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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 MACDONALD.

WRONG, MR. ZIMMERMAN!

MR. ZIMMERMAN is wrong in his assertion that Germany "has said the final word to the United States," and that "The decision now rests with President Wilson."

KANSAS CITY AND US

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?

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 city taxes buy.

SASSAFRAS SEASON

So writes a timid Harrisburg versifier who sends his poetic efforts to the 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.

GOOD WORK

SINCE the elevation of Chief Wetzel and the reorganization of the department the city police force has been doing effective work. The raids of Saturday illustrate the point.

"SOMEBODY LIED!"

TWENTY-FIVE Princeton seniors make the shameful confession that they have never kissed a girl. Mr. Sullivan, the Telegraph's esteemed and talented cartoonist, has missed a bet.

times 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 a mealtime drink and a springtime medicine.

THE FALL OF BAGDAD

THE fall of Bagdad, after a campaign as brilliant and as picturesque as any in the history of the British army, is more than a mere military achievement.

Few cities in the world have such a hold upon the popular imagination as Bagdad, scene of the exploits of so many of the immortal characters of the "Arabian Nights Entertainments" dear to the heart of every boy who has read these remarkable tales and of fond memory for those of maturer years who, in carefree days, have been transported on their magic carpet from the prosaic life of the present back to those times when Sinbad the Sailor recounted his remarkable adventures, to the amazement of his stay-at-home fellows on the banks of the Tigris.

For centuries—ever since the days of Nebuchadnezzar and probably before the walls of Babylon were raised, if historical discoveries and references are to be believed—Bagdad has been at intervals a center of oriental learning and trade.

The Food Problem

Listen to the words of a man who for forty-three years has been handling food for countless people. I present you the opinion of George H. McKay, superintendent of the Reading Terminal Market:

Ready to Mobilize Bakers

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, was revealed at a meeting of the executive council of the National Association of Master Bakers.

Magpies in Picardy

The magpies in Picardy Are more than I can tell. They flicker down the dusty roads And cast a magic spell On the men who march through Picardy.

He told me that in Picardy

He told me that in Picardy, An age ago or more, While all his fathers still were eggs, These dusty highways bore Brown, singing soldiers marching out Through Picardy to war.

MOVIE OF A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



What a Child's Cry Did

A rich man in Boston, passing a shabby house in a lowly quarter of the town, heard a child moaning. He went in. The child had the toothache. The poor family could not afford to take the child to a dentist and so it suffered and cried.

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Evening Chat

According to the report of the State Water Supply Commission on floods and their effect upon industry, business 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 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 Paxton township.

Another interesting thing about the report is that it gives some figures on floods in the State which show that our forefathers were not justifiably damaged by them as we have been but that the wonder is that we did not do something to prevent them long ago.

A warm Saturday afternoon can bring out the jitneys at a rate that nothing else unless it be a circus can do. The more jitneys the better, running all over the city on Saturday afternoon and they would be one after another on Market street hour after hour.

A couple of farmers who attended the Verbeke street market on Saturday decided that they were not going to bring as much produce to the market as they have been doing because they have to cart it home again.

William V. Van Inghien, the Philadelphia artist, recently being considered for decoration of the Capitol corridor, was here a few days ago. He painted the lunettes in the south wing.

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 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 eastern 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.