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

**WEATHER FORECASTS**  
 Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday. Somewhat colder to-night, with lowest temperature slightly below freezing.  
 Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday, slightly colder to-night. Light to moderate northwest winds.



**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG**  
 Highest, 35; lowest, 31; 8 a. m., 32; 8 p. m., 34.

### OUR LACK OF PREPAREDNESS DOESN'T MATTER

The militarism which some of the people dread is killing itself. It will not survive this war.

Thus briefly the New York "World" this morning convincingly answers all the arguments of those frightened persons who think this nation should plunge into a campaign of extravagant expenditure to make United States "prepared for war."

It is not unnatural that timid Americans should show some alarm over the fact, as the "World" points out, that they have seen "national obligations, international law and the claims of civilization lightly disregarded" by the nations involved in the great struggle beyond the seas. All these things have tardily impressed on Americans how unprepared we all along have been for war, but the fact is the possibility is past of the United States needing a standing army the size of those of the great European Powers or a naval equipment equal to theirs. It is past, at least for many years to come.

Even admitting a very remote possibility of our becoming involved in the present fight,—on one side or the other,—there is no need now for us to spend hundreds of millions for new battleships and new armies. No nation involved in the present strife could or would attempt to come in and crush us,—even with our present limited military equipment,—for all of them have all they can attend to in Europe and will have until this war is over.

Again, assuming, as seems altogether probable, that we will succeed in maintaining our neutrality throughout the present conflict, all the nations at present involved will be so impoverished at the close of these hostilities that a revulsion of feeling against militarism is sure to result among their people which will certainly, together with their depleted treasuries, have the effect of preventing them from building up anew the tremendously expensive fighting machines that are now so rapidly being reduced to junk.

The fact is America has never been prepared for war with any of the great European Powers. It is true many of us probably never realized it. We have lived in a state of utopian ignorance of what might have happened to us through the lack of a navy as strong as those of the world Powers and the lack of an army as large as theirs; but the danger now is past. At the close of the present war it will be years before the Powers abroad can build up new fighting machines of anything like the size and strength of those their enemies are now destroying, if popular sentiment in those nations does not eliminate the evil of militarism in a lasting and effective way.

We have escaped foreign invasion thus far,—through good luck, perhaps,—but we will escape it in the future through the fact that none of the Powers will have anything left to fight with. Why, then, should we now waste hundreds of millions of dollars to prepare for a war that no one will be able to make?

### SUFFRAGE FOR WASHINGTONIANS

Perhaps the residents of Washington, D. C., have been agitated by the fact that United States Senators now are elected by popular vote, or perhaps it is merely one of their periodic protests,—the campaign they are waging for the right to vote.

At any rate, they are at it again. They want the District of Columbia converted, by a constitutional

amendment, into a state of the Union and desire that this new state have one United States Senator and Representatives to correspond with population. They further request the power to recall Commissioners appointed for them by the President, and to pass on fiscal legislation enacted for them by Congress. Then, too, they insist on having a voice in the election of the presidents who dwell in their midst.

Whatever the disadvantages may be of enfranchising the residents of Washington, and the plan of course has its drawbacks, we must admit that they are peculiarly well qualified to take an active part in the conduct of national affairs, situated as they are at the seat of the nation and in constant touch with the affairs of government.

As proof of the intelligence of Washingtonians, take President Wilson's newsboy! When he delivered papers at the White House the other day, he drew Secretary Tumulty into conversation about the President's message to Congress, subsequently explaining that he had to submit an essay on the subject at school and thought he might as well get his information direct from headquarters.

That boy, by keeping his eyes and ears open, will learn a lot about the government of the United States, yet if he continues to be a resident of Washington when he reaches legal age, and the laws have not changed, he will have no voice in the conduct of national affairs.

### "IMPRESSIONS" OF AMERICA

This country is about tired of having foreigners visit it and get "impressions" to take back home with them for use in books. The practice has already done too much damage. Impressions of America which Charles Dickens published years ago still have their effect on Englishmen, preventing them from knowing the real America of to-day. The criticisms of other visitors, less conscientious than Dickens, have done even more harm.

We in this country are bored by published impressions of us, and in some instances disgusted. We realize that no alien can form honest and accurate opinions of us during a brief visit in a few sections of our vast country, among the members of but one class of our society. We do not care in the least to know what such a person thinks of us.

The Irish novelist, Birmingham, in an interesting book of experiences just off the press, tells how he had sailed for America with carefully prepared comments on this country in readiness for the New York reporters, having expected them to question him first thing regarding his impressions of the United States. But he was disappointed. The reporters asked him about conditions in Ulster.

The American press, and hence the great public whose wants it knows, does not care to hear foreigners talk about this country, of which they can know little, but rather about their own native lands, of which they are supposed to know a great deal.

We take it the weather man is saving up the sunny days for the Yuletide.

Some of those European navies will soon be reduced to a sampan and a catboat.

It has cost Ambassador Herriek \$400,000 to represent this country in France, which is probably why country editors are not candidates for jobs in the diplomatic service.

Let us spend enough to keep our Navy modern, but don't let us waste money trying to make it as big as the navies of the European Powers that are rapidly being made smaller by the shot and shell of their enemies!

The Federation of Labor has declared in favor of a new constitutional convention to draft a constitution to take the place of the antiquated instrument under which this State is now working. It is about time we were getting out of the tallow-candle period into the brighter rays of the electric light.

### TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

#### ALIBI EASY

At a social session in Washington reference was made to the matter of making bad breaks, when Congressman James A. Frear, of Wisconsin, was reminded of an incident along that line.

"Some time ago," he said, "a farmer out my way began to miss chickens and in order to better protect them he had the door of the coop fitted with iron bars. Still the fowls disappeared, and finally a party named Rastus was arrested on suspicion.

"There seems to be no evidence against this man," said Rastus' lawyer to the judge at the subsequent trial, "and I ask your honor to discharge him."

"I will let him off with a suspended sentence," answered the judge, "provided he can file an alibi. Can you file an alibi, Rastus?" he continued, turning to the defendant.

"Yessah, boss. Yessah!" was the prompt response of Rastus. "I kin if dey ain't no harder dan de bahs of Mistah Johnson's chicken coop."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

#### VALUABLE DISCOVERY

Charles H. Britting, proprietor of the New York Actors' restaurant known as the Little Hall of Fame, took a keen interest in popular trends and movements of all kinds. Mr. Britting thought little of scientific management and efficiency engineering. He said one day of an efficiency engineer:

"Blank is a fool and I thought he'd go broke. But, by jingo, the fellow has deceived me. He has discovered a labor-saving device and his address will be Easy street from now on."

"Good boy, Blank," said an actor, "and what labor-saving device has he discovered?"

"An elderly widow," Mr. Britting answered—"an elderly widow with a million who has consented to marry him."—New York Tribune.

#### PRODIGAL

Nurse—"Why, Bobby, you selfish little boy? Why didn't you give your sister a piece of your apple?"

Bobby—"I gave her the seeds. She can plant 'em and have a whole orchard."—Judge.

#### PEACE AT ANY PRICE

"What is the shape of the earth?" asked the teacher.

"Round."

"How do you know it's round?"

"All right, it's square, then; I don't want to start any argument."—Columbia Jester.

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### Tongue-End Topics

#### He Didn't Crack a Smile

The solemn man selected a cigar from the box set before him and then, by way of conversation, remarked: "That's a terrible war they're having in the Old Country, George."

"Yes," replied George Harry, as he replaced the box in the case, "it certainly is. I hear the Dutch have taken Holland."

"That may be," said the solemn man, "but you can't always believe these censored dispatches."

And the traffic cop on the corner stopped the frightened team just as it was about to make a wild dash.

#### Told the Wrong Man

It was at a meeting of the Board of Pardoners. Among the lawyers assembled to argue cases were John H. Fow, the familiar "fog horn," who is known to everybody for his bluntness of speech, and Senator "Sam" Salus, both of Philadelphia. During the proceedings Senator Salus was observed to be convulsed with laughter and it excited the curiosity of Secretary McAfee, who was sitting in solemn judgment. McAfee sent a note to Salus inquiring the cause of his mirth. For answer Salus wrote the following:

"A Philadelphia attorney has three cases on the argument list, all from different counties, and none of them from Philadelphia. Fow saw the list and reading it over turned to the man sitting at his side, and pointing to the three cases represented by the Philadelphia, said 'Gee, that fellow must be a regular jail chaser.' The man didn't answer. He was the fellow who had the three cases."

#### And Secretary McAfee joined in the laugh.

#### Tricked Fool Stroup

From the office of District Attorney M. E. Stroup and through county detectives the newspapers this week were informed of the invasion of Harrisburg by a so-called "humbbug" who was endeavoring to "sting" the women of the city with a \$5 set of furs which he offered to sell "for the small sum of \$25." As the story came out of the office of the District Attorney, where many complaints are lodged, no question was raised as to its authenticity nor was it even suspected that the District Attorney had information concerning the alleged crook except what had been told to him. The story was a good "tip," both to the newspapers and to the women, and it now develops that the District Attorney himself was a subject upon whom the flim-flammer tried to work his game of swindle,—but all in vain. Mr. Stroup said the visitor was a "slippery, loose-

tongued individual." Undoubtedly he was, for he got away with about half an hour of the County Prosecutor's time. The man had a real line of "gab," telling how impossible it would be to duplicate the "valuable" furs he is selling "for only \$25" and winding up with a hard luck tale of how his firm is "going under" because of the war, and the unseasonable fall. It sounded good to the D. A. In fact, it was too good.

#### Got an Expert's Opinion

"Mike" Stroup has heard too many

persons endeavoring to "get away with" that same line of "dope" and he called his visitor's hand. He impressed the man as being a prospective purchaser and even induced him to leave his wares in the office until the salesman got his dinner. While the man was absent a furrier,—called in by Stroup,—examined the furs.

"Nothing doing," said the furrier.

"Not good enough to fasten on a dog. Can't say they're worth a dollar, although it might not be a violation of

the law to charge \$5 for them."

The furrier departed and into the office tripped the salesman, after lunch. A moment later he tripped out while "Mike" was saying:

"Beat it, boy, and don't let me catch you around here again! Your junk isn't worth examining. Get out."

The man promised to leave the city on the next train.

People are posting themselves on the map of Europe just at a time when the map is about to be changed.

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- Gloves, . . . . . 25c to \$2.00
- Shaving Sets, . . . . . \$1.00 to \$2.50
- Smoking Sets, . . . . . 50c to \$2.00
- Toilet Sets, Comb, Brush & Mirror, \$1.00 to \$6.00
- Collar Pouches, . . . . . \$1.25 and \$1.50
- Collar Boxes, . . . . . \$1.00 and \$1.25
- Neck Tie Boxes, . . . . . \$1.00
- Bath Robes, \$3.50 to \$7.50 (also slippers to match)

- Handkerchiefs, Linen and Silk, . . . . . 5c to 50c
- Tie, Hose and Handkerchief Combination Sets, . . . . . 50c to \$1.00
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- Belt and Garter Sets in single box, . . . . . 50c and 75c
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- Rain Coats, . . . . . \$4.50 to \$12.00
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