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JANUARY

Calendar table for January 1915 with days of the week and dates.

MOON'S PHASES

Full Moon, 1st, 30th; Last Quarter, 8th; New Moon, 15th; First Quarter, 23d.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-night. Saturday unsettled, probably snow or rain.



BRITAIN'S SANE ATTITUDE TOWARD NOTE

The attitude assumed not only by the press of Great Britain and the people of that nation, but also by the British government toward the protest of the United States concerning delays to American commerce due to search of vessels by the British fleet, removes all cause for uneasiness lest any permanent misunderstanding can result from the situation brought about by President Wilson's firm and well-timed action.

All the British appear to be giving that serious consideration to America's demand which it merits. They are not belittling the importance of the protest either from the British or the American point of view. They, both officially and unofficially, are exhibiting a disposition to give due and fair consideration to the representations of this government and, what is best of all, are manifesting no resentment at the stand taken by this country in its candid yet friendly note.

One of the most encouraging things about the attitude being manifested by Great Britain is that the British government shows no disposition to quibble over technicalities. It has been contended that under the terms of The Hague agreement Great Britain would be entitled to take one year in determining her course with regard to the protest, but it is evident that the British War Office, recognizing that such a delay would result in prolonging the conditions complained of to the continued detriment of American shipping interests, has no intention of exercising its technical right under international law to postpone adjustment of America's grievance for such an unnecessarily long period.

That this is the British government's attitude may reasonably be concluded from the text of a statement issued yesterday from the Official Information Bureau in London, as follows:

An answer to the American note of protest against the detention of American shipping will be drawn as soon as possible. It will be in the same friendly spirit in which the American note is written.

QUEER SCIENTISTS THE EXCEPTION

Among the scientists gathered in Philadelphia for the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science is one who has a most odd speciality. He is existing in this world, we are told, solely for the purpose of studying and classifying fungi found on the wings of certain South American beetles.

Now these fungus growths are in no way injurious and, it is held, have no possible interest for any human being in the world except for the eccentric scientist who is uselessly investigating them. Their only distinction is that they are the subject of perhaps the most fruitless line of scientific research ever pursued.

Yet the man who assigned to himself this work of investigation that he might purposefully carry on the most purposeless research he knew of, is an expert in his specialty and as such must be respected. He is presumably the only man on earth who is intimately acquainted with certain varieties of one particular species of fungi of the thirty thousand or more species known to exist. He can speak with authority in this domain of human knowledge, and there is nobody to question him.

Scientists as a class, however, do not confine their activities to such narrow fields, and their researches are not so useless. The student of the fungi is an exception among scientists, not an example. There is no point of likeness between him and the great number of scientific thinkers who are busily aiding

the world's progress, unless it be that of passion for deep investigation into things which research has never before penetrated.

DAMAGE TO PARCEL POST MATTER

When a parcel post package is damaged in transit, the recipient, if he is endowed with ordinary human nature, will blame the government carriers for carelessness, and Uncle Sam's employes will naturally be disposed to place the responsibility on the sender of the luckless parcel. It might save time if a person who gets a battered package in the mail would seek an explanation direct from the one who posted it, in case he insists on any explanation at all.

The railway mail clerks are unnecessarily rough with parcel post matter, according to persons who, although they have never witnessed actual handling of the mail, are nevertheless certain that their ideas about how it is done are undeniably correct. The mail clerks sleep on the mail, it is said, and when they move it they handle it without any tenderness whatever.

To these charges the clerks reply that a bed of plow-points, hat-boxes and pump-handles is not very tempting, even should they at times find opportunities to sleep. They complain that damage to parcels occurs because of poor wrapping, that butter, molasses and berries are shipped in buckets with the lids tied on with light cords, and the whole covered with flimsy paper on which the address often is written with lead pencil. They are doing their best, they assert, with the sorts of packages entrusted to their care.

The suggestion has been made occasionally that since Uncle Sam is so strict in his requirements in the matter of preparing parcels for mailing he should take better care of them when he gets them. The whole difficulty seems to be that, even though the department insists on special packing, there are too many postmasters in small towns and in larger ones, who let insufficiently protected matter go by. If all parcels were properly prepared for mailing, then all damages could be blamed on the government's clerks and carriers, but not otherwise.

Loss by damage to packages in C. O. D. and insured parcel post mail, according to a government report for the past fiscal year, has been reduced to seven one-hundredth of one per cent. When the casualties are diminished to that extent in ordinary parcel post mail, there will not be much to arouse dissatisfaction.

Be sure to write it: "one-nine-one-five!"

Why do they call them "mummers" when they make so much noise?

Some fellows were left behind when the water wagon started at midnight.

Again we are reminded there is nothing new under the sun. Old Father Time has been an aviator since the world began.

At one of the fashionable New Year's Eve dances the "old fashioned waltz" was a number on the program. A few of the older residents remembered how to do it.

And now the college student faces the bugaboo of returning to midnight oil and the midyears! We are glad to have him with us if only to learn how we ought to wear our clothes.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

HE CAME CLOSE TO IT

Governor James B. Cox, of Ohio, remarked at a dinner the other evening that the public school teacher has no easy job in filling the youngster's head with knowledge, and told this story as an illustration:

Some time ago, a young teacher was instructing a junior class in history, and try as she would she couldn't impress on the mind of one of the small boys that Columbus discovered America in 1492.

"Look here, Willie," she finally said, "I am going to tell you the date in rhyme so that you won't forget it. 'In fourteen hundred and ninety-two Columbus sailed the ocean blue.' Now, then, can you remember that?"

"Yes, ma'am," was the smiling rejoinder of Willie. "I can hold on to that all right."

"Willie," remarked the teacher the next morning on calling up the class, "when did Columbus discover America?"

"I got her all right," grinned the youngster, confidently. "In fourteen hundred and ninety-three Columbus sailed the deep blue sea."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

POLITE AS STRANGERS

Aunt Maria has been a cook in both boarding houses and private families, and she has often commented on how much more common quarrels, harsh words and scraps were in the families than in the boarding houses. At last she took a job in a private family where peace reigned. One day she said to her mistress:

"Missus, is all dese yo' family?"

"Yes, Maria," said her mistress. "Why do you ask?"

"Well, nobody would a thought it," was the reply. "Dey act so nice to each other dat you would think dey was perfect strangers."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

GOOD NEWS FOR HOBSON

John Wilson, assisting Bud Boyatt, whom he shot last week while they were both intoxicated, appeared before Notary Public Blevens and both solemnly swore they would not take another one—for a year.—McCreary County (Ky.) Advocate.

PANAMA'S PROBLEMS

It must be admitted that the ownership of the Panama Canal requires not only great wealth but exceptional politeness and patience.—Washington Star.

A COUETEUS APOLOGY

An interested visitor who was making a call in the tenement district, rising, said:

"Well, my good woman, I must go now. Is there anything I can do for you?"

"No, thank ye, mem," replied the submerged one. "Ye mustn't mind if I don't return the call, will ye? I haven't any time to go slummin' meself."—San Francisco Argonaut.

THREE PINCHERS

"Ah, my poor man," said the benevolent old lady, "I suppose you are often pinched by want and hunger, are you not?"

"Yessum, and cops."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Tongue-End Topics

The Old Plan of New Year's Calls

"When grandma danced the minuet"—no, not that far back, but just far enough back so that the present generation has no knowledge of it—it was the custom in Harrisburg to make New Year's calls, and from Christmas to the first day of the year active preparations were made in many homes to receive visitors on that day. It was a very gala occasion, and the beaux and belles of Harrisburg were very much alive to that fact, as well as the heads of families. It was "open house" day of all days in the year, and from morn to night the visiting was kept up and New Year's greetings exchanged. There was great rivalry as to who could have the largest list of callers, and a careful count was kept of all who entered to convey greetings as well as of the cards left in the ribbon-decorated card baskets that hung in the halls. The good lady of the house and her daughters were very solicitous lest some rival should overtop them in the matter of the number of visitors.

Beaux Always Wore Top Hats

The beaux, of course, were the callers, and for the occasion they always wore the very gladdest toggery they owned. Nobody dreamed of wearing other than a top hat—by that meaning a silk topper—and it must be a brand new one. The fair maidens of the Harrisburg mansions began their reception of visitors about 10 o'clock in the morning, and those who were not receiving at home were generally in the receiving line of some friend, and the young fellows were sure to get a warm welcome. Added to the warm welcome was the cake and with the cake went the punch.

New Year's Punch Had a Punch

A New Year's punch was something to talk about. It was generally concocted by the pater from a recipe handed down to him, and it was filled with strong waters—Santa Cruz rum being one of the ingredients. The young fellow who looked upon that punch too frequently was apt to get his language mixed before the day was over, and it is related that he was just as apt to get the location of his residence mixed, so that it was late—oh, so late—before he arrived at his domicile that night. Many are the funny incidents told of Old Harrisburg on New Year's, and the young fellows who looked upon the punch bowl when it was red, white and blue and other colors—assorted, so to speak.

The Ribbon-decked Baskets

But the old custom of "receiving" on New Year's Day died out, and instead of receiving visitors the custom of hanging a ribbon-decorated basket on the front door came into vogue. Therein visitors deposited their cards, showing that they still observed the calling custom. In time even the basket at the front door was discarded, and the good old custom of making New Year's calls died out with the disappearance of the basket. It is recorded that one of the reasons for discarding the basket was the bad actions of the small boys in the various neighborhoods, they considering it fun to place all kinds of obnoxious things in the baskets, much to the dismay of the basket-owners when they came to examine them in the evening to see who were on their calling list.

Dead Rat in a Basket

For instance, in one of the prettiest baskets on a North Second street residence was found a rat that had evidently been dead for some time, but had been held by a small boy for the occasion to pay off a score against the resident of the mansion. And there were all kinds of scurrilous notes found in the baskets, much to the distress of the good people who had hung them so conspicuously. The receiving line disappeared and with it the cake and punch, which was a good thing for the promotion of temperance—and with the going of the card basket the mail was brought into use, and now there is no prettier custom than to mail a New Year's card, and the postal clerks will bear witness to the fact that it is kept up very largely in Harrisburg.

Times Have Changed

Those were good old days, but what would you? They no longer dance the minuet. These are tango times, and the revelry of the mummer displaces the joys of New Year's calls.

THOMAS M. JONES.

Kaiser's Best Wishes for the U. S.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Emperor William of Germany has sent from the army headquarters a message to President Wilson, conveying his wishes for a happy New Year. The Emperor also expresses his best wishes for the welfare of the United States.

New Year's Greetings

Saturday, January 2nd, we will give a beautiful

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H. J. Fornwalt 1807 North Third Street

THE GLOBE

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\$7.50 and \$8.50 Boys' Suits at \$6.85

Several lots of higher grade Boys' Suits, including the famous RIGHT-POSTURE HEALTH SUITS—neat Pin Stripes, Plaids, Mixed Tweeds and Blue Serges—all sizes.

\$6.50 Boys' Suits at \$5.00

Sturdy built suits of choicest fabrics—Cheviots, Cassimeres and Blue Serges. Latest models—some with extra Knickerbockers.

\$5 Shaker Sweater at \$3.95

The famous Pennsylvania-Knit Shaker Sweaters—shawl collar and made with patented "NO-TAIR" buttonholes. Gray, Navy, Blue and Maroon.

Men's Underwear at \$1.00

Such sterling quality underwear as Dr. Janeway's Worsted, Dr. Wright's Fleece, Natural Wool, heavy ribbed Egyptian cotton and Peerless Union Suits at \$1 the garment.

THE GLOBE

BRUMBAUGH OPPOSED TO LIMITING THE SESSION

Wants Short Meeting of Legislature, But One Long Enough to Enact All Party Pledges and Those He Individually Made

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Governor-elect Brumbaugh, upon his return yesterday from Pittsburgh, reiterated his declarations made in the Smoky City that he desired the election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives who is in sympathy with his platform pledges. He further stated that he would also insist that the Legislature carry out these same pledges.

JILTS FIANCE FOR HIS FRIEND

Graduate of Vassar Proves False to First Suitor

New York, Jan. 1.—A romance that began while Miss Adelaide Requa, a Vassar graduate, was engaged in research work at Columbia University, culminated Monday in her marriage to Horace A. Lake, an attorney of Kingston, Jamaica. Yesterday the couple sailed on the United Fruit steamship Santa Marta, and their story became known.

Five months ago, Miss Requa, whose home is on Riverside drive, was the affianced sweetheart of Alec Sherlock, a millionaire planter of Jamaica. The war caused him to make a hurried trip to England, and he brought with him to New York his friend, Horace Lake. He introduced Lake to Miss Requa and then continued his journey across the Atlantic.

During his absence his sweetheart decided to change her mind, and write him that she had promised to become

good time," he said. "Meanwhile there is nothing definite."

Walter H. Gaither, recently named by Governor Tener as a member of the Public Service Commission, visited Dr. Brumbaugh during the afternoon called upon Governor Tener in the Bellevue-Stratford. Neither the Governor nor the Governor-elect would discuss the rumors concerning recent appointments to be presented to the State Senate for confirmation. Governor Tener said he expected to clear his desk before leaving Harrisburg. He will reside at the Midstone apartments, Philadelphia, practically adjoining the home of Senator Penrose, on Spruce street, near Broad, after the inauguration of Dr. Brumbaugh, but will retain his voting residence in Charleroi.

TAXES EVERY SIX MONTHS

Proposed System Receives Favorable Consideration in Wisconsin

Chicago, Jan. 1.—One of the latest Wisconsin ideas is that of having a semi-annual payment of taxes instead of annual. A bill for that purpose was passed in 1913, and was vetoed by Governor McGovern, but the Legislature is to take up the matter at the approaching session. Governor-elect Philipp is in favor of the change.

Victoria New Year's Bill

An exceptional selection of motion pictures comprises to-day's program at the Victoria theatre, 223 Market street. "The Quest of the Sacred Gem," a strong photodrama in four parts, heads the bill. It is an exceedingly interesting story showing Hindu life at close view in an intensely active plot.

Another headliner at the Victoria today is a thrilling Western drama "The Passing of Two Gun Fekks," in two reels. It is full of pathos and tragedy and romance in a picturesque setting. A woman's love is played on a bet which is lost showing the sportsmanship and self-denial of the loser.

The program will be concluded with "The Tin Can Show," an American studio drama.

Adv.

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