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EDITORIAL

Louis D. Brandeis and the Senate

It is reported that the United States Senate is shocked because President Wilson has sent in the name of Louis B. Brandeis for confirmation, as a Judge of Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Brandeis has shown himself not only a great lawyer, but one of the greatest thinkers in this country today, and he thinks on the side of the people, a little bit more than he does about the corporations. For this reason the United States Senate is shocked to think that President Wilson has appointed a Judge to serve the "People and Justice" instead of the corporations. When the Russian Duma passes a law if the Czar does not like it, he simply votes it, and that ends it. When the United States Congress passes a law, and the President signs it, it then becomes a law; but the Supreme Court of the United States can declare the law unconstitutional if they choose to do so, so, therefore the Supreme Court has the same veto power in this country that the Czar has in Russia; and for this reason it is of utmost importance that only men of sterling patriotism be placed upon the Bench of the Supreme Court of the United States. The Supreme Court is our Czar. Wall Street is moving Heaven and Earth in its efforts to prevent the confirmations by the Senate. However, it is believed that the name will be confirmed, by the Senate when it is voted upon because every U. S. Senator who votes against confirmation stamps himself as a servile tool of corporation and an enemy of Social justice.

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TOPICS IN BRIEF

Anyway they can't say that Ford didn't come across. Still, you would naturally expect Greece to be slippery.

The British may be washing their dirty linen in public, but, at any rate they are washing it.

A fellow never realizes how many close friends he has until he wants to make a little touch.

A girl isn't necessarily a candy kid because she has a complexion that looks like a marshmallow.

Those armored automobiles in the war zone seem to be almost as deadly as the unarmored ones over here.

Considering that it was 60 below zero, we are not surprised that the Fordarty got a cool reception in Norway.

Why is it the things we like to eat are never good for us, and things we loathe are always healthy and wholesome.

Some of our headline writers are such slaves of habit that they still refer to the munitions plant blaze as a mysterious fire.

Another thing that makes Captain Hobson so mad with the war is that it has backed the Japanese bogie off every front page in the country.

While we wish Russia's new colossal drive all the luck in the world we own to a sneaky fear it won't look quite so good after old man Hidenburg has been in those parts a day or two.

We see by the standpat press that Wilson has sustained another humiliating diplomatic defeat, Austria having forced him to accept his apologies.

Trust in Woodrow and keep your neutrality dry.

A CHERISHED LEGACY FROM LINCOLN.



—Bradley in Chicago News.

Just the same we enjoy the praise of men we despise.

If Congress regulated its expenditures wisely under the budget system there would be less opportunity for pork.

In going after the scalp of Col. Roosevelt, Secretary of War Garrison shows that he is a Secretary of War.

Possibly Col. House is going to Europe merely because Europe will not come to him.

Europe is slowly, to slowly weeding out the incompetent leaders from control of its armies.

Peace without justice is impossible, and the European nations are now in no mood to recognize justice.

There should not be nor is there likely to be any unpleasant reaction from the Christmas spirit.

That paper laprobe for automobilists may be used to wrap the unwary pedestrian in after the encounter.

Americans are becoming more saving according to statistics, but it isn't yet time to take down the "safety first" sign.

If it turns out to be true that Gen. Villa has \$130,000 deposited in an American Bank, he will be welcomed to this country by people who never cared for him before.

From the way they quarreled on that peace ship it might be inferred that Ford had a little blow-out.

There is nothing finer tastin' than the last piece of fruit cake.

What has become of the old-fashioned women who used to grab up her skirt on one side to keep it from trailing in the mud?

Many an outwardly handsome woman is inwardly homely.

People who believe preparedness is a fallacy need to have a little heart-to-heart talk with those Armenian refugees.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Items From All Sections of the State.

GULLED FOR QUICK READING

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout the State.

There are twenty cases of mumps at the Carlisle Indian school.

Carnegie has donated a \$45,000 public library to Pottsville.

Luzerne county officials threaten to strike for payment of their salaries.

Warren's Company I, sixteenth regiment may be disbanded for lack of enlistments.

German-Americans in Allentown have decided to establish a naturalization school.

County commissioners raised their salaries a month ago at Sunbury, it is just learned.

Charles F. Seidel has been elected assistant principal of Allentown schools, a new position.

Two big tunnel projects are under way for the Lehigh Valley Coal company in the Hazleton district.

The dead body of a white baby was found wrapped in a black skirt on a dump at Chester by William Gordon.

Demand has been made for an increase of one-third in McAdoo's school assessment, to meet pressing needs.

Hazleton employers are to be prosecuted for compelling boys under age to work past the curfew hour at night.

Freeland citizens plan to petition the Luzerne county court to reduce the number of saloons in the borough.

The public schools of Ringtown have been closed by the school board on account of an epidemic of scarlet fever.

Frank Feightner, aged fifty years, father of eleven children, was killed at Spangler when a mine motor ran away.

Stepping into an open shaft at the Reading's Colbert colliery, at Shamokin, Joseph Pacupta fell 100 feet to death.

Because of grip in Hazleton more teachers and pupils were absent from schools last month than in any similar period.

Waynesboro board of trade has decided to ask the Cumberland Valley Railroad company for better freight service.

The Mansfield State Normal school, in Tioga county, complains of high rates charged by the Mansfield Water company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor Boyd, of Hathaway Park, near Lebanon, celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary.

Her heavy braid of hair caught in a knitting machine at Lebanon, Miss Beulah Teeman had to have it cut off to be released.

The Kittanning High school, in accordance with the preparedness campaign, has added military training to its curriculum.

Dr. W. F. Danzer, deputy coroner at Hazleton, wants the names of miners suitable to act as jurors in mine fatality inquests.

Sheriff Samuel Crawford took C. F. Wise, wanted for forgery at East Liverpool, Ohio, from the Franklin county jail on requisition.

The Central Iron and Steel company, Harrisburg, has raised the wages of 800 employees on a varying scale as high as ten per cent.

Requests for thousands of young trout from state hatcheries for "planting" are being received at the state department of fisheries.

A needle which eighteen years ago penetrated the knee of Mrs. John Hughes, sixty-one years old, of Johnstown, has been removed.

Seven hundred employees of the Tyler Tube and Pipe company, at Washington, Pa., have been given a ten per cent increase in wages.

State Highway Commissioner Robert J. Cunningham, in an address in Pittsburgh declared that politics has hurt the movement for good roads.

On a hunting trip to Virginia George Sharpless, of West Chester, killed more than 100 wild ducks and brought home an even hundred for his friends.

Several hundred men and women employees of the H. C. Jones woolen mills, at Conshohocken, have received a ten per cent increase in wages.

Michael Pigona was arrested while walking the streets of Pittsburgh with \$20 bills tied in buttonholes. He used \$260 to decorate a \$10 suit of clothes.

Granting nine more licenses and refusing two, Northumberland county court declared that state liquor dealers were helping to clean up the business.

The Dauphin county court has placed insurance Commissioner Charles Johnson in charge of the York County Mutual Live Stock Insurance company.

Former Congressman Richmond P. Hobson delivered an address in the First Reformed church, in Easton, under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league.

Three miles of sheet asphalt were added to Harrisburg's paved streets last year, making the total paving seventy-five miles, nearly all of sheet asphalt.

Fifteen retail liquor licenses were granted by the license court in Indiana, and nine applications were refused. Only one license was granted last year.

Driggs-Seabury Ordnance corporation, in Sharon, need 800 expert mechanics. New war munition orders are being delayed because of the lack of workmen.

For digging up the streets in Bethlehem without a permit, E. J. Bradley, superintendent of the Allentown-Bethlehem Gas company, was fined \$15 and costs.

Scantily attired, the body of Mrs. Katharyn Johnson, a well-known resident of Wilcox, was found near Oil Creek, northwest of her home, mysteriously dead.

The Pennsylvania railroad has given notice of intention to build its big new freight station at Harrisburg this spring. It will cost a quarter of a million dollars.

Cumberland county poor directors have asked for an additional appropriation of \$11,000 to make needed improvements and changes at the county asylum.

Dr. William N. Davidson, superintendent of public instruction, announced that he has prepared a plan for military instruction in the high schools of Pittsburgh.

Big coal companies that drain mine water into Nescopeck and Black creeks are preparing to install mammoth filters to remove sulphur and other fish-killing materials.

Two-thirds of the thirty-six brides who got marriage licenses in Bucks county last month were holding positions, and almost one-half were under twenty-one years of age.

Dauphin county farmers were told at farmers' institutes at Gratz that they must be good sellers as well as good raisers to be successful. Similar talks will be given at Halifax.

The run on the Farmers' Deposit Savings bank of Pittsburgh has ceased. Other banks are refusing to accept the accounts of foreigners withdrawn from the harried bank.

Little William Horlacher, of Hazleton, may go blind from an eye puncture from an elder sister's hatpin—penalty of hurriedly trying to kiss her after she had donned the hat.

After ordering a drink at a hotel in Mahanoy City while on the way home from work in the mines, George Engle, thirty-two years old, a volunteer fireman, fell dead as he grasped the glass.

The "dry" element of Leaningo borough is incensed by a huge banner flung across the street, reading: "We want Crawford county wet." The court has been petitioned to have it removed.

County Treasurer W. R. Adamson, at Pottsville, has taken in \$260,000 for liquor licenses for this year. The government's fees for licenses and stamps will raise this sum to more than \$400,000.

Members of the state board of public grounds and buildings will determine next week where to place the paintings brought to the capital from the state building at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

Mrs. Miriam Moyer, of Harrisburg, holds the record for attendance at the Pine Street Presbyterian Sunday school, which celebrated its fifty-eighth anniversary, she having missed only one day in twenty-one years.

The Erie Dispatch, which announced some time ago that it would suspend publication on January 31, did not go out of existence, arrangements having been made to continue its publication under the management of J. J. Parshall.

Fire Chief Hoy, of Norristown, in his annual report, shows that in 1915 less than \$4500 damage was done in half a hundred alarms of fire, and the damage was covered by \$28,000 insurance. The loss was only fifteen cents per capita.

Iron and steel plants report a great shortage of unskilled labor. All concerns in the Shenango and Mahoning valleys are scouring the country for common labor, in many instances paying wages higher than ever before in their history.

Engineers operating fans in the mines of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, at Nesquehoning, are denied their demand for a wage increase by a decision given by Charles P. Neill, umpire of the anthracite conciliation board.

Five hundred children have been thrown out of employment and forced back into the public schools in Pittsburgh by enforcement of the new state child labor law, which requires that children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years attend school eight hours a week.

Officials of the state bureau in charge of workmen's compensation matters believe that it will only be a short time until virtually every company doing liability insurance in the state will unite in the central inspection and rating bureau, of which the state insurance fund is a member.

The Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf and Dumb at Mt. Airy is bequeathed \$500 by the will of Fayette Miller, widow of James Miller, of Slatington. Another \$500 is set aside to educate some poor pupil. The Trinity Evangelical church of Slatington is willed \$100 to be used for missionary purposes.

On the ground that there is no authority for payment, County Controller T. W. Tobias in Allentown, refused to countersign the warrants to pay John Riddle, jail warden, fees for receiving and discharging prisoners, laundering garments and for turnkey services at the jail, for which Riddle last year received \$1622.

Decision by the state compensation board that jurors and witnesses for the commonwealth are not to be considered as persons who must be insured by the public will save the counties of Pennsylvania hundreds of dollars. The removal of elective officers from the insurable class under the liability act will affect thousands of men.