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DECEMBER

Calendar for December 1914 showing days of the week and dates from Sun. to Sat.

MOON'S PHASES— Full Moon, 2nd; Last Quarter, 10th; New Moon, 16th; First Quarter, 24th.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain to-night and probably Sunday. Not much change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain south and rain or snow in north portion to-night and probably Sunday. Strong northeast and east winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 46; lowest, 39; 8 a. m., 40; 8 p. m., 42.

POLAND, THE BUFFER STATE

A loyal Poland would be of inestimable benefit to Russia. The Polish-speaking part of that empire adjoins Germany and the Teuton. There is destined at some time, perhaps in the not distant future, to be a struggle for supremacy between the Teuton and the Slav, and in such an event, Poland would be the buffer state, because of its situation.

The loyalty of Russian Poland to the Czar would certainly be an advantage to Russia. If for such loyalty Russia has honestly offered the Poles political independence, it has taken a step toward restoring Polish nationality which is only a beginning of what the war may bring about in that direction.

Everywhere in Europe that there has ever been a fight for freedom the Poles have taken part in it. Yes, and they have fought in the cause of liberty in America, too, for Kosciuszko's services to Washington during the Revolution cannot be overlooked.

The Poles have taken their place in every great field of endeavor. In astronomy there is Copernicus; in military annals Sobieski; on the stage Modjeska; in the field of letters, Sienkiewicz, and in the world of music, Paderewski.

Yet the Poles to-day have no nationality. Poland has nominally been absorbed by the three adjoining Powers and in the present war is the buffer state. The chances are that it will be affected by the treaties of peace at the close of hostilities, but we cannot yet know whether its condition will be one of restored political independence or of enforced submission to the victors.

SMUT IN THE MAGAZINES

Good for the Radcliffe College girls! Boston dispatches in the morning papers say they have raised such a protest against the publication in the "Harvard Monthly Magazine" of a story called "The Girl Who Advertised" that as many copies of the publication as possible have been recalled, the portions to which the girls objected have been expurgated and a new edition has been put out.

The story, according to the dispatches, describes a Radcliffe sophomore who permits herself to be supported by a wealthy Bostonian so that she may take the college course. The Radcliffe girls regarded the story as a reflection on their alma mater and hence the protest which resulted in the tale being suppressed.

Of course it would not be entirely fair for us to judge the story without having read it, which we have not done, but if it is true that it has been eliminated from the magazine as stated by the dispatches the probability is that there were enough objectionable features in it to justify the demand for its suppression, else it would not have been suppressed.

Some of the current magazines in general circulation have in them enough of smut and suggestive sensationalism,—injected for the purpose of in-

creasing circulation,—without our college publications stooping to print such stuff. There is more accomplished in the direction of distorting the views of the young with regard to purer things in life, by facile writers of romantic rot in some of the so-called popular magazines that are to be found always on the newsstands, than by any other agency that we know of.

Surely we should discourage our college publications from giving space to the same sort of sensational stuff and if the story in the "Harvard Monthly Magazine" had a tendency that way, as indicated by the dispatches, the Radcliffe girls have done well to protest.

EUROPEAN GUNS AND OURS

If Congressman Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, father of the resolution calling for a Congress inquiry into the condition of the nation's defenses, is rightly informed, the ranges of the big guns of the British and the German navies are so much greater than the range of any gun in the present coast defenses of the United States, that British or German dreadnoughts could take a position off New York harbor and demolish the fortifications without any danger of our shells ever reaching them.

The Representative from Massachusetts did not say whether this country is capable of producing guns of the range necessary to prevent possible invaders from standing off at a safe distance and puncturing the nation's metropolis with shells. However, unless we can produce such guns, or unless there is reasonable prospect of our learning how to produce them, we might just as well quit building coast defenses and battleships and spend the money enjoying ourselves until such an enemy may arrive. After that,—well, it isn't pleasant to think about.

PITY THE PICKPOCKETS!

There is business depression among the New York pickpockets. The Department of Correction in that city reports that for the last two months the once-flourishing trade of the "dip" has been far from thriving and that more than a hundred men who had been engaged in it have been forced to follow other pursuits.

In the days of prosperity for pickpockets these gentlemen have been able by a few hours' work, using discretion in selecting persons with whom to deal, to obtain for themselves enough substance to support them for days,—sometimes weeks. Their profits are, of course, one hundred per cent., except when unusually excitable persons object to their business methods and they are forced by prejudiced magistrates to pay fines.

It is not known just where the blame lies for the deplorable condition which has thrown so many pickpockets out of employment. The Washington administration can hardly be held directly accountable, even by the most energetic fault-finders. It is individuals who must be reproached for bringing on the calamity among pickpockets,—individuals who have deposited their money in the banks instead of in their pockets,—thoughtless of the necessities of their fellowmen who are dependent upon them for substance.

The pickpockets may be able to get into other trades, but their usefulness there will be limited. Their training has been in the business of sleight of hand, nimbleness of foot, thieving and deceiving, and by leaving their trade they forfeit years of valuable experience.

This world is cruel alike to the just and the unjust.

Judging from the expense accounts of candidates in the last election nobody but millionaires will hereafter be able to run for office.

President Wilson will soon have Congress "on his hands." Somehow Woodrow always manages to bring that body around to his way of thinking.

Postmaster General Burleson is not springing anything new when he suggests that Christmas shippers mail their parcels early. Seems as if we had heard that somewhere before.

Captain Evans bars "Tipperary" from use in the Navy on the ground that it is a foreign war song. How about "America" which was sung to the tune of "God Save the King"?

A great many people would like to take the task of making up his cabinet off Governor-elect Brumbaugh's hands, but he apparently is not going to relinquish his right to do it himself.

The English War Office has seen fit to announce officially that an interview had by Irvin S. Cobb, one of the most reputable newspaper men in the United States, with Lord Kitchener, the head of the British War Office, was not correct, and that Kitchener never made what Cobb printed as his statements. The interview, a most remarkable one by the way, reported Kitchener as saying that the war would last three years, which seems to have been, to the British idea, a reflection on the allies' fighting ability. No reputable newspaper man would be guilty of manufacturing an interview such as Mr. Cobb printed, and it will be very difficult for England to convince the American people that Kitchener did not use the language as quoted.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

LUCKY TO BE POOR

Caller—"How much for a marriage license?" Town Clerk—"One dollar." Caller—"I've only fifty cents." Town Clerk—"You're lucky."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

LIZZIE WOULD STAY

Mrs. Atwell had had a quarrel with her maid, Lizzie, and the maid remarked that she would leave. "Lizzie," said the mistress, severely, "you must stay until I get another girl." "I intend to, mum," said Lizzie. "Shure it's only right some was should tell her the kind of a woman you are."—Kansas City Star.

BACKBONE NOT NEEDED

"I am afraid I haven't enough backbone to be seen in a blouse like that." "Ah, madam, but this open part is the front, not the back."—London Mail.

Tongue-End Topics

Dean Lewis Showed Alarm

William Draper Lewis rushed into the State Department on Wednesday in a state of wild alarm. Asked what was the cause of his perturbation, the good dean remarked that he had come near violating the law.

"You know," he remarked, "that I was a candidate for Governor. Well, I had forgotten to file my expense account, as required by law. Just happened to think of it."

Then the sometime candidate of the Washington party for Governor obtained a blank, filled it out, and made oath to its correctness before John Kendeihart, notary. It showed that he had spent less than \$50 during the time he was a candidate, or up to the time he was relieved by Mr. McCormick.

Turks Long Prepared For War

That the Turks had begun to mobilize their fighting forces and were getting ready for war long before they declared their intention of joining the Austro-German cause, is made plain in an intensely interesting letter from the Rev. George C. Doolittle, a missionary in Sidon, Syria, who paid a visit to his home in this country last summer and returned to Syria on July 1. This letter, dated Sidon, September 26, was read at a missionary meeting in Harrisburg yesterday. After telling of the many preparations made for the year's work on his arrival in Syria, Mr. Doolittle says:

Mr. Doolittle's Letter

"We were anticipating a busy, progressive year of work. Then fell the crushing blow—the colossal European war—and plans and work were checked. The Beirut banks closed, a futile attempt was made to draw cash for the August accounts; drafts on London were worthless; business was practically suspended. The government instituted a wholesale military conscription, calling for all men between 20 and 45 years of age. Many hid themselves or fled to Free Lebanon, rather than serve in the army or pay \$200 in lieu of service. Then the government employed various means to obtain the men or their money. Telegraphic orders followed one another in rapid succession, often mutually contradictory, now promising exemption with death those who failed to appear at a given time. The people know not what to do. Many of those who wished to enroll their names were obliged to walk over rough mountain paths for 30 or 40 miles, because the government would not establish local recruiting centers. Horses, mules and camels were commandeered in a ruthless way. Many a poor man lost his means of livelihood as his mule or camel was led away by soldiers. Some of these unfortunate owners followed their animals to the government centers in the vain hope of getting cash value.

Food and Clothing Seized

"Grain was seized on the threshing floors and from granaries and houses. Soldiers entered shops and ordered porters to carry bags of sugar and rice away. Cloth and clothing were taken. Shopkeepers were compelled to pay large sums of money. Yet Turkey is not at war. Nearly two months have passed and the situation does not improve. The missionaries have been besieged to help but what little ready money there was in the treasury has melted like the morning dew. Pitiful tales come daily to our ears. The important widow, telling of a family of six or seven children and no bread in the house, besieged us for a solid half day and was given a Turkish lira (\$4.50) to buy a grinding of flour enough to last them a few weeks. Another Protestant family, desperately poor, had saved enough from their earnings, he by selling sugar candy on the streets, she by doing washing, to buy the wife a dress for Sunday and the husband a respectable coat. War conditions made people desperate. Thieves stole these garments and other things, and there is no way of bringing the culprits to justice at this time of lawlessness. And these are but the first two months, when even the poorest household has something. What the condition will be, if the war continues into the winter, the tender heart shrinks from picturing! Undoubtedly work must be provided for those who have been forced to idleness. The Good Samaritan will be welcomed all over the land."

POLICE DROP ATLANTA KILLING

Satisfied Carhart Shot Callaway in Mistake for Burglar Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 5.—Chief of Detectives Lanford said yesterday that the Police Department had dropped the investigation of the shooting of James P. Callaway, who was shot and killed by W. B. Carhart in the Carhart apartments here.

"There will be no further investigation of the shooting," said the chief. "We are satisfied with the verdict of the Coroner's jury and are willing to accept Mr. Carhart's statement that he thought Callaway was a burglar."

SCROFULA AND ALL HUMORS GIVE WAY

There are many things learned from experience and observation that the older generation should impress upon the younger. Among them is the fact that scrofula and other humors are most successfully treated with Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine is a peculiar combination of remarkably effective blood-purifying and health-giving roots, barks and herbs, and has been tested for forty years. Get it to-day. Adv.

You Can Save Your Fare at This Store Every Day in the Year

Every day people from out of town are saving their car and railroad fares over and over again at this store. The same quality of merchandise that you can obtain elsewhere may be had here for less. For the same price you pay elsewhere you get better quality here. If this condition did not exist, neither could this store. For if we offered you just what you can get anywhere at the same price, how could we hope to induce you to come here.

Test it out during this Christmas Shopping Season. You can find worthy gifts at this store for every member of the family, and at prices that will not tax your purse.

MILLINERY Big Reduction Sale in Stylish Millinery One lot of Silk Velvet Hats, worth \$1.00, ... 25¢ One lot of Velvet and Plush Hats, \$1.50 to \$2.50 values, ... 50¢ Children's Trimmed Hats, 19¢, 29¢, 39¢ and 49¢ All Trimmings at Half Price.

1c to 25c Department Store Where Every Day Is Bargain Day 215 Market St. Opp. Courthouse

PASTORS COMING TO SEE DR. STOUGH

Continued From First Page. told how things could be done during the Christmas season. He said food and clothing could be brought to the tabernacle and piled on the platform, for distribution among the poor people of the city.

7c a Day for These FINE WATCHES

The Watch and the Price Defy All Competition Women's and Men's Open face or Hunting case. These watches fully guaranteed, Elgin or Waltham movement, expansion balance, polished regulator, display winding works, patent self-locking setting device, and rust-proof case guaranteed for 25 years. Perfect in every respect. Only \$14.00 50c a Week—Can You Beat It? Full Line of Xmas Goods Now on Display American Watch & Diamond Company

JURY FINDS THAT SMITH IS INSANE

Continued From First Page. police declare was the property of the aged grandfather. Bushes Will Get the Money District Attorney Stroup this morning said that a record will be made of all moneys and other valuables obtained from Smith and that the record will be filed with the clerk of the courts. That will be done as a precautionary measure should Smith at any time be declared fit to stand trial on the murder charge.

RICH BOY CHARGED WITH THEFT

Reginald Wilcox in Court Hears He Is to Get \$71,000 New Haven, Conn., Dec. 5.—Reginald Wilcox, grandson of the founder of the International Silver Company of Meriden, Conn., was in the police court here yesterday, charged with the theft of a \$150 diamond scarfpin from Thomas H. Hetherton, of New York, a traveling salesman. Wilcox's case was continued for a week and he was released on a bond of \$1,000.

BABES FIVE WEEKS APART

Both Will Live, Surgeons Say of Remarkable "Twins" Mendota, Ill., Dec. 5.—Thought to be without precedent is the remarkable case of Mrs. A. M. Snyder, of this place, who gave birth to children five weeks and one day apart. The first baby, a five-pound boy, was born the latter part of October. The second child, born this week, weighed seven pounds and also is a boy.

FINE CHRISTMAS CANDIES

1, 2 and 5-lb. Boxes GORGAS 16 N. Third St. and Penna. Station