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There is nothing impossible, even in the sphere of the cleansing of a man's own life and the empowering of a man's own will, to the creative power of faith.—Robert E. Speer.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

HARRISBURG is confronted with a serious situation which must have the immediate attention of the people through our civic bodies or some voluntary movement. There are not enough houses in the city at the present time to accommodate all who desire to reside here.

Owing to the high cost of materials and labor, builders have not been as active as in former years and houses for rent are in great demand. In some cases those who occupy rented dwellings find it impossible to locate elsewhere at the expiration of their lease and it has been necessary to institute ejection proceedings in a number of cases.

Millions of dollars are now awaiting investment and it should not be difficult to interest sufficient capital to erect some hundreds of small houses for those who are practically without a roof to cover their heads.

The man or men who will provide the homes which are needed at rental figures that are within the reach of the workers of the city will be doing a good thing for the city and the prosperity of the entire community.

There is no cause for procrastination. The need is pressing upon Harrisburg as never before and the Real Estate Board of the city should make the facts so plain that immediate steps shall be taken to remedy a most unusual situation.

Penbrook is still enduring its dust and mud, with no apparent hope of relief. How much longer the conditions in that town shall persist only a prophet can foretell. Every time a street car or an automobile passes through the main street the town is hidden in a cloud of dust.

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION

WHEN the Legislature learn that the only satisfactory legislation for the municipalities of Pennsylvania is a home rule amendment to the State Constitution permitting the cities and towns of the Commonwealth to frame their own charters to meet their own particular needs and the desires of their people?

If ever Harrisburg needed a great exposition hall, it needs one now. Most of the population would like to get into the Chestnut Street Auditorium to-night for the great patriotic rally, but there is only sufficient room for a comparatively few hundred more of the city. Perhaps the time will come when a great exposition building can be erected at Island Park, high above the average flood line, and with ample accommodations for any great public assembly, concert or exposition.

Whether or not the proposal of Senator Biddleman that in the interim between the adoption of his home rule resolution by the Legislature and its approval by the voters, the third-class cities of the State return to the old ward representation method of city government solves the problem of rooting out the evils of the Clark commission form law, is a question for discussion in the Legislature.

Opponents of the Biddleman measure have complained that it would make the Councils of municipalities affected subject to partisan elections—that it would reinject party politics into municipal government.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Surface indications are that the Legislature will finish up its work about May 20 and take a recess and men who play politics and who observe politics all over the State declare that the manner in which things are conducted here in the next few weeks may depend in a great measure next year's gubernatorial election.

Legislators are commencing to hear from home folks about the policy of the general assembly and both the partisans of Senator Penrose and Governor Brumbaugh are being told that this is a poor time to get into wrangles about confirmation of appointments, credit for legislation and methods of disbursing State money.

The movement to have Major General C. M. Clement, of Sunbury, named to the vacancy so long existing on the Public Service Commission, which began last summer, has been redoubled lately and the Governor has been asked by many people throughout the State to name him.

As far as can be seen there has been no progress made in the reaching of an agreement between the Governor and the Senators on approval of recess appointments.

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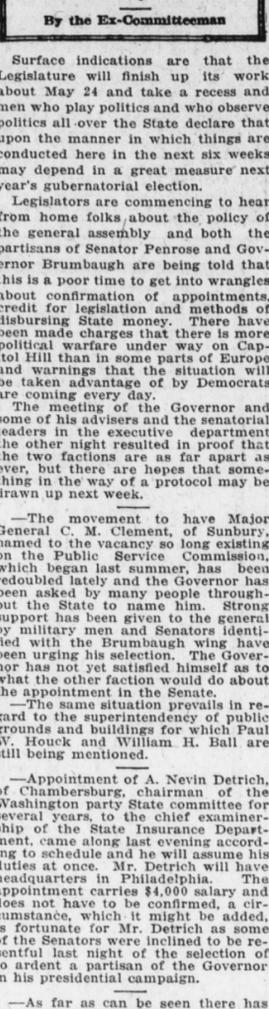
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The Day's Circulation
At 2 cents a copy, the Day, the national Jewish daily published in New York, has a daily and Sunday circulation of 75,000 copies going into the homes of New York families, whose earning capacity and purchasing power has established them among the best of the Jewish element in America.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Since reading that a reporter who died in Chicago among other bequests, left \$200,000 to a library, we cannot find it in our heart to blame people for not believing what they see in the newspapers.—New Orleans States.

Probably Charles Evans Hughes perfectly understands what the President means by "peace without victory."—New York Telegraph.

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THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

A Caution

Having learned that monies are being paid to persons who are soliciting for "the church on the hill" under the impression that it is for the new M. E. church north of State street, I wish to state that no one has been authorized to solicit for this worthy enterprise and suggest that all persons desiring to give us financial aid will do well to have positive assurance as to where their money is to go before payment is made.

R. H. COLBURN.

Can't Do Without It

Please send us the TELEGRAPH again. We can't do without it. GEORGE WHITCOMB, No. 78 N. Fourteenth St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Understanding Germany

[From the Kansas City Star.]
When Mr. Britling in H. G. Wells' book comes across the German "Hymn of Hate" in the early days of the war he is baffled by it and suggests that he should like to look inside the head of the man who wrote it to see what was going on there.

How can such a clear headed physicist as Professor Ostwald say in the Journal de Geneve: "Germany, thanks to her genius for organization, has attained a stage of civilization far higher than that of all other peoples. Germany wants to organize Europe, for up to now Europe never has been organized."

How can a presumably sane Munich professor, as Professor Engel, say: "The war has demonstrated, throughout its course, that the Germans have been chosen by Providence from among all earth's peoples, to put ourselves at the head of all civilized nations and guide them to a sure peace under our protection?"

And how can a scientific man, a distinguished ethnographer, K. E. Wolff, lay down this policy for a conquering Germany: "The conqueror must have an absolute right to dominate and strive for the political and ethical annihilation of the vanquished. He must not be content with the annihilation of the vanquished but he must have the right to maintain their language and nationality. A just insistent people, invading a country, must insist upon its privileges in the most ruthless manner; it will commit injustices in doing so, it will merely derive the natural consequences of its position. Such men as this can conquer, it is their duty to conquer."

Dr. Emil Reich, professor of international law in the University of Vienna, wrote in a book in which he quoted from numerous German writers on the superiority of the German people to all other nations. In other countries, he said, occasional writings of this sort appeared and were regarded as the work of cranks. In Germany this feeling of German supremacy was "a vast wave of national thought."

This man, however, Doctor Reich then predicted, must lead to a war in which Germany would seek to gain the leadership of the world. His prediction was correct. Most of the world is in arms to-day to prevent Germany from imposing its Kultur on other peoples at the point of the bayonet.

Two reasons for this strange self-delusion are apparent in the history of Germany. Within a half century the nation sprang from comparative insignificance to a position of leadership in the world. A sudden rise to distinction has demoralized individuals. In this case it has affected a whole nation.

And in the second place the political rise of Germany has been based on the deliberate use of war as an instrument of national policy. Such use of war is abhorrent to Americans. It was given the glamour of brilliant success by Bismarck.

The effect has been to create a national spirit which has menaced the civilization of the world. It is to curb this dangerous spirit in the United States is as affected a whole nation.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg has scores of automobiles that will be put at the disposal of the government?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

This place was one of the centers of cannon ball making in the war of 1812.

Evening Chat

People who observe the railroads have been impressed the last few days by the tremendous amount of traffic being handled through Harrisburg.

The police crusade against persons who fail to dim electric lights is having its effect and the last few nights there have been few automobiles which have thrown their glare about the streets. On some of the streets, notably Front, Second, State and Derry, the police order has had a gratifying effect and the blinding light which used to annoy drivers, motormen and pedestrians has been people along the sidewalks is noticeably lessened.

A friend who lives in the suburbs calls attention to the tricks of some dog fanciers whose love for animals overcomes their sense of right. One man who has a fine dog missed the annual dog show in Cumberland county and came back the dog had a nice collar, different from that with which he went away. And the dog license was a different one.

Speaking of dogs a couple of them caused considerable excitement at Capitol Park yesterday. They started to chase squirrels and a couple of squirrel guards threw their canes at the animals. That was what the dogs were after.

Wild rabbits are commencing to become more or less of a nuisance to farmers in this section of the state, according to some remarks made in the House of Representatives.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

UNPROFITABLE.
One never loses anything by keeping an engagement punctually.
Except half an hour's time waiting for the other fellow.

LIES.
Can you tell I'm in love, When you look in my eyes? If you can't, you're a boob. For there the love lies—And lies, and lies, and lies.

MORE TALK.
So Kate and Alice are not on speaking terms. No; but they more than make up for it by what they say about each other.

Labor Notes
Clarksville (W. Va.) building trades will have strictly union shops after April 2.
Five thousand fur workers in New York city have had wages increased 10 per cent.

Flint Glass Workers' International contemplates the organization of lamp workers.
The first strike of American workers (sailors) occurred in 1802 in New York city.

Painters of Dundee, Scotland, have gone on strike for more pay and shorter hours.
China has only one physician trained along modern lines for each 600,000 inhabitants.

About 30 per cent. of journeymen barbers are victims of pulmonary tuberculosis.
Massachusetts has a home-building plan, under which the State proposes to erect workmen's homes to be sold to applicants on terms of easy payment.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

E. C. Nolan, prominent Reading banker, was unanimously re-elected to the Commonwealth office came up the street, take a look at the big board there facing the building and then stop some passerby and ask what has happened. The city has many people who have not heard of the change.
General Charles Miller, former commander of the National Guard, is taking an active part in spite of his age in the preparations for war in his section of the state.