eggs at a home in Manheim resulted in an investigation which proved the eggs to be skunk-flavored. The farmer had killed a polecat and thrown the carcass into the yard among the chickens. — Q. E. D.

Towanda has a cat that is so kind-hearted that it could not refuse to adopt the orphan woodchuck who Lewis Briggs, of Ulster, found while strolling through the fields. The family of kittens seems perfectly satisfied. Jump into the book-canniving game, boys, if you would have Dame Fortune retrace into a broad grin for you. If you are lucky, you will be like the Northumberland young man who sold books in such a pleasing manner that one of his customers, of the feminine gender, recently presented him with an automobile, which well might flabbergasted the young gentleman.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

HAD TO. What do you suppose makes that baby cry so awfully loud? Why, both its parents are hard of hearing.

SERIOUS ATTENTIONS. Miss Simperly: An awfully handsome man knelt at my feet for over an hour today. Mr. Har-d-fax: I gotcha. T'ry in' on shoes. And I'll bet it was t o u g h e r on the shoes clerk than it was on you.

