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It is a poor heart, and a poorer age, that cannot accept the conditions of life with some heroic readiness.—Stevenson.

THE GERMAN VIEWPOINT

THE German viewpoint is well illustrated by the decision of the Berlin authorities to keep Ambassador Gerard in Germany "until satisfied as to the treatment of Count Von Bernstorff by the American government."

In this respect it may be said that German citizens in the United States are much safer here than they would be in their own land.

But the German government cannot understand this. Guilty of almost every outrage nameable against fair play and decency, Berlin has come to the point of suspecting everybody else of the same disreputable practices that are fast making Germany an outlaw among the nations.

Samuel Kunkel's memory has been cherished in the hearts of the children of Harrisburg, and his permanent endowment of the "Romper Day" fund is this last thoughtful act for and in the interest of the little folk of this city.

When Count von Bernstorff, ambassador of Germany to the United States, was handed his passports with the notification that the President had decided to sever diplomatic relations with his country he wept and said that his whole life work had been ruined.

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the United States, knowing full well the error of continental opinion and the serious results that must inevitably follow disregard of his repeated urgings as to the importance of maintaining friendly relations.

Whatever else is said of Von Bernstorff, it must be admitted that he did all any man could to prevent the break that has occurred, and his efforts were purely those of one devoted to what he believed to be the best interests of the nation he represented.

Home Rule For Cities

THERE is a growing sentiment through the State in favor of some amendment of the laws and, perhaps, of the constitution which will enable cities of the third-class to adopt charters of their own which will give them a larger measure of home rule.

This newspaper has urged some such movement with more or less insistence owing to the fact that other cities of Pennsylvania are suffering just as Harrisburg through retarded development resulting from laws that are narrow in their application.

Something should be done at the present session to bring about radical reform in this direction. When the cities shall have the right to adopt their own charters the Legislature will cease to be troubled with a deluge of special bills at every session to cover local and specific municipal difficulties.

Director Moore, of the Legislative Reference Bureau, has been requested to prepare suitable legislation on this subject and there ought to be no opposition to the measure when it shall be finally introduced.

LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

WE have had legislative investigations in Pennsylvania biennially and the time of the Legislature has been consumed in frenzied political inquiries which in the last analysis are of little importance to the people.

Harrisburg discovered long ago that expert advice in the developing of a better municipality was not only important, but extremely necessary. What applies to the city also applies to the Commonwealth.

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OH MAN!



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Considering the number of warships wrecked under the Daniels administration, it would be a graceful thing for the organization favoring a reduction of armament to present the Secretary with a medal.—Philadelphia North American.

The entente allies started the war, Germany says. Their plan was, we presume, for Serbia to conquer Austria-Hungary while Belgium devastated Germany.

England, especially, showed her hand when she hurled an enormous army of 100,000 men against only two or three millions of Germans.

Roumania did much better as a bluff than as a bluffer State.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Feed Enemy's Children

The bread of the German soldiers is hard, black and sour. Not at all like the bread we are used to. It is coarse in texture and very solid, but without wholesome. I lived on it myself for several months and gained weight; but when I did get hold of a loaf of white bread by chance in a Serbian village, it tasted like cake to me.

—Friends of D. Edward Long have about given up the idea of any early confirmation of him as superintendent of printing at the House last night.

Maggie Cline Is Back

Maggie Cline was in the news from New York this week. Years ago, twenty or thirty or such a matter, Maggie Cline's name was often in the news; but it seems a long time, since we saw it before, until here it appears in an item about a verbal encounter she had with John McCormack, the Irish singer.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

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It Is Not Strange

Nothing is strange on all the spheres, except when things are not. And 'twould be strange if in the years to come we were to see a man who had been a member of the State Senate and who had been a member of the State Senate and who had been a member of the State Senate.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN "THE RIGHT MAN" COMES ALONG

IN the February Woman's Home Companion a writer says: "It seems to me the old-fashioned method of telling young people that they were sure to know when the 'right man' came along is accountable for a good many false ideas about love, as well as for a vast number of heartaches and unhappy marriages.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

NO CHANCE TO COLLECT. Mr. Creditor Bugg: And that fellow owes me five pumpkin seeds.

INSPIRATION. First Artist—The new coins are beautiful. Second Artist—I could turn out something pretty fifty myself if I had money to serve as a model.

A REGULAR FAN. Do you like all the operas? All that I have seen. Which ones have you seen? None at all.

LUCK. He's a lucky dog. How so? He knows a man who manufactures golf balls and buys his supply at wholesale rates.

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Evening Chat

Although the arrangement has been made that all occupants of buildings in the Capitol Park extension, except branches of the State government, must vacate on April 1, it is probable that it will be well into next fall before they will all be able to get out.

The display of flags about the city reminds one of the manner in which Harrisburg showed its patriotism in the early days of the Spanish War.

Of all the disconsolate persons to be seen about the Capitol the boomers and boosters of legislation are the worst. They are here in the usual strength, but they cannot get next to the policy of this session, and they come here week after week and sit around waiting for something to happen to their bills.

Harrisburg will have a distinguished company of people here next Monday night when the Oakley paintings in the Senate chamber will be unveiled and accepted on the part of the State.

Dealers in automobile accessories say that they have pretty nearly sold out their supplies of automobile covers, especially those for the protection of persons riding in cars.

Speaking of automobiles, there are some operators of jitneys in Harrisburg who have various signs that can be readily told. Some have elaborate affairs which are hard to read and others have just one word.

Just exactly what crows would find in the way of provender in the riverside parks is hard to realize. This morning there were probably a dozen in Harris Park and another bunch in the park near Walnut street.

James E. Bonner, vice-president of the Carnegie Steel Company, who has offered the plants of his company to the government for war use, is one of the practical school of steel men.

—Judge L. W. Doty, of the West-Middleton courts, had the unique experience of revoking the charter of a borough which has concluded to quit.

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