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very poor judgment. Children who are suffering from hunger and neglect, because the father and wage earner has deserted them, are certainly as deserving of help as children of fathers who have died or who have lost their reason.

"We do not presume to speak for the women of the Pension Board, who will perhaps, adopt a policy of helping as many as possible in a small way rather than helping a few more generously. Many inquiries are made at the commissioners' office as to the status of mothers well advanced in years who have grown-up sons and daughters, who, under the law, are required to care for and provide for them. We do not think such applicants can qualify under this act. It is intended for the mothers who have dependent children. The public cannot be witness to the intense struggle against poverty, against hunger and cold, the ceaseless weariness of mothers who must work beyond their physical strength, the distress of mind and heaviness of heart experienced by them, as they see their little ones hungry and scantily clad. The public does not know this.

"The Workmen's Compensation law will further minimize this form of poverty by its provision for widows and children of men, who are killed in the course of their employment, but the board will have many cases of poverty, caused by accident before the compensation law went into effect, and the rapid increase in our population constantly adds to the number of cases outside of the compensation law.

"The work of the Board of the Mothers Assistance Fund will be a blessing, not only in the money given but in calling the attention of the poor directors and other associations to the plight of deserving families."

Rescuing Napoleon by Submarine.
In his book on submarines Frederick A. Talbot tells us that the submarine is "practically as old as the sailing ship," though he passes the fact over with the statement that the majority of these efforts were fantastic in conception and crude in design. The most daring expedition ever suggested in the early days of the submarine was that proposed for kidnapping Napoleon from St. Helena. It was suggested to a British mariner, Captain Johnson, who was to get £40,000. The construction of the boat was begun, but on the day when the work on the outer shell of copper was to be started Napoleon died.

Grateful For the Hint.
"I wish to marry your daughter, sir."
"You? Why, you don't make enough to keep her in hats."
"Is that so? Then do me a favor, will you? Just make your refusal good and strong and let me back out gracefully. I might be able to make her happy, but it's a cinch I'd never be."—**Detroit Free Press.**

Thrifty Actors.
The economy of a stock company offered interesting instances here at the old Boston museum. Some of the actors had no intention of letting grass grow under their feet. One player was a barber by day; another, the beloved "Smithy," was a tailor—very properly, the tailor played fops. I had a particular friend who was a cab driver. Who shall point the finger of scorn that these had two strings to their bow? Their example might be well followed. An honest barber or, for that matter, an honest cab driver may be the noblest work of God. And well may the actor's study of mankind be multiplied a thousandfold by the scraping of innumerable chins or the driving of the accidental wayfarer from the cradle to the grave. Who could better take man's measure than the tailor, dissect him to a hair than the barber or consider his final destination than the cab driver?—"My Remembrances," by E. A. Sothorn in Scribner's Magazine.

Bettering the World.
If the world we live in is unsatisfactory you may say it is the will of God that it should be so. That gets you nowhere. You may say it is the law of nature it should be so. That gets you nowhere, either. But when by accurate measurement of lengths and weights and temperatures and modes of motion you understand that everything is what it is because of process then it comes to you that what process has made process can make over. Then if you like not the fashion of this world you can alter it. It may well be that the possession of a small, round grain of faith enables one to say unto this mountain, "Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea," but if you want it done you lay down tracks, put locomotives and gondola cars on them, install steam diggers at one end and barges at the other and make Goethals superintendent of the job.—**Engene Wood in Century.**

Storks and Cats.
Storks are partial to kittens as an article of food, and cats reciprocate by a love for storks.

Substituted.
"So you have taken to carrying around a monkey? This is going too far."

"Well, you never go anywhere with me," was his wife's somewhat ambiguous retort.—**Pittsburgh Post.**

ing cough and one of scarlet fever.
Announcement by the Lehigh Valley Coal company that it will refund upon demand the money collected under the Roney coal tax bill came as welcome news to the Hazleton school board.

Mrs. Richard Wilson, of Pottstown, has received word that her husband, who enlisted in a Canadian regiment over one year ago, is in a hospital in France, suffering from two severe wounds.

Charles Kunkle, of Shamokin, has sued the Shamokin-Mt. Carmel Transit company for \$1000 damages for the loss of a cab, horse and serious injury to another steed, by a car colliding with his team.

A movement has been inaugurated in Carlisle to have the celebration accompanying the unveiling of the state's memorial to Molly Pitcher on June 28 enlarged to combine the old home week observance in the town.

Testimony in the damage suit of Giuseppe Promutco against the H. C. Brooks company, of West Virginia, at Carlisle, will have to be taken at the Italo-Austrian war front, where witnesses are serving in the armies.

As a result of informal complaints made to the public service commission a number of street railway systems throughout the state have begun enforcing the rule that lighted cigars or cigarettes may not be carried into trolley cars.

Lost long ago, a bronze medal was found by Squire Himes on his premises in West Pikeland, Chester county, on one side of which is a maltese cross with the dates 1870-71, and on the reverse the inscription in German, "God was with us, to him be the glory."

TOPICS IN BRIEF

Some difficulty to believe in a German-Irishman.

"I would go to war," says the Colonel—Marvelous.

Truth in a nutshell is not what it is cracked up to be.

In these backward seasons there is always some danger of a double housecleaning.

Germany seems perfectly willing to meet everybody half way but the British fleet.

The Washington Post says Carranza is showing his teeth. Well, we are not dentists.

Old Man Doodle says that intellectual women give you the headache and the other kind give you the heartache, so what is a fellow to do but go fishing.

Ss and by your president and be happy.

There is never a thorn without its roses—the continued cool weather means continued warm waffles.

Kisses are real things only when backed by the heart.

Dont borrow trouble — almost anyone will gladly give it to you.

Teddy snatches victory from the jaws or the lungs or the tongue or something or other, of defeat.

Among those conspicuously between the devil and the deep sea is Venustiano Carranza.

No sooner did spring come visiting than summer was to be observed looking over her shoulder.

Still, it were better to raise one's boy to be a soldier than to raise him to be a poolroom loafer.

This country should realize that a strong navy is not a war speculation, but a peace investment.

While politics is changing for the next scene, baseball will entertain the large and intelligent assembly.

China's revolution at least furnishes evidence that the idea of Republicanism is spreading through that country.

Charlie Chaplin is getting so much money that his admirers fear that he may become unfunny. Money is a very serious thing, believe us.

According to Billy Sunday, "Every devil that hell can spare is in Baltimore." So, why should we worry,

Germany wants us to believe that the German submarine did not sink the Sussex, but something just as good.

With Mexico, it appears, we cannot sever our relations more than one can with one's undesirable acquaintances.

It is naively put forward that the submarine must attack unarmed vessels for such vessels are the only kind it can attack with safety to itself.

"Soldiers' wives are entitled to separate allowances," says a British writer, "and if they are killed, to pensions." This shows that pronouns can be more fatal than bullets,

What this world needs is fewer creeds and more charity.

Berlin may observe that even the bookworm may turn.

Wilson to Wilhelm, "Turn to the right and then keep straight ahead!"

The London papers boast of "British Staying Powers." That's what caused conscription.

One Noble Peace Prize isn't enough for the man who manages to pacify Mexico.

It certainly is pathetic, the way the grafters who always disliked Wilson are knocking and trying to roast him.

"Von Papen supplied money, but who supplied Von Papen?"—**Wall Street Journal.** Aw, ask something hard.

The stewing of rhubarb is heard in the land.

"I. R. Would Fight Root," says a headline, or anybody else that got in the way of his ambition.

House Republicans have only a Mann in a position that calls for a real man.

We suppose Germany has ascertained what the long Wilson chin means.

Just beginning to understand these references to Bernstorff as a "finished" diplomat.

You might even say that what this country needs are some scientists of the deepest dye.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who used to help her mother wash the dishes?

All the heroes are not in the trenches. Some of them are still eating their brides' biscuits.

An exchange says that Villa can barely read and write but does not mention what college he graduated from.

A man usually has to change cars many, many times on the road to success.

Arbor Day's general and widespread observance recently is one of the most pleasant signs of the times.

If summer furs are to be in style again they might be well worn by young men addicted to the sport shirt.

No state is so infatuated with its favorite son that it will not listen to reason or to political expediency.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Items From All Sections of the State.

CULLED FOR QUICK READING

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

Pittsburgh cobblers have formed a union.

Forest fire near Altoona destroyed 1000 acres of timber.

People are enthusiastic for good roads day in Blair county.

There are twenty-nine new cases for the next pardon board meeting, May 24.

Engle Brothers, Shamokin silk manufacturers, have granted a raise and shorter hours.

Fifty-thousand-dollar forest fires have destroyed timber on estates near Wilkes-Barre.

Clerks, carpenters and shopmen hope also for a raise at mines in the anthracite region.

An unidentified man hanged himself with a handkerchief from a bridge brace near Lebanon.

The state will pay \$10,000 for the Bloomsburg Normal school and assume its \$130,000 debt.

John Resh, an eleven-year-old Reading lad, has been missing since a circus was in the city last week.

The Topton board of health has quarantined all public places on account of thirty cases of measles.

The revenue from Lehigh county's liquor licenses this year is \$63,850, of which Allentown's share is \$30,000.

Under the new law minors under eighteen may not run elevators or do acetylene welding in Pennsylvania.

Owing to scarcity of female help, the Keystone Stocking company, of Spring City, will move to Philadelphia.

Elmer Rinker, of Nazareth, while stooping to put on his shoes, was perhaps fatally stricken with paralysis.

F. G. Ackley has been appointed postmaster at Wyalusing, Bradford county, succeeding Dr. J. W. Chamberlain.

Kinwood stock farm, at Jeffersonville, was purchased for \$22,000 by James Bell, the Philadelphia horseman.

H. Fred Grander was elected treasurer of Royersford to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Bowman.

After long idleness, fires have been lighted in the furnace plant at Sheridan, and ferro-manganese will be manufactured.

Harry Wheeler, Chicago, was the principal speaker before the National Pipe and Supplies Association, at Pittsburgh.

A large number of Mexican quail liberated at the big place of P. M. Sharples, near West Chester, have all disappeared.

The family escaped in their night-clothes when the home of Miss Weaver, Northumberland, was burned, with \$5000 loss.

The annual conference of the eastern district Mennonite churches, at Altoona, adopted an anti-preparedness resolution.

A large force of men excavating for a modern new \$150,000 Shenandoah high school struck for \$2 a day and eight hours.

Russell, five-year-old son of Merchant August Carl, fell from a second-story Shenandoah fire escape and fractured his skull.

Seven steam shovels are idle at strippings in the Hazleton coal fields through men leaving to take jobs in munitions plants.

The Reading railway transferred 150 St. Clair and Schuylkill Haven shop workers to Port Richmond, to "trim coal" vessels.

William Ludwig, of Schwenkville, has an egg laid by a white Leghorn hen that is 8x7 1/2 inches in circumference and has three yolks.

The prohibitionists of Northampton county met at Belfast, and were addressed by Dr. B. E. Prugh, of Harrisburg, state chairman.

The ninety-first anniversary of the Reformed Theological seminary at Lancaster was observed by breaking ground for a dormitory.

In court at Sunbury, Harry Price, Scranton, pleaded guilty to selling heroin to habitual drug users, and sentence was deferred.

A true bill was returned at Sunbury against William Phipps, Harrisburg, charged with having opium and morphine in his possession.

Extensive improvements are being made with a view of adding to transportation facilities on the big state camp site at Mt. Gretna.

Close to 1000 miners struck in the Lykens Valley mines in a dispute over membership in the union—commonly called a "button" strike.

Connellsville region merchant coke operators are meeting the recent five and ten per cent wage increase of the H. C. Frick Coke company.

Work will begin shortly on the existence of the Cumberland Valley railroad high line near Newville and the construction of new buildings.

Accidentally struck on the head by a hoe in the hands of a cousin, two-year-old Mary Wentz is in a Carlisle hospital in a critical condition.

Deer and game from the state game reserve at Hickory Run frequently leave the reserve and are found grazing on the neighboring farms.

Two little sons of Columbus Kleinsmith, of Emaus, were badly burned in explosions in efforts to break open dynamite caps with hammers.

Trustees of the Reformed Theological seminary at Lancaster approve the sale of a tract of land to Franklin and Marshall college for \$20,000.

The Firemen's Relief association, of Pottstown, has paid its first death claim, that of the widow of Charles Frech, killed by the auto truck.

The Chinese government has placed orders in Pittsburgh for millions' worth of iron and steel, and depends entirely on this country for glass.

It is estimated that the state can collect more than \$4,000,000 from lunatics whose estates or relatives are able to pay for them as asylum patients.

James Basler, fifty-nine years old, an engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad company for thirty years, ended his life with a bullet at Lancaster.

One hundred and thirty-five bidders, ten less than last year, have submitted bids for furnishing supplies to the state government for the coming year.

Owing to a war argument Stephen Kovat, an Allentown Austrian, is in the hospital, and half a dozen Slavs, Russians and Germans were locked up.

Charles P. Dewey, legislative aspirant in Bradford county, while canvassing, went over a fifty-foot embankment in an automobile, but escaped injury.

Hundreds of new members were gained at a Hazleton mass-meeting of the National Defense league, addressed by Major General C. Bow Dougherty.

Luther Coble, a contracting tinsmith and roofer, Lebanon, has died from complications resulting from a fracture of his right leg, suffered in a fall.

Between 400 and 500 employes of the Greenville Car company have been given a voluntary increase in wages, amounting to more than \$3000 a month.

Without an instant's delay in traffic, three new 90-foot steel spans were placed in the Pennysy bridge over Catawissa creek, at Mainville, Columbia county.

The hills around Hazleton, stripped of their timber decades ago to make props for the mines, are to be reforested by the Wyoming Valley Water Supply company.

Pulled from a buggy when his horse became frightened, Howard Sweger, a Carlisle horse dealer, suffered a dislocated shoulder and internal injuries when trampled.

Eight hundred men and boys are on strike at the Hickory Ridge colliery, Shamokin, and the Susquehanna Coal company's Cameron colliery is tied by a strike.

Increases in pay for monthly men, such as clerks, surveyors, foremen, bosses, machinists and shophands, are coming in the hard coal fields within the next few weeks.

Erection of a mile and a quarter of fences and blasting for foundations for a machine shop 80x130 feet marked the beginning of the new Benjamin Steel works, at Hazleton.

Pleading guilty to defrauding on \$800 of funds of a sub-postal station in Wilkes-Barre, John B. Reigle was sentenced at Sunbury to nine months in Luzerne county jail.

Almost drowned a short time ago when a high wind blew her into the Letort Spring, Eva Stringfellow, four years old, has been knocked down and injured by an automobile.

The Dodson Coal company, at Hazleton, has imported a big squad of Philadelphia navvies to work in its mines at Morea to take the place of men attracted to the munition plants.

Between 3000 and 4000 eggs of the ring-necked pheasant will be distributed by officials of the state game commission to various parts of the state as a means of propagating.

Harry Wittemeyer, secretary, has received a letter from Colonel Roosevelt declining to address the home week celebration in Mauch Chunk, because it is a "physical impossibility."

Reading High school students, in sixteen trolley cars, were taken to Stony Creek Mills, where, at Antietam Lake, they assisted in planting 50,000 pine trees along Reading's watershed.

About sixty St. Marys boiler-makers employed at the machine shops of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern railroad, struck for a raise, but returned, pending a conference with the receiver.

Refused a license in Reading, owing to the age of the proposed bride, Earl Coldren, twenty-three, and Miss Emma E. Haas, sixteen years old, of Reading, eloped to Elkton, Md., and were married.

Chief William Guerin, head of the national fire preventing bureau, in an address in Pittsburgh, declared: "Eighty-five per cent of the fires started in this country last year were the result of carelessness."

Dr. Hollisworth, dean of the School of Economics of the University of Pittsburgh, in an address declared that Germany's great success was "due not only to military preparation, but to industrial preparation also."

The plant of the Mercer Light, Heat & Power company, in Greenville, controlling the light franchise of Greenville, Mercer and Jamestown, and owned by the Kulm interests of Pittsburgh has been sold to eastern capitalists.

George Robbins, thirty-two years old, of Syracuse, foreman for the Stone-Webb Construction company, in New Castle, was instantly killed when he was caught between two trains running in the opposite direction at Hillsville.

Carroll Garner, of Wilkes-Barre, became division engineer of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, in the Cox-Lehigh district, succeeding A. H. Lewis, of Hazleton, who takes a similar post with the G. B. Markle company.