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FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 11
Nothing is achieved without solitude.

AN ADMIRABLE PLAN
LABOR DAY is going to be SOME day in Harrisburg.

City Commissioner Gross has done an admirable thing in submitting to the Water Supply Commission, which has approved his scheme of treatment, a definite and final plan for the protection of the river embankment throughout the length of the city.

Those who are familiar with the substantial construction of the "Front Steps" and the granolithic walk which protect the shore line have realized, during the last year or two, how necessary is some permanent form of protection for the slope from the broad walk to the line of the average flood stage of the river.

There is still a balance of the last park loan sufficient to complete this work and in view of the damage from the floods of last Spring, Commissioner Gross is entirely justified in protecting the embankment without further delay.

Charles M. Schwab and his associates of the Bethlehem Steel Company propose to make the Steelton plant modern in every way and while doing this they will not overlook any necessary improvement in the living conditions of their employees.

Steelton is preparing to keep pace with Harrisburg in everything that makes for an attractive and wholesome and comfortable place in which to live.

There is no influence in any community more potent and powerful for the accomplishment of good than that of the business and professional men, unselfishly promoting together for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of the entire citizenship.—James Bryce.

Mr. Bryce has given us in this paragraph a whole sermon. Right here in Harrisburg we have learned to appreciate the value of co-operation and to work more together than ever before.

SEE THE HANDWRITING
EVEN before he becomes President, which seems about as certain as that day follows night, Charles Evans Hughes has performed a distinct service in forcing an adjournment of the present Congress some months before that event had been anticipated by the statesmen who have been fiddling with the government for a period that now seems to run back into the dim and distant past.

His speeches and his incisive thrusts at the weaknesses of the Wilson administration have already placed the champions of the party now in power on the defensive, so much so that Congress is anxious to adjourn that the discredited representatives of Wilsonia may get back to their constituents and continue the futile explanations of their shortcomings started this week by the President and his Cabinet.

But it is doubtful whether the adjournment will come soon enough to prevent another egregious blunder in the enactment of a shipping bill which will still further hamstring and embarrass this country in its trade relations with the nations beyond the seas.

However, even Uncle Sam has become accustomed to the mistake of an accidental administration and nothing yet to happen need surprise or shock Americans anywhere. One even becomes familiar with blunders when these blunders are consistent and persistent, as in the case of the Washington administration.

Of course, we shall be told that it is less majestic to say anything in criticism upon the incompetence of the Washington administration.

There are signs here and there of a better atmosphere respecting the industrial difficulties of the country. Capital and labor are realizing that one cannot get along without the other.

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committee

According to gossip heard in the last few days, Governor Martin in Brucebaugh is disposed to listen to the counsel of some of his friends who have suggested that it would be advisable to wait until after the election before undertaking the program of making changes on Capitol Hill.

Another interesting story is to the effect that the Governor is desirous of getting some recognition from the Republican State committee when it meets next month and that he realizes that if he starts to remove men "not friendly" to the present primary he will not stand much chance of even a kind word.

In view of the fact that so many suggestions are being made for planks in the Republican State platform, it is possible that the Governor's friends will advise him not to attempt to place a legislative program of his own before the State committee, but to let the committee deal with State issues in its own way, and if it does not endorse what the Governor wants, let him put out his own program.

It has also been pointed out to the Governor that there is no use starting the legislative warfare again with the Legislature looming up in a few months and the chances that it will contain a number of men who are not enthusiastic about the administration's course.

The Scott declaration for harmony may have been a feeler, but it is regarded as a very significant document.

Democratic "regulars" in Philadelphia are up in arms over the refusal of the new board of registration commissioners to recognize the Democrats in appointment of registrars.

The Philadelphia grand jury reports to-day to the courts on the vice conditions in the city and meanwhile there is a brisk interchange of remarks between former officials, Giboney and present officials.

Senator Penrose's comments upon the manner in which the Democrats have used the Philadelphia office and other offices in this State as political patronage have attracted much attention and the Democratic machine talkers will be hard time explaining some of the statements which have been made.

The Philadelphia North American to-day says that 240 seats in Philadelphia are for sale because of the movement for local option which is spreading and that at least 1,000 more in the State are for sale.

The State Grange has taken up the proposition to issue bonds for construction of highways under a bond amendment to the Constitution which was voted down by the voters.

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Paper can be made from any kind of vegetable fiber, and corn stalks make a paper of a high grade of excellence.

The best way to get for efficiency is by making for contentment.

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The Silent Partner.

When a Feller Needs a Friend



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One item of importance was missing from yesterday's news—nobody discovered the Bremen.

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Nothing to Arbitrate (New York World)

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Unhappily, some of them have said that they have nothing to arbitrate.

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Evening Chat

In these days of tense interest in ways and means to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis it is a mistake to suppose that children should not be allowed to play in the playgrounds and the parks or be brought together where there is plenty of light and air. Too often, children come from homes where conditions are not as satisfactory from the standpoint of the man who aims to prevent disease as they might be.

Some of the foreign-born residents of Harrisburg and vicinity are taking a big interest in the preparedness movement which is under way in this State and they appear to be watching the way the Americans take to being soldiers of their own free will.

A story is told of a couple of drunks and disorderlies who ought to have been rounded up which shows that good times are not always a sure thing. The two men are said to have been in Derry street late one night a week or so ago.

IMMIGRATION AND WAR

By Frederic J. Haskin

IMMIGRATION into the United States has been cut down to about seven per cent of what for several years, we have considered the normal rate.

For the United States, this immense falling off in immigration is one of the most important present and future effects of the war.

How will those changed conditions affect immigration? Will the horde begin to stream through Ellis Island again, or will these men stay at home to rebuild their countries?

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Fate of the Wicked

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God, Iastes 8:11.

Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there is none to deliver.—Psalm 50:22.

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."

How are property valuations fixed for city and school taxes?

Property valuations for city and school taxes are made by the City Assessor. Values are fixed in the triennial year for three years, unless property is improved or an error has been made in assessment.

Our Daily Laugh

A STICKER. Friend: Did her father follow you when you eloped with the girl? Young man: I should say so. He is living with us yet.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is the center of an important fruit and vegetable distributing trade?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The first church was built at Third and Cherry streets.

Starving Armenians Cannibals

Rather than starve to death, Armenians are eating human flesh, according to a cable dispatch received by the American Relief Commission.

Lack of food has driven the people practically to animal life. Men and women have been seen crawling upon the ground in a desperate hunt for grasses and herbs.