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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: Fair to-night with lowest temperature slightly below freezing. Sunday increasing cloudiness probably becoming unsettled by night.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night. Sunday increasing cloudiness probably becoming unsettled by night. Moderate westerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 37; lowest, 33; 8 a. m., 35; 8 p. m., 36.



LET THE LAMBS BEWARE!

With the plan of resuming floor trading in certain specified stocks on the New York Stock Exchange put into effect to-day, a step was taken in the direction of increasing the activities of the banking and commercial interests that have necessarily been hampered ever since the Exchange closed its doors at the start of the European war.

The closing of the Exchange at the opening of hostilities was wise and constituted a safeguard for the market values of American securities which undoubtedly would have dwindled to points far below their intrinsic worth as a result of the unloading that would have come from abroad.

At the same time the cautious investor will redouble his caution when it comes to a question of making purely speculative commitments. The Wall Street wolves, as represented by the professional Stock Market gamblers, so long deprived of the means of support, are hungry and may be counted on to be lying in wait for the innocent lambs.

The effect of the war on the world of finance is by no means entirely eliminated and may be reflected at any time in a big jump upward or downward in the prices of stocks and bonds.

GIVE USEFUL PRESENTS!

Resplendent stores in their holiday dress are attracting crowds of shoppers these days and will continue to be filled until the last belated buyers leave the counters at the eleventh hour.

There are those who would have the giving of Christmas presents lessened in extent, or even entirely abolished. Sentimental considerations, of course, call for active opposition to such proposals, but there is a very practical side to the matter as well, and sound common sense demands that this year, if ever, Americans should exchange useful Christmas gifts with the greatest liberality that reasonable prudence will permit.

The buying of holiday goods in abundance during the next two weeks will mean wonderful encouragement for this country's prosperity, for the gifts to be exchanged on Christmas morning are the products of industry,—to a large extent of this nation's industry.

There can be no waste and no hardship in Christmas giving if the givers are careful to select useful presents. There are plenty of things that everybody needs and givers should use care in ascertain-

ing just what articles their friends actually require. Let the slogan this year, more than ever, be: GIVE USEFUL PRESENTS!

DEATH OF CANFIELD, THE GAMBLER

The death in New York yesterday of Richard Canfield, most widely known for the fact that he made the gambling of others a business as carefully conducted as that of any great banking house or industrial concern, removed a picturesque figure from the whirl of cosmopolitan life.

It is said that Canfield's gambling house in Saratoga, in the palmy days of racing at that famous resort, was conducted on a more elaborate scale even than Monte Carlo, but that Canfield himself never tasted liquor and never engaged in a game of chance. His house was open only to the rich and no beverage less costly than champagne was ever sold there.

That Canfield was a man of strong personality is admitted by all who knew him. He was silent, determined and methodical in his 'business' methods. It was only after the most determined fight that District Attorney Jerome at one time succeeded in having the courts of the State of New York fine Canfield a paltry \$1,000 for being a 'common gambler.'

Canfield had many of the finer instincts. He was a lover of art and had a wonderful collection of art treasures. His friends,—and they were many,—professed to have a high regard for him and described him as loyal and generous toward those he esteemed. He often would advance large sums of money to men who lost heavily at the gaming table,—but it must be said that he had to be satisfied of the financial status of those to whom he made loans.

There may have been retribution in the fact that Canfield met a violent death,—it was from injuries he received in a fall in the subway. If his relatives ever undertake to collect damages from the subway company it will be interesting to learn what value a jury will place on the life of a man like Canfield.

THE GERMAN UNIVERSITIES

It is not likely that any great number of Germans take seriously the contention of a few that students of nations now at war with the Fatherland ought not to be permitted, in coming years, to enter German universities and derive benefits therefrom. Those who favor the admittance of former foes to the German institutions of learning point out the German people as a whole are not so selfish as to desire that nation to isolate itself from the others in the matter of educational advantages which the German universities possess, in many instances, over the universities of other nations.

There is knowledge to be had in German universities,—knowledge which students from other countries have sought for years. Germany as a nation is liberal-minded enough to recognize that by making its educational advantages available to the entire world it is benefitting Germany as well as the other countries.

Those few Germans who would bar English, French and Russian students from the Fatherland's educational centers at the close of the war are, perhaps, momentarily too strongly prejudiced against their nation's foes, but they are so few as compared with the great mass of liberal-minded subjects of the Kaiser that their contention will hardly prevail.

Yesterday was the darkest day Philadelphia has seen since 1823. Hope it was due to the smoke of increased industry.

Half a mill lopped off the tax rate is the promised Christmas gift of the City Commissioners to the people of Harrisburg.

Pennsylvania will not be without some new laws, judging from the number of organizations framing legislative recommendations.

Postmaster Sites will have 39 extra men to help him at the postoffice in the Christmas season and that means Santa Claus will arrive on time.

Colonel Roosevelt says parrot meat he ate when in Brazil was not so bad, but he did not care much for the monkey chops. We might add that despite the efforts of some folks to discredit the Colonel's South American stories none of them so far has succeeded in making him eat crow.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

SONG OF THE TICKER

The idle days at last have fled, Construction time is here instead, Though wars destroy and nations bleed, I pledge a better day and creed.

I buzz and whirl and jerk and stop, Then chase quotations to the top, And men may buy and men may sell, For I perform my mission well.

I run my happy course with zest, And glad the secrets in my breast, Of mines and ships and wealth to be And wide flung signs of industry.

Ta-ra, tarum, like kettle drum, I beat quick-step for joys to come, The past is dead. Long live to-day! I'm off again, hip, hip hooray!

—H. S. Haskins, in New York Sun.

MORE MERCIFUL

Producer—"The comedians seemed nervous. What they needed was life." Critic—"You're too severe! Twenty years would be enough."—Judge.

CHANGES WITH THE SEASONS

"See, here," said Mrs. Gabb, "I got out your last winter's suit to-day and I found a lot of long, blonde hairs on the vest." "Well," replied Mr. Gabb, "you seem to forget that you were a blonde last winter."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

HAS THE HABIT

When a man says "I don't want to complain," it means that he complains most of the time.—Athens Globe.

Tongue-End Topics

Mr. Nead's Civil War Pictures

B. M. Nead, of this city, has a most interesting collection of photographs and other relics of the Civil War, some of which he showed by means of lantern slides during his talk before the Dauphin County Historical Society the other evening, exciting much interest among those who saw them.

Views of Camps in the Sixties

Of the war pictures he showed men famous at the start of the Civil War—Governor Curtin and his military staff; Colonel A. K. McClure, famous general and men who had charge of military affairs at the start of the war, and there were pictures of the various camps at Chambersburg, where the first soldiers were sent from Camp Curtin, near Harrisburg.

Described Raid on Chambersburg

A most interesting picture was that of "The Bower" in Virginia, where the famous rebel cavalry, General Jeb Stuart, assembled his force of "critter-back" troops that made the first raid on Chambersburg by order of General Lee. Fine pictures of Stuart, Lee, Wade Hampton, Governor Wise and others famous in the Confederacy, were shown and a description of the raid on Chambersburg was most interesting, accompanied by pictures of some of the buildings destroyed and the men who took a hand in destroying them.

Rebs Wore Union Overcoats

One of the incidents told by Mr. Nead will bear repeating. Among the government stores in his father's warehouse were three hundred blue army overcoats. These were seized, of course, by the rebels and when they were on the march back to Virginia they were intercepted by Pleasanton's Union cavalry, the rebels donned the overcoats, crept up close to the Union forces, and then made a fierce charge with disastrous results to the Yanks.

Harrisburgers and Antietam

Equally interesting was Mr. Nead's description of the Battle of Antietam and the fact that of the emergency regiments that went to the defense of Pennsylvania at that time, and got over the line into Maryland, one was commanded by Colonel Henry McCormick, with Robert A. Lamberton as his lieutenant colonel, both Harrisburg men of high standing.

American At Head of Spy System

Paris, Dec. 12, 5:50 A. M.—The police of Geneva, Switzerland, says a dispatch to the "Journal" have arrested a naturalized American named Mueller, who it is alleged, organized an important German spy system with ramifications in Lyons and the principal cities of Eastern France.

Russians Reinforce Serbs

Amsterdam, Via London, Dec. 12.—The "Frankfurter Zeitung" says the Serbians have been reinforced by five Russian regiments, which left Archangel October 27 and arrived at Antivari, Montenegro, November 29.

BALDWIN SEES BRUMBAUGH ABOUT THE SPEAKERSHIP

Governor-Elect Does Not Make It Known Whether He Looks With Favor on Delaware Man's Candidacy—Others All in the Fight

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Representative Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware county, who from present indications, is the choice of the Republican organization for Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, saw Governor-elect Brumbaugh yesterday.

Dr. Brumbaugh said that he had seen Representative Baldwin, but nothing of interest developed, he added. It is understood that Baldwin gave assurances that he would be for properly conservative legislation.

There was a rounding up of prominent Republican politicians in Philadelphia yesterday. Among them were State Senator Sprout, of Delaware county, who was here to help Baldwin, and State Chairman Crow. The latter and Senator McNichol met Dr. Brumbaugh at luncheon in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, but the meeting was accidental, and no politics were discussed, it was said.

Although the wind seems to be in Baldwin's direction, Representative Habgood, of McKean county, is still in the fight. A delegation of Habgood's friends called upon State Senator Vares yesterday and tried to enlist interest in his behalf. The Vares, however, have not yet indicated their attitude with respect to the Speakership.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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

Dr. Stough and the Ministers

Dear Sir—After reading in your paper the statement of the minister that Dr. Stough's remarks on Saturday evening were most unfortunate in regard to the ministers and that they shall let it to the people to say if they are hypocrites or not, I think they would have better Christians—not only if they would ask the people that are trying to do right in the sight of God.

I have been in to hear Dr. Stough at different times; so has my husband, and I have never heard one thing he said that wasn't true or that insulted me; but some people are very easily insulted at the truth. They are so used to having the way to heaven made easy for them.

By what right do the ministers make the way to heaven easy? Christ said the way to heaven was narrow—the road to destruction broad. And I think He knew what he was talking about. He didn't smooth things over. He not only spoke for the rich, but for the poor.

I know drinking men that go to hear Dr. Stough that never go in a church. They like to hear the truth. If all the ministers would speak the truth they would have better Christians—not only church members. But they should practice what they preach.

Do they think that true Christians admire that? Would they have any confidence in any one like that? Some people know who they are and so does God, and if they cater to a few people, God don't.

I admire the man from Camp Hill who said he would give the lumber free to build the tabernacle if Dr. Stough would convert all the ministers in Harrisburg.

And I think there are quite a few people in this town who say the same thing. Tell the truth at all times, and do not use the church as a cloak! If they would read the Bible more instead of keeping it well dusted it would be better for all of us living in town, but if they would do that they wouldn't find card playing and dancing and quite a number of other things they have excuses for.

A Friend, Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 8, 1914.

SURVEYING GUARD CAMP SITE

Colonel Rausch and Corps of Engineers

Lebanon, Dec. 12.—Colonel L. V. Rausch, of the State arsenal, Harrisburg, with a corps of civil engineers, is making progress in the survey of the recently purchased 12,000 acre plot at Mt. Getz to be the permanent encampment grounds of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. It will be two weeks yet before Colonel Rausch has completed the survey and he will then make recommendations to the State Armory Board.

Colonel Rausch's staff has completed a portion of its survey near the narrow gauge railway and he has stated that that plot of ground that includes 140 acres has been set aside as parade grounds for division encampments. The newly-planned parade grounds includes the large field used last summer during the N. G. P. encampment for review purposes and extends west of that section to the summit of the hill on which the Fourth regiment was located. It is

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid in the blood, which affects the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive process. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and improves the digestion. Don't suffer. Get Hood's to-day. Adv.

Be Independent A Bank Account will make you so START ONE TO-DAY The First National Bank invites your account for any amount over one dollar. You can deposit large or small amounts, and get a regular pass book, which enables you to draw or deposit your money at will.

ADVANTAGE OF 2-CENT PAPER Newspaper Owners Believe Public Would Benefit by Increase in Price Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—The direct advantage to be derived by both the publisher and the public by an increase to 2 cents of the daily one-cent papers of the State was considered yesterday at a meeting of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Associated Dailies and the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association, held in the Manufacturers' Club.

SADDER HOLIDAY SURPRISE York, Pa., Dec. 12.—Coming home to surprise her mother with a Christmas visit after an absence of more than a year, Miss Minnie Storage found her parent had died a week ago at her home in Dover, York county. Miss Storage had been living in Cleveland, and efforts to communicate with her at the time of her mother's death failed. She is prostrated with grief.

George A. Gorgas, President. Edw. F. Doehne, Vice President.

Security Trust Co. WILL OPEN A CHRISTMAS SAVINGS SOCIETY First regular payments begin Monday, December 28, 1914, at 9 o'clock A. M. OBSERVE HOW IT IS DONE One Cent Deposited First Week, Two Cents Second Week and Three Cents Third Week and so on for Fifty Weeks, will give \$12.75

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