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MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 26.

It's the songs you sing and the smiles you wear that makes the sunshine everywhere.

BRAVE COLORED TROOPS

GAIN the colored troops have demonstrated their fighting quality and won lasting fame as defenders of the flag.

The death of Captain Boyd and his brave troopers has galvanized into life those in authority at Washington who have been pursuing a spineless policy of inaction during the last three years.

Nor has it been forgotten that in the hard fighting in Cuba during the Spanish-American War the colored soldiers of the United States Army made a glorious name for themselves and earned a place in the pages of their country's history.

A wave of patriotism has swept over the United States and from now to the finish of this unfortunate business the national spirit will direct affairs rather than the incompetents who have failed to appreciate or understand the real sentiment of the American people.

Elsewhere on this page attention is called to the proposed movement to plant trees along the State highways of Pennsylvania.

NO MORE "FEVER CAMPS"

FOR one thing we may be thankful, in this time of military encampments—we are not to undergo the horror of the "fever camps" of the Spanish-American War period.

It will be remembered also that there was an "embalmed beef" scandal during the Spanish-American War. It is not likely that there will be another such. Nothing is too good for our men in the field and the new thought of service as well as profit in business will no doubt go a long way toward insuring good quality of supplies of all kinds.

It will go mighty hard with anybody who juggles with the health or welfare of our soldiers in the field for the sake of a few pennies of personal profit unfairly gained.

At a time when the industrial forces of the country are inadequate the Mexican trouble still further aggravates the situation. If the advice of experienced military authorities shall be heeded at Washington, it is possible that the pacification of the unhappy country on our southern border will be accomplished without great loss of life.

PHILADELPHIA'S BLIGHT

DURING the convention of the Ad Clubs in Philadelphia this week opportunity will be given to place the metropolis of the Commonwealth in its proper position before the country.

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out the petty things which detract from the real greatness of the typical American city. Entirely too much consideration is given the near-sighted politicians who are constantly striving to advance their own selfish interests through the exploitation of the higher and more important interests of the community at large.

Too long this condition has been permitted to obscure the fine constructive and meritorious features of that admirable Philadelphia which is unknown beyond the borders of the Commonwealth.

THE country may as well prepare itself for a call for volunteers. Unless all signs fail, it is coming, and at no far future date.

THE warlike position that Carranza has assumed, the inflammatory utterances of Mexican newspapers, the admitted need of troops at the border, the fact that the guardsmen must be sent into Mexico to back up the regulars in case of hostilities that seem sure to come, all point to the necessity of calling a volunteer army into being.

It is no pleasant thing to think about, but it is one of the extreme probabilities of the moment, and it may come sooner than even those who look upon it as an eventuality expect. It will be a long time, indeed, before Camp Brumbaugh is deserted as a military training ground, the chances are.

A STUDY IN TAXES

WHEN the House had under consideration the Ship Purchase bill, Hon. J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, reminded the Democratic members of Congress that the breaking of their platform pledges had now become a habit.

A war tax (when there was no war) of \$100,000,000 imposed for one year and renewed for another, making a direct tax of \$2.00 against every man, woman and child.

A bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for railroads in Alaska, an expenditure of thirty cents per capita.

The rural credits bill, which many thoughtful men believe will require for loans than his necessities will warrant, providing for banks which must needs employ a large number of officers, agents, investigators, etc., with salaries ranging up to \$10,000 per annum, and for deposit therein of \$15,000,000 of public money, making an additional tax of 15 cents per capita.

The good roads bill, carrying a modest appropriation of \$25,000,000, which the Senate raised to \$75,000,000 to be spent on country roads only, putting on every man, woman and child a tax of 75 cents a head.

Under this administration, the postal deficit is reported to be about \$10,000,000—a burden of ten cents each on our population.

After a consultation at the White House, declared Mr. Moore, it has been decided to impose new forms of taxation to the amount of \$150,000,000 to make up their admitted discrepancy in the treasury.

This is only a partial list. Every appropriation bill carries "riders" for pet appropriations, or creating some new commission, board, or bureau, place more power in the hands of a few at an expense estimated at \$5,000,000 next year. During the last three years 30,000 new positions have been created, carrying salaries upward of \$36,000,000 every year more than ever appropriated under a Republican administration.

Mr. Moore summarized as follows: If you want to pass this ship-purchase bill on the record you have made, go ahead and do it. Some day, perhaps, the people back home will be wise to what it all means. Your platform promise to relieve the people of their alleged but imperceptible tariff burdens, has resulted in levying upon them direct taxation exceeding \$75,000,000, which is more than \$7.50 for every man, woman and child. If that \$75,000,000 were put over on the voters exclusively, it would amount approximately to \$50 apiece.

CLEANING UP MEXICO

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and Carranzas who succeed each other in a never-ending series.

Apparently, the President must face the unpleasant duty of using the armed troops of the United States to oust the de facto government the White House was instrumental in setting up. It must now be apparent to the administration, as it has been apparent to everybody else for many months, that Carranza cannot organize a stable government in Mexico and that the next step is inevitably American intervention.

Politics in Pennsylvania

The visits of Senator Penrose and Congressman Vare to Charles Evans Hughes, Republican nominee for President, have caused some lively gossip. According to Philadelphia dispatches Mr. Hughes holds the key to the door of future control of the Republican Organization in Pennsylvania.

Theoretically, presidential electors are powers; they may elect whom they will as President of the United States. Practically, of course, they merely register the choice of the people as expressed in the November election.

In a nutshell this is the situation: Mr. Hughes may take his list of suggestions for the Pennsylvania electoral ticket from either the Penrose or the Vare-Brumbaugh factions.

The bigness of the situation and of its possibilities have led to the planning of conferences. This conference, to be followed by another, had to do with the matter of the Penrose-Brumbaugh and Republican in support of the Hughes-Fairbanks ticket.

There, Flinn was the virtual "boss" of the Progressive convention, and as such helped to frame up the situation leading to a working agreement between the Republican Old Guard and such Progressive leaders as Garfield and Perkins, who paid no attention to the demands of individual delegates that the Republican convention be disregarded.

The "fightin' hyphen" has been unearthed at Irwin, where Michael Petak, a leader of the foreign element, says that he can raise a regiment of Italians, Russians and other Slavs in short order for service.

John Maloney and John Mulligan, Spanish-American war veterans of Hazelton, have enlisted in the regular army as the latest recruits.

The convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World at Philadelphia this week has attracted to Pennsylvania's chief city many prominent men, including five Mayors, from New Orleans, St. Louis, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

P. G. Platt, of Wallingford, has tied for second place in the egg-laying contest in Connecticut at Storrs, Connecticut. More than 100,000 eggs is the total record to date.

Words of Truth

Perhaps nobody has stated the main facts of the Mexican situation, in its present aspect, more concisely than our contemporary the Times in its brief sentences, of which this is the first: "We know pretty well where we are, how we arrived is of small consequence."

It is necessary that our future course shall be free from hesitation and unmarred by blundering. That is what the Sun believes. That is exactly what General Roosevelt has been saying. That is what patriotic members of the Progressive party seek to accomplish by removing the principal obstacle to the defeat of Mr. Wilson and to a change of administration.

What is the limit of millage that can be levied for general revenue purposes by the cities for general revenue purposes. One per cent. for bonded debt, etc.

When a Feller Needs a Friend



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The acid test shows patriotism 100 per cent. pure.—Philadelphia North American.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

Typhoid prophylaxis is being injected by the quart into the successive arms of lines of the soldiers at Gretna. Rush orders requested that the work be completed by Wednesday morning.

The Other Mexican War

[From the Telegraph during the First Mexican War.] Congress, seems to have been as indifferent to the actual military needs of the country after the close of the first Mexican war as during the present emergency.

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 limit of millage that can be levied for general revenue purposes by the cities for general revenue purposes.

Careful Observation

Ike Van Quentin remarks that the only guy who retains her good looks when she goes in bathing is the one in the railroad ads.

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

As the Americans advanced along the streets of Monterey to the heart of the town, they were swept by the fire of artillery posted in the plaza and commanding every avenue of approach, and assailed by a musketry fire and missiles of every description from soldiers and citizens on the roofs and at the windows of every building.

TREES ALONG THE ROADSIDE

GEORGE H. WIRT, in the magazine "The Open," tells how every citizen can help in bringing about more attractive conditions along our highways.

moisture than they get. The benefits that would come from many miles of trees acting as wind breaks is inestimable, not to say anything of the indirect value that would result from furnishing homes and food for millions of birds.

There is no need to tell anyone when he passes through an unprotected road to one lined with trees. The blasts of winter are subdued, and the heat of the sun is broken.

Even in this land of rain, our agricultural crops are in need of more moisture than they get. The benefits that would come from many miles of trees acting as wind breaks is inestimable, not to say anything of the indirect value that would result from furnishing homes and food for millions of birds.

Evening Chat

Judging from the number of horses and mules which have been rounded up in pens along the railroads in this part of the State in the last seventy-two hours there is going to be a scarcity of draft animals on a good many farms in this part of the State unless the farmers overcome the difficulties of the situation by using motor vehicles.

Governor Brumbaugh, in whose honor the mobilization camp at Mt. Gretna was named in accordance with custom, has a street named after him in Fort Ricketts.

Some of the tracts of pine near the city are being carefully inspected by State forest authorities in order to see that the disease known as the white pine blister does not get a hold in this section of the State.

The briskness of the recruiting just now is causing a good many funny incidents. The recruiting officers have many callers and it is amusing to watch the men get into the wrong pants.

There has been a good bit of quiet interest taken among chemists and medical men of the State in the question put out by the State Department of Agriculture as to why strychnine will kill a crow and not hurt a chicken or a quail.

Richard E. Cochran, of York, mentioned for a place in one of the local branches of the State government, is a former deputy secretary of the commonwealth and well-known to many here.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Frank H. Ball, director of manual training in Pittsburgh schools, has gone to Santa Barbara, Cal., where he will locate.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg makes parts of lathes which are engaged in making munitions?

OUR DAILY LAUGH

AN EXAMPLE. What are articles of war, father? Oh, it's some sort of document, I suppose, like a marriage license, for instance.

BALL PLAYER AND UMPIRE

The pantomime appears to be expressive of a mood severe; It's well we're close enough to see, But just too far away to hear.

Your Last Dollar A western judge has decided that poker is not gambling, and the judge is right. Poker is philanthropy. It is giving the other fellow your last dollar.—The Silent Partner.