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Be merry, man, and tak not sair in mind

The wavering of this wretched world of sorrow;

To God be humble, and to thy friend be kind;

And with thy neighbors gladly lend and borrow

His chance to night, it may be thine to-morrow. —WILLIAM DUNBAR.

THOSE FARM TOURS

Governor Brumbaugh has added more variety to governmental life on the Hill since he assumed office than has any other Governor in years. Last Fall, for example, he made "Seeing Pennsylvania First" popular and greatly encouraged automobile touring in this State by spending a week with a party of friends on the road. This year he is to have three tours, covering 1,500 miles, for the special purpose of bringing town people and the officials of the Department of Agriculture into closer touch with farm life.

The Governor believes by this means better relations and a clearer understanding will be established between the farmers and those branches of the State government which have most to do with them and that in turn the officials will learn more of the needs of the farmers in a way that will be beneficial when next term's legislative program is framed. In this he is right. The only way to administer the Department of Agriculture is by keeping in close touch with the farmers and their problems. The Governor has hit upon a unique and pleasant way of bringing this about.

General Leonard Wood claims that when one has something of value he usually takes pretty good care to have it insured or protected. And then in analogous terms he describes our army and our defense measures. And General Wood knows the horrors of war and is no flighty alarmist.

DEMOCRATIC FALSE PRETENSE

DISCUSSING the Durand incident in the Senate the other day Senators Penrose and Oliver gave the Democratic defenders of the President an uncomfortable hour. Senator Penrose charged that the issue was not the removal of Mr. Durand so much as it was the statement of Secretary Redfield that Durand's resignation had been voluntarily tendered, when the fact was that he was removed against his desire and his will.

He didn't blame the Democratic party for being spoliemen; he never expected anything else, but the Senator declared that what he abhorred in the whole transaction was the hypocrisy which characterized it. Calling attention to the pledges of President Wilson in his campaign and his declarations in favor of the Civil Service, the Senator pointed out that under the present administration there had been a greater raid upon the merit system than at any time in the history of the country since the time of Andrew Jackson.

With sledge-hammer blows Senator Penrose indicated one instance after another of hypocritical pretense of maintaining the civil service when every transaction showed a deliberate purpose to break down the regulations of the merit system. Postmasters and other Federal officials had been removed without cause and before the expiration of their terms, while the President and his apologists continued to prate of efficiency and all that sort of thing.

It was an unhappy experience for the administration senators, but Senator Penrose made it clear that he was not objecting so much to the removal of Republicans to make room for Democrats as to the false pretense of observing the Civil Service rules when in fact they were ruthlessly violated in every case.

Italy has placed herself in a position to demand a slice of the terranean pie that will undoubtedly be cut at the close of the greatest of all international struggles.

THE HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

So much hangs upon the best solution of the high school problem with which the city is now confronted that the school board does well in going slowly. There is a great deal to think about in the report of the expert submitted last Friday, and it would not have been wise to accept it as it stands without going into every phase of the situation. The board has done well in placing the work of review and recommendation in the hands of President Stamm and Superintendent Downes. Both of them are thoroughly conversant with the situation and needs and between them,

with the expert's report as a basis, they no doubt will be able to present to the board findings that will lead to the formulation of an adequate building program.

The Forster street building was a colossal blunder. The city cannot afford to repeat it. The new building or buildings should be planned with a thought for the distant future as well as to meet the present urgent needs. Upon the manner in which our high school problem is met will depend the efficiency of our high school system for the next quarter century to come, possibly longer. Not only vast sums of money are involved, but the welfare of countless boys and girls as well.

A strong arm, a steady eye and less ink is what this country needs as a basis of the requisites at the official Executive desk in Washington, D. C.

WOMEN AND DRINK

THE Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America has gone on record in opposition to the use of intoxicants by women and girls. The Union for many years has done an excellent work among the men of the Catholic church and has set an admirable example for members of all denominations. Doubtless in emphasizing the disfavor in which it holds drinking by women and girls it has in mind the influence the gentler sex wields over masculinity. At a time when the drink habit shows signs of being on the wane and when religion, medicine and business all have combined to condemn it, when State after State is being added to the prohibition column and when big breweries are turning their attention to the manufacture of "soft drinks" to replace their falling trade in alcoholics, it is especially important that women set an example for men by total abstinence.

Women suffer more from the ravages of alcohol than men. When the sodden wreck that was once a man drifts into the oblivion of the gutter or death he leaves behind him, nine times out of ten, some woman to suffer and mourn. When the weekly wage goes into the saloon it is the woman at home who must go hungry, cold or in rags. The Abstinence Union will have done a wonderful work for humanity if it persuades women to leave intoxicants alone and to frown upon their use by men.

THE VALUE OF PLATTSBURG

THE popularity of Plattsburg and its kindred camps demonstrates better than all that has been written of them both their need and the keenness of American men and boys for a taste of life in the open and a better understanding of military fundamentals. It is a far cry from the few score who attended the opening student camp at Gettysburg to the more than 30,000 who have spent or are spending a month at Plattsburg this summer.

For the businessman or college student who has given the matter no thought there is a new consideration offered in planning next year's vacation. Shall he go to the seashore and rest his weary soul harkening to the music of the waves? Shall he ascend to the mountains and enjoy the coolness of the nights? He can get both at Plattsburg and, in addition, familiarize himself with army conditions and so far remove himself from the class of ignorants in military science that he will be a valuable factor in the defense of his country should the occasion arrive; and he will return to his work freshened in mind and body, with a healthy coat of tan, clear eyes and iron grasp, and with a new and necessary appreciation of the duties which manhood suffrage places upon him and the obligation which rests upon him as a citizen of the United States.

Every man of reasonable age who can afford it should experience a month at Plattsburg. Universal military training is no bugaboo. It is a desirable asset to any country in the individual and collective good that results whether there be war or peace, and although this country has been slow to realize its backwardness in this respect, it is fast awakening and if the Swiss system is not adopted by the Republican administration that will supplant the present ineffectual governmental organization at Washington, then some other equally effective system will be installed and the people will have what they want.

"WATCHFUL WAITING"

MR. WILSON is making a great deal to do about the British blacklist which aims to cut off the foreign trade of American merchants, whose principal offense is that they bear names of German origin. Notes are to be written to the London Cabinet and these communications, we are told, will be "sharp" or "peppery" or "vigorous."

Yet the "crisis" involves nothing new, either in principle or in practice, or even to the knowledge of the administration.

Fully seven months ago Mr. Lansing—and, presumably, Mr. Wilson, also—knew exactly what the British government had in mind to do with reference to American business men who were suspected of maintaining any kind of connections with German houses; and the order in council upon which the present published blacklist is based was signed by King George November 10, 1915. Yet no effective action was then taken. None has been taken now. None will be taken, if we may judge from the history of our foreign relations as conducted at present.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Had the administration, seven months ago, dealt firmly with the first sign of the British purpose to hamper the freedom of movement for American commerce it is most unlikely that the present difficulty would have arisen. Yet the policy of "watchful waiting" which has

The Days of Real Sport



resulted so balefully in our Mexican relations has been allowed to govern also our relations with Great Britain and to the various unsettled disputes which have wearied the national spirit must now be added another.

The fruits of "watchful waiting" are abundant and widely diffused.

LEAST OF HIS WORRIES

NOW that the President has named his Carranza commissioners and after they have done their work, or failed in it, someone will have some bills to pay. There will be compensation for the commissioners and for their secretaries and other employees; there will be travel bills, and hotel bills, and telegraph bills, and so on. It will require an appropriation for all this—unless the President intends in this case to do as he did with John Lind and Col. House and the other "personal representatives" whom he has sent to Mexico and to Europe, namely, to pay the bills out of the private appropriation of the State Department. But this is probably the least of the President's worries. Spending money and laying taxes are specialties of Democratic administration.

Politics in Pennsylvania

The Lyncing County Republican Committee at its annual meeting Saturday, endorsed Hughes and Fairbanks and all the local party candidates in a resolution offered by Emerson Collins, Deputy Attorney General, who placed the name of Governor Brumbaugh in nomination for the presidency at the Chicago convention. George P. Stryker was elected chairman of the committee and George W. Dunlap, Deputy Factory Inspector, secretary.

The Republican committee of Snyder county met at Middleburg Saturday and elected these officers: Chairman, John A. Wetzel of Beaver town; secretary, A. M. Aurdand of Beaver Springs; treasurer, W. C. Shaffer of Shamokin Dam.

William S. McLean, State Chairman of the Democratic hosts, so far has given no outward sign of calling another meeting of the Democratic State committee. It is strongly suspected that the Pennsylvania democracy is not any too anxious to get together again soon. Another meeting of the State central committee might cause unpleasant complications about a platform. The State Democrats have no platform to speak of at this time. They appear quite willing to let the State Senate and Assembly races be go-as-you-please affairs, with each candidate championing whatever issues happen most to appeal to him. Resolutions were adopted at the meeting of the central committee in this city last May, when it met to elect McLean and otherwise organize, but they were confined to general endorsement of President Wilson and the national administration. The committee at the same time decided to meet again somewhere around Labor Day, leaving the exact date to the State chairman. This move originated with James I. Blaklee, fourth assistant postmaster general. It is suspected that Blaklee had a general idea of holding another meeting at the start of the active campaigning period. This may yet transpire. McLean can call a meeting of his State central committee almost overnight, should he wish. The party rules require notice of only a few days.

That all policemen and municipal officers might be guided accordingly, Mayor Smith of Philadelphia let it be known last night that he had resigned his membership in the Thomas E. Suttis Republican Club of the Twenty-eighth ward, Philadelphia, and severed his connection with every other political organization in that city. The announcement was made in an interview in Atlantic City, and amplified his declaration two days ago that he intended that one of the most important features of his reorganization of the Philadelphia Police Department would be an order that all policemen should relinquish their membership in political clubs. The Mayor believes the influence exerted in these clubs frequently diverts a policeman from the course of his duty. The Mayor also said that the clubhouse property which was in the name of his wife, had been sold to the club. The Mayor was for a long time president of the organization. This office, however, he relinquished when he became postmaster of Philadelphia.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—Tut, tut, Taggart, don't you know the President signed the pork barrel bill?

—"Ice water for the militia." Is a newspaper headline. Well, it wouldn't be the first time the militia had cold water thrown on it.

—These New York Democrats are actually talking about "dragging the bench into politics."

—The administration is boasting that it is going to place sixteen-inch guns on the new battleships, but it should not forget that it is "the man behind the gun" that counts.

—Just at the present both capital and labor seem to have lost sight of the vital fact that they must stand or fall together.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Driving of the allies is good, but the industry is yet to come. —Wall Street Journal.

Mexico is now at peace with all her enemies save those at home. —San Francisco Chronicle.

So far, no substitute for gasoline has been discovered cheaper than shoe leather. —New Orleans States.

The Italians seem to be in possession once more of all the most desirable telegraph offices. —Boston Transcript.

The "movies" certainly "take the cake." Judging from the recent surprise in Westchester county, N. Y., when a bolt of lightning shattered a stick of dynamite, the motion picture can speak for it, will be erected into a thing—either double-alloy or triple-alloy, or a press agent extraordinary.

Will Power [The Silent Partner.] With the hope that this will fall before the eyes of some poor boy— If you are poor but healthy, remember that you are wealthy and "lucky" for history unfolds this fact. The employees of this generation are the employers of the next.

The things that seem to oppose you, young man, are but the creatures of circumstances. They are really to help you up the hill.

Above and beyond all of the environment that seems to surround you is your own will power, and this is the agency that can and will, if you will only hard enough, raise you to almost any level in life.

A Royal Proclamation Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man I preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.

And by him, all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. —Acts 13:38, 39.

Great Partnership [Philadelphia Ledger.] There can be no question about it, that the conception of the Allies that, after the war, Europe, so far as they can, will be erected into a great partnership which will insure a "freer and fuller life" for the countless millions who are making such tremendous sacrifices, is a very inspiring thought. And in voicing this thought Premier Asquith is simply paralleling what the French and Italian and Russian leaders have said in commenting on the close of two years of war. There is everywhere throughout the length and breadth of France and Great Britain especially a feeling that some nobler concept of nationalism and of international relations shall grow out of the great conflict. The old misunderstanding must go, and all the commiserative utterances of the last few days have taken this fine tone. It is natural that the coming great partnership of Europe may have its more serious business side for which we must trim our sails, but there is in the thought something uplifting, an ideal and an ideal that may well inspire all who hold it to do their best. In the very nature of it, it is conceived in humanity and is born of the travail of war without pride, but with great hope.

A Strong Arraignment In the foreword of his new novel, "The Girl Philippa," Robert Chambers joins the Wilson administration thusly: "The United States should retain its people and its wealth by maintaining an army and a navy commensurate with its population, its importance, and its international obligations, fell through owing to Presidential indifference, Congressional ignorance, the historic imbecility of a political party."

AERIAL MAIL ROUTES

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE United States is soon going to have an aerial mail service. Early in May the Post Office Department advertised for bids on an airplane service throughout Alaska, in answer to which the owner of three powerful aeroplanes is now on his way from the Alaskan gold fields to close a contract. This man's bid, which is for \$48,500 a year, was accepted by the department for the reason that it was the only one submitted. The demand for aircraft and skilled operators in Europe is so great that very few aeroplanes, aside from the comparatively small number in the army and navy, are allowed to remain in this country. A bid was also requested for a similar service from New Bedford, Mass., to Nantucket, R. I., but so far no one has offered to undertake it.

The question of an aerial mail service in this country has been in process of agitation ever since 1910, when a mail pouch was carried by aeroplane to the New York post office from the steamship Kaiserin Victoria, which was lying fifty miles at sea. Following that, no less than sixty-seven attempts were made to show the practicability of carrying mail through the air. The proposition was the subject of so much popular interest that it was adopted by various municipal Boards of Trade as an advertising feature. The plan was to carry the mail by aeroplane a specific distance for a certain number of days. In the first instance, the plan was to carry the mail by aeroplane a specific distance for a certain number of days. In the first instance, the plan was to carry the mail by aeroplane a specific distance for a certain number of days.

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Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

"I saw one of the oddest punishments inflicted the other day that I have ever seen among birds," said a nature lover yesterday. "I was attracted by the excitement of a couple of blackbirds or grackles near my home and saw a sparrow suddenly dart out of a nest with a broken egg in its bill. Quick as a flash the male grackle pounced on it, seized it by the neck when it struck the ground and literally shook it as a terrier does a rat. I never saw anything like that before. The sparrow was dead in no time and once satisfied that it would raid no more the grackle flew away."

Do you know what the walking sign is? It's when you are riding on a car and you go by a striker or strike sympathizer. The other afternoon a couple of men were in a car which was well filled and it happened to go by the hand organ with which the strikers are touring the city. One of the strikers bent down and beckoned to people on the sidewalk to get into the car. In the car was a man walking on the asphalt. It's the walking sign and the men say that there are no grounds for interfering with it.

As a result of Harrisburg soldiers being near Mexico there has been more Mexican money sent here than in years. Dozens of dollars, in fact, which are fair samples of printing, but poor as regards real value, have come here by mail and there are numerous ones of rare and valueless vintage also forwarded. According to what is learned in letters from the front one American silver dollar can buy almost anything in Mexico. Incidently American films and quarters are being saved up by people south of the border.

If you are interested in seeing that animals neglected from abuse and neglect, join the Harrisburg Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which for five years and over has had for its one object—a fair chance to every animal friend of the world to be neglected. The humble society has authorized Carroll K. Denny, as solicitor. He is making an active canvass for new members and contributors and is incidentally making every one who joins a friend of the society by his eager zeal for its welfare. It is the aim of the society to have a thousand members. Though this goal is far from being reached, there has been an encouraging increase in the past few weeks.

James M. Herbert, a brother of Alderman Herbert, of this city whose election as first vice-president of the St. Louis Southwestern has been noted, was born on January 15, 1863, at Delmont, Pa. He was educated in public and private schools of Westmoreland county, Pa. He first entered the service in 1880, as night telegraph operator of the Washab, St. Louis and Pacific. Since that time, he has been general station agent, yard clerk, train dispatcher, chief train conductor and trainmaster of the same road; trainmaster of the eastern division of the Grand Trunk, at Island Point, Vt.; trainmaster of the same road at Belleville, Ont.; superintendent of the northern division of the same road at Montreal; superintendent of the Kansas and Missouri divisions of the Missouri Pacific at Oswatimie, Kan.; general superintendent of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern; manager of the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific at St. Paul, Minn.; general superintendent of the Denver and Rio Grande at Denver, Colo.; general superintendent of the Colorado and Southern and first vice-president of the same road at St. Paul, Minn.; first vice-president of the St. Louis Southwestern, he will have headquarters at St. Louis, Mo.

You would hardly imagine the number of Harrisburgers who live out of the city in the Summer unless you chance to ride the locals between Harrisburg and the nearby summer resorts for a few days. Every morning the trains from the Aqueduct, Cove, Perdix, Inglewood, Speeceville and numerous other beauty spots along the Susquehanna bring hundreds of businessmen to town for the day's work. From cottages along the Yellow Breeches, the Conodoguinet and from the camping grounds at Stoverdale and Boiling Springs, scores more. After the heat and toil of the day, all these troop back to field and stream and mountain where dull care is left behind and the old-fashioned alarm clock goes off once more.

Just how many people spend their summers away from the city cannot be definitely estimated. But the number is large every year. New cottages are going up at many places along the river both north and south of the city, and not only the rich are enjoying themselves in this way, but it is known. Quite a number of railroad men for instance, live in their summer homes during July and August and travel back to their work on passes.

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 meeting last evening.] When is tax levy for city purposes made, and what governs the rate? The levy for city taxes is made before the first Monday of January of each year. Appropriations covering expense of the city government for the coming year are made, and after estimating the probable receipts from other sources a tax levy high enough to meet the balance of expense is made.

Our Daily Laugh

SO DO WE ALL For the sake of peace I often keep still even when I know I am right. Same here, I'm married, too.

BEYOND A DOUBT.

He: Who is the hardest looking character you ever saw in the past? She: A marble statue.

The Young Man lay in the trenches. In the mud and the blinding rain, Death in the earth and death in the air.

And hunger and cold and pain; Blood on his hands and blood on his soul, From the murder that could not be he?

And the Young Man said, while the guns flashed red, "Peace! God give us peace!"

The Old Man sat in the smokeroom, Withered and lank and lean, Far from the hell of the bursting shell, And the sea and the ships between; Safe his old worthless life, And the Old Man said, while the young men bled, "War! War to the knife!"

A Mystery But what has become of that British invention for exploding German balloons at long range? The repeated Zeppelin raids make one wonder.—Indianapolis News.

Too Few Army Depots [Toledo Blade.] One cause of the scandalous delays in the mobilization of the National Guard was the small number of depots maintained by the government for reserve equipment. Some of the New England troops received their clothing and arms from Philadelphia. The Middle West was virtually all supplied from St. Louis. The mobilization put an enormous strain upon these few depots. Consider what the strain might have been, how much more confusing the mobilization would have been, if the country had suddenly been called upon to repel an invader.

It would probably be unnecessary and a very expensive thing to establish depots in every state. But there should be many more than there are now. They should be located where there is every facility for shipping and handling supplies, where in forces can be trained to handle equipment with something of the speed and efficiency that have been developed in industrial plants, such as automobile factories.