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Calendar for November 1914 showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 30.

MOON'S PHASES: Full Moon, 2nd; Last Quarter, 10th; New Moon, 17th; First Quarter, 24th.

WEATHER FORECASTS: Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to night with lowest temperature about 28 degrees. Thursday fair and warmer.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG: Highest, 37; lowest, 27; 8 a. m., 27; 8 p. m., 32.

THE PLIGHT OF POOR POLAND

Cracow, capital of Austrian Galicia, is reported to be in flames and about to fall before a Russian bombardment. Galicia was formerly part of Poland and Cracow was the residence of the Polish kings.

Poland has no manifest part in the great conflict abroad, because there is no Poland. The great nation, for it once was great and was a nation, has had its identity absorbed by the three Powers which have overlapped it.

When Poland's fate was settled at the Congress of Vienna almost a century ago, Russia, Germany and Austria, each of which got a slice, hoped no doubt that the arrangement would be permanent. It is only temporary, however.

Poland can not declare its neutrality, for two parts of it are governed by Austria and Germany, and the other part is under the iron rule of Russia. It cannot speak, because it has no voice in the diet of nations.

A DETECTIVE WHO HAS MADE GOOD

Joseph Ibach, a city detective, according to information contained in a petition signed by seventy-five responsible citizens who are asking the City Commissioners to establish a detective bureau in Harrisburg with Ibach as the chief, has recovered stolen property valued at \$32,025.78 in the last three years; he has made 275 arrests and helped in 137 others; he is on duty an average of fifteen hours a day; in three years he has had but four days vacation, and it should be recalled in this connection that a policeman works every day in the week, having no regular day off on Sunday or at any other time.

It might have been added to the petition that Ibach does a great amount of clerical work in connection with the city detectives' duties, attends personally to a great amount of correspondence, 'mugs and measures' all the criminals for the 'Rogues' Gallery' and takes the finger-prints and other data for the Bertillon system. His yearly salary is slightly more than \$1,000.

Whether there is actually need in Harrisburg just now of a separately organized detective bu-

reau is a question that the City Commissioners must discuss and decide. Involved in the discussion must be consideration of the economical expenditure of the City's money. There is, however, no question about the fact Detective Ibach deserves an increase in pay to make his salary commensurate with the amount of service he renders the City.

SELF-GOVERNMENT IN SING SING

Sing Sing will soon be quite select. That the gentlemen who dwell in the institution should have a voice in the selection of a warden is the suggestion of a man to whom appointment to the office has been offered. His words, as quoted in the New York papers, are:

'I would not go to Sing Sing unless I knew the prisoners there wanted me to come. I am not certain how their preference would be expressed.'

What fine consideration for the rights of the oppressed! No respectable convict could well desire more. The prisoners in Sing Sing should at once assemble and unanimously elect the candidate.

After the election, all would be harmony and happiness. The warden could call a meeting of all inmates interested in the welfare of the institution, whenever a new member should apply for admittance. They could then pass on the qualifications of the applicant and if they should conclude that his presence would lower the moral tone of the institution they could refuse to admit him.

FOR A LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR

The present struggle involving all Europe will be the last great war, in the opinion of Professor J. P. Lichtenberger, expressed in an address to the Philomathean Club in Philadelphia yesterday. Professor Lichtenberger added:

After the present struggle there will be a reaction which will raise industrialism to the point where war will involve a useless waste and expense not to be borne.

Certainly the prediction of the professor embodies the hopes of the entire world, but whether there is a chance of its fulfillment depends on the basis of settlement finally agreed upon by the nations now at each other's throat. In the last analysis of the causes of the present almost world-wide strife the basis of it all is shown to be racial hatred.

The war must be settled in a spirit of true magnanimity shown by the group of nations that finally triumphs toward that group that ultimately is defeated. There must be a willingness on the part of the victors to make concessions to the vanquished that will eliminate the sting of defeat. If wholesale indemnities and unjust reprisals are to be demanded it would result only in leaving sore spots that would lead to fresh outbreaks of hostilities at a future time.

Professor Lichtenberger's prediction can come true only if the victorious nations can, in the interest of world-wide welfare,—in the interest of humanity,—subjugate the right of might to the right of right in agreeing to the terms of settlement.

The new sleeveless ball gowns are probably not popular in Saskatchewan where the mercury dropped yesterday to 18 below zero.

It is a pretty safe prediction that the war tax imposed on the brokers of the New York Curb market will ultimately fall on the Wall Street lambs.

Now that election is over the business interests of the country seem inclined to give the new laws, designed by the Washington administration to help them, a fair chance to do so.

Even if it is true, as the superintendent of the Auburn, N. Y., public schools says, that the dress of the Auburn school girls constitutes a moral menace, it is likely that the menace will not last long now that zero weather is in prospect.

The Turks, as evidenced by the report that they have fired on the flag of Uncle Sam, are becoming a bit reckless. United States, however, will not become hysterical about the incident and will suspend judgment until the facts are officially ascertained.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

UP AGAINST IT 'Tough neighborhood I live in. People steal everything I leave in my shed.' 'Why don't you put a padlock on the door?' 'I put on a fine one and somebody got it the first night.'—Kansas City Journal.

THE BLOW-OUT

'What happened to Babylon?' asked the teacher of her Bible class. 'It fell!' cried the pupil. 'And what became of Nineveh?' 'It was destroyed.' 'And what of Tyre?' 'Punctured.'—Exchange.

A REGULAR CUSTOMER

A clergyman, having performed the marriage ceremony for a couple, undertook to write out the usual certificate, but being in doubt as to the day of the month, he asked: 'This is the ninth, is it not?' 'Why, parson,' said the blushing bride, 'you do all my marrying, and you ought to remember that this is only the third.'—National Monthly.

Tongue-End Topics

To Start the Senate Right

Two Harrisburgers who will again hold positions of prominence in the State Senate are Herman P. Miller and W. Harry Baker, their selection having been agreed upon at a meeting of the Republican Senate leaders in Philadelphia last week.

Thirty-seven Years in Senate

Mr. Miller has been in the Senate for thirty-seven years. He was a page at first, a little fellow in short trousers with an obliging disposition that gained him many friends and kept him in his place until he became chief page. In 1887 he was made Senate Librarian, and he has held the place ever since.

Baker Sets Things Moving

W. Harry Baker—out that W—also went into the Senate as a page, and he was one of the brightest lads that ever filled the job. You couldn't keep a boy like Harry Baker in the background, and he was always around the clerk's desk doing little things to make the work of the others easier.

Arranges All the Business

Baker arranges all business for each Senate session, sees that everything is in its proper place for the work to go ahead smoothly, and when he says the word the chaplain steps to the front and opens the session with prayer. But he wouldn't do it unless Mr. Baker told him to go ahead.

Dr. Mullooney's Book on China

'Made in Harrisburg,' is rather a good label. Many things come from this city, from sun bonnets to typewriters. One of the latest as well as one of the best things to emanate from here is a book by Dr. John J. Mullooney, assistant chief medical inspector in the State Department of Health.

Dance at Country Club

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Rutherford, of Steelton, gave a dance at the Country Club, last evening, in compliment to Miss Louise Carney and the debutantes of the season.

THE GLOBE THE NORTH WINDS DO BLOW Now For Overcoats— We're Prepared--Are You? Remember Thanksgiving Day is but one week off—and remember, too, that your apparel on that day will be closely scrutinized. Those Chesty Double Breasted Overcoats A Lively New Overcoat Idea— An overcoat with class and distinction tailored into its every stitch—note the long rolling lapels—the semi-form fitting style—velvet piped cuffs—the narrow shoulders. The right kind of an overcoat—at the right time. \$20 and \$25 THE GLOBE

BAD MISTER CROW KILLS LITTLE DUCK AND ROBINS

Hearing of This, Dr. Surface Tells How to Kill the Crows By Feeding the Destructive Birds With Poisoned Corn

An observant bird lover in the northern part of Pennsylvania wrote to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, asking 'What shall we do about the crows? We have such a multiplicity of them, that we can count them by hundreds in one small neighborhood. We have a fine chance to raise ducks, but it is impossible as the crows take the little ducks right out of the creek. It is a constant warfare with us to save our little chickens when they run at large. The real tragedy was when they took young robins from nests in trees not over eight feet from the house. Two nests were thus broken up last summer. I saw this done, but too late to save the young birds. We love the robins, and to see them destroyed by crows is hard to bear. I want the song birds especially.' To this appeal, Prof. Surface replied as follows:

'The crow is not protected by law, although there is no bounty offered for it. It can be shot, trapped, poisoned or killed in any way possible, and yet be legal. I recognize its depredations as a destroyer of poultry and birds, and the longer I live and the more I learn about it, the less do I think of the bird that is famous for not being as 'black as its feathers.'

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Two Injured in Quarry Mishaps

Marietta, Nov. 18.—George H. Johnson, employed at the Baker quarries, was seriously injured yesterday when a stone fell from a distance of thirty feet and struck him on the head. The scalp was laid open about six inches.

STEIGEL DESCENDANT DIES

Aged Woman to Be Buried on Spot Where Old Church Stood

Marietta, Nov. 18.—Word reached here today announcing the death at Newport of Miss Mary M. Horning which occurred from infirmities of age. She was 84 years of age, and a native of Mannheim, and for many years attended the Feast of Roses ceremony at that place, she being a direct descendant of Aaron Steigel, who gave the church to the people of that place. Her body will be buried on the spot where the old church stood in 1770.

2,850 Hunters' Licenses in Lebanon

Lebanon, Nov. 18.—Up to noon today 2,850 hunters' licenses had been issued by County Treasurer John E. Hartman to the gunners of Lebanon county. This lacks only 26 of equaling last year's record mark. The cold weather and the proximity of Thanksgiving Day is expected to bring the mark up to 2,900 by the time the holiday arrives.

NET WEIGHT IN FOOD LAW

Will Be Applied to Bags of Green Coffee From Abroad

Washington, Nov. 18.—Opinions relating to the operation of the net weight amendment to the food law, announced today by the Bureau of Chemistry, stated that for the present it would be applied to bags of green coffee received from abroad.

B. R. T. Elects Officers

The following officers were elected last night at a meeting of the Blue Mountain Lodge No. 694, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen: W. M. Speely, president; P. M. Miller, vice president; W. P. McNeal, secretary; George H. Horning, treasurer.

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