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To be feared of a thing and yet to do it, is just what makes the prettiest kind of man.—STEVENS.

THE NEW HOTEL MANAGEMENT NOTHING could better illustrate the caliber of the corporation to which the new Penn-Harris Hotel has been leased than the pictures published in this newspaper yesterday, showing some of the hotels managed by the United Hotels Company.

Villa has offered to forgive President Wilson, but he hasn't yet got within handshaking distance of General Pershing.

MARS PROF. HENRY N. RUSSELL, of Princeton, has added a new and interesting chapter to the history of Mars. He has discovered, he says, that the temperature of the planet always is below zero and that unless some cause not yet understood operates to make it warmer, the existence of life on the planet is improbable.

Other astronomers have written that Mars is inhabited, that civilization there is much farther advanced than on the earth and that, doubtless, some day we earth-mortals may get into long distance communication with our celestial neighbors—a sort of "Messenger From Mars" arrangement, so to speak.

There is no more interesting subject for speculation than that having to do with conditions on this mysterious planet, which is so near, and yet so far. The man whose sole conception of a telescope is that of the clothes receptacle variety is just as competent to opine as the astronomer whose nights since childhood have been spent peering at the stars through the small end of a sky-scouring lens of gigantic diameter.

Harrisburg is going to have a white Christmas, but Europe is in for another of the blue variety.

PARIS AND MARY GARDEN

THERE is humor even in tragedy. Paris gravely chiding Mary Garden for wearing too frivolous clothes illustrates the point. Two years of war have warped the French point of view. The sun of peace and prosperity does not shine for Paris—therefore the whole world must be a gray, drab place. Paris forgets that while tears were flowing and hearts were aching elsewhere in other days her boulevards were scenes of color and animation—and her fashion factories were working double time.

A LESSON FROM THE WAR

PERHAPS the most beneficial lesson America is learning from the war in Europe is the importance of foreign markets to the business of the country. Time was when the American's proud boast was that his country was sufficient unto itself—that, if necessary, it had but to close its ports, go about its business and forget the rest of the world. But that period, if it ever existed outside the imagination, is long since past. Modern invention has made nations inter-dependent. Civilized men want the fruit of the tropics and the furs of the northern woods, they need the wheat of the temperate zone and the rubber of the equatorial belt.

All-things of all countries they want, and must have, if life is to go smoothly along in the ways man has made for it.

We in this country have become a great producing people and we must sell abroad if we are to prosper. The war has given us markets that we must fight to keep once peace comes, and it is with this thought in mind that James A. Farrell, chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council and president of the United States Steel Corporation, his issued to all American business men the formal call for the Fourth National Foreign Trade Convention, to be held at Pittsburgh, January 25, 26, 27, 1917. The call is based on the council's research into problems of foreign trade since the last foreign trade convention was held at New Orleans. The convention will consider among others the following questions:

Conditions in foreign markets after the war, and the measures necessary to facilitate American foreign trade, as well as the foreign trade aspect of the American tariff system.

Co-operation in foreign trade development. The American merchant marine. Foreign investment of American capital as an aid to overseas commerce. Problems of the smaller manufacturer and merchant.

As Mr. Farrell points out, foreign trade is a vital element in domestic prosperity, whether such prosperity be enhanced by war demands or diminished by lack of foreign orders in peace. The constructive encouragement of sound national foreign trade policy, which will be the purpose of the convention, should have the co-operation of all elements engaged in, or affected by, foreign trade, and that embraces about everybody.

Politics in Pennsylvania

It is not the organization of the House of Representatives for the session of 1917 nor the control of the trend of legislation, to use Governor Brumbaugh's apt way of characterizing the contest now raging among Republicans in the State, that is at stake in the struggle which is attracting attention of people in this and other states. The governorship and the other offices to be filled at the election in 1918 are the prizes. And it might be added that the Democrats are just as keen about their chances in that election as the Republicans.

The physical condition of our young men, as shown by the recent examination of National Guardsmen, is a cause for concern. It is a military training and regular living as a necessity on the basis of discipline, respect for authority, obedience to law, and the unifying influence of the association of every farmer of the young men of all races and of all classes.

There is no doubt in my mind that a shoulder to shoulder association will tend rapidly toward the decline of our unmanly, un-American and senseless class distinctions.

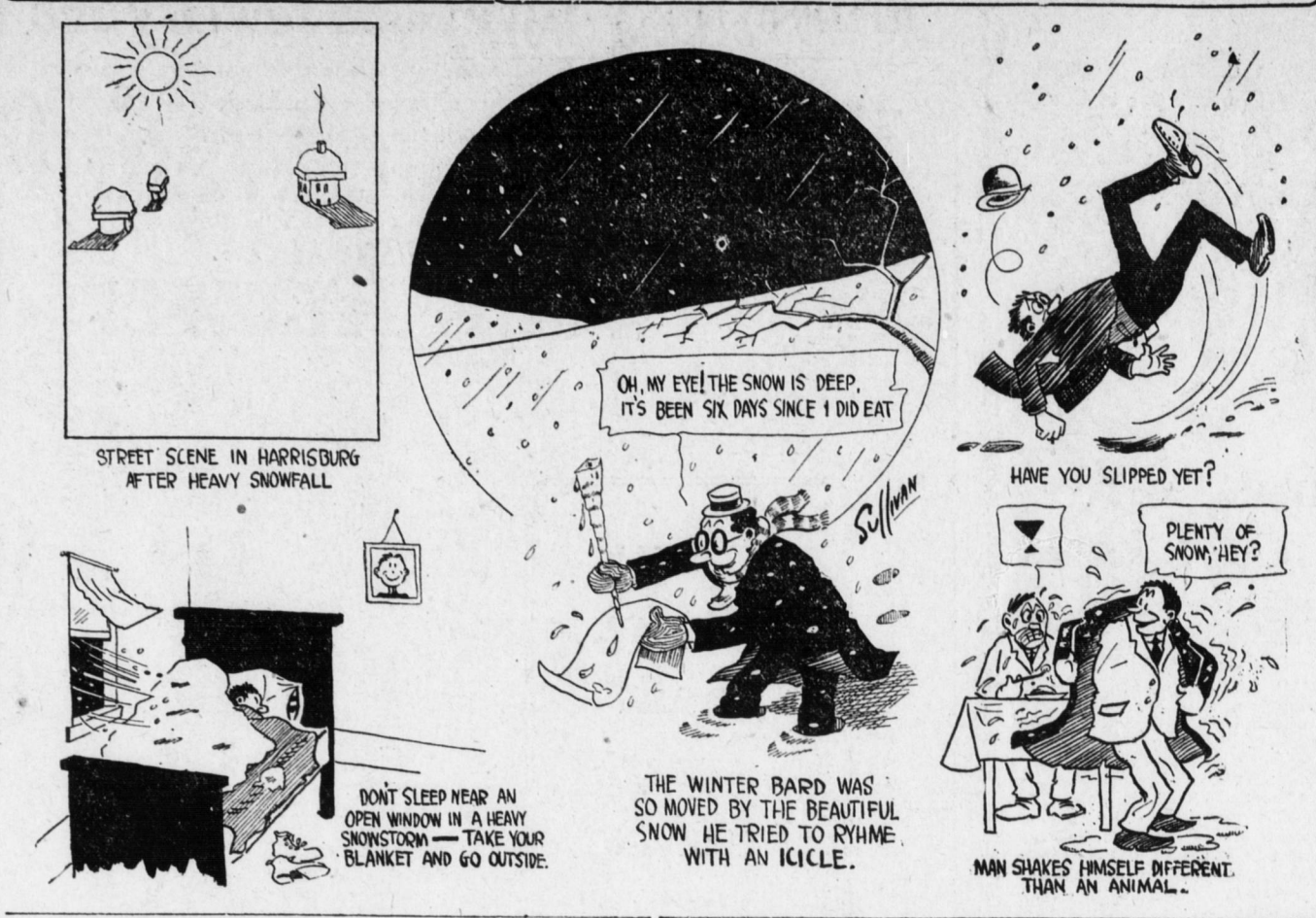
Francis Joseph left \$22,000,000, but we never heard that he got much fun out of his money.

MRS. RIPPIN'S APPOINTMENT

MANY Harrisburg boys have gone out of their old home town to make lasting names for themselves in their adopted environments, and now comes a Harrisburg girl who has "made good" after a manner that has attracted wide-spread attention.

Jane Deeter Rippin, made chief probation officer of the Municipal Court, owes her nomination to herself and to the good work she has done, whereby her eminent qualifications have been demonstrated. She brings knowledge and judgment to bear on the tangled problems of domestic relations and judgments and the discrimination between the hardened misdemeanant and the inexperienced offender. It is hard, exhausting work, and it calls for every quality of womanhood that is admirable. In the patience, the insight, the common sense, the inspired intuition it requires. These are qualities beyond the ken of a hireling to whom an office is nothing more than the money there is in it and the labor is but an evil incidental to the pay envelope.

"OH! THE SNOW, THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW"



PENILESS BOY BECOMES ONE OF MORGAN'S PARTNERS

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The National Guard (Saturday Evening Post)

Experience at the Mexican Border shows plainly enough that the National Guard is very ill-suited to regular army work. A hundred thousand young civilians, mainly dependent for livelihood and the support of their families upon modest salaries or wages, were abruptly taken from their customary paths and sent upon strenuous public business, for which, on the whole, they were not well-trained or well equipped.

End of the Strain

The man started home from his office. As he departed the stenographer told him that shorthand pads had advised him that the city budget was \$211,115,016. In the subway an Interborough official advised him to help out the crush by riding on a lower car.

Fly Leaf Verse by Riley

As a young writer Clara E. Laughlin was aided by the advice and encouragement of the Hoosier poet and she has gathered into an attractive little book some very entertaining "Reminiscences of James Whitcomb Riley" (Revel, 75 cents net). If for any other reason it will find a welcome among all admirers of Riley because in it is reproduced the following lines he inscribed on the fly leaf of the first book he sent to Miss Laughlin:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Staff of Life

Why do you not remain so still? Why do you not in unity raise your voices? Why so insignificant on such a vital question? Yes, your daily bread for you and for your children, raised in price to six cents a loaf with its weight reduced to only eleven ounces, truly it is a roll for it is not a loaf of bread. This vice is tightening upon the workers, yes, the masses, the millions who are working hard to keep a shelter over their families. I say it is your duty to use indefatigable energy and endeavor to repel this terrible imposition on the working masses, particularly those with families.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THE LUXURY

Mrs. J.—So your daughter has married a surgeon?

HARD JOBS

What is the hardest thing you do?

EXCEPTION TO THE RULE

New brooms sweep clean. No cleaner than old brooms before Christmas.

NO WONDER

Why is it that experts claim that department store clerks make fine soldiers?

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg sells large amounts of plates to bridge builders and shipyard?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

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Protecting Child Life

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Evening Chat

Richard J. Baldwin, Edwin R. C. and George W. Williams, the candidates for the Republican nomination for speaker of the House are all colleagues of bygone session and very good friends. In fact, they have served on the same committee and have taken very prominent part in the deliberations of the last sessions. With Fred C. Ehrhardt, Scranton, and John M. Flynn, Ridgway, the Republican and Democratic fathers of the House respectively, and James F. Woodward, McKeesport, these three men form the most prominent group in legislative affairs.

Except for 1913 the speaker contests have been pretty well settled in the caucus meetings. Republican have always predominated and Democratic nomination passed unquestioned.

The Morgan firm now consists of J. P. Morgan, H. P. Davison, Charles Steele, Edward Stotesbury, Arthur E. Newbold, William Pierson Hamilton, William H. Porter, Thomas W. Lamont, Horatio G. Lloyd, Dwight W. Morrow and Edward R. Stettinius.

Mr. Cochran has many interests in business. He is a director of the Astor and Bankers' Trust Companies, the Interborough Rapid Transit, Knox Hat, Kennecott Copper, Braden Copper, American Piano, United Dry Goods, Associated Merchants, International Motor and Morris Plan Companies, the Bankers' Commercial and Submarine Corporations, the Liberty National Bank, Hecla Iron Works and Lord & Taylor.

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