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### NOVEMBER

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#### MOON'S PHASES—

Full Moon, 2nd; Last Quarter, 10th;  
 New Moon, 17th; First Quarter, 24th.

#### WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and  
 colder to-night with lowest temperature  
 about 20 degrees. Tuesday fair, con-  
 tinued cold.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and  
 colder to-night. Tuesday fair. Light  
 northerly winds.



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG  
 Highest, 44; lowest, 28; 8 a. m., 31; 8 p. m., 38.

#### FIENDISH CRIMES IN NEW YORK

Recent instances of criminality of the most brutal  
 sort that have appeared in New York City include  
 the efforts of anarchists to blow up the Tombs  
 court building and, early yesterday, the burning  
 to death of eight persons in a tenement house in  
 East Twenty-ninth street, which latest act has been  
 attributed to a so-called "Black Hand" society.

Whether or not there is a band of criminal black-  
 mailers definitely organized as the "Black Hand  
 Society," there can be no doubt that fiends of the  
 foulest instincts make use of the term "Black  
 Hand" to extort money under threat of death and  
 that once in a while those threats are carried out.  
 The New York police say that it is well established  
 that 36 hours before the Twenty-ninth street tenement  
 house was burned so-called "Black-Handers"  
 had threatened the lives of one of the sixteen fam-  
 ilies in the house. The police have little reason to  
 doubt that the fire was the work of a band of  
 blackmailers.

The comparatively frequent recurrence of horri-  
 ble crimes of this type automatically bring to mind  
 the question "Is anything the matter with the New  
 York police?" The recent trials of Lieutenant  
 Becker and the four gunmen brought to light some  
 nasty conditions within the Police Department  
 which undoubtedly were responsible for some graft  
 and other criminality, but even with the appear-  
 ance of such fresh evidence of fiendish criminality  
 as the Twenty-ninth street fire of yesterday, it is  
 not fair to condemn the whole structure of the  
 New York police department.

Unfortunately New York is a world-center for  
 criminals of the blackest type and the handling of  
 them is one of the biggest problems confronting an  
 American city to-day. Even when such horrible  
 crimes as that of yesterday occur it is unjust to  
 condemn as utterly rotten the whole rank and file  
 of the 10,000 odd men who make up the police  
 force. Instances of individual cowardice in that  
 force are so rare as to be the subject of wide pub-  
 licity when they occur, but instances of bravery,  
 like that, for example, of Patrolman Charles Kane,  
 who saved the life of a tenant of the Twenty-ninth  
 street building by hanging by his feet from a fire  
 escape, are so frequent as to receive only passing  
 comment. An organization made up of men of the  
 admitted bravery of the average New York blue-  
 coat cannot be put down as altogether inefficient.

#### WITH NO HOSTILE INTENT

Even tragedies have their amusing sidelights, and  
 without in any way seeking to belittle the impor-  
 tance of the noble work that is being done to relieve  
 the sufferers in the European war, we cannot let  
 pass without a comment a bit of unconscious humor  
 on the part of an Englishman who is allied with  
 the work of the British War Relief Association,  
 Inc., with headquarters in New York City. He has,  
 in his own handwriting, sent an appeal to the Star-  
 Independent to lend its aid in raising funds for the  
 association.

After explaining that "what we need above all  
 is anesthetics," the Englishman, evidently without  
 any hostile intent toward a diplomat high in the  
 service of Uncle Sam, remarks:

We have already sent five cases of chloroform to the  
 American Ambassador in Paris and funds are required to  
 continue the good work.

We believe we can state with absolute assurance  
 that the American Ambassador in Paris is not in  
 danger of passing out by the chloroform route.

But to get to the serious point of the communica-

tion, the representative of the association writes:

Owing to the scarcity of anesthetics, operations that  
 occasion indescribable agony have daily to be performed  
 without their aid, and to mitigate the awful suffering this  
 entails, the British War Relief Association, Inc., makes a  
 confident appeal to the liberality of every Britisher and  
 sympathizer to contribute the sum of at least one shilling  
 toward the purchase of chloroform and medical supplies.  
 Every shilling sent in will receive a direct acknowl-  
 edgment and all supplies will be purchased in this country and  
 shipped direct to France with the least possible delay. One  
 shilling will buy 100 grammes of chloroform.

Shillings may be sent direct to the headquarters of the  
 association, the British Imperial Club, 108 East Thirtieth  
 street, New York City.

#### OUR NEUTRALITY'S BEGINNING

When foreign countries fight the United States  
 as a nation, is neutral. That has been the case  
 from Washington to Wilson. Since the time when  
 the first President and his advisers refused to yield  
 to the solicitations of "Citizen Genet" and pro-  
 claimed the nation's neutrality, the United States  
 has on no occasion sided with European belliger-  
 ents.

When France asked for our assistance against  
 England, through its representative, Genet, the  
 mob assented but the government declined. The  
 sentiment of the people was strongly in favor of  
 France, which had been an American ally in the  
 Revolution and powerfully opposed to England  
 with which one war had just closed and another  
 was pending. The urgent appeals of France aroused  
 sympathy; the attitude of England, antipathy.

Despite all this the young republic, under the  
 guidance of him whom it learned to call "Father,"  
 maintained its neutrality. True, shots were ex-  
 changed by American and French ships, as the  
 result of the "X Y Z affair," when France and  
 England were at war, and later, in 1812, the country  
 went to war with England. In neither case, how-  
 ever, was this nation taking sides with another. It  
 was fighting because of no grievances except its  
 own.

Our nation, since it became a nation, has never  
 gone to war in alliance with another country, nor  
 has it ever opposed more than one enemy at one  
 time. The policy of observing strict neutrality is  
 assuredly a wise one. Washington established it,  
 against the will of misled people; Wilson has ad-  
 hered to it, with the sanction of understanding  
 citizens.

There is no Genet come to ask our aid in the  
 present European conflict. The warring nations  
 know our mind too well to seek to entangle us.  
 We are now under no immediate obligations to any  
 belligerent, as we were to France, or strongly an-  
 tagonistic to any, as we were to England. We, as  
 a nation, are to-day happily fair, impartial, neutral,  
 —at peace with the world.

#### THE ROLLING-PIN MAY HAVE TO GO

Are new inventions to supplant all of the old  
 contrivances of domestic use? Are none of the  
 things of the kitchen which we have known and  
 become attached to, to be passed on to posterity?  
 One after another the instruments which mother  
 and grandmother used, have been giving way to  
 patent devices. And now the rolling-pin, the fasci-  
 nating device associated with our childhood, is be-  
 ing threatened.

An apparatus has been invented by somebody,  
 who is devoid of sentiment, which is intended to  
 do the work of rolling-pins. The housewives of  
 the future will turn a lever, or push a button, or  
 something, and their pie dough and cake dough will  
 be ready for the pans. The old reliable rolling-pin  
 will be a back number.

Such a faithful servant cannot be given up with-  
 out sad regrets. In many a family there is a rolling-  
 pin which has been as much a household fixture as  
 the stove or the dining room table. Besprinkled  
 with flour and striped at times with adhering  
 dough, it has been a familiar article, often an indis-  
 pensible one.

Certain uses have been ascribed to the rolling-pin  
 other than those directly connected with the mak-  
 ing of pastry, but there has been much exaggera-  
 tion in this matter. Really dutiful and obedient  
 husbands will find no great satisfaction in the pass-  
 ing of the rolling-pin.

Times cannot be so hard for all persons when 70,000  
 can attend one football game.

Yale got the worst licking in her history. Well, she was  
 all season without the services of her Harrisburg coach.

They are going to hang fourteen persons in one day in  
 Arizona. Perhaps the European war zone is a safer place  
 to live.

It seems certain that Villa will succeed in getting to  
 Mexico City this time, but the question is how much of the  
 city will be left there by Carranza?

Tech has developed a football team that is described by  
 those who saw it in action on Saturday as one of wonderful  
 strength. We presume some of the colleges will be seeking  
 to draw upon it for material next year.

#### TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

##### BRAND WHITLOCK'S QUIET RETREAT

Whitlock accepted the appointment to be Minister to  
 Belgium because he thought Brussels would be a pleasant,  
 peaceful place in which to write his new novel.—Collier's  
 Weekly.

##### LIMITED IMPROVEMENTS

The Germans have renamed a number of towns they have  
 taken in Belgium and France, but so far no other local im-  
 provements have been reported.—Chicago Herald.

##### VANITY

Stranger—"Have you a match, sir?"  
 Vain Individual—"No, I don't think so."—Boston Tran-  
 script.

##### HAS ITS ADVANTAGES

Hicksville Stage Hand to member of visiting "Hamlet"  
 company—"It certainly can't be no fun havin' to play a  
 grave-digger night after night."  
 Actor (cheerfully)—"Oh, the position is not to be  
 sneered at when a hostile audience starts a bombardment."  
 —Puck.

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# THE GLOBE

#### Tongue-End Topics

##### Wants to Succeed Critchfield

Robert H. Thomas, Jr., who is an-  
 nounced as a candidate for Secretary  
 of Agriculture under Governor Brum-  
 baugh to succeed Secretary Critchfield,  
 who will retire to his Somerset county  
 home, has for many years been identi-  
 fied with the publishing of a newspaper,  
 the State Grange, the Grangers' picnic  
 at Williams' Grove and the Pennsylv-  
 ania State Editorial Association. He is  
 a son of the late Colonel R. H. Thomas,  
 publisher of the Mechanicsburg "Jour-  
 nal," for years a granger and the  
 founder of the big gathering at Wil-  
 liams' Grove. For many years the Col-  
 onel was secretary of the Editorial As-  
 sociation, and when he died the son  
 succeeded him in his several positions,  
 in fact had taken them over long be-  
 fore the father passed away and con-  
 tinued their remarkable success. He is  
 one of the best posted men on agricul-  
 tural matters in the State and knows  
 most grangers of prominence.

##### Saving the Masonic Records

The fire in the Masonic Temple on  
 Saturday, which would have been very  
 serious to the Masonic fraternity of  
 the city if the historical records had  
 been destroyed, is the first one of the  
 kind in their collection of any Mason  
 in the city. There is a tradition that  
 a fire occurred in the Wyeth building,  
 Market and Court streets, many years  
 ago, but there does not appear to be  
 a record of it anywhere. At one time,  
 when the records of Perseverance Lodge  
 could not be found for some time, it  
 was hinted that probably they had been  
 lost in a fire, and this gave rise to a  
 story that there "probably" had been  
 a fire in a Masonic lodge room, but no-  
 body could tell anything about it. The  
 Masonic records rescued by Mayor Roy-  
 al and City Electrician Diehl were  
 kept in a safe, but rather than  
 trust them to a safe, in the event of  
 the fire reaching the upper stories,  
 these two men took the old documents  
 out of the building.

##### Sorry Judge Kunkel Lost

Newspapers throughout the State,  
 without regard to party, are expressing  
 regret over the fact that Judge Kunkel,  
 of this city, was not elected to the Su-

preme bench at the last election, and  
 in their comments are paying high tri-  
 bute to Judge Kunkel as a man and a  
 judge. The following, from the Clear-  
 field "Republican," a Democratic pa-  
 per, edited by John P. Short, for years  
 a legislative correspondent in Harris-  
 burg, is a fair sample of what is being  
 said of Judge Kunkel and the result of  
 the election:

"Judge George Kunkel went to Alle-  
 gheny with a big majority of the vot-  
 ers of the State behind his candidacy  
 for the Supreme bench, but Allegheny  
 gave Judge Frazer such a majority  
 that Kunkel's big lead was overcome.  
 There will be general regret all over  
 Pennsylvania that Judge Kunkel was  
 defeated. He would grace the highest  
 court of the Commonwealth and re-  
 flect honor on the position, his friends  
 and himself. Judge Frazer is a very  
 able man, but his success was more the  
 result of political manipulation than  
 the will of the people."

#### PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Star-Independent does not  
 make itself responsible for opinions  
 expressed in this column.

##### Thanks the Star-Independent

The Editor, Star-Independent:  
 Dear Sir:—The staff of the Depart-  
 ment of Labor and Industry and my-  
 self personally, desire sincerely to  
 thank you for the active and effective  
 co-operation you gave us in the great  
 work of holding a conference of em-  
 ployers and of employes in Harrisburg  
 this week. It was to a large extent by  
 reason of this co-operation that the  
 conference will prove to have been of  
 material and lasting value to the people  
 of the Commonwealth. Again thanking  
 you cordially for all you have done for  
 us, I beg to remain  
 Yours faithfully,  
 John Price Jackson,  
 Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 20, 1914.

##### WHAT IS GOOD ENGLISH?

##### Was the Cause of Spirited Discussion at Teachers' Institute

Whether Abraham Lincoln would  
 have been a greater man had he had a  
 knowledge of Latin and Greek was  
 warmly discussed by the speakers at  
 the institute for the teachers of Har-  
 risburg, held Saturday.  
 Dr. O. T. Corson, editor of the  
 "Ohio Educational Monthly," and Dr.  
 Arthur H. Harron, of Allegheny Col-

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lege, differed widely in their speeches  
 as to the needs of good English.

Dr. Corson, the first speaker, had  
 dwelt at length on Lincoln's clear dic-  
 tion and the value placed on his Gettysburg  
 address. He explained that that  
 address contained only 268 words  
 and of these 143, more than half,  
 contained only one syllable. There were,  
 he said, only 139 different words.

When Dr. Harrop spoke he told of  
 the value of a thorough knowledge of  
 Greek and Latin and regretted that  
 Lincoln did not have a working knowl-  
 edge of these two tongues.

##### Big Funeral at Maytown

Maytown, Nov. 23.—The funeral of  
 Ernest Albright, at Maytown Saturday  
 afternoon, was one of the largest ever  
 held in this section, many attending  
 from a distance. The secret societies  
 to which he belonged, turned out in a  
 body and had representatives for pall-  
 bearers. The children of the Reformed  
 Sunday school, of which he was the  
 superintendent, were present. The Rev.  
 William K. Lowe, pastor, assisted by  
 the Rev. E. Elmer Sensenig, of Mari-  
 eta, officiated.



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