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THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 6 It may be proved with much certainty, that God intends no man to live in this world without working; but it seems no less evident that He intends every man to be happy in his work.

A CHANGE IS DEMANDED NOTHING is so important for Harrisburg at the present time as the maintaining of the public spirit which has been largely responsible for the city's progress during the last fifteen years.

It is not conceivable that our present city administration has anything save the interest and welfare of the community at heart, but it must not be forgotten that when our officials fail to feel the impulse of an awakened public spirit back of all their activities they will almost certainly lose that enthusiasm which goes so far toward efficient and effective administration.

As the Telegraph has frequently observed, and which conviction is deep-seated with this newspaper, the breaking down of the active co-operation which resulted from the volunteer activities of the several auxiliary bodies, such as the Park Commission, the Board of Public Works and other collateral agencies, will certainly prove disastrous unless there is some change of attitude regarding the fixed and definite improvement policies of Harrisburg.

We are decidedly of the opinion that the best thing that could happen to this city and all other cities of the third class in Pennsylvania would be the repeal of the commission scheme of government for these cities and the substitution thereof of an optional form of municipal administration providing for a single council, to be composed of citizens serving without pay and acting somewhat as a board of directors for the municipal corporation.

Nation-wide interest is manifested in the movement for a strong merchant marine that will meet every possible demand for the shippers of the United States. If the present world war has States, if it may be in the revival of interest in American shipping and the encouragement of confidence in American opportunity and initiative.

A TIGHT ROPE EXPERIMENT TRYING over spilt milk is at best a fruitless performance. The wisest thing is to make sure the milk is not spilt a second time.

Woodrow Wilson slipped into the Presidency through dissension in the previously closely-knit Republican ranks. The breach they made has now been healed and the party is more than ever fitted to present to the opposition a solid front that will next

Fail be the irresistible force meeting and crushing the movable body, viz: the force now in power. Diplomatically a series of rhetorical masterpieces, the utterances of Wilson are already beginning to fade before the clean-cut, strongly moulded, conviction-bearing words of Charles Evans Hughes.

What is Harrisburg going to do about relief for the families of its soldiers? Doesn't it care what becomes of them? The ladies who are planning a relief work can't do anything without money. Don't hold back your contributions.

Americanism seems to be the dominant note of a new publication issued by Walter Pultizer in New York. Its platform is outlined in the following pleasantly alliterative way: Power through political purity, preparedness for peace, and prosperity through protection.

HETTY GREEN'S RICHES. HETTY GREEN, who died recently, left all of her more than \$100,000,000 to her two children. Not one penny of her vast estates goes to charity or for public benefit.

It is this sort of bequest that is giving rise to a demand for an inheritance tax that shall compel the Hetty Greens and the Jim Hills to give an accounting of their stewardships. Not so very long ago our "captains of industry" persisted in paying no attention to the rights of the individual.

It looks as if Hughes, Roosevelt and Taft were to begin presently a great allied drive.—New York Sun.

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 purpose of quarantine, and does it accomplish its purpose?

GOOD WORK, MR. BLACK COMMISSIONER BLACK, of the State Highway Department, starts his administration with the statement that he intends to follow strictly the lines laid down by the late Mr. Cunningham in maintaining the merit system in the employment and promotion of men in the department.

THEY SUSPECT US (Hartford Courant.) Buenos Ayres sends us word that the great mass of people in South America are hostile toward the sudden military activity in the United States.

THE DEMOCRATIC WAY (Kansas City Journal.) "St. Louis has a feeling," says the Boston Herald, "that it isn't getting any out of its 'Ohio' well, for the matter, so has the country. The feeling is inescapable when the Democrats are running things."

WHERE ARE THEY? [Memphis Commercial Appeal.] Has the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston mobilized; and if not, why not?

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman. A tentative agreement upon six names to be submitted to Presidential Candidate Charles Evans Hughes for electors-at-large from Pennsylvania was made up yesterday at a meeting of delegates-at-large to the Republican National convention.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE The Russian Duma is reported to have enacted a law granting peasants equal rights with "other classes," but until we learn which "other classes" we decline to cheer. —If collars keep going up in price we warn our friends not to be surprised at eventualities so far as we are concerned.

EDITORIAL COMMENT And now it has become the bear that walks like an antelope.—Washington Post. The big-pen envelope is fast overwhelming that which it supplants. James J. Hill built modern railroads.—Boston Herald.

Republican Chairman [From the Baltimore American.] A man whose executive and administrative qualities are well known to the people of New York and throughout the country, William R. Wilcox, who has been selected by Hughes to conduct his campaign, meets with approval of every section of the Republican Party. He is looked upon generally as one of the initial decisions which mark the high tone and capability that will characterize the entire Hughes campaign.

Is Life Held Sacred? [From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.] One of the most striking aspects of the war is the diminished valuation of human life to which it leads. We are so saturated with the horror of wholesale destruction of men that the sinking of a ship with all on board creates a ripple of comment which four years ago, as when the Titanic went down, our minds would have been paralyzed by the shock. The pessimistic imaginations compelled us to share. War that has been the making of man has brought home his meanness as an individual. In the millions what does it signify whether he plays the man or the beast? The very title him to the admiration of the world, all persons who admire efficiency.

A Patriotic Boycott (Philadelphia Public Ledger.) Musicians of Boston who failed to go to the front as bandsmen with the Fifth, Eighth and Ninth regiments of the Massachusetts National Guard would have done well to take a leaf from the tactics of the earlier experience of the mutinous band of the First Regiment in Philadelphia.

LITTLE MILITARY TALKS By Capt. Geo. F. Lumb THE MAN AND THE GUN It has been demonstrated daily at Verdun for several months that the three men who make a machine gun well placed are equal to two hundred infantrymen. This is not due to the efficiency of the machine gun so much as the inefficiency of the infantry.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY The explosion of a battery of tooth-brushes lined up in a Philadelphia drug store, when the celluloid was heated to the point of combustion by the electric globes, leads one to the conclusion that it were best to keep cool when performing one's ablutions.

OUR DAILY LAUGH Most men are fortune hunters but few are good shots.

NOTHING GAINED. What was the result of your petition to the land-lady for fewer prunes? Negligible. It simply got us more rhubarb.

Church Publicity Just before the final adjournment of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, at Atlantic City, N. J., the committee on bills and resolutions suggested the establishment of a department which might obtain "helpful and official publicity of the Assembly's activities," and the Assembly will have a press agent hereafter.

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

PALO ALTO, Resaca de la Palma, Monterey, Buena Vista, Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Contreras, Churubusco, Molino del Rey, Chapultepec, what a brilliant string of victories for brave American soldiers, to say nothing of the lesser fields of glory won by Lane, Kearney, Doniphon and other subordinate commanders. I have told you very briefly the story of these. Ten thousand deeds of glory remain untold, for I was not writing a history, but a series of short sketches intended to bring vividly before the generation of to-day the high points of a war in which the arms of our country did not meet with a single defeat.

Each Congressional district is entitled to name one elector for elector. The States are endeavoring to agree upon district presidential electors. Under the provisions of a recent enacted statute of Pennsylvania, is called upon as the candidate of the Republican Party to name the presidential electors to be voted for in November.

THE TREATMENT OF GENERAL SCOTT About the grossest piece of injustice was that accorded to Gen. Scott after leading his brave little band from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico in a series of victorious conflicts which thrilled the world. As he and Gen. Taylor loomed up large as presidential possibilities they were subjected to a series of snubs and indignities very different from the treatment meted out to those who had won added glories for their country's flag.

Reading kids will all be labeled with tags when they have acquired the whooping cough, if the decision reached by the city council. Ostracism is thus to be the temporary lot of the unfortunate youths and girls.

"Andy Carnegie's double" is dead as the result of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile in Pittsburgh yesterday. George Thompson, aged 86, was the oldest active printer in the country and a wearer of a silk hat since the age of 20.

THE FORMATION OF THE "ENGAGED GIRLS' CONTRIBUTION CLUB" in Philadelphia for the purpose of helping the families of soldiers in need is at the same time a worthy and an interesting organization. All girls in love, wherever they happen to live, are invited to save a penny a day for the "Cupid's Fund." It ought to be worth a penny a day to be in love, they opine.

From Lyeoming county comes the story that a profane bolt of lightning struck the Disciple Church at Canton and shattered the steeple without injuring anyone. An hour later the church was filed. "Another reason for going late to church" writes the correspondent.

"Somewhere in France" There are plenty of examples of the English phlegmatic temperament. A gunner, lifted into the air by the concussion of a shell, said after he came down: "I wish they had provided cushions." A corps commander, after all plans were complete for the attack at 7.30 in the morning, said before bringing down to sleep: "Wake me at 7.45; the first reports will be in by then."

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY THE TIRED BUSINESSMAN.



From the New York Sun.

Evening Chat

Among the resorts that attracted hundreds of Harrisburgers on the Fourth were not perhaps, but perhaps, a few larger crowds than did the natural recreation places furnished by the Susquehanna. From Albany morning until—well somewhat after dark—canoes, motor boats, steam boats, barges, row boats and most any other craft that would float were busy carrying pleasure seekers from the shores of the Susquehanna to the various islands opposite the city and to the smaller streams along the West Shore.

"Came through with flying colors," announced Chief of Police Zell and Fire Chief Kindler on the morning after the Fourth. Chief Zell said that there had been no calls for the police patrol during the entire day, and only a few arrests made for drunkenness. Fire Chief Kindler reports that there had been no fire alarms or telephone calls over the Fourth, an unusual thing for the city on a holiday.

Officers of the police force in discussing the need of more men as voiced by their superiors are doing a little complaining about the big territories they are assigned to cover. As one of them explained, "There are so many men, and so many miles, and each man has to cover a certain part of the whole city. The size of the district sometimes means that we are covering territories embracing almost two square miles."

Two Harrisburg boys, college students in Maryland, have enlisted in the "University Troop" of the District of Columbia. They are Ira Keibler, who lives near Camp Hill, and William Kishpaugh, son of the late C. M. Kishpaugh, living with his mother at 409 South Sixteenth street. Mr. Keibler is a senior in George Washington University and graduated in the class of 1909, from the Technical high school. He is a brother of J. H. Keibler, the photographer.

Having a railroad crew bulletin board at baseball games, is not new in Harrisburg. It is a long time, however, since the plan was carried out by baseball promoters. The idea originated with Frank Seiss, the secretary of the local baseball league, and was in existence twenty-five years ago. He suggested the plan to Manager James Farrington, who had a team of "Ponties" that cleaned up everything in the old State League. The games were played in North Sixth street. Railroaders were liberal patrons. One day a trainman asked if he could go to a nearby store for the phone to the roundhouse to see if he was called to go out on a run. "You may do it now," said Mr. Seiss, but the next time we will bring the information to you. True to his word Seiss had a call board on the grounds the next day. Callers were admitted free and they chalked up the crews every hour. Trainmen never worried about missing a call after that. They consulted the board between innings.

"Middletown knows how to handle a celebration," remarked a local business man yesterday. "Especially when the firemen are back of it," he added. While all the companies did not turn up as promised, it was a creditable demonstration. The call out of the troops put a crimp in the representatives from Cumberland Valley towns. Hagerstown, Chambersburg and Carlisle were hit hard. Tuesday's celebration was a little limited in scope. The Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association. The number of towns between Harrisburg and Winchester capable of taking care of a firemen's parade and convention is limited. Middletown's firemen extended the glad hand and they gave the Valley volunteers a reception that will not soon be forgotten.