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SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 24

Thanks to the human heart by which we live
Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, its fears,
To me the meanest flower that blooms can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

—WILLIAM WADSWORTH.

THE MARCHING HOST

With the departure of the Harrisburg soldiers to the mobilization camp at Mt. Gretna today this city has again demonstrated its patriotism and its always prompt response to the call of duty. In all the wars of the country Harrisburg has borne an honorable part. Many of the heroes of the nation first saw the light here and the quality of the country's defenders who have gone from the Susquehanna shores has not been surpassed in any other section of the country.

Whatever the outcome of the present difficulty with our misguided neighbor on the south, it is certain that the men who go to the front from Central Pennsylvania will give a creditable accounting under the flag of the Republic. While they are away in the performance of the high duty given to men to perform they may be assured that those whom they love and who are compelled to remain behind will have the sympathy and protection of the reserve host who will watch with eagerness the events of the next few months.

Notwithstanding the pessimistic wallings of a class of men and women who are given to dolorous criticism of everything partaking of military preparation, it is a matter of pride with the average American that he can clearly view without mental reservation the unity of purpose and innate patriotism of his fellowmen. We are a complex people, but underneath and throughout all our activities is the strain of loyalty to ideals, love of our institutions and a consecrated purpose to defend, even with our lives, the liberty which always has been the highest heritage of our forefathers.

So we send the boys away to-day with our blessings and our prayers in the hope that their personal sacrifices will serve to bind us together more closely as a people throughout the nation and teach that lesson of oneness and solidarity which those of other lands seem not to understand.

ONE OF THE CITY'S ASSETS

CITY COMMISSIONER GROSS has a lively appreciation of the importance of the river front as an asset of this city. Harrisburg is being talked about in all parts of the country because visitors and the thousands who pass in and out of the city on trains have seen the wonderful treatment now known here and elsewhere as the "Front Steps of Harrisburg." Mr. Gross and his associates of the City Council realize more than ever before how necessary it is to permanently protect the terrace between the top of the embankment and the granolithic walk at the bottom.

Farley Gannett, the well known consulting engineer, has generously placed his services at the call of the Department of Parks and plans are now being worked out which will prevent further serious damage from high water and the washing away of the embankment.

It ought not to be a difficult matter to riprap the slope to the height of the average flood stage of the river, providing at the same time soil pots for the planting of matrimony vines and other shrubbery which will eventually cover the stone ripraping. Even now the planting of shrubbery at the top of the slope and along the upper walk will have a tendency to hold the ground and prevent the washing of the summer showers.

Of course, with the receding of the high water the granolithic walk and steps will be washed and the stones now lying along the embankment placed where they will not furnish an invitation to the mischievous boys to bombard the steps.

There is still much to be done between the Walnut and Market street bridges and in the proper planting of

the embankment in the older sections. North of the pumping station something will have to be provided in the treatment of the slope and the Department of Parks is doubtless taking this matter under consideration with the rest of the problem.

THE FIRST CAMP PICTURES

The Telegraph was able to give its readers last night the first glimpses of war preparations at Mt. Gretna through the eye of the camera of its staff photographer, who was the first news picture maker on the ground. To-night a full page of etchings made by the Telegraph photographer tells the story of action and efficiency at Camp Brumbaugh, on the part of Colonel Rausch and those who have been assisting him in getting the camp site into readiness for the arrival of the troops today.

This photograph service will be continued throughout the camp. The Telegraph will have its own photographer on the field and he will operate in conjunction with a corps of representatives who will see that the news features are covered adequately each day and that the last edition of the newspaper, which will be rushed to Mt. Gretna by automobile each afternoon after 4 o'clock, is distributed throughout the camp before dark.

Special long distance telephone and telegraph lines will bring all the news from the camp and from the national capital to the Telegraph and a bulletin board at the Telegraph tent on the camp grounds will have all the very latest tips on the news posted for the benefit of guardsmen and visitors.

Everything will be done to "cover" this encampment in a manner commensurate with its importance, and the Telegraph by its exclusive automobile service will be able to give the soldiers all the latest news of the day, local and national, hours earlier than any other newspaper sold at Mt. Gretna.

MUNICIPAL DANCING

That municipal dancing is a popular innovation in Harrisburg was shown by the huge crowd that took advantage of the opportunity offered last evening to try out front street between Boas and Forster as a dance floor. The suggestion has been made, however, that in the future the band be located somewhat nearer the dancing. And likewise, while we are in the suggesting mood, wouldn't it be wiser to hold the next dance in Forster street, for instance, so that the main driveway of the city might not be blocked? The only disadvantage would be in the seating facilities, but it was observed that after the music started last evening there was very little sitting.

There is much reason for the belief that the municipal dances are a wholesome influence in the community, as compared with unregulated public dances and it is safe to assume that with the growth of their popularity in Harrisburg, a way will be found to hold them in a somewhat less crowded section, as for instance, Reservoir Park. The surroundings and atmosphere there are undoubtedly more conducive to the enjoyment of dancers and audience alike.

There are those who may object to dancing per se, and these will frown upon municipal dances, but those who know that young people will dance doubtless will approve of surrounding the dancers with all the protection and good influences city regulation insures.

THE WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY

HERE'S TO President William Jennings and his associates of the William Penn Highway Association! Following an enthusiastic meeting of the governors of the association at Pittsburgh this week a similar meeting is to be held in Philadelphia when the final plans regarding this new highway across the State will be worked out.

As has already been stated, Governor Brumbaugh is deeply interested in this road which will open up the wonderful scenery of the Juniata valley to the tourists of the world. He is doing his utmost to make available the stretches embraced in the route and which are not now in permanent shape for automobile travel.

As is already known through a recent interview with the Governor, he has directed the immediate improvement of the stretch between Huntingdon and Everett along the Raystown branch of the Juniata River, so that persons traveling east from Pittsburgh over the Lincoln highway may complete the trip eastward via Everett and Huntingdon and thence through the Juniata valley to Harrisburg and on to Philadelphia.

WOMEN AND PREPAREDNESS

The women of Harrisburg who belong to one of the various divisions of the preparedness association so recently formed are finding themselves called to duty far sooner than most of them anticipated when they connected themselves with the worthy movement.

Many there were who smiled at the efforts made toward putting the nation on a preparedness basis with no war in sight, but even the most skeptical must now admit that the women who assumed leadership in the effort to place themselves in the forefront of patriotic service in time of hostilities or national catastrophe were more foresighted than their critics.

Harrisburg women did their part nobly during the Civil War and the Spanish-American War, and they can be relied upon to respond generously in the present emergency.

The Days of Real Sport



Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Senator Penrose returned to Philadelphia yesterday from New York, where he had been in consultation with fellow-members of the Republican National Committee regarding the plan of campaign for the Hughes and Fairbanks ticket.

As a member of the committee appointed by Senator Warren G. Harding, chairman of the national convention, to confer with the candidate for President, Senator Penrose met former Justice Hughes and expects to have further conferences with him and candidate for Vice-President Fairbanks.

The chairman of the National Committee, who is expected, will be acceptable to the progressive element in the party, will be chosen next week. "Those of us who have been talking over the situation in New York," said Senator Penrose last night, "are agreed that the prospects of Republican success in the national contest are very gratifying.

"There are evidences on every hand of the most potential men in the Progressive Party movement of four years ago returning to the Republican Party and showing an eagerness to work for the election of the Republican national ticket.

"Reports from every section of the country are of the most satisfactory character." Senator Penrose took an automobile trip up the State to-day to visit friends, and to return to New York on Monday.

The Progressive National Committee will meet in Chicago next Wednesday, when it is expected that a letter from Colonel Roosevelt will be read urging support of Hughes for President.

Congressman William S. Vare and Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown went to New York yesterday and also conferred with Mr. Hughes relative to the political situation in Pennsylvania. Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, was to have participated in the conference also, but was detained because of the departure of the First Brigade for Mt. Gretna. Another conference with the Republican nominee has been arranged for next week, at which Mayor Smith will be present along with Congressman Vare and the Attorney General. The meeting yesterday is believed to have been held largely for the purpose of discussing the selection of Republican Presidential electors from Pennsylvania. These electors must be chosen 30 days after the convention. No move has been made so far in the selection of the electors, but it is expected that some action will be taken following the conference next week. It is probable that Mr. Hughes sought to bring about a truce between the warring factions in Pennsylvania over the selection of electors.

Our Colored Soldiers

"The senator (Vardaman) seeks to make a case for his pet aversion in the army bill. He solemnly expresses his fear that under it negro regiments will be recruited in the South which, in the hands of a 'hostile president' may be used to oppress the whites. At the moment when a colored regiment is proving so worthy its traditions of glory in Mexico, this outburst is peculiarly ridiculous. It is gratifying to record that the senator who promptly poked fun at it was Senator Vardaman's colleague, John Sharp Williams.

"The American negro makes a splendid soldier. He is obedient, strong, courageous and satisfied. His regiments are always close to maximum strength. He does not desert. The Association for the Advancement of the Colored People has asked that, in the army increase, there shall be two negro regiments. Their request should be granted. The negro has proved his worthiness of the army uniform."

Along the Color Line

(From the Crisis.) Harry Williams, the only colored member of the Boy Scouts in Homestead, Pa., won five medals in the round-up of the Boy Scouts of America. He was first in boxing, wrestling, second in the fifty-yard dash and third in first aid and basketball relay.

Captain Allen W. Washington will succeed Major R. R. Moton as commandant of cadets at Hampton Institute in Virginia.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

"The Girl I Left Behind Me" is a lively tune—but it's not a merry tune, for all that.

Some of the girls have also responded to the call to arms.

And to think of it—not a single plan for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

It begins to look as though Caranza is even more reckless than the Kaiser.

The mosquito fleet is mobilizing at the Atlantic seacoast. This is not a naval note.

Support For Militiamen [From the New York Evening Sun.]

Who is to pay? The members of the National Guard are called away, perhaps for a week, perhaps for a year. They cease to earn incomes as industrial workers. They do not cease to need incomes. There arises the problem of supporting their dependents; besides, general support of the militia may be as to rations and accoutrements. It is still the first maxim of soldierly wisdom that in time of war, against emergencies, probably the immediate outlay of three-quarters of the regular army should be reduced rather than reduced by the order of mobilization.

Work in Mexico is properly a task for a standing army. The lack of an adequate standing army now brings upon the citizen soldier, should exist for against which they have this, namely, for to complain, but which situation exposes the vice of the militia feature of the new army bill. Militia, when called to the front, are not regular soldiers, such as they are, but are men from their livelihoods would be at least as great as those to-day. With another 100,000 men the whole present trouble would be avoided.

Two things are to be hoped as the National Guard awaits its marching orders. May it perform manfully the regular service required of it in the present instance; and may it be protected in the future calls to remote service by the regular army on a scale proportionate to the nation's manifest needs.

O'Neil a Businessman

The new insurance commissioner was born in Elizabeth in 1865. Ten years later was at work in his father's store in West Elizabeth. In 1885 Mr. O'Neil established the department store in McKeesport, which he has been operating ever since. For the last ten years he has been the president of the Union National Bank of McKeesport and for an equal length of time he has had the controlling interest in the company publishing the Daily News, of McKeesport, and for five years has been the president of the Pennsylvania Retail Merchants' Association for two terms, retiring last year.

What He Stands For

I stand for an Americanism which knows no ulterior purpose; for a patriotism which is single and complete. Whether native or naturalized, of whatever race or creed, I have but one country, and we do not for an instant tolerate any division of allegiance. — Charles Evans Hughes and the Local Official committee of Pennsylvania.

1846 and 1915

As usual as Texas was admitted to the Union, Mexico declared war against us. As usual Pennsylvania was early in the field. Six regiments were asked of her by the national government and nine volunteered. The first regiment to start for the war from a northern State was the 11th. It left Pittsburg in December, 1846.

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 process is used in the filtration of water? The system is known as mechanical sand filtration, and by use of aluminum sulphate and hypochlorite of lime the water is purified.

The water is taken from the river about 300 feet east of the eastern side of the island. At times the water is very high in bacteria, especially during high water stages. From this basin it travels by gravity to the filter beds, where it is treated with alum and hypochlorite of lime. From the filter beds, where it is treated with alum and hypochlorite of lime, the water is clarified and all bacteria and other foreign substance removed.

IN MEXICO 70 YEARS AGO

The Story of a War in Which Every Battle Was a Victory For the Stars and Stripes.

By J. HOWARD WERT

Author of "Twas 50 Years Ago," published in the Harrisburg Telegraph, June and July, 1913, in connection with the Great Celebration of the Semicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg.

HISTORY repeats itself" is a familiar and trite expression. History has certainly been repeating itself for almost a century in the almost constant condition of turmoil in Mexico, in the frequent revolutions and numerous assassinations. History seems to be repeating itself now along the Mexican border in the frenzied actions of an ignorant and superstitious populace easily swayed by designing leaders. Their deeds now are almost an exact reproduction of the actions of their forefathers 70 years ago, in many ways which brief sketch in detail would swell this column to an inordinate size.

May it not be that history is about to repeat itself in another direction. It was pointed out in a former article that the Mexican War of 70 years ago was the school of the great generals of our Civil War. It is quite within the range of possibility that we are on the verge of another war with our Southern neighbor—a war in the hands of Providence, may be the means of preparing our nation and training its sons for the defense of our liberties, in the very near future, against the assaults of some much more powerful nation.

How Taylor Won Resaca de la Palma May 9, 1846, the day following the victory of Palo Alto, General Taylor resumed his march toward the Rio Grande. The dull booming of cannon in the distance told him that Fort Brown was being attacked by the batteries at Matamoros, and he was anxious to hasten to the assistance of

its feeble garrison. The American commander had gone but a few miles when he encountered the Mexicans in yet greater numbers than on the previous day. Whipped in the open field at Palo Alto, they had now entrenched themselves in a formidable ravine named Resaca de la Palma. Taylor immediately attacked and the battle which ensued was yet more bloody than that of the day before.

The action began by advance parties of the Americans penetrating deep in the dense growth of chaparral and forcing back the Mexican infantry, they were soon seconded by the artillery. The celebrated batteries of Ringgold, Ridgely, Duncan and Churchill, now directed by Lieutenant Ridgely, did wonderful work. On this powerful arm of the service the Americans largely relied for victory and during the whole engagement the artilleries fought unflinchingly amid showers of iron hail.

In a few minutes after the first gun the action became general; long lines of infantry were wrapped in an unintermittent blaze, and masses of Mexican horsemen, flung forward on our guns, were rolled back in wild confusion. Desperately ten thousand men were struggling for victory in the path of death.

In a few minutes the American infantry were ordered to march back in charge along the whole line upon the enemy concealed from view in the

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

OF COURSE. A woman, be she old or young, it really does not matter, Can't talk, of course, without a tongue. But still her teeth can chatter.

THE BUSINESS BEE

The honeybee is very small and doesn't make much showing. But leave it to him, one and all, To keep his end a-going.

THE BOYS OF '16

By Wing Dinger We're proud of you fellows who started off To the front to-day, why say, We showed you that in the way we helped You look on your way, To start like the soldiers that you are. As you swung down the thoroughfare 'Mid the cheers of thousands who lined the way And the strains of martial air. The chances are that it won't be long 'Til you're sent to Mexico, And we know you'll acquit, in a manner fit, Yourselves before any foe. So here's a "Godspeed and good luck, boys."

Was Not Convincing

Ollie James got very little applause when he confidently asserted in his convention speech that heaven is Democratic. The delegates behaved as if they would have regarded information about the other place as more interesting and valuable.—Washington Herald.

Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

Mobilization of the National Guardsmen at Camp Brumbaugh to-day has brought to the minds of a good many residents of the city the days when the Civil War soldiers and the Spanish war men went forth to war. Harrisburg commands in Civil War times were mustered at Camp Curtin, but they always paraded about the city and the people recall a few people who can recall the marches of the organizations. Generally, before a regiment took trains for the front it marched into this city and the departure was as formal occasions as when the commands went to the Executive Mansion to receive colors from Governor Curtin. When the Spanish war came the organizations of the Guard mobilized at Camp Curtin, going by train. The Guard was a big organization then and had units which were quickly enlisted to full strength were organized at Camp Meade in 1899 for Philippine service, as in Rough Riders or Immunes. The latter organizations came from southern States, mainly from gulf ports and they were used to the climate of Cuba. They were used for garrison duty and mustered out in this city.

Judging from some of the gossip which is being heard just now there are chances that after the National Guardsmen are mustered into the service of Uncle Sam and sent on the way to the front, the organization will be maintained as a base for the organization of volunteer commands. It is generally believed that the War department will start the recruitment of some volunteer organizations once the Mexican situation gets clarified. These organizations would be like the 27th, 28th, 41st and 48th regiments which were organized at Camp Meade in 1899 for Philippine service, as in Rough Riders or Immunes. The latter organizations came from southern States, mainly from gulf ports and they were used to the climate of Cuba. They were used for garrison duty and mustered out in this city.

Clear weather of the last few days has resulted in many reports reaching this city of improvement in the bass fishing. The start of the season was marked by about the worst weather that has been recorded by the State Department of Fisheries for an opening week in years. However, since the water has begun to fall in the smaller streams some fair catches have been reported and it is believed that when the big streams clear up that there will be rare sport as bass are declared by State wardens to be abundant and greedy.

The news that Colonel George A. Zinn, of Mechanicsburg, has been ordered to Columbus, New Mexico, as an integral part of the United States Engineering Corps, will be of interest to his many friends in this city. Colonel Zinn is a soldier and the son of a soldier, after whom the G. A. R. Post of Mechanicsburg is named. Zinn senior fought in the Civil War, and the Colonel has himself graduated at the head of his class at West Point. He is modest to a fault and would not let his informant were he to ascertain who had been telling tales out of school. For some time past the Colonel has been in charge of the River and Harbor Appropriation in Philadelphia. He left for the border the latter part of last week, on short notice from headquarters.

Scenes along the Pennsylvania railroad this morning reminded one of the Spanish-American wars because from early morning groups gathered along the lines to see the troops train go through. The Western Pennsylvania soldiers attracted most attention because they came the longest distance, but they were soon forgotten when the farewells demonstrated at the Harrisburg command post got under way.

The entire force of the Harrisburg Trust Company mobilized in the rear of its suite of offices yesterday afternoon for the purpose of engaging with a large sized rat that made bold to invade the territory occupied by the woman folk of the institution. Amid hoarse yells and shouts of "kill the rat" interested bystanders and the combined squeals of rat and girls, the men who were prepared advanced as skirmishers, armed with brooms and what ever came to hand. A fierce battle to that rat, which had a chance of 30 to 1 for his life. After considerable excitement and much pursuing, the "big little" animal succumbed and was borne off in triumph by the tail.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Judge C. B. McMichael, of Philadelphia, will spend part of the summer in "Canada."

—A. H. Ladner, one of the new Philadelphia registration commissioners, has withdrawn as a legislative candidate.

—W. S. Newcomer, secretary of the State Funeral Directors, is prominent in Pittsburgh affairs.

—Milton S. Lutz, former legislator, presented diplomats at the upper Dard by high school commencement.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg motor trucks will be used in army movements?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Camp Curtin, the Civil War mobilization camp, was established soon after the Civil War broke out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MARJORIE HAD "BULLY TIME"

To the Editor of the Telegraph: The Telegraph has received the following letter from Thomas G. Sterrett, of Brooklyn, who accompanied his daughter Marjorie on her recent visit to Harrisburg to be with the school children at the Telegraph's first annual outing for the schools at Paxtang Park.

Sergeant Sterrett said in part: "We had a bully time in Harrisburg and I want to thank you for the privilege of having been there, and for the many courtesies shown us. That outing was a bit of newspaper enterprise quite beyond a town of the size of Harrisburg. Indeed, it would have been a credit to a newspaper in a city many times the size of Harrisburg, with a circulation many times that of the Telegraph."

Thanking you again for the good time Marjorie and I had at your outing and in Harrisburg, I am, with best wishes,

"THOMAS G. STERRETT, P. S. Marjorie wants to be remembered to her chaperone (if she were recovered from the strenuous work attached to the job and is now able to sit up).

All Reason Stone Needs

One of Senator Stone's reasons for opposing Mr. Hughes is the trifling fact that the Senator is a Democrat.—Chicago Post.

War Brides

It is the real thing; witness the "war brides."—New York Sun.