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NOVEMBER

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: Unsettled weather to-night and Friday, probably rain. Colder Friday.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night and Friday, snow in north portion. Colder Friday. Fresh northeast winds increasing.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 37; lowest, 26; 8 a. m., 27; 8 p. m., 33.

SANE ATTITUDE ON SMYRNA INCIDENT

It is noticed that even the jingo press of this country is not treating too seriously the situation that has arisen between United States and Turkey as the result of the action of the Turkish garrison at Smyrna in firing on a launch from the American cruiser, Tennessee.

It is hardly likely that when the Turkish authorities have responded to what is practically a demand of the State Department in Washington for an apology, there will be any grounds remaining for Uncle Sam to declare war on the Ottoman Empire.

Turkey has enough trouble on her hands without courting a war with Uncle Sam, and the American people are taking the wise course in determining to wait calmly for Turkey's explanation which is practically certain to remove all basis for controversy between that country and this.

SAFETY IN CROSSING STREETS

Self-preservation may be an instinct, but recklessness often gets the better of it. The crossing of streets provides an instance. Some persons do not seem to heed anything, not even their own danger, when they are intent upon getting to the other side of a busy city street.

New York City has been having trouble at its street crossings. It seems to be giving the matter more attention now than it has in the past. For one thing its street cars have recently adopted the near-side stop.

Harrisburg's traffic regulations are most favorable to the safety of pedestrians and its traffic policemen are energetic and capable. A person need not experience difficulty in crossing at a busy corner so long as he knows the traffic regulations, keeps one eye on the traffic policeman and uses average common sense.

A pedestrian has no right to cross a street except at a corner. At corners motormen and chauffeurs must exercise care. Between corners, however, according to the decision of a Philadelphia judge and to the dictates of common sense, drivers of vehicles are not responsible if persons get in front of them and get damaged.

Even though Market street, in its recent torn up condition, has been an inconvenience in some respects, it has served to force some contrary persons to cross the street at the places where they are intended to cross, which is something of a gain.

THE SIX-DAY BICYCLE RIND

Over in New York, in the Madison Square Garden, they are holding this week the annual six-day bicycle race, a variety of so-called sport that has in it little if anything that actually appeals to true sportsmanship.

shaped board track while a few hundred "fans" are dozing away in an atmosphere filled with tobacco fumes, willing to be awakened only when the word is passed that the riders have broken into a sprint after half a day's lethargic pedaling to no effect so far as the relative positions of the contestants are concerned.

Each team is composed of two men who relieve each other at will, so that there is not even the element of brutal interest there used to be in the old days when individuals instead of teams were pitted against each other in a contest to determine which rider could stave off insanity for the greatest period.

The race has no glory and little if any physical benefit for the contestants and the bulk of the box office receipts go to the management which usually is far from efficient.

But what of the spectators who pass most of their time slumbering in many hours' accumulation of foul air? At a baseball or a football game even those persons who go to look on without taking any part in the contest benefit to the extent of getting their lungs full of fresh oxygen, but as to the benefit that comes to the spectators at a six days' bicycle grind,—well, there is none.

ANCIENT CRAOW THREATENED

That the main body of the Russians is proceeding unmolested to the attack of Craow in Austrian Galicia, as reported in to-day's dispatches, does not look promising for ancient Craow. The city with its mighty fortress is considered as impregnable as Berlin or Paris, yet fire is said to be spreading in the northern section and the bombardment is certain to do irreparable damage.

Craow is the capital of Poland's glory when Poland was a leading nation and was glorious. The national life centered about the city and it was one of the most important municipalities in Europe.

It is an old town, with its origin, like that of Rome, lost in tradition. It has suffered its share of the hardships of wars which have swept over Europe. On four occasions it has been in the hands of foreign invaders, and its present experience, although new to its present inhabitants, has no novelty in the city's annals.

Craow of to-day, in a peaceful state, has been the most characteristically Polish of any of the towns of the former kingdom. With its partial destruction many relics of the Poland of the past are no doubt perishing. It has paid the price of being an important military outpost in the military scheme of Austria, a position which it has filled through no choosing of its own.

The one-time capital of one-time Poland has been noted for its many churches, with their treasures of gold, silver and rare marble. The fate of these shrines and their precious contents in the city's present condition can be imagined.

One cannot help wondering whether the custom of posting in front of the churches announcements of all deaths occurring in the city will be adhered to in these days when the inhabitants of the place are, perhaps, perishing in multitudes.

Meantime, what are we going to do about a new High School building?

Who has started a fund for the relief of the innocent war sufferers in Poland?

If those Turkish shots were actually meant to hit that laughful of American soldiers the Turks are very poor marksmen.

Toothache is no excuse for getting drunk according to a ruling of a New York Magistrate who sentenced an offender to have the tooth pulled. This is justice not tempered by mercy.

If Captain Decker, of the Tennessee, had regarded the Smyrna incident as of a very serious nature, his first report following the occurrence would have contained some reference to it. Captain Decker made no report of the shooting until he was called upon to do so by the State Department in Washington.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

CALL THE FIREMEN

An old worthy who was in the habit of calling each evening at the village inn for a "drop o' the best," found the landlord one night polishing the taps. After a few remarks about the weather he received his nightly dram. After he had gone the landlord discovered to his horror that he had supplied Donald with a half-gill out of the bottle of sulphuric acid which he had been using for cleaning the taps.

"Donald, what did you think of that whiskey you got last night?" "It was a fine dram, a warming dram, but it had wan fault. Every time I coughed it set fire to my whiskers."—National Monthly.

THE MINISTER STUTTERED

Rawkins—"Why do you sign your name 'J. John B. B. Brown?'" Brown—"Because it is my name. I was christened by a minister who stuttered."—Music Trades.

TRUELY FEMINE

De Crop—"Gwendolyn is an intensely feminine girl." Miss Ryder—"More so than the rest of us!" De Crop—"Well, she asked a blacksmith the other day if her horse couldn't wear shoes a size smaller."—Kansas City Star.

HENRY SLOW ABOUT IT

Henry—"My, my, how you've grown since I've been calling on your sister Mae." Johnnie—"Sure, Sis says she guesses I'll be a voter before you git around to propose."—Boston Record.

CRITICS

"Our new neighbors seem pretty weak in th' use o' grammar, don't you think?" "Yes, I seen they was 's soon's they begunned to talk."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

Tongue-End Topics

Gettysburg Speech 51 Years Ago Fifty-one years ago to-day Lincoln delivered his address at Gettysburg that is regarded now as one of the masterpieces of American oratory. The address itself did not seem to impress the American people to an unusual degree until a long time afterward—indeed, not until after Lincoln's death did its full import as a wonder-word production strike them with any force.

Heard the Lincoln Speech There are several persons in Harrisburg who heard Lincoln deliver his address on that memorable occasion, and throughout the country somebody who was present occasionally makes it known, but the hearers are growing fewer in number and in but a few years all will have disappeared.

6 Cents Awarded in Damage Suit When Mary Pajrich and Paul Lovranitch, the principals in a damage suit brought by the Pajrich woman, which was tried in common pleas court, make settlement with their witnesses, counsel and the court in that proceeding both will find that their bank accounts have been depleted by something like \$5 and that neither has gained anything in a material way.

When "Hughey" Played Ball Here When Hugh Jennings was here yesterday in his capacity as a lawyer, attending a meeting of the Board of Pardons, he met several Harrisburgers who knew him when he played ball here almost a quarter of a century ago.

250,000 ON SUSPENDED ROLL Presbyterian Clergyman's Report to General Assembly Committee Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—More than 250,000 members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States have been placed on the "suspended roll" within the last five years, according to the report of the Rev. William Fulton to the General Assembly yesterday afternoon.

PLAN MOVIE CONVENTION Representatives of Exhibitors' League and the Association Discuss Preliminaries of Consolidation A "get-together" meeting of state officers of the Motion Picture Exhibitors' League, of Pennsylvania, and a representative of the Motion Picture Exhibitors' Association of Pennsylvania, with a view to amalgamation and the formation of a state-wide organization to include also exhibitors not now affiliated with either body, was held in the Commonwealth Hotel late yesterday afternoon.

Door Open, Prisoner Flees Easton, Md., Nov. 19.—Elmer Stanford, who had been convicted of larceny and sentenced to one year in the House of Correction, escaped from the Easton jail yesterday afternoon. The jail door had been left ajar by the Sheriff, who was removing coal ashes. Stanford saw it, and when the Sheriff was out of sight, made his dash for liberty. Scaling the high fence that surrounds the jail, he ran down West street across fields to the big woods beyond, in which he lost his pursuers.

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To Rebuild Baldwin Hotel Hagerstown, Nov. 19.—Hotel Stafford, a modern and up-to-date hostelry, will be built on the site of the Baldwin here, recently destroyed by fire. Hotel Hamilton, according to present plans, will be modernized and from sixty to eighty more rooms added to this well known hostelry.

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The loss to Mr. Zody is about \$500, insured, and to Mr. Burger about \$25.

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Unveiling on Appomattox Day

Gettysburg, Nov. 19.—General H. S. Hildekoper, chairman of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Commission, was in Gettysburg yesterday in connection with the arrangements for the erection of the three new statues to Generals Humphreys, Hays and Geary.

During his stay at the Eagle hotel he discussed the probability of the monuments being dedicated next spring. He said:

"We expect two of the statues to be here in December and the other in March. It is possible that they may all be dedicated on April 9, 1915. This is Appomattox Day and the fiftieth anniversary of Lee's surrender."

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The growing love of pleasure, disregard for the Lord's Day and the Word of God, the increasing craze for amusements and the influence of worldly organizations—in short, the modern view of life which is preached in many secular organizations.

Presbyterian records show that in 1910 48,956 were placed on the "suspended roll"; in 1911, 54,143; 1912, 51,266; 1913, 50,927; 1914, 50,484.

"They slipped back into the world, fell away, were relegated to the ecclesiastical scrap heap," said Dr. Fulton.

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3% PAID ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$600,000.00 An Individual as the Executor of your Will is subject to sudden illness, he may through inexperience make serious mistakes, he may prove dishonest and he may die perhaps before your estate is settled.

INDIANA ELECTION RAID 18 Held for Fraud in Senatorial and Congressional Ballot Indianapolis, Nov. 19.—Eighteen men, arrested in Terre Haute yesterday on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States government in the recent election for Senator and Congressmen, were brought here by United States marshals.

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