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MONDAY EVENING, JULY 17.

Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his loving kindness, for his wonderful works to the children of men!

—Ps. 107:8.

PARTY OF THE THIRD PART

ALMOST over night and without any real public appreciation of the conditions the entire electric railway system of Harrisburg is dislocated. As usual in all disputes between public utility officials and their employes the innocent bystander, the great public, is most seriously affected.

LET YOU FORGET, MR. BOATMAN

PERMANENT organization of the city's great body of canoeists, motorboat men and other aquatic sportsmen is planned for this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Dintaman boat pavilion, and if the apparent interest of the river enthusiasts be any indication of the outcome, then Harrisburg's "navy" is assured.

"WAR ORDERS" AND OTHERS

THE LEDGER, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, to-day publishes a list of "war orders" placed in the United States showing that more than \$3,000,000,000 worth of munitions and other supplies used directly by the warring nations have been purchased in the United States. There is food for thought in this. It is a direct refutation of the national administration's contention that the country's prosperity is due to wise legislation and constructive statesmanship rather than to the trouble abroad.

They would thus eliminate from the war order classification those commodities which we ship to neutral countries bordering on or adjacent to nations at war, such as Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Spain, and, in the earlier stages of the conflict, Italy. As a matter of fact, practically all the supplies sent to Germany and Austria have gone through these neutral countries. Those were war supplies, notwithstanding the indirect method by which they reached the ultimate purchaser.

DIVIDING THE GARMENT

NOW that the little Philadelphia scheme to establish a "Branch Capitol" in that city has been exploited, it would seem to be the business of Pittsburgh and Scranton and Erie and perhaps other cities of the State to insist upon their share of the distribution.

A COUNTRY'S NEED

OUR Democratic brethren are striving hard to create the impression that they are devoted to their legislative activities to the business interests of the country. It will not be forgotten that we heard much of the same sort of thing during the campaign of 1912. How soon these good intentions were forgotten will be recalled in the prompt enactment of a tariff bill which was as near free trade as it was possible for the Democratic bosses in Congress to make it.

Fly Don'ts

Don't tolerate flies. Don't allow them in your house. Don't allow them on your premises. Don't allow garbage, rubbish or manure to accumulate on your lot or near it. Don't allow dirt in your house. Look in the corners, behind the doors and furniture, in the closets, and remove the cuspidors. In brief, keep the house clean.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—The Germans keep battering away against Verdun just as though they expected to take it. —It's pretty nearly time for the hay fever excuse to spring up as a chance for vacation. —At all events we can be thankful for the fact that there is no such thing as a cross between an outback and a mosquito.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Some overfervid patriot suggests that all the professional baseball players enlist for service in Mexico. But could they overcome the deep-rooted desire to make a home run?—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Protect Pier By Air

The large pier at El Segundo, California, is to be protected from the damage by wind storms in the future by compressed air. A four-inch perforated pipe has been laid in the bay almost 150 feet from the wharf, but parallel to it. Each end of this pipe is coupled to other pipe running back to the pier and connected with powerful air compressors.

A Sugar-Coated Bill

President Wilson's approval of the "good roads" bill should be taken as an index of his attitude toward other "pork" projects of the present Congress, the rivers and harbors bill may be thought to be in little danger of veto. The "good roads" measure is one of those extensions of the scope and activities of the federal government which are totally at variance with the traditions and professions of the Democratic party, but consistency is not one of the modern political virtues, and the discrepancy in this instance between party theory and practice does not apparently disturb the majority in Congress nor the Executive.

Federal Reserve Bank

(From the New York Times.) The act of returning to the Treasury funds deposited with the Federal Reserve Banks for the purpose of helping the cotton planters, the cashier of the Atlanta Bank wrote. The action of the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury in making this special deposit with us resulted in the cotton producers, through the assistance of the Federal Reserve Bank and the member banks, being able to hold their cotton for a much higher price, thereby bringing into this district many millions of dollars that probably would not have been received otherwise.

Millions For Steel Plant

(From the Baltimore American.) Forty millions of dollars in extensions and in new plants for the use of the Bethlehem Steel Company and its allied industries strikes the average Baltimorean as simply colossal. That the money is actually to be put into Steelton and Sparrows Point is a matter of such high satisfaction as to cause a warmth toward the man who has obtained the location. It is a significant figure in the Steel industry of the nation, or, perhaps, the world. Here will be a marine department that will in fact outclass any other in the United States, where any type of craft may be built and where the government's new type of submarines will, doubtless, be manufactured. The details of the immense project are too complex for simple recital, and the community is asked to be content for the present with the expectation of the working out of a veritable Aladdin's lamp of opportunity through the massive outlays to be made at Steelton.

Mr. Filene Finds Answer

In his speech at Philadelphia, Edward A. Filene, the Boston merchant, declared that he had found that, in advertising a store, profitable results could be obtained by the use of newspapers which "resist the pleasure of an advertiser."

Politics in Pennsylvania

Several of the men nominated for places on the Washington Party State ticket are expected to file their withdrawals before August 1 according to word which reached Capitol Hill today. Inquiries have been made by some of the nominees as to what course to pursue and J. Verner Clark, of Washington, candidate for State Treasurer, has informed friends here that he will withdraw. Two of the candidates for Congress-at-large are said to contemplate immediate action and Mahlon H. Myers, of Johnstown, nominee for United States Senator, has been consulting friends and is said to have made up his mind to file a withdrawal at an early day.

Democratic Bosses are Meeting in Philadelphia

Democratic bosses are meeting in Philadelphia to-day to go over the list of presidential electors again and if they are approved they will be held here at a caucus. The Philadelphia Democratic Party is expected to meet at Philadelphia this afternoon to listen to some "salve" talk by National Committeeman Palmer. The Philadelphia Democratic Party is expected to meet at Philadelphia this afternoon to listen to some "salve" talk by National Committeeman Palmer.

Senator Penrose in a Washington Interview

Senator Penrose in a Washington interview says the fight will be for Senate control. These are his views: "The battleground of this campaign will be in the Middle West. Mr. Hughes is winning the support of the ablest campaigners of our time and his Western trip will go far toward crystallizing sentiment and bringing success in November. The campaign will be aggressive and thorough. An opportunity will be offered in the Senate for weeks to come to inform the country of the lamentable condition to which the Democratic party has brought the country. The treasury, to all practical purposes, is bankrupt. Our national honor has been easily defied and our foreign policy has been wavering and futile. The pending revenue bill will be carefully scrutinized by the Republicans and its defects exposed. Already the Democrats are confronted with serious difficulties over the measure and are trying to change the bill so as to satisfy the Democratic Senators. Several Republican Senators were lost two years ago by reason of neglect and local complications, such as in the case of California, necessary to overcome the election of a Democratic majority in the Senate."

Director W. H. Wilson yesterday

Director W. H. Wilson yesterday started a clean-up of the Potomac River department, has been sworn in but the firemen have not struck as threatened. The Dauphin county Washington Party committee has decided to stay in the Republican party. The Washington Party State committee has disappeared and Colonel Roosevelt, William Flinn and all the big progressives which the Dauphin men followed have gone back to the Republican party. E. S. McFarland was on Saturday handed the job of keeping the organization alive. It is not known what the legislative candidates will do without an "angel."

Letters to the Editor

PLAYING IN THE STREETS To the Editor of the Telegraph: It would seem more folly for the city to provide children's playgrounds and to allow the streets to be used as such. There are certain sections where but little attention is paid by the police to prevent the playing of ball, loud screaming, beating iron pots, etc., on the streets, especially in the evening when tired citizens are using their front steps. Conduct such as described can be seen on Fourth street between Woodbine and Maclay, a few hundred yards from one of the finest playgrounds in the city. The police should break it up.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THEY'RE ALL DECEIVERS. Shure, an niver trust a policeman. There's a deav-ill in 'em. They are that. Me man Moike was a completely taken in by one last night, an' hasn't got out yet.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE restless Dominican Republic is boiling over again, and international affairs have reached a pass of this, the little country owed more than \$30,000,000. Much of this was owed to four great European powers. The Dominican Republic occupies two-thirds of the island of Haiti, probably the richest after Porto Rico of the West Indian group. The European powers concerned showed themselves United States unwilling to take care of their interests by taking charge of the republic's affairs. They had agreed among themselves on the division they would make of the ports. Most important of these is Samana, on Samana Bay.

Samana Bay is one of the most perfect harbors in the world, capable of accommodating half a dozen battle fleets, and easily fortified. It commands the Mona Passage, which is the direct route from Europe to the Panama Canal, and a possible invasion route of the first importance. Influenced by this consideration as well as by the Monroe Doctrine, the United States took the only step possible under the circumstances. It guaranteed the debt and in turn took over the customs. Many of the bonds had been issued at a heavy discount, owing to the poor credit of the republic, and they once again were scaled down to \$17,000,000.

The men who took over the customs administration faced one of the most difficult and dangerous little tasks on record. The crux of the situation lay along the Haitian border. The Dominican Republic has only a narrow strip of territory separating it from Haiti. Between the two republics is a chronic ill-feeling, and the location of the boundary was hotly disputed. It runs through one hundred and thirty miles of mountainous country as wild and uncivilized as any to be found on earth to-day. All along the line smugglers operated freely, and they had been operating for centuries, bringing goods across from Haiti. There was no use in putting American collectors in the Dominican ports as long as the Haitian frontier was open.

To patrol that frontier was regarded as a task which would involve the common people of the district are quite distinct from the Haitians across the border, most of whom are negroes. The lower class Dominicans of the interior are almost pure Latin Indians, Spanish speaking, a fighting race. They regarded smuggling as one of their vested rights, and indeed it was the business on which many of them depended for a living. The frontier was certainly the unhealthy place imaginable for a revenue officer. The Americans established the Frontier Customs post at Curacao Indio. The problem, E. F. Worley followed the boundary line between Haiti and the Dominican Republic from the south shore of the island to the north.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CITY (From the Kansas City Star.) Th question has frequently come to this newspaper from politicians in the last few days as to why it has printed criticisms of the conduct of the health department. There is no mystery about the matter. The health department is a hoot for politics. It is mighty concerned that babies get good milk, and that the ice cream and food supply generally be wholesome.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

IMPRESSIVE SIGHT. BIGS always has an air of indignity about him. Yes, but he is one of those people who can't get credit for making a garden when they are only digging fishing worms.

Evening Chat

Hon. Hampton L. Carson, the former Attorney General of Pennsylvania, has for forty years or more been collecting wonderful old prints, autograph letters, original commissions and thousands of volumes having to do with the early history of English law and jurisprudence. He has probably the most remarkable collection in the world and those who have occasionally the privilege of seeing the results of his labor of love can best appreciate what he has accomplished in a comparatively short period. On the walls of his offices are famous prints of distinguished jurists, the original commission of the King of England to Blackstone, autograph letters and deeds, one of them from Penn's first daughter, and the world over as the foremost collector of books and manuscripts and original letters which go to make up a complete and authentic history of the development of our system of law.

The former Attorney General has many warm friends in Harrisburg where he spent much of his time during his service as chief law officer of the Commonwealth and is always cordially welcomed on his infrequent visits. Among other things which he has always favored is the morning article treatment of Market Square. He believes that the central part of the Square should be treated with glass and shrunken, to relieve the glare of the asphalt and generally improve the appearance of the central business section.

It is not generally known that it was in the preparation of a book which was designed to tell the romance of Scottish trials that the late Dr. Ian MacLaren was seized with his fatal illness. It was the morning article on which he was working came from Mr. Carson's library. Dr. MacLaren was in Philadelphia attending a meeting and remarked to Mr. Carson that he was always interested in the morning article. Mr. Carson suggested that he write something about the Scottish cases which have become world famous, and the doctor spent days and days browsing through the legal history of the world. Soon after he started his work in Chicago he became ill and died.

Mr. Carson was speaker at the banquet of the Dauphin County Bar Association and at other events when attorney general and his addresses are remembered by many who heard them for their scholarship and for the happy manner in which Mr. Carson spoke. One address by Mr. Carson told of the days of the fathers in Pennsylvania law and he paid his tribute to the men of central counties whose names adorn the legal history of the world. It is a pity that the addresses made by Mr. Carson here could not have been preserved for they are filled with rare information and were models of English.

In this connection it is interesting to note that it was Mr. Carson, in spite of all that may be said to the contrary who laid the foundation of the law school there was considerable sarcasm on "writing to Carson." The replies were the subject of more than one editorial and of no end of news stories. By some of the newspapermen it was on the "letters to Carson" that the counsel for the Commonwealth based their questions and the letters formed the calling chart for the prosecution. Mr. Carson was a newspaperman on one day that was the "writing to Carson" when he wrote the questions. When the lines were gathered up they made something which the best lawyers in the State could not break.

While Mr. Carson has several degrees and can be called Doctor Carson the same as he was General Carson, he is a lawyer of the Commonwealth. It is known to some of the members of the State as Prof. Carson. The reason for this title, which is seldom heard nowadays, is that years ago the famous lawyer had some of the law of contracts in the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania where, by the way, he was graduated. While a professor Mr. Carson began to attract international attention and his lectures were noted for their lucidity and for the commonsense which filled them. More than one man who has risen to prominence in the courts of the Keystone State has identified himself with Mr. Carson and got his first insight into business law from his lectures.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Adjutant General Stewart has been a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania since 1868. —Senator Boies Penrose, among other writings, is the author of a history of the city government of Philadelphia, which he wrote in the eighties.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is the big school book distributing center for this part of the State? —Public Service Commissioner Rilling will be fifty-eight next Saturday. —Congressman-elect Joseph M. McLaughlin, of Philadelphia, will preside at the National convention of the Hibernalians at Harrisburg, Pa., on Saturday.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The first convention ever held here was of anti-Federalists in 1788.

WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY

[Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and their answers are presented at the organization's annual "Municipal Quiz."] What charges are made for building permits and marking party lines? One dwelling, \$2.00; two dwellings, \$3.00; three and not exceeding four dwellings, \$4.00; each additional dwelling, excluding four, 50 cents. For buildings other than dwellings from \$2.00 to \$5.00, according to cost. For marking party lines not exceeding 100 feet, length, \$5.00; for each additional hundred feet, 50 cents. For entry of names in survey book, 25 cents.

Coming of the Messenger

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall precede me, and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant whom ye desire: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? for He shall be like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap.—Malachi 3: 1 and 2.