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By carriers, six cents a week; by mail, \$3.00 a year in advance. WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 13 Moderation is like the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.—FULLER.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS. WHATEVER be the motive back of Germany's peace terms, it is inconceivable that the allies will accept them. For the moment all the cards are in Germany's hands.

There are two reasons that advance themselves before all others—the first that Germany wishes to put herself before her people at home and those of both warring and neutral countries as willing to end the war, thereby placing the responsibility for further conflict upon the shoulders of her opponents.

City Commissioner Lynch is absolutely right in his effort to place all the streets in first-class condition before the severe weather of the winter makes outdoor operations impossible.

RETIREMENT OF JOFFRE. GENERAL JOFFRE, whose brilliant success at the Marne, saved France, whose genius for organization enabled the French to oppose the German forces successfully with an army that has not had a single reverse since it took the field, and whose policy of "in-bubble-them" has resulted in the slow, but steady reclamation of French soil from the enemy, is to give way to a younger and more energetic commander-in-chief of the allied forces in France.

of Hindenburg's contention that the task the allies have set for themselves on the western front is hopeless. What more natural then, that the Chamber of Deputies should turn to General Petain, defender of Verdun and executor of the coup whereby the French won back in four hours all the territory captured by the Germans in five months of the most bloody warfare the world has ever seen.

Governor Brumbaugh is doubtless turning over in his mind the things which will require discussion in his forthcoming message to the Legislature. No Governor has ever studied the State more thoroughly than the present head of the Commonwealth, and the various matters which have enlisted his interest will doubtless get the attention which they deserve in his recommendations to the legislators.

WATER DEPARTMENT SURPRISES. THE opinion of the city's legal department, to the effect that surplus money in the water department may be used to defray the municipal light bill, should end all inconceivable on the part of Council concerning the adoption of Mayor Meals' recommendation that the millage be kept down by utilizing the money earned by the water department over and above all expenses to pay for the current used in the street lamps.

Two distinguished speakers will address the Chamber of Commerce and the Engineers' Society of Pennsylvania this week. Both of these organizations have favored their membership and guests with a list of speakers which is most unusual, and the privilege of hearing these national leaders is greatly appreciated by those who have been invited from time to time to attend the luncheons and dinners of the two associations.

ASSISTING CUPID. LOUIS J. HILL, with originality characteristic of the name he bears, has determined to populate the great northwestern country in the development of which his father, the famous railroad builder, had so large a share.

Without doubt there are as many girls unattached in Chicago who would like to have good husbands as there are bachelors in Montana and Dakota who are yearning for wives. Many a good housewife has been sacrificed to make an indifferent stenographer.

Charles M. Schwab is to be the guest of honor at a little dinner given by his lieutenants at Steelton to-morrow night. He is keeping in close touch with the big plant on the eastern border of Harrisburg, and there can be no doubt that he means to develop the property along the generous lines indicated in his recent speech at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Superior facilities and more effective organization have given other nations marked advantages in foreign trade over the United States. It is an appreciation of these conditions which is leading the governmental authorities to provide for the enlargement of the facilities which will tend to increase and develop American trade.

Harrisburg is to have a fruit show next month for three days, and as this has become a distributing point for the luscious apples and other fruits of Central Pennsylvania, including the Adams county belt, the show ought to attract much attention.

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Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman

Men active in the State administration's campaign to bring about the nomination of Representative Edwin R. Cox, of Philadelphia, in the Republican speakership caucus declared to-day that Governor Brumbaugh had gained some recruits for the South Philadelphia, although they refused to give names or even to issue any figures as to how many votes Mr. Cox would have in the caucus.

Both Messrs. Baldwin and Cox are out in the State, meeting members and discussing their campaigns. Mr. Baldwin has spent considerable time among the Grangers, while Mr. Cox has been cultivating members in the anthracite coal field under the tutelage of Congressman John R. K. Scott, who is building a formidable machine.

Governor Brumbaugh to-day continued his efforts to secure a majority of Republican members of the next House of Representatives for Cox for speaker and his reception room contained a number of men who will sit in the next House. These men were summoned by telegrams from the Governor telling them that he would be glad to discuss legislative matters with them.

Among the Governor's visitors was Representative J. J. Dean, of Lawrence county, who has been generally credited to the "drys." Mr. Dean is the colleague of Robert L. Wallace, of Newcastle, a member in former sessions who is now favored and who is a candidate for chairman of the judiciary general committee in the event of Cox's election.

The advent of Representative George W. Williams, of Tioga county, as a candidate for speaker with hay on his horns, has stirred up some other candidates who are now forerunners. The administration people say that Williams' name will hurt Baldwin and will help Cox, but do not give out diagrams. Williams is not as popular as he is used to be about the Executive Department.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch in a story written in Philadelphia gives this interesting sidelight upon the plans of the Democracy in the next session: "Looking confidently forward to a season of riotous factional warfare between the two Republican ele-

Bits of the Out o' Doors "Suskie"

Always He's Calling. O you who dwell deep in the city With its rush and its reeks and its roars, Pause you a moment—and listen! God's bidding you, "Come Out o' Doors!"

Out where the bluebird is winging, Out where the buttercups sway, Out where the hawthorne is budding And kissing the cheek of the May!

Out where the wild rose is blooming, Out where the orioles nest, Out where the Suskie is crooning Love lyrics that lull you to rest!

Out where the Bobwhite is whistling, Out where the leaves strew the way, Out where the aster's bestowing Sweet fragrance on West Winds at play!

O you who dwell deep in the city With its lust, its dust and its greed, Always He's calling you to Him— Will you not listen—and heed?

Business Briefs. A new union station is talked of for Atlantic City on the site of the present Reading station.

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Evening Chat

The biennial changing of rooms in the State Capitol to make quarters for the Legislature and its attaches has been started on Capitol Hill and desks, chairs, files and other office paraphernalia are being shifted about the building or sent to offices in other buildings in the city, including some of the structures bought by the State in the Capitol Park extension zone.

There will be no knives in the packages of supplies furnished to the legislators this year. A number of articles were cut out of the list some time ago and because of inability to get satisfactory prices penknives have been eliminated, while there will be no match safes or pocketbooks.

Harrisburg has some folks who are ready to give up their money for almost anything. This information came recently from United States government employe. He was telling about a case that came to his notice within the past year. A young man wanted to gain flesh. He saw an advertisement in a New York paper and was told that it would cost him \$5 for medicine and an additional expense if he wanted to follow instructions closely.

A man identified with one of the Sunday schools of the city called attention yesterday to the fact that the war had done one thing for which he was glad. It had brought the American-made holiday cards to the front, as he said. For years there have been unmade holiday cards in "Czechoslovakia," etc., cards sold in this section for Christmas. Now the American cards are being given a chance just as are American-made toys. It does seem odd when iron toys are made within forty miles of Harrisburg for our stores to be able to offer Nuremberg-made juvenile attractions at a lower price than those made in Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

County Commissioner Harry C. Wells' fondness for children is pretty well known. He has a number of nephews, a bit of trouble striking up new friendships with the little folks; not always, however, as his advances received in congenial spirit. The ex-sheriff smilingly told a tale of a "fall down" the other day: "On my way up town this morning," said he, "I passed a lot of little folks playing on a porch. There were hair a dozen little girls, the oldest, I should say, wasn't more than five. As I went by I smiled at them and said 'Hello, ladies, having a nice time?' And of course they all started at the remark and one of them—an exceptionally pretty thing with great hair ribbons. She might have been four.

"Yethr, we're havin' a good time," she chirped, and she talked to me until we introduced. It's'n fresh!"

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE. General A. J. Logan, commanding the Second Brigade, is making investigations into the health regarding health of troops at El Paso. Councilman George M. Harsberger, of Johnstown, well known here, is taking steps to improve Johnstown park. Dr. Appleton Bash, chaplain of the Eighteenth Infantry, is home from the border on a furlough. Dr. J. T. Rothrock, father of Pennsylvania forestry, has been elected president emeritus of the State Forestry Association. Edward S. McGraw, of Williamsport, secretary to Secretary of Labor Wilson, has become a Washington lawyer.

DO YOU KNOW. That Harrisburg ships annually large amounts of castings for municipal work throughout the state? HISTORIC HARRISBURG. John Quincy Adams was among the Presidents who visited Harrisburg and spoke in Capitol Park. Insurance Testimony. Statistics prepared by either the wets or the drys are apt to be viewed with suspicion because both sides are biased, says Arthur Hunter of the New York Life Insurance Company. But statistics put out by the life insurance companies are known to be absolutely without bias, and the public has confidence in them. Mr. Hunter cites the experience of seven American companies and one Canadian company that show that mortality is from ten to thirty per cent lower among abstainers than among non-abstainers. He shows further that mortality among total abstainers is markedly lower than among "temperate" drinkers, and very much lower than among "moderate" drinkers. The mortality among those who at the date of application for insurance took two to three glasses of whiskey a day, but did not drink to excess, is 80 per cent in excess of the normal. There is an extra mortality of 40 per cent among the policyholders who drank to excess at least one glass of whiskey a day, but did not drink to excess, is 80 per cent in excess of the normal. There is an extra mortality of 40 per cent among the policyholders who drank to excess at least one glass of whiskey a day, but did not drink to excess, is 80 per cent in excess of the normal.

OUR DAILY LAUGH. RIGHT KEY. He—Have you heard my new song, "The Proposal"? She—No. What key is it in? He—Be mine, er. HE DOES. Briggs says a man ought to attend to his own business. Yes, but he thinks it's his own business to show everybody else how to attend to his business.

FIT OR FAT AT FORTY? (Philadelphia Bulletin). Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the alert and philosophical Commissioner of Health in Pennsylvania, comes a bit late with