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### MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 12

It is a small thing to a man whether or not his neighbor be merciful to him: it is life or death to him whether or not he be merciful to his neighbor .- GEORGE

### WRONG, MR. ZIMMERMAN!

ZIMMERMAN is wrong in his assertion that Germany have meant fo has said the final word to the Hohenzollerns. United States," and that "The decis- Few cities in the world have such on now rests with President Wilson." a hold upon the popular imagination tinctly for her to say what she means

### KANSAS CITY AND US

conditions of which you complain?
Unless you are an exceptional citizen you have not. Don't you think it is about time you did something for Harrisburg? Like Kansas City for its citizens, Harrisburg is doing something for you every day of the year.
What are YOU doing for Harrisburg?

SASSAFRAS SEASON

O sassafras, O sassafras, O sassafras, O sassafras, O shassafras, O shassafra

O sassafras,
O sassafras,
Thou art the goods for me,
And in the spring
I love to sing
O sassafras of thee!

So writes a timid Harrisburg versifier who sends his poetic efforts to the Telegraph for print, but who bethe Telegraph for print, but who believes in "art for art's sake" so ardently that he yearns not to see his
own name published so long as space
is given to his literary effort. When
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poem dedicated to sassafras, but we know of no reason why there should not be one among the English clas-Sassafras is a poetic drink. It is a delight at one and the same tim to the eye, nose and palate. Pink, aromatic and delicious, it has more claims to distinction than many another beverage that has found favor with convivial spirits of literary leanings. "Look not upon the wine when it is red," is a warning familiar to all, but one may look upon the sassafras when it is pink as much as three Lied."

make the shameful confession that they have never kissed a distinction that they have never kissed a di

imes a day and again before retiring without any other effect than the feeling that thereby he has reduced the necessity of the usual two bottles of spring tonic to one. It is at once ealtime drink and a springtime med

It is a popularly accepted lief that "an apple a day keeps the dector away," and it is a happy solution of the rapidly diminishing apple supply that sassafras, that implacable foe of the spring fever germ, comes looming cheerily across the landscape just in time to engage the rapidly gathering hosts of baccilli in deadly combat,

But nobody gets the fullest pleas-ure out of sassafras by simply buying one of the little bundles that lie neatly tied with a cotton string on the mar-ketstalls these days and taking it for medicinal reasons alone. Sassafras to e perfectly enjoyed must, like all other things worth having, be worked for. The way to do it is to shoulder a pick, pickaxe or grubbinghoe and go out in the woods where the bright green bark of the sassafras betrays the full flood of spring-sweet sap within, dig out a few big roots, wasif off the mud in a nearby stream, shave off the soft, yielding bark and bear the treasure home. We judge our By carriers, ten cents a week: by mail, \$5.00 a poet friend must know his sassafras year in advance. In that intimate fashion, so lovingly in that intimate fashion, so lovingly does he sing of it.

### THE FALL OF BAGDAD

THE fall of Bagdad, after a cam I paign as brilliant and as picturesque as any in the history of the British army, is more than a mere military achievement. It is the beginning of the end of Turkish overrule in the East and the collapse of the Germanic dream of a Berlin to Bagdad railway, with all that would have meant for the ambitions of the

Mr. Zimmerman will realize that the last word rests with the Kaiser, so far as precipitating war between the two countries is concerned. One of the "Arabian Nights Entertainments" these days an armed American mer- dear to the heart of every boy who chant ship is going to pop a three-inch shell through the thin steel hull of a German submarine, and then it will be up to the Kaiser. Germany years who, in carefree days, have been will have to take the initiative, because we will not. It will not be necessary for us to do so. We shall simply go on and on, sinking every submarine that sticks up its threatening periscope within reach of an ventures, to the amazement of his stay. The poor family could not afford to American gunner and if Germany at-home fellows on the banks of the doesn't like that it will be very dis-Raschid played the beggar to learn the hearted rich man, discovered from the people themselves, and it SAYS the Kansas City Times, advising its readers to vote for the new charter for that city:

Kansas, City is doing something for you every day in the year. Can't you give ten minutes to day to something for Kansas City?

To be sure, this was a special plea for a special day, but the sentiment applies quite as much to Harrisburg every day of the year as it does to Kansas City on one particular day. There is not twenty-four hours in the twelve months when the city of Harrisburg is not doing something for each one of us. Do we ever pause of our personal activities to do a small service for the city? Do we?

When we think about the city at all it is nearly always either in a lall it is nearly always either in a lall it is nearly always either in a lattivities to do a small service between the country the policy of the city at all it is nearly always either in a lattivities to do be lelieved—Bagdad has been the city at all it is nearly always either in a lattivities to do this armies to conquer the country which he did so much to build that he sent out this armies to conquer the country the head of the man bout his armies to conquer the country the head of hour head of hundreds of miles about. Its streets have echoed to the clanking tread of the warriors of Alexander, at its gates the warriors of Alexander, at the Kansas City Times, was from his throne in the city which

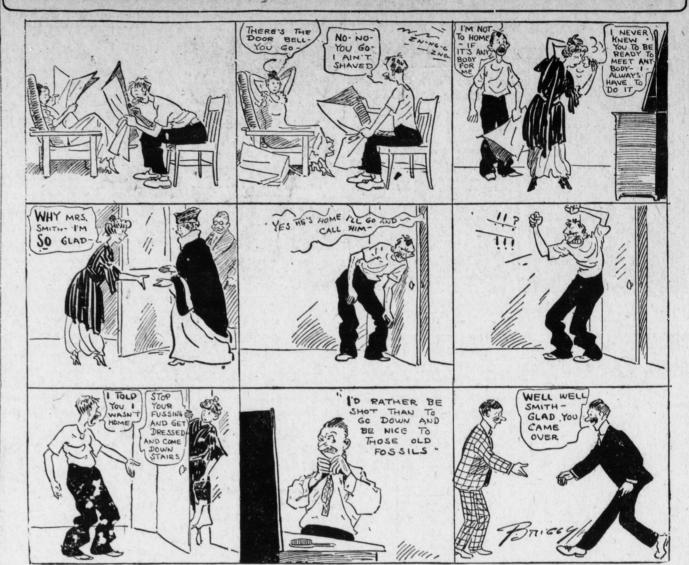
When we think about the city at all it is nearly always either in a purely impersonal manner or in a fault-finding way. Nevertheless, the city of Harrisburg renders to its people the cheapest service they receive. It is said of American cities that they are extravagant and wasteful, but even so there is nothing cheaper in American life than the things that American life than the things that as the hub of trade it became also city taxes buy. Pause a moment and consider. Where does the average the center of royal plottings and consider the center of royal plottings and the center of royal plottings are centered to the center of royal plottings and the center of royal plottings are centered to the centered to the center of royal plottings are centered to the center of consider. Where does the average the center of royal plottings and covetings and for centuries, until the money he pays as from the municipal government in filtered water, paved streets, street lights, parks and playgrounds, sidewalks, health regulations and in a hundred other ways, for the taxes levied? Very plainly, nowhere. But if the city is not giving you all. taxes levied? Very plainly, nowhere, But if the city is not giving you all you think you ought to have, if you believe it to be wasteful of its revenues and generally inefficient, have you ever done anything to remedy the conditions of which you complain? Unless you are an exceptional citizen

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not be likely to attract public attention. This fact, however, has not deterred Chief Wetzel and his detec-

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te time
Pink.
TWENTY-FIVE Princeton seniors
make the shameful confession
that they have review these
Through Picardy to war.

## MOVIE OF A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



### What a Child's Cry Did

take the child to a dentist and so it suffered and cried.

In that way James Forsyth, the kind truth about himself and his subjects there was no provision for free dentistry for poor children. He set aside 1/2 million dollars to found a dental infirmary for children, but died before

## The Food Problem

## Ready to Mobilize Bakeries

That the War Department has been for some months conducting a survey of bakeries near and in the great wheat producing states, with a view to mobilizing their resources for war use,

cardy, Through Picardy to hell. A magpie in Picardy

ings.

We confess we never before saw a commended to the thoroughnow of no reason why there should ings.

tives from going after the offenders.

Everybody concerned in the raids is to be commended for the thoroughness with which they were conducted.

A magpie in Picardy

Told me secret things—

Of the music in white feathers,

And the sunlight that sings

And dances in deep shadows—

He told me with his wings.

# Politics in Pennsylvania

Pennouvaria

By the Ex-Committeeman

Prospects are that the session of the Legislature, and consequently the politice of the State, will not be harrowed by the seek by any new moves in regard to invest, gations or by any first outbreaks on Philadelphia city bills. It is ninimated prety broadly that the Republican organization is defeat the proposed reform bills and it is intimated prety broadly that it will do so after giving a hearing on the measures.

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putting up a big fight to cancel some of the licenses in that county and the usual battle in court is ahead. The Lycoming and Center county courts have clipped the number of licenses.

—The City of Chester is considering annexing Marcus Hook and Eddystone boroughs which would make it a municipality close to the Erie and Wilkes-Barre class.

—George T. Oliver will preside at the annual banquet of the Press Club in Pittsburgh this month and several congressmen are expected to be among the speakers.

Held the night of March 20.

—Mayor Harvey, of Hazleton, will not a candidate for renomination but the rest of the Hazleton officials will.

—Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, is opposed to the wiping out of ward lines in councilmanic legislation.

A Pacifist

am a pacifist with all the accent on the fist!

I want to grab the tail of some dern thing and give a twist.

the speakers.

—Lancaster Democrats are looking for a large time next month when Vice-President Marshall will be the chief speaker on Thomas Jefferson.

—The Philadelphia North American says that Senator Lynch, of Lackawanna, is "defending as best he can" his bill to abclish the nonpartisan feature of second-class city elections.

—The name of Ex-Congressman D. F. Lafean, of York, is once more being heard for public service commissioner.

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heard for public service commissioner.

—After waiting for eight weeks.
United States District Attorney E.
Lowry Humes, chief Democratic ringmaster and possible candidate for
lieutenant governor or somthing else,
has fulfilled expectations and drawn a
new corrupt practices act. It is in
town and ready for legislators to gaze
upon. It has more teeth than a fox
trap and is said to be so drawn that
not even a Democratic candidate for
mayor can enjoy working under it. Mr.
Humes' bill is claimed to meet conditions in Pennsylvania as seen by unen
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The Philadelphia Record assails the plans for the convention hall it Philadelphia as too small by half.

Senator C. W. Beales, of Adams, will take his seat as Senator to-night. His term as Congressman ended last Monday.

The condition of Senator Magee was said to be serious to-day. He has been suffering from pneumonia.

Lorane borough has voted \$20,000 for new schools.

Elkins Park, Ogontz and adjoining places want to merge into one post office.

The Philadelphia Press says that a good plan would be to increase the Houston Post.

# DENMARK MAY FIGHT GERMANS

# OUR DAILY LAUGH

DISPATCHING BUSINESS. Counsel -



thing to say as to why sentence should not be pronounced?

Judge — Inasmuch as the

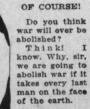
prisoner is a woman we will omit that forreasonable time. S.X

Your honor, you neglected to ask

TERION.

Edith says he'll never marry a man unless he is a thoroughly gentletured

she'd consider a fat bank acbreeding.



Do you think war will ever be abolished? Think! know. Why, sir,

# Evening Chat

According to the report of the State Water Supply Commission on floods and their effect upon industry, busi-ness and daily life in Pennsylvania, the flood control works in Wildwood Park are the only system of the kind in the whole State. This statement, which sounds rather remarkable in view of the wide discussion of the subject of flood control in various parts of the State and the urging of the State Commission that municipalities and communities take up the matter, is contained in a voluminous report on flood dangers discovered by the engineers of the commission in making the water inventory. The statement is made that, "Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of planning and building flood control works in anticipation of the recurrence of great floods rather than deferring such action until communities have suffered irreparable losses and are financially unable to construct remedial works. Flood control works were built above Harrisburg in 1908 on Paxton creek at a cost of \$115,000 to prevent inundation of the city from that source, which is the only system of its kind in the State."

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This statement is quite a compliment to Harrisburg and is an object lesson to the rest of the State because if there ever was any city which suffered periodical floods from a stream it was Harrisburg and the erratic waterway starting out in Lower Paxion township. A good many people recall how the city used to wake up after every hard rain to find the creek cavorting over on Cameron street and the inhabitants of Sibictown taking to the hills. Harrisburg lost a good many dollars before it awoke to the fact that the flood waters could be controlled and when it was done it was all so simple that we all wondered why it had not been done before. The flood control and the Paxton creek interceptor were several times pronounced failures and wastes of money but just after the flood control was finished there was a tremendous thunderstorm with a trainfall that ordinarily meant a torrent pouring through Cameron street. But nothing happened down town, although Wildwood park resembled a lake. It was not for a week that the lake was down to the normal condition. After that there was not much said about the flood control and Paxton creek is now a rather respectable waterway and it is only when the Susquehanna gets out of its banks and the water backs up that the Paxton creek gets troublesome. But just imaghne what things would have been like if the city fathers and the public spirited men who took up the call for public improvements had not constructed that flood control. The predictions that the creek valley would be an important manufacturing part of the city have been abundantly borne out and the plants of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company and others testify to the value of the flood control.

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Another interesting thing about the report is that it gives some figures on floods in the State which show that our forefathers were just as badly damaged by them as we have been but that the wonder is that we did not do something to prevent them long ago. The Susquehanna has been one of the worst offenders and there are records of rampages on which it got to the great destruction of property as early as 1784 with others in 1807, 1810, 1850, 1885, 1889, 1902 and 1894, that of 1889 being the worst. The famous "pumpkin flood" of 1786, which occurred the year after Harrisburg was laid out and got its name because it was in the fall when the pumpkins were ripe and thousands of them were carried down stream, seems to have been all along the Susquehanna, as the Wilkes-Barre records show great damage at that time and so do those at Sunbury. Singularly enough Pittsburgh had a flood given the same name and for the same reason. It occurred in 1810 and flooded an area as great as that of the flood of 1907. Pittsburgh records have been kept for 159 years and show no less than 185 floods with eighteen feet of water or more. There have been 160 bad floods in that city in sixty years. So there are some places worse off than Harrisburg.

A warm Saturday

those receiving the seed.

Frisco Building Trades Council has endorsed a proposed amendment to the mothers' pension law which will permit a widow with minor children to own her own home and still receive a pension from the State.

Ninety thousand lives will be saved yearly and a' money loss of a billion and a half dollars prevented if plans now completed for accidental prevention by representatives of medical colleges, industrial plants and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Labor and Industry prove successful.

Texast unionists expect action on the eight-hour law, minimum wage and workmen's compensation, in addition to many other labor measures.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A warm Saturday afternoon can bring out the jitneys at a rate that noting else unless it be a circus can do. There were jitneys by the dozens running all over the city on Saturday afternoon and they would be one after another on Market street, hour after hour. Probably more appeared than at any time since the holiday shopping and it was notable that some of them had signs that you could see a block away. The jitney appears to hibernate in Harrisburg.

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A holiday time there are plenty of such ca

A couple of farmers who attended the Verbeke street market on Saturday declared that they were not going to bring as much produce to market as they have been doing because they have to cart it home again. One man complained that he had been bringing butter for years but that people would not pay'the prices asked all over the market and were turning to oleo more and more. Another said that he had taken home four dozen eggs because of the objections of housewives to prices.

William V. Van Inghen, the Phila-delphia artist who is being consid-ered for decoration of the Capitol corridor, was here a few days ago. He painted the lunettes in the south wing.

## WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. Sheldon W. Funk, the State lecturer who says that boys should have shorter hours on the farm, owns some of the finest orchards in the

State.

—Ellis S. Lewis, chosen to succeed
the late John W. Steacy as president

—Ellis S. Lewis, chosen to succeed the late John W. Steacy as president of the York Trust Company, is well known here.

—Mrs. Abigail Geisinger, who has made so many benefactions to Danville, is ninety years of age.

—William H. Miller, prominent Media banker, declined to serve as a member of the Delaware County prison board any longer.

—Eugene V. Debs has been delivering a series of lectures in the castern part of the State.

—C. H. LaWall. State chemist for years, takes a whack at the Jones cold storage bill as one which should not be enacted for the benefit of the people.

# DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is employed new buildings in Philadelphia?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG In the old days when there was a flood in the Susquehanna the small streams which intersected the city used to flood the streets generally.