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If I have faltered more or less in my great task of happiness; if I have moved among my race and shown no glorious morning face; if beams from happy human eyes have moved me not; if morning skies, books, and my food, and summer rain knocked on my sullen heart in vain—Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take, And stab my spirit broad awake.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

AGAIN IT FAILS

ONCE more we are confronted by the inherent weakness of the Clark act which imposed upon Harrisburg the commission scheme of municipal government.

Nor is that the worst phase of the matter. Pending the filling of the vacancy the duties of an important department, one having to do with the life and health of the community, must be discharged by other officials in addition to their own daily routine.

Already there are rumors of lack of discipline and indifference and failure to perform the daily tasks in certain quarters.

How long are the people of Harrisburg going to stand for the haphazard, go-as-you-please, you-tickle-me and I'll-tickle-you administration of certain departments? Haven't they had sufficient evidence of the weaknesses of the present scheme of government or are they willing to let George do it until the final crash?

If we are to have an iota of safety at the intersection of Market and Second streets, in Market Square, why not place the Donato statue in the midst of it. Those nymphs presented to the city by Mr. Hershey are entitled to some consideration and in the absence of a memorial to John Harris, why not the water sprites?

HARRY B. BOWMAN

CITY COMMISSIONER HARRY B. BOWMAN'S record as a city official will rest largely upon his consistent policy of applying business methods in the transaction of public affairs.

Mr. Bowman was rather fixed in his opinions and did not easily change, but he was public-spirited and the record of his service is highly creditable.

Unswerving in his loyalty to friends, devoted to the interests of the city and with eyes to the front, the dead Commissioner, twice chosen by the people for responsible duties, accomplished much.

James W. Eckels is on the right road. As attorney for the borough of Mt. Holly Springs he will urge upon the convention of boroughs, to be held in this city next month, an amendment to the laws governing the State highway system providing for taking over and maintaining all streets and bridges in boroughs which form part of recognized highway routes.

DARING SEAMANSHIP

IF German arms have been successful on land, German ships have been far more so on the seas. The hardihood and daring of the German sea raiders have approached the dardelid exploits of John Paul Jones himself.

The German commanders have never for a moment shown the white feather. They have calmly gambled with death and have not wavered when the throw was against them. Such bravery as they have displayed were worthy of a better cause. The

one blot on their escutcheon has been their ruthlessness. True courage has always a thought for the helpless and gentleness is a characteristic that at all times has characterized America's great naval heroes. "Don't cheer boys, the poor devils are dying," is a typical sidelight on the American fighter's point of view, and so, while we have small sympathy for the commander who sinks without warning, we must admire his skill and dash and hardihood.

German seamanship has robbed England of some of her laurels during this war and has added a new chapter to the history of gallant achievements on the ocean.

So it appears the head of the Department of Parks is running true to form. Again proposals invited in pursuance of an ordinance of Council—this time for motor apparatus for the fire department—are rejected because of a change of mind. Yet we are told how efficient is the commission scheme of government.

YOUR NEWSPAPER

FROM all parts of the country the New Year has brought renews of subscriptions to the Telegraph from readers of years' standing and the letters of support and encouragement which accompanied the checks have been an inspiration to those who make the newspaper. It is only by such means that the Telegraph learns whether or no it is pleasing its readers; whether it is filling the place in the community that it is endeavoring to fill.

Another gratifying development of the past few weeks has been the increased use of its columns by readers of the paper.

The Telegraph is YOUR newspaper, and the management is always glad to hear from you and to give your views to the public at large. It may not always happen that your opinions and those of the editorial columns of the Telegraph agree, and the Telegraph is not so egotistical as to assume that it is always right. If you differ with the newspaper's position, it is your privilege to say so through the correspondence columns on this page. Or, if you have some criticism of your own to offer or some improvement to suggest, the columns are always open to you.

This is YOUR newspaper. It is being run in YOUR interests. Make the most of it.

For some reason the picture of a winter landscape is always more attractive in the summer time.

A "GOD-GIVEN CHANCE"

D. ROESICKE, at a meeting of the German Farmers' Union, said recently that the "dear God" has given a sign that ruthless submarine warfare ought to be begun at once and "it is doubtful whether the dear God will give us such another opportunity. For He wishes us to grasp the hand He extends."

The "dear God" demands ruthless warfare; in other words, the "dear God" asks Germans to go out and murder a few more women, children and innocent noncombatants.

But not all the German people feel that way about it, however much some of our allied friends would have us believe they do.

Voerwaerts, the German Socialist organ, comments sarcastically on the speech as follows:

So the dear God demands ruthless submarine warfare. Then every objection is excluded. Are the circles around Roesicke, who so gladly proclaim their firm faith in God, unaware of their frightful blasphemy?

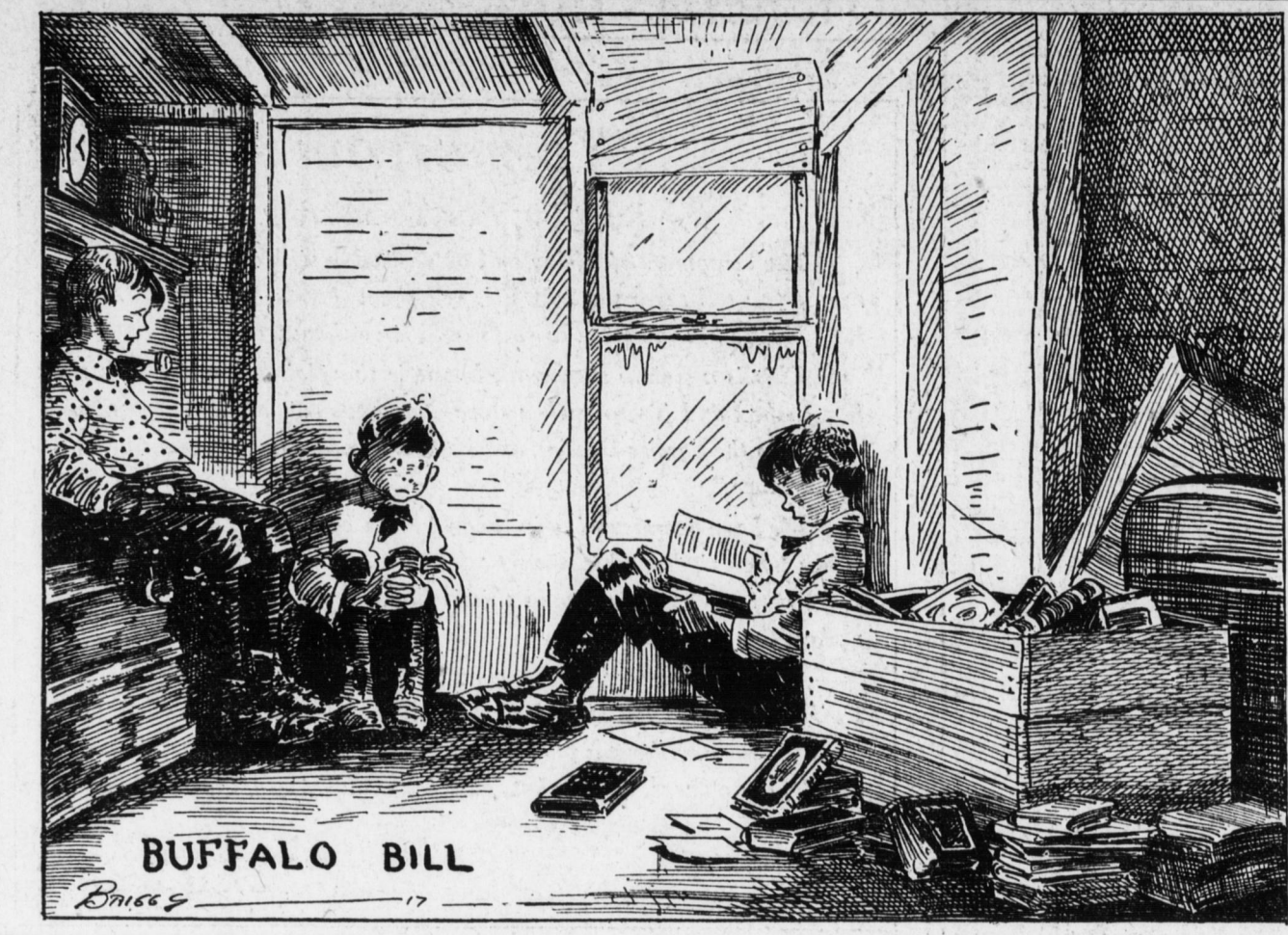
PARTY BLUNDERS

IT is not easy to understand why the responsible leaders of the Republican party in national, congressional and State conferences continue to insist upon doing the things which they ought to know will provoke further factional controversy and endanger the future harmony and effectiveness of the Republican organization throughout the country.

Just when most earnest Republicans were hopeful that the schism in the party resulting from the break in 1912 was about healed the leaders of the national organization get together at New York and through an apparent disposition to promote their own selfish political interests provoke the Progressive wing and invite further party disaster.

After the disappointing result of last November there is greater need than ever before to compose the differences which have divided the party strength and forget the unfortunate past, save as it may prove a guide to party management and conduct hereafter. The conclusion is almost forced upon loyal Republicans that some of the party leaders are more disposed to guide a minority than they are to march at the head of a splendid majority in party affairs.

The Days of Real Sport



BUFFALO BILL

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Drawing among Philadelphia Democrats over who shall have the appointment to the vacancy in the office of appraiser of the port has gotten to a stage which has attracted national attention and the Wilson administration is more or less concerned over the row which has broken out right when it was figured out that the Democrats of Pennsylvania had been harmonized.

The circumstances attending the creation of the vacancy left a bad impression and now when the Democratic newspapers have been proclaiming harmony the Philadelphia factions have started pulling hair again and filling the air with war cries.

The Democratic state leaders, who had been saying how they were going to turn the Republican row to their own advantage, are now trying to settle the fuss and some action may be taken when the bosses get together here next week in case nothing is done in the meantime.

A Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer shows how the rumpus is regarded at the national capital. It is as follows: "Success of the harmony plans recently formulated with the regular faction of the party in Philadelphia probably will depend upon the ability of the two factions to agree upon a successor to W. W. Roper, who recently resigned the position of appraiser at the port. A Mitchell Palmer, national committeeman, has been here for several days conferring with Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blankenship and other Pennsylvania politicians. President Wilson probably will appoint any man suggested by Mr. Palmer. Mr. Roper's resignation came as a result of the President's attitude in insisting upon the demands of the railroad brotherhoods for a so-called eight-hour day. Although a Democrat, Mr. Roper strongly disapproved of the President's attitude in changing his politics and voted for Hughes. He again tendered his resignation following the election and this time it was accepted."

Two Programs

[New York Sun.]

There are two possible programs for Congress and the country to which attention may well be directed at this moment. The items of the first may be formulated as follows: 1. Passage of the Webb bill to enable the American exporters to compete with the exporters of other countries in international trade. 2. Abandonment of railway labor legislation; resumption of the investigation by the Newlands committee of the problems of railway regulation; framing of proper legislation to relieve the railways. 3. Additional measures for the national defense, preceded by the repeal of the act federalizing the National Guard. 4. Enactment of a revenue law restoring reasonable duties on imports, imposing productive indirect taxes to raise internal revenue, materially lowering the income tax exemptions and reducing the rates; or abolishing the income tax altogether and reserving it as a source of revenue for times of great emergency.

The second program reads very differently from the first: 1. Investigate a scandal without embezzling anybody except by studied indifference. 2. Pass railway labor legislation of a sort to foment antagonism between employer and employee. 3. Rest on the record of last session's moneys appropriated for national defense, and let Josephus fight it out with the manufacturers if it takes all winter. 4. Pass the pork. 5. Vote a bond issue and juggle with taxes a little.

It is thought that Congress will follow one of these programs.

Coughlin Favors Church Bell

This is a discourse on church bells uttered from John J. Coughlin, Chicago alderman, better known as "Eighth Street John." "Church bells are a good thing and we can't have too many of them. They have been ringing in this town for good many years, and they haven't disturbed any more sleep than railroad bells, although they may disturb the conscience of a sinner. Every bell should be kept ringing on Sunday mornings to wake up the reformers and send them to church. I wouldn't vote for an ordinance prohibiting church bells; every church should have them."

The name of Major-General C. M. Clement, commander of the National Guard division, is figuring considerably in the gossip about Public Service Commissioner since the return of the general from the border. General Clement is a lawyer and lives at Sunbury and many letters and telegrams urging his selection to succeed Samuel W. Pennypacker have been sent to the Governor, M. E. Bushong, Lancaster member of the State Commission of

NEW YORK A MORAL CITY

Decency, Courage, Kindness Her Attributes, Says an Admirer of the Metropolis

RECALL the definition, "Character—What you are in the dark," and its paraphrase, "Character—What you are in New York." Yet what impresses you in New York is not her frivolity. It is her decency, her courage, her kindness. Of all great cities New York is by far the most moral outwardly, and by far the most to recognize the social value of even outward morality.

All great cities she is by far the pluckiest. She breeds fighters like His and Rainford Abbott and Potter, Jerome Roosevelt and Hughes. She has tamed her police. She has taken a long, long stride toward abolishing the feudal system that centers in Tammany Hall. Big business behaves, or pretends to. Gamblers have ceased collecting art treasures. District attorneys have outgrown the habit of bowing themselves in through the cell-

ing. Graft dwindles. Official complicity with Satan is both difficult and dangerous. The tenement has improved. So has "Coney." Every advance costs a battle, and the end is not yet. New York realizes it. What with explosions, plagues, holocausts, "race" wars, "crime waves" and strikes, there are warnings in abundance of more fights coming. Tammany's striped beast is not dead. It sleeps. The underworld is not banished; every few days a sociologist unearths new miseries.

And, mind you, this same New York surrounded her municipal building with a statue of Civic Pride.

She does not like the recrudescence of evil. But, such is her pluck, she takes it as a challenge, and retorts: "After a hundred fights, the hundred and first? Then lend me to it!"—Rollin Lynde Hart, in the Century Magazine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Milk Question

To the Editor of the Telegraph: The milk question is a question of a great deal more importance than the public is aware of. Dairy inspection is demanded by our State officials and by the cities mostly, while we all would welcome any inspection if it could be done by competent men, but not if it would be placed in the hands of either university students or college students.

The result of dairy inspection with incompetent men would ruin dairymen entirely. Forty per cent. of the dairymen are not dairymen to-day and it won't be very long until 60 per cent. will not be dairymen, and the city people will bear the consequences by paying the price for milk within two years.

When the pasteurizing of milk started it certainly ruined calf raising. Milk that is pasteurized, I know from our own experience, is not good for our own calves, but you are compelled to pasteurize if you deliver milk to the cities. A great many farmers to-day give absolutely fresh milk to their calves because the starch is taken out of the milk by pasteurizing and reduces the milk to a very poor quality. For hogs I don't believe there is very much harm in pasteurizing.

The veterinarians and physicians dispute the above fact, but time will prove when they pay the price for milk. Some are suggesting paper bottles, which they claim cost only 1/2 cent each, but still the consumer must pay for them, as is always the rule.

The eight-hour law is certainly keeping the laboring class of people from the farm and the farmer's sons and daughters go to the cities for short hours, and you can't blame them, because a dairymen gets his vacation when he goes to his grave.

While we have a Governor with good intentions, who seems to favor compensation for the farmer, dairy inspection, I believe, is for the farmer's and dairymen's benefit, because it will help to get rid of some of the State's money and pay the price of milk so that the dairymen and farmers can afford to hire two sets of eight-hour men a day. The farmer is compelled to pay a tax to hire a laboring man. The consumer pays for it all.

FROM ONE WHO KNOWS

That New Dry Decision

"This means the beginning of real prohibition, which has never existed up to the present time. There will be more prohibition legislation passed during the present year than during any year of the past, and Congress will certainly submit the national prohibition amendment to the country before 1920. The United States will be 'dry' within ten years."—William H. Anderson, head of Anti-Saloon League of New York.

"It means that many States now 'dry' are being 'wet' within five years, and it is the greatest check that possibly could be administered to the national prohibition movement."—A. L. Strasser, counsel for Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association.

The foregoing conflicting interpretations of the significance of the action of the Supreme Court of the United States in declaring the Webb-Kenyon law to be constitutional were expressed by persons who have been actively engaged in the prohibition fight.

Children of God

Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.—Galatians III, 26 and 27.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Evidently Roumania misjudged the temperature of the water when she jumped in.—Atlanta Constitution.

An expression from Villa as to just what he is fighting for would be appreciated by Washington.—Wall Street Journal.

The information that those deported Belgians are happy and contented would be more convincing if it came from them.—Nashville Southern-Lum.

That old place in the tropical sun she used to have is beginning to look mighty cozy to Germany.—Boston Transcript.

Wall Street is a little calmer, but occasional shivers still run down Broad and Exchange at the thought that peace may break out again at any moment.—Boston Transcript.

Women Proved Slacker

The London Times, whose special correspondent made a thorough study of the causes for Australia's vote against compulsory military service, gives three reasons for the rejection of conscription. The first of these is that the women of Australia proved slacker, returning an overwhelming vote against conscription.

The second is that the Irish votes, which amounts to quite an important proportion, went solidly against conscription because a vote for it was regarded as a vote cast for England. A third reason is that the people feared that Australia, stripped of able-bodied fighting men, would fall an easy prey to a powerful Asiatic nation.

The last reason was a powerful one, according to the Times correspondent, who found little cause to doubt the loyalty of the colony to the Empire.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A DEFINITION.

Pa, what is a luxury? Anything you want, my son, when you haven't got the price.

OF COURSE NOT.

Beauty is skin deep. That's enough. Nobody wants an X-ray photograph of his sweetheart's physiognomy.

PATTERNS WANTED.

You don't mean to say you are going to see the ballet? Yes, I want to get some ideas for a rainy day costume!

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Col. H. C. Trestler, who has given permission to the State to trap deer in his preserves, has been breeding animals in captivity for years.

—The B. Johnson, the acting head of the State Chamber of Commerce, has been active in such organizations for years.

—Senator Clarence Wolf, former Senator from Erie, has been elected president of the Mercantile Club of Philadelphia for the twenty-first time.

—W. W. Roper, who resigned as appraiser of the port of Philadelphia is spending some time at Virginia Hot Springs.

—Ex-Congressman J. F. Burke is in charge of the arrangements for the dinner of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg ships steel for use in building big barges for coastwise trade?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The first railroad station in Harrisburg was at the foot of Race street.

Way to Meet Pneumonia

[Kansas City Star.] Here is a little reminder of the benefits conferred on the human system by alcohol. It appears in an interesting volume just published, a "Layman's Handbook of Medicine," by Dr. R. C. Cabot, of Boston, a distinguished member of the Harvard medical faculty. He is discussing the care of pneumonia, and he remarks that a person addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors is three times as likely to die from pneumonia as a person who does not use them. There is a little doctor can do for a patient with pneumonia. But one thing the patient himself can do in advance to avoid the hazard that comes from drinking.