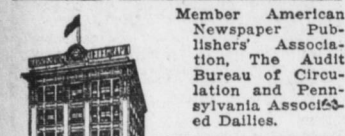


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TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 25

Teach me Thy way, O Jehovah; and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.—Ps. 27:11.

THE "NAVY" NEEDS YOU... A few days committees will be appointed to work out the problems that pertain to the future development and improvement of Harrisburg's great play place, the "basin" of the Susquehanna.

But that isn't all the "navy" will do, by any manner of means. Future development of the "basin," erection of municipal boat and bath houses and bathing beaches, improvement of the many islands—all these are the principal aims and objectives of the splendid body of canoeists, motorboat men and other enthusiasts.

TURNING OF THE LANE... It's a long lane that has no turning. For years the Rockefeller have been buffeted about between congressional investigations and antitrust suits until any one of them could qualify as an expert witness before any tribunal in the world.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTATIVE... An ounce of preventative is worth a pound of cure, is an old saying that is particularly applicable to the present outbreak of influenza.

THE "PENNSY'S" SAFETY RECORD... PENNSYLVANIA Railroad officials and employes in general must take pride in the announcement that in the first six months of the present year, 92,350,134 passengers were carried by the Pennsylvania system without loss of the life of a single one of them in a train accident.

railroad journey, but the Pennsylvania and the men who operate its trains have made hurrying through space at the rate of 60 miles an hour safer than crossing Market street at mid-day.

A SETTLEMENT DEMANDED

MORE than a week has elapsed since the inauguration of the street railway strike and the public is becoming impatient over the failure of the company and its striking employes to reach some agreement.

There must be some middle-ground that will admit of an honorable adjustment of the dispute and the people are wondering why day after day should pass without any real progress toward a conclusion of the whole unfortunate controversy.

Leaders of the striking employes believe that they have a right to be heard as an organization rather than as individuals; the company, however, insists that there is nothing to arbitrate. Thus the standstill. Surely where the issues are so vital to the community, and the discomfort and inconvenience and expense involve so many people not in the remotest degree responsible for the differences which have led to a practical suspension of the trolley service, there ought to be a real effort to discover a reasonable plan which will bring about a prompt and honorable settlement of the differences now existing between the Harrisburg Railways company and its employes.

It should be said for those who have utilized the strike as their most formidable weapon that they have expressed a desire to conduct the battle in an orderly and law-abiding fashion. They have protested against all disorder and have urged those who sympathize with them to avoid any demonstration which might reflect upon the men who are standing out for what they believe to be reasonable demands.

As in all situations of this sort there are those who seek to achieve their ends through misrepresentation of other. Fortunately for the interests concerned on both sides the mischievous influences have not been permitted to embarrass the main issue. It is the earnest hope of the community at large that nothing will be allowed to transpire that will injure the good name of Harrisburg. Mayor Meals and those in authority have given fair notice that persons guilty of public disorder will be dealt with in the most drastic way. Toward this attitude the strikers and their leaders are in entire sympathy.

As for the jinxed element of the unusual situation, it should be said that many of the licensed owners and some of those who are without license have been serving the people in a very necessary way. Those jitneys who seized the opportunity to break all traffic regulations and disregard all precautions will not be permitted longer to endanger life and limb. These individuals are naturally indignant over what they believe is an invasion of their "rights," but they appear to be entirely unconscious of their own indifference to the safety of others.

But, without further discussion of incidents of the strike, the matter which concerns most of the people is a means of prompt settlement. They want peace and order and a resumption of the normal conditions without delay. That is the insistent demand which is coming up from every part of the city. "Get together" is the keynote of every comment on the strike situation.

TREADING UPON BUSINESS

NOTHING has recently transpired which is more convincing regarding the inefficiency of government ownership of public utilities than the attitude of the annual convention of the National Electrical Contractors' Association in New York city. Edward Trefz, field secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, was the principal speaker. He usually knows what he is talking about and what he said has peculiar force at this time. Mr. Trefz said he deplored past and present day tendencies on the part of lawmakers to tread upon the business man. According to the speaker the business man pays 80 per cent. of the taxes in this country and is considered a menace.

"This country, the greatest business organization the world has ever known, permits fifty-five different systems of bookkeeping in Washington. Less than fifty of the 422 members of Congress ever looked a payroll in the face before the present."

He asked the association to join with the Chamber of Commerce in dealing with Congress. Out of sixteen measures taken up by that organization in the past four years it was unsuccessful in only one, he said. That was the Clayton bill.

"One of the bills we took up with success was the national budget," he continued. "And let me say that when the first report is made public no more will be heard of government ownership for fifty years."

KELLY—GOT HIS BALL SHOOTING OUT OF TURN



By BRIGGS

Ebony Chat

The inquiries being made by the State "branch Capitol" Commission in Philadelphia and the probability that it will recommend half a million dollars for a State building along the Quaker City Parkway, have stirred up people in half a dozen cities of the State where the State maintains branches of its government.

The unusual flight of Deputy Prothonotary Elmer E. Erb, through the streets of Hockersville early Saturday morning may lead to legal complications, according to a story which appears in courthouse circles. Mr. Erb, so the story goes, heard the rattle of a passing truck in the wee sma' hours and suspected chicken thieves. He sprang from his bed and started in pursuit of the sun and gave chase. In all the county and city offices in which Mr. Erb is an occasional visitor a decided thrill was experienced over the report that the deputy prothonotary had been shot in pursuit of the pajamas.

Announcement that golfers at Reservoir Park at Hockersville early Saturday morning may lead to legal complications, according to a story which appears in courthouse circles. Mr. Erb, so the story goes, heard the rattle of a passing truck in the wee sma' hours and suspected chicken thieves.

The Pennsylvania Farmer, which has been giving some practical advice to people with lawns and who take pride in their fields, has this to say about weeds and meadows:

There are some common weeds and meadows. The abundant rainfall last summer and this spring apparently provided ideal conditions for the germination of weed seeds. Cultivated crops are suffering for the same reason. If properly worked, but the hay crop appears to have suffered most. The common white top or daisy fleabane, which is always troublesome in weedy areas, is the most common meadow pest and it is seen this year at its worst.

A friend who keeps close tabs on State history sends a note to the effect that Ex-Governor Pennock in his history of the Keystone State, says that the old State Capitol was visited by Presidents Harrison, Tyler, Taylor, Lincoln, Grant and Hayes and also by Daniel Webster, all of whom, it is believed, might be added that Roosevelt and Taft visited the Capitol while president and Wilson before he was nominated.

WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE

President Rea, of the Pennsylvania, takes the greatest pride in the record of hauling passengers without any one being killed.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg used to be famous as a manufacturer of fine leather?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The fashionable picnic grounds used to be on Allison Hill about on the line of Thirteenth street.

Thinks Cent Paper Will Go Redfield said in Washington on Monday. The 1-cent newspaper will be a success in the near future. Prices have increased all along the line on nearly all commodities, and within the last few months there has been a steady increase in the price of the materials entering into the making of news print paper and an increased demand for paper. From information which has reached me, I am of the opinion that advertising rates will be increased also, as it appears that the increased cost of paper cannot be made up alone by the increase in the price of the newspaper.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—Another substitute for gasoline has been discovered—now if it will only stay discovered.

—"We never miss the water 'til the well goes dry," and we never appreciate the kindly attentions of the street car conductor until he no longer conducts.

—"The fighting beggars description," says a correspondent in Northern France. In that it corresponds with what the war has done to the countries involved.

—"First it was peace by dictation. Now it is peace with honor. Maybe next time it will be peace of any old kind Germany can make.

—"What a grand thing it is that it never gets too warm to take a vacation.

—"Asquith will ask for a billion and a half more." What a piker Andrew Carnegie must think himself.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

When Postmaster General Burleson said that if he could keep down "useless extravagance, not postal, but political," the country might have one cent postage, the political managers of every party trembled for the franking privilege.—New York Sun.

Sir Roger Casement's counsel, appealing from his conviction for treason, argued yesterday that "the actions described in the indictment did not constitute a statutory offense."

No Future in Government Jobs... In the August American Magazine James Hay, Jr., says that Government jobs in Washington have no future and are being given to the most incompetent.

Silent as Ever... What has become of the silent John Lind, who used to extol Carranza and Villa to the skies? Possibly under the bed somewhere.—Los Angeles Times.

Ads Are Voice of Business... Business without advertising is both deaf and dumb, according to Frank A. Black, advertising manager for Plene's, who recently addressed the members of the Boston Press Club.

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"]

Fortune favors the brave who hustle. Every man has his price and the buyer is usually sold.

In the Bush League Class... Evidently Carranza realizes that it is of no use to try to compete with our President in a note-writing contest.—Indianapolis Star.

UNCLE SAM AS MOVIE CENSOR

By Frederic J. Haskin

A BILL is now before Congress creating a federal board of censorship for motion pictures, to be included as a new division of the Bureau of Education. This board, composed of members whose salaries are paid by the government, is to license all films that meet with its approval and requirements, and its chief purpose is to prevent the production of pictures that might have a degrading effect on audiences.

For some time the need of some adequate method of censoring the movie has been evident. Women's clubs have attempted to have local boards of censorship established in their communities, philanthropists and social workers have lectured and written on the subject enormously in the last two years.

At the present time the censorship of motion picture productions is confined to the National Board of Censorship of New York city, the staff of which is composed of motion picture interests and might therefore be considered prejudiced; special commissions in three states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kansas; and in a few other states board of censors.

From this it may be seen that censorship of the movie as it exists today, is not only inefficient, but inconsistent and sometimes ludicrous. On the other hand, it is certainly true that the need for some restriction upon the type of sex play that has been flooding the country, is acute.

At least five big concerns, however, are interested in seeing such a commission established, and have co-operated with the committee on education in changing a few of the provisions of the bill which were opposed to the practical requirements of the industry.

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