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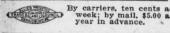
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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 21

If joy and hope must die, Still can I upward fly;

Love lifts my spirit to the sky!

-THEODORE WINTHROP.

WHEN a man becomes reaction ary he likewise REACTIONARY ORTUSENESS

ary he likewise becomes obtuse. His eyesight is shortened to about double the length of his nose. He gets himself going along a given line under a full head of steam and it's dollars to doughnuts there is a and altogether worthy people. ne wall somewhere along his path. But he doesn't see it; not until he Europe during the next few months runs plump into it, is slammed down hard and glares up from his enforced is going to be one of the most siglowliness in hurt amazement to ascertain what has dared interfere with his progress. No, not progress—reactionaries don't progress; mad career is the term. Just now the erstwhile Czar Nicholas is sitting on the grass rubbing ruefully a large bump on his head, But Emperor Bill, being one of the world's leading little reactionaries, keeps right on coming, head down, dust flying, and a snort at every jump. By and by the Czar is going to have a companion in misery.

THE EQUINOX

the coming of the vernal equi-With it arrived the usual storm. The weather bureau pokes fun at the idea of an "equinoctial storm," and who are we that should take issue with so learned an institution? But the fact remains that almost without for American enterprise, it means

will expand in the period heralded by the equinox. Like the robin the poet country's business? says is happy to be soaked and drip ping to-day because he "knows that the April rain carries off the snow and makes the juice of the cherry sweet," don't you worry if the clouds do hang low, and the sun declines to shine and the mud that ought to be drying up becomes an inch deeper. In a few weeks you will have forgotten it all in the perennial delights of wildhunting, the opening of the baseball season, plans for the first trout trip, shad, strawberries and the joys of house cleaning. Think what's ahead of you and be glad.

than they ever have been. In addition qualities. what amounts to an increase of wages for them in the ratification of come in for a very large amount in back pay. This money will be forthback pay. This money will be forthcoming as soon as the railroad auditors can compute it and make out the checks, according to reports reaching the city, and this will add considerably to spring shopping or the summer va-cation funds, as the case may be. Men in other branches of the service have been or soon will be granted advances, termed "adjustments" by conservative railroad officials, so that with traffic running at maximum, the present year may be expected to break all previous out by the railroad companies in this

RUSSIAN ECHOES IN BERLIN

THE Russian Revolution is echoing in Berlin, Vormes in Berlin. Vorwaerts, the powerful Socialistic publication of that city, is boldly demanding that before it is too late.

'Shall the world say that all the nations on earth are free except Germany?" this newspaper asks, and adds that previously when enemies of the is framed. If it is designed simply to have been able to point a questioning

Now, however, with the Czar over-

peoples of the earth look with unfavorable eye on Germany."

These views are at sharp variance cants. If civil service is good for have been making for the Imperial exception

Government. We have had Berlin held up as the seat of all learning, wisdom and efficiency, and life in Germany during times of peace has been pictured for us as one long, swee dream of contentment and bliss, where the government shouldered all cares, solved all problems and left the private citizen free to spend his leisure pleasantly with his family at the municipal concert or enjoying his beer quietly with his friends in one of the innumerable gardens. Germany has been held up to us in America as the model for the universe, the sum total of governmental excellence beyond which there is nothing to be desired and compared with which re publican institutions are poor things

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

There is some reason for this. The German government is beyond question efficient. It is paternal and bene volent in its administrations—but it is not democratic and democracy is the greatest growing force in the world of governmental agencies to-day. So Vorwaerts, voicing the sentiments of millions of war-weary Germans and flying in the face of the Kaiser and the military element of the country dares to put the thoughts of the multitude into print. That in itself is a long step toward a change of conditions in Germany.

It should not, however, be taken a sign of yielding on the part of the German people. Far from it. Vorwaerts is for fighting it out as long as there is a chance for success But unquestionably some such turn-over of affairs as has transpired recently in Russia would go a long way toward bringing the war with Ger many to a quick conclusion. Probably a democratic government could easily conclude a much more favorable peace than could the Hohenzollern influence now in control of the empire, for the entente has repeatedly said that it is not fighting the German people, but Prussian militarism which the Kaiser and those who stand with him have forced upon a peaceful, hospitable

Whatever be the happenings nificant movements and well worth ob serving. Important developments may be expected there as the year pro

to the heart of the question by asking why eight per cent. was zet as the limit of return which enterprise may take from its ventures, why a concern earning more than eight per cent. should be required to share its surplus with a concern which did not earn so much, and why, as a logical result, it is not reasonable to legislate that no man shall be permitted, through superior business sagacity or skill, to maintain a more flourishing business than his inferior competitor.

If a deadline of reward is to be set for American enterprise, it means stagnation in American development. If the government can limit the amount which a man may take from a business in which he embarks, why may not the Government say what business a man shall engage in? Why may it not require him to turn over land to the first class are not open to argument. Will not those of the second class consider this aspect of the situation?

The country is bound to have prespected that the large majority of people of the United States will feel the necessity of training syoung men for national defense. A professional army of the size needed would be enormously expensive and business in which he embarks, why may not the Government say what business a man shall engage in? Why may it not require him to turn over all parts of a vast movement for social justice founded on efficiency and democracy?

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exception, within a few days at least of the equinox, rain falls, winds blow If the equinox, rain falls, winds blow If the government can limit the mnd the weather is disagreeable. May be it "just happens." At all events, we are probably in for a period of the modern isagreeable weather.

But cheer up. The vernal equinox

may it not require him to turn over means more than that. It is the real any business which he may possess to harbinger of delightful spring days, of the Government? . Why may it not breezes without a sting in them, of fix such a man's compensation for skies that are blue and cloudless, of managing, for the Government's skies that are blue and cloudless, of managing, for the Government's suns that are warm and balmy, of benefit, the business which was once "good growing weather" for both plants and humans. Body and soul tax the first step to a complete na-

THE SPEAKERSHIP all this talk about who

shall or shall not be Speaker of the House of Representatives? Speaker Champ Clark has been a mere figurehead. He has not stamped his individuality on the office as did Reed, Blaine or even "Uncle Joe" Cannon. The speaker has been shorn of his power. Unless unfore-seen conditions arise and with them a speaker of towering personality and extraordinary gifts, the speakership of A PROSPEROUS YEAR

THE railroad men of Harrisburg robbed the presiding officer of the house in a lew years will be loss us.

A glimpse of ankle would us.

Alas, that you no longer now Excite us. ous in the next few months House of much of his former czarlike

WHEN AND WHERE?

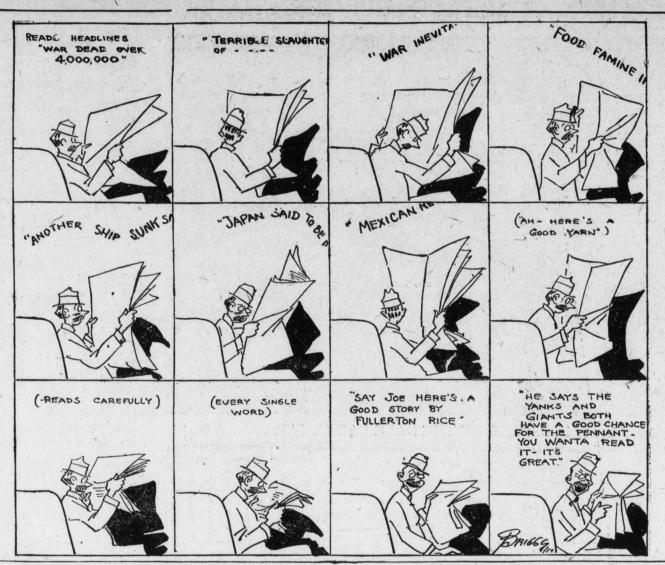
ment of Commerce claims that "active campaigns to help the American businessman wherever he might be, at home or were supported by the Depart-ment of Commerce." The reader who has a fairly good memory wonders whether this has reference to the disapproval placed upon participation in the Chinese loan, which was intended to aid in developing our trade with China, or to the advice given by the administration to American investors records for the amount of wages paid in Mexico that they abandon their property and get out, regardless of the rights guaranteed them under treaty.

POLICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

THERE is in the Legislature a bill providing for the placing of the police departments of third. the German government be liberalized except those selfishly interested in political patronage can seriously object to civil service in government, as such. But very much depends upon the way in which the proposed law erland asserted they were fighting give life jobs to as many officers as eattles of democracy Germans now happen to be employed, regardless of qualifications, then it is not good

Civil service, in the minds of the peo thrown Germany stands out sharply ple, means that all applicants for apas the chief offender against free government among the great powers of examinations and tests. The kind of a bill the Legislature should adopt is "This," cries Vorwaerts, "is why the one that would place everybody on the same basis—both those now holding places on the force and new appliith the claims Germans in America it is good for all. There should be no

MOVIE OF AN AVERAGE READER



A Word to Pacifists

There are two classes of pacifists DISCUSSING the excess profits tax, Senator Weeks penetrated man extra two classes of pacifists. One is made up of the fanatical non-resistants. The other, of high minded to the heart of the question by sincerely in social progress and

only part of a vast movement for social justice founded on efficiency and democracy?

The Star, for its part, believes preparedness and universal training are necessary in order to have a country to live in. Its desire is to see the preparedness movement made an integral part of the progressive program. It recognizes the fact that many of the men who see the necessity for preparedness have no social vision. Their economic ideas are those of the middle of the last century. Little help can be expected from them in connecting prepardeness with social justice.

So it feels that it is highly desirable that persons who are concerned in great progressive measures should take an active hand in directing preparedness. For them to stay out and object is to weaken the forces that are trying to promote a splendid, constructive program.—Kansas City Star.

To the Female Skirt

Although a day there used to be When we would note your every curve, you Must pandon now our yawns when we

We mind in other days as how A glimpse of ankle would delight

In days of yore you'd always please
If you but showed a glimpse if any,
But now that you display the knees—
Too many!

Ah for your longer days of yore When you were bandied by the muddy streets a-stepping o'er,

You'd please us!
—Syracuse Journal.

The State's Revenue.

A dispatch from the Gazette Times)...

A dispatch from the Gazette Times correspondent at Harrisburg yesterday disclosed that the state's revenues for the next blennial period from existing sources are conservatively estimated in excess of \$10,000,000 more than those for the last two years. It is admitted that costs have increased and new activities require more money. mitted that costs have increased and new activities require more money, but on the showing of prospective income there is no necessity to seek new sources of revenue. That being the case, the Legislature should resolutely turn its face against any new levies. With the application of business principles, the practice of genuine economy, the commonwealth will have more money than it needs for legitimate purposes. None but legitimate requirements should be considered. The appropriations for two years made by the last General Assembly, as finally approved, totaled \$87,469,696, which was equal to the estimated revenues. Due to the unusual industrial prosperity, the revenues last year were

enues. Due to the unusual industrial prosperity, the revenues last year were \$36,663,000. This year and next they may reasonably be expected to be much greater. What excuse is there, then, for burdening the people with more takes? None at all. Therefore there should be no new taxes levied. This point being settled, as it should be immediately by the lawmakers, there need be no further de ay in attacking the problem of appropriations, along with other business before the Legislature, disposing of it promptly and adjourning.

Lunkheads Is the Word

The lunkheads who are trying to prove that fried chicken isn't fit to eat will escape mutilation probably because intelligent people look upon them as harmless idlots.—Houston Post.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The visit of United States Senator Boies Penrose to the State Capitol has been the biggest matter of interest to people interested in politics in Pennsylvania in quite a while and it is generally believed that as a result of the Senator's conversations with legislators that the investigation proposition will pass into the observation stage.

The Senator said last evening that he was inclined to await developments when asked as to what he thought was going to be done in the matter of an inquiry into the way various branches of the State government

Dest constructed guides for a State government that can be formulated, and if strictly followed in legislation and use in conducting the government in general, very much that is bad would not be and unconstitutional laws would not be on our statute books.

The great trouble seems to be the deplorable ignorance displayed in regard to it. As a remedy, a law should be enacted that any one elected or appointed to office should not be allowed to hold it unless he first qualify in knowledge of the State Constitution, and it should also be made an obligatory study in the grammar and high school grades of the public schools.

Lately, Deputy Attorney General The visit of United States Senator

branches of the State government have been spending public money in the last two years. There have been persistent reports that there would besome investigations undertaken by standing committees, but the Senator said that nothing had been determined upon and that nothing would be done for the present.

Gr the present.

—Senator Penrose spent most of the afternoon at the Capitol, visiting the offices of Lieutenant Governor McClain and Speaker Baldwin. He held a regular reception in the offices of the Lieutenant Governor, many legislators and former members going to pay their respects to him. He remained at Mr. McClain's offices until nightfall when he returned to his hotel without visiting any other part of the building.

—Men connected with the State administration were alert all during the Penrose visit, but declined to make any comments. While the Senator was in the Capitol the Governor and Attorney General were sitting with the Economy and Efficiency Commission. Insurance Commissioner O'Neil fulfulminated some in regard to local option, but that was about the extent of the attentions from the State administration.

—Major General C. M. Clement's

ministration.

—Major General C. M. Clement's call upon Governor Brumbaugh yesterday revived talk of him for the vacancy now existing in the Public Service commission. The Sunbury solder is an attornor of

cancy now existing in the Public Service commission. The Sunbury solder is an attorney of wide experience and has been strongly urged since the death of Commissioner Samuel W. Pennypacker.

—The scant attention given to the loudly-heralded Democratic resolution to demand of the Economy and Efficiency commission whether the Legislature really needs all of the officers and employes on its payroll, has been rather disappointing to the Democratic windmil force. It was expected that the resolution would make a noise and detract from the failure of the corrupt practices bill to make a stir. The levity with which the bill was received caught the crowds in the legislative halls and they soon perceived that it was another plece of the choice Democratic buncombe which has been sent out so liberally in the hope of winning pleasant words from the plain people for the Democratic bosses as the real protectors of the Commonwealth.

—The Democratic leadership this

from the plain people for the Democratic bosses as the real protectors of the Commonwealth.

—The Democratic leadership this session has been somewhat noted for its fearful and wonderful gyrations at times. The Democrats have thrown away more chances this session than they have had in a dozen years and have proved that when they get into a favorable position they do not know enough to take advantage of it.

—Members of the appropriations committees expect to get the big appropriation bill started about the first of April. The estimates of the Economy and Efficiency commission are expected to be completed within a week and they will be sent to the committees by the Legislature. The committees by the Legislature. The committees will then get busy and may call some of the heads of departments on their own hook.

—What members of the Legislature are interested in its whether the whole report of the Economy and Efficiency commission will come out in time to be of service to the Legislature this session.

Wolfe's Sash to Museum

A new and valued addition has just been made to the museum of the Chateau de Ramezay. It consists of a cabinet containing a portion of the garnet silk sash worn by Gen. James Wolfe on the day he became the "victor of Quebec" in 1759. In addition to the sash are the original letters that prove unmistakably the arthenticity of the relic.—From the Montreal Star.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

CONSTITUTION AND PENSIONS

Our State Constitution is one of the best constructed guides for a State government that can be formulated, and if strictly followed in legislation

high school grades of the public schools.

Lately, Deputy Attorney General Kun gave to the Auditor General what was termed a very important opinion based on Section 7 of Article 3, of the Constitution. Why have Sections 18 and 19 of Article 3 received no consideration in legislation and their application thereto? They are so plain that they need no special opinion or interpretation. They read as follows:

Section 18. "No appropriation except for pensions or gratuities for military service shall be made for charitable, educational or benevolent purposes to any person or community, nor to any denominational or sectarian institution, corporation or association."

Section 19. "The General Assembly may make appropriations of money to institutions wherein the widows of soldiers are supported or assisted or the orphans of soldiers are maintained and educated, but such appropriations of money to the orphans of soldiers are maintained and educated, but such appropriations shall be applied exclusively to the support of such widows and or phans."

Those wise men who ordained and

A judge was to be favored with an enormous pension though it would be illegal because the Constitution forbid it. A special bill would have been objected to, so it was presented as a general bill and passed, and yet just as illegal. A governor signed it. The Law Department, the Auditor General, the State Treasurer raised no objections to my knowledge. That judge received its benefits for but a judge received its benefits for but a short time. That law was the beginning of unconstitutional legislation in that direction, forbid by Section 18 and 19, of Article 3.

Next, the previous legislature passed a law to pension State employes, who receive abnormally high salaries with easy betths, though prohibited by the Constitution, and even without a sensible limit of amount.

Now then come the public school teachers with a bill asking the State to illegally appropriate half the amount required to pension them.

The two laws named that are on our statute books should be repealed to avoid having the courts act upon them.

The teachers bill has no rightful

Labor Notes Miss Julia H. Shafer. of Knoxville Md., has served the United States as a rural mail carrier for 12 years.

Philadelphia firemen have formed union and want a two-platoon system, with 10 hours for the day shift and 14 for the right.

One hundred and twenty-four local unions are affiliated with the Stereotypers' International, and the total membership is 5,394.

A mobilization of women in home, office, farm and factory to prepare them for war duty is to be effected in this country.

Organized coopers in Chicago are conducting an organizing campaign among the unorganized workers of this craft employed by the meat trust. A Yorkshire (England) farmer, employing eight women on his holding of 600 acres, says they "will only work when the weather is fine."

Toledo (Ohio) pile drivers, dock, pier and wharf builders have organ-ized and are chartered by the Broth-erhood of Carpenters.

The Tokio Woman Hairdressers Guild held a competition in hairdress-ing recently, the winner completing the difficult style in Japan in 10 min-

Co-operative food buying having been such a success among New York civic employes they are arranging to buy their clothing the same way. The labor committee of the Ohio State Senate has recommended a bill that would require railroads to equip their trains with a conductor and two

So many young women engaged in making munitions in England smoked cigarets on the sly in the factories that it has been found advisable to send a number to jail as a warning to others.

There are nearly 100 papers throughout the United States that hold membership in the International Labor Press of America

OUR DAILY LAUGH TWO WATS. I say, mim-na, said little



it's the mail.

gin with Once
upon a time
No, dear; not
always, repied his mother. They sometines begin, My live, I have been de-tained at the ofagain tonight.

ma, said little Arthur, do firy

tales always be



IN COMFORT.



I'il sing me a song of he winter tine ing, drifting anow, divine of mine, As the frosy breezes blow And we sit cor-tent in the comfort len

have been observing the conduct of the Susquehanna river during the rehave been observing the conduct of the Susquehanna river during the recent ice and high water conditions have been commenting on the splendid manner in which Harrisburg treated its water front and the general system of handling the stream situation in and about the city. The Susquehanna river is, something which delights every visitor to Harrisburg and as the co-operation of the city and the State in the development of Capitol Park extension is just now very much to the front there is more or less talk about the stream. Some of the legislators favor the city and the State uniting in the creation of a great metropolitan park system which would embrace the river front highways for miles. This, however, is a matter which everyone recognizes as a matter for the distant future. The Capitol Park is to be the center of the city park system and the parkways but the development of the automobile traffic to and from this city because of the State Capitol is really calling for some effort on the part of the State without the limits of the city and its park system.

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Evening Chat

Members of the Legislature who

One of the suggestions is that the State make efforts to improve materially the State main highways for a dozen miles on each side of Harrisburg, much as it has done in vicinity of Gettysburg and that a system of gradual parking be carried out. This could be started by the improvement of highways skirting the Susquehanna. On both sides of the river above Harrisburg there are State main highways and in time they will be located close to the river bank below the city. This will be a gradual development and could be worked out, while the city could do its part by completing the improvement of the river front there included in the park system.

opening of the spring navigation on the Susquehanna has been the signal for numerous sand and coal gathering craft to dare the new currents. The rivermen say that the high water and ice this year have capsed some big changes in the currents in a number of places and that the effect of the tremendous quantity of ice is plainly to be seen on the numerous islands dotting the stream. Large quantities of coal have been brought down and a number of new sand bars have been plotted for work this simmer. The coal men have not yet cutlined all of the coal to be found but the supply in sight rather indicates that Harrisburg can be assured of a supply of steaming coal for its industries this summer no matter what the transportation conditions may be. The State of Pennsylvania, the Harrisburg Light and Power Company and the various steel mills and other industries have been stirring themselves. The State will store an immense quantity in Capitol Park extension as it did last year as the river coal has been found well adapted to steam making uses in the State House power plant.

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The attention called to the flood control works of the city in Wildwood park by the State Water Supply Commission report has resulted in a number of inquiries as to method, cost and details of operation on the part of people from other places. This flood to the place in the only one of its kind and that it works is what is interesting folks from other cities which have grown until small streams such as Paxton creek have proved to be more or less of a nuisance. The Harrisburg plan may furnish one more example to the State.

The beauties of the Susquehanna have been spread broadcast in picture as well as in poetry and prose. Just a year ago, the Geographic Magazine of its kind in the world and which is given over largely to the reproduction of charming scenery everywhere, published a picture and description of the Rockville Gap. Probably, however, nobody has done more to popularize the river hereabouts in a picture way than Edw. B. Black, the artist, whose to susquehanna paintings in water and oil adorn the walls of many homes and galleries both in this State and throughout the country. One of his best pictures is a large oil done from a point near his cottage at Perdix and showing the river in the foreground and Dauphin and the mountain in its rear in the background. Mr. Black in his painting excursions learned to love the Susquehanna river and its nearby hills and he was the first to erect a cottage at Perdix. So many have followed his example that the summer colony there now is large enough to have a borough government if the people were all the year residents and cared to have it. On both sides of the river in recent years many cottages have been built but so great is the demand that all are filled and few if any for rent during the season when outdoor life is most enjoyable. A number of additional summer homes will be built near Dauphin, Marysville, Cove and Perdix as soon as the weather opens sufficiently.

Unce

Uncertainty about river conditions for the next few weeks is causing a delay again this Spring in improve-ments and repairs at Island Park. As-sistant Park Commissioner V. Grant Forrer, is planning a number of changes, including the opening of two abandoned tennis courts, length-ening the track from one-sixth to a quarter-mile; erection of new tem-porary bleachers to seat at least 1,000 more persons, and general repairs. more persons, and general repairs,
"But we can't do anything until-the
old 'Susquie' gets over the Spring
freshet time," is the way Assistant
Forrer puts it.

Col. Thomas S. Crego, one of the State's congressmen-at-large, who spent yesterday here looking after matters at the State Capitol, is a veteran of the Philippine war and his friends say that in the event of war the colonel will be in demand as an officer of the volunteer army and also as an experienced congressman.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Col. John A. Brashear, the Pitts-burgh scientist, who has been in the Far East, has started on his way

Far East, has started on his way home.

—Dr. W. W. Curtin, Philadelphia physician, is visiting in Hawaii.

—Ex-Attorney General John C. Bell is spending his annual vacation in Florida.

—T. L. Pfarr, appointed Allegheny county fire marshal, has filled that office for four successive terms.

—Ex-Senator Bayard Henry, of Philadelphia, has been renominated for director of the Pennsylvania railroad.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has some of the largest car shops on the Penn-sylvania system?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
The first executive mansion estab-lished here was the private residence of Governor Snyder. The State did not even pay the rent.

As the Sheaves

They know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they his counsel; for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.—Micah iv. 12.