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THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 1

Dare to be true; nothing can need a lie, a fault which needs it most, grows two thereby.—Herbert.

SAVING THE COUNTY \$6,000

SENATOR BEIDLEMAN takes a correct view of the situation caused by the death of City Councilman Harry F. Bowman. Under the terms of the Clark act as it stands the people of Dauphin county, composed largely of those who own no property in Harrisburg, who have no interests in the city other than an occasional trip here and who contribute generously to the revenues of the county at large, would have to bear the \$6,000 expense of electing a councilman to serve nine months in Harrisburg.

The Clark act errs in this respect as it does in many others. It is full of weaknesses and this is one of them. There is no local politics in the bill framed by the law committee of the Third Class City League intended to remedy this defect and save this large sum to the people of the county, but if there were it would be good politics. As Senator Beidleman says, he represents the county districts as well as those of the city and he would be derelict to his duty did he stand idly by and see such a vast sum of public funds frittered away because somebody made a mistake when he framed the law under which our city government is conducted.

The people of the county should make themselves heard on this subject. The first of February fair and clear, the half of the winter will come that year.—Hurrah!

ARTHUR KING

THE death of Arthur King, founder of the Middletown Car Works, removes another of the great industrial pioneers of Pennsylvania.

Mr. King arose from the humble position of machinist to the ownership of a factory that sent its cars all over the world. The rolling stock manufactured at Middletown is carrying freight in Canada and South America, in Europe and in China.

What Mr. King lacked in early technical education he made up in breadth of vision and practical understanding of the numerous problems that ever-changing conditions have placed before the builder of railroad equipment in the last half century. He was a big man in every way and the town that he placed on the industrial map of the world may well mourn his death.

That hotel porter who left an estate of \$100,000, must have been a most obliging and insistent pursuer of the agile dime.

EMBARRASSING OF COURSE

WHAT was an eminently correct point made in the "leak" debate in the House, when a member suggested that the rules committee might find some embarrassment in going on with the investigation, since the veracity of its own chairman had been called in question. Such fine distinctions, however, do not worry Democrats. Mr. Henry, of Texas, has heretofore shown no special delicacy of behavior, either on the floor or in committee. A little more than two years ago he held up Congress for days with his insistence that there should be an appropriation of government money to buy and hold Texas cotton; and it is most unlikely that his skin is any thinner now than it was then.

State-wide prohibition is the direct child of opposition to local option.

AT IT AGAIN

THE literary reputation assassins are at it again. For the moment they have ceased to prove that Bacon wrote the plays and poems ascribed to Shakespeare to turn their attention to Milton. Some hitherto unknown professor has discovered—

at least he thinks he has—that Milton plagiarized "Paradise Lost" from the writings of Joost Van Del Vondel, a Dutch author and poet.

How it happens that such a great work as "Paradise Lost" should have remained unknown or obscure in Dutch literature until the present is not explained. At all events, we prefer to stick to tradition. Milton it was and Milton it is for us, if for no other reason than that Milton is far easier to remember than Joost Van Den Vondel. His name's against him.

Have you noticed that the Democratic newspapers have quit calling Lawson hard names?

FACING WAR

THE United States is facing war with Germany. The possibility has become the probability. President Wilson is on record in this language:

Unless the Imperial Government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels, the Government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German Empire altogether.

Now comes Germany with a declaration of ruthless and unrestricted submarine warfare. America is denied the freedom of the seas. Germany presumes to tell us where our boats may go and where they may not. "Come across this line and we will sink your ships and kill your citizens without warning, whether or not they may be on peaceful errands," in effect is what the latest German note says.

This puts the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany squarely up to the President of the United States. It is difficult to see any other outcome of the situation, unless the President chooses to back down from his former stand and shuts his eyes to the rights of the nation and the American people as individuals. And severance of relations means almost certainly participation in the war at no distant date.

These are the facts and it is in this situation and the probabilities that confront us that the citizens of this country are most interested. But the causes leading up to conditions now confronting us and the position of Germany with respect to the United States are worthy of note. In the first place the announcement of the Imperial Government that it proposes a ruthless warfare on the seas unquestionably brands Germany as an outlaw among the nations. It is the last desperate enterprise of a despairing power. That it has the sanction of the people of the empire shows only how effectively the allies' blockade has become and how keenly the German people feel the pinch of hunger and privation the cutting off of imports has brought about. The broad visioned German statesmen who have been playing for peace and opposing the ruthless use of the submarine know how hopeless the cause of Germany is and that the waging of a murderous campaign upon the seas will do no more than stave off the evil day, while unquestionably it will kill the last spark of friendship for Germany among the neutral nations of the world.

The British blockade has cut off Germany's outside food supply. Therefore Germany, loudly proclaiming the inhumanity of "starving women and children," proposes to do likewise for Great Britain, but not having the power to accomplish that end within the accepted terms of international law, the Imperial Government plans to do it unlawfully. All neutrals must suffer to make England suffer. The scope of international maritime travel and trade is to be prescribed by Germany. It is here that the interests of the United States and those of Germany clash so seriously that unless the President, by some unforeseen and unimagined stroke of diplomacy is able to set the nation right before the world without the severance of friendly relations, must send the German ambassador home and enter upon a policy that almost inevitably will bring us into armed conflict with Germans on the seas.

Senator Boies Penrose is quoted in the Philadelphia Inquirer to-day as calling the Brumbaugh administration "a wreck" and predicting that the probe resolution will be passed by the Legislature and be thorough in its operation. From the Executive Mansion last night came the statement that no one had had the temerity to suggest that the Governor remove Attorney General Brown in order to avoid the lightning. Western Pennsylvania Democrats began to boom Colonel Richard Coulter, of Greensburg, as a candidate for Governor.

The general impression is that the Sprout resolution will be much discussed in formal and informal conferences the next few days in Philadelphia, but that the efforts of some men who have been endeavoring to get the warring factions to agree on a protocol will be unavailing. Penrose men this morning claimed that there would be a vote of thirty votes for the resolution in the Senate on Monday night, which was disputed by administration men, who were talking of how they had blocked the plan and would force their own scheme with the assistance of the Democrats.

Some of the newspapers appear to be just waking up to the plan to have the Legislature take action to order the Governor to act on appropriation bills and to permit the investigation to be reported upon from time to time. —The Penrose statement to the Inquirer is one of the most terrific slams he has given the administration and it is interesting to note in connection with it that he says he does not think the Governor was approached to sacrifice the Attorney General in order to halt the investigation. The Philadelphia North American prints a very circumstantial statement of the fact that the Governor was approached, but it does not square with the denial from the Mansion.

Politics in Pennsylvania

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When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OBJECTS TO LECTURER

To the Editor of the Telegraph: "Avast! Cowards All!" (Falstaff)

Last night a man came here who lectured to the Harrisburg Natural History Society named Frederick Mosen, residence unknown, who, in the course of his remarks, went out of his way to insult his audience in a political harangue in which he said that the people of the United States were "cowards." Is he one? To have been traveling in Mexico and lecturing in the United States so far away from Germany? As one of his hearers was tempted to express my disapprobation but such an action would not be properly appreciated by one using his place for incivility.

He is a traveler and tells the "Tales of a Traveler." He said that he was a Norwegian but he promulgated pro-German doctrines bordering upon anarchy, what in Germany they call Democracy, as the remedies for the troubles in Mexico.

This country is full of German spies, is he one? He is an acute observer, exceedingly well educated, but hates the United States with a deadly animosity. His criticism of President Wilson was to my simple mind, disloyal considering that he was a citizen of the United States. All said in this connection could have been omitted as it had nothing to do with "Mexico."

His photographic views were exquisite and aside from his own prejudices, his lecture was excellent; but that deflection to reflect upon his adopted country, outrageously left a disagreeable effect.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

READY FOR TROUBLE

Mr. Fly: Well, there's one consolation; I had that leg insured for 5,000 pumpkin seeds.

PERHAPS

Justice is blind. That's the reason so many crooks think they can get away with it.

LEFT WHAT?

Mrs. Smith has a million in her own right. My wife always carries hers in her left.

THIS MAN HIRSES A GARDEN

Have you any perennials in your garden? I don't think so. Are the seeds very expensive?

GOLDEN GIRLS ARE MANY

Income Tax Is Paid by 22,000 Unmarried American Women; Government Keeps Secret Roll of Amazons

There are twenty-two thousand unmarried women in the United States who are able to maintain homes without the slightest aid from mankind. Any one of these women can choose her husband without stopping to ask if he can support her in the style to which she has been accustomed.

New York city alone contains a number of these financially independent women, enough, in fact, to make a great convention. The whole list is kept among the confidential records of the collector of internal revenue of the United States government.

He got the names as the result of the income tax law and is forbidden to make public any information concerning the Amazons of great wealth who pay tribute for the possession of money. If the record could be made public, fortune hunters would find in the schedule more valuable leads than any other source of information affords.

But the government carefully guards the women from the prying eyes of the money seeker and the roll is a sacred secret. In spite of the veil that is drawn between the golden girls of the nation and the public, the names of many of them are known.

Miss Harriman a Hunter There is Miss Carol A. Harriman, daughter of the late E. H. Harriman. She is possibly one of the most widely known of the millionaire bachelor girls. She is prominent in outdoor sports and particularly hunting in this country. So enthusiastic is she about this sport that when there is no one else to go hunting with she and her brother, William, go out alone.

If it were necessary for Miss Harriman to earn her own living she could do so without much difficulty on the coast of Long Island, where she has under one of the best masters in Paris. She is one of the heirs to the millions left by her father.

One of the most attractive spots on the vast Harriman estate is the handsome bathroom and studio Miss Harriman had erected for her own use. This is her den during the summer months.

Regardless of her wealth, beauty and position, "Girle" Brown, christened Angelica Schuyler Brown, still remains a bachelor girl. She is considered one of the most beautiful and attractive girls in society. Practically every masculine member of the set the charming An-

Evening Chat

The extent that men of foreign birth or percentage are entering into the business affairs of the State is well illustrated in the documents that come to the State Capitol these days. For years the appearance of street signs and delivery wagons bearing names that are unusual in a community largely made up of descendants of people from the British Isles and the Germanic nations has been noted with interest by observers of such things and now the names are turning up in all sorts of business enterprises. For a long time the old stock was represented by such names as papers and then the Italian element began to appear in increasing numbers and lately the Slavish names, the Poles, the Greeks and the Syrians as well as people from Scandinavia have been found. When clerks at the State Capitol or the courthouse strike the Greek and the Syrian names, they file the papers to present typewritten names so that the record can be read by people in years to come.

When names signed in Jewish characters are discovered there is gossip, thing doing and often times the papers have to be returned for typewriting so that they can be entered on the big books. The other day a list of names was attached to a document filed at the Capitol and every name had to be deciphered because they were written in one of the Eastern languages. The other day a list of names was attached to a document filed at the Capitol and every name had to be deciphered because they were written in one of the Eastern languages. The other day a list of names was attached to a document filed at the Capitol and every name had to be deciphered because they were written in one of the Eastern languages.

"I think of all the mean mornings that I ever knew this morning ten years ago was the limit. It was the morning the Grand Opera House burned," said a fireman to-day. "I had not gotten to bed when I was called out and I got to bed the night after. We did not think we had a big fire on our hands until it got started in the Grand Opera House. It was one of the hottest I ever knew. I don't know what would have happened to Harrisburg if there had not been a lot of snow on the roofs. That was a godsend."

Ex-Auditor General A. E. Sisson, who came down from Erie yesterday to attend to some State tax matters, was mightily interested in legislative gossip. Mr. Sisson was one of the most careful men about State finances known here and his estimates and statements were accepted as gospel. When he went out of office everyone threw bouquets at him. He also served as one of the Capitol probes.

"It's about time for half a dozen railroad men to talk about groundhogs running around the yards," said a weather prophet this morning. The railroad yard groundhog is a first cousin to the Wildwood Park deer and the Dauphin bear. It is seldom seen, but always noted by some man of unimpeachable veracity. John Gish used to foretell the weather by the sausage skins, but the railroad yard groundhog who plays tag between the puffing yard engines and hops miles of track has taken former place as a prognosticator. And I'd as soon believe one as the other."

"Not many people are buying turkey sandwiches now," said a restaurant man. "I have to get turkeys ready and believe me, they cost money, and have them on hand for a day or so, and if they don't sell they are a loss. Turkey sandwiches are rated at 20 to 35 cents and people get mad at the price. But we can't help it."

Several residents of this city will go to Williamsport on Friday to attend the meeting of the Susquehanna Trail Association, which has been recently to boom the improvement of the State highways between this city and Elmira by way of the Susquehanna river and the old Indian trail north from the Lumber City. The association has been given strong support in every county through which the road would pass and State officials favor it.

Opponents of universal military training are advised to take a good look at the Governor's Troop, individual men who are healthy, and aren't convinced that health is oozing from every pore, and that their stay on the border has done them worlds of good. If some of the physical standards that convincing has become a dead art.

Many and interesting are the stories they tell of their experiences, but it seems to be a source of general regret that they were not permitted to see active service. Some of them, the privates at least, who are not restricted by governmental regulations from expressing their own opinion on official matters, are firmly of the opinion that they will be returned to Mexico within the next six months. The withdrawal of Penrose's troops from the northwestern territory, and the same old mobilization of our troops will take place again.

Eddie Roth, one of the most popular members of the Troop, will leave in a few days for Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, where he has planned to take up special study preparatory to taking his examination for entrance to West Point. When Eddie passes his exams, which all who know him are certain he will do, he will be a full-fledged "plebe," and will enter the United States Military Academy on June 16.

Of all the tributes paid to Samuel Kunkel, one of Harrisburg's best loved men who died yesterday morning, perhaps the greatest came from two boys. Mr. Kunkel's interest in youngsters, his many unknown benevolences, his annual party for the children at Reservoir park had made him one whom the boys and girls alike were liked to greet. Yesterday when the news of his death became known one lad met another near Third and Walnut streets, and said: "Kunkel's dead."

"The man who gave us the party?" asked the other. "Yep."

"Gee, better tell the fellers."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Bishop Blount-Cheshire, of North Carolina, who is visiting in this State, is an authority on Southern history.

—John M. Egan, former Pittsburgh newspaperman and now parole officer for the Western penitentiary, was here yesterday at Capitol business.

—E. J. Doyle, prominent Philadelphia, is working to get the World's Salesmanship Congress for his city.

—John C. Winston, who is active in the Philadelphia charter revision work, is a noted publisher.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is the center of a dozen State highways?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first brick buildings in Harrisburg were used for mercantile purposes and the owners slept upstairs.