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JANUARY

Calendar for January 1915 showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 31.

MOON'S PHASES: Full Moon, 1st, 30th; Last Quarter, 8th; New Moon, 15th; First Quarter, 23rd.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain this afternoon, to-night and probably Thursday. Warmer to-night with lowest temperature about 40 degrees.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG: Highest, 39; lowest, 18; 8 a. m., 19; 8 p. m., 32.

WITCHCRAFT AT TURKEY RUN

Conditions existing in the village of Turkey Run, Pa., as revealed in a court trial in Pottsville the other day, are most startling, for it appears that witchcraft still operates there.

It seems that Mrs. Zemanowski's voice had started to fail her not long after she had accepted a drink of whiskey from Mrs. Short.

Since they are restrained by the law from attacking their tormenters, they should in some way be protected from spells by this same law.

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THE NEW YORK SUBWAY HORROR: What all New Yorkers had been dreading since the subway was built and what most of them knew to be inevitable and only a matter of time, has occurred.

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Riding in the subway in New York, even in the quiet periods of the day, is hazardous at best. Riding in the subway in the morning "rush hour," when thousands of homes in Upper Manhattan and The Bronx are pouring their hundreds of thousands of men, women and children through the various tubes into the offices and stores and factories where they are employed in Lower Manhattan, is and always has been like flirting with death.

Steel cars and the concrete walls of the tube are no guarantee against disaster. They, perhaps,

were responsible for the horror of this morning not having occurred long ago, but there was always the danger that a small flash of flame or puff of smoke from a burned-out fuse would start a panic which might result in death in the subway into which human beings are crowded two times a day as closely as it is possible to pack them.

THE SUBWAY PATRONS KNEW THIS. THEY HAD TO TAKE THE DAILY RISK. The business concerns of downtown New York with its skyscrapers, many of which individually hold thousands of persons, so crowd the narrow island that it is impossible for all the workers to get to their places of employment without using the subway.

The surface cars run too slowly to carry people from five to ten miles to their work in Lower Manhattan. The "L" lines, though faster than the surface cars, do not afford sufficient accommodations to haul the great throngs each day.

The congestion is growing daily by leaps and bounds as the number of people employed in the downtown skyscrapers grows. More subways are being built but nothing like fast enough to meet the growing demand, and until the subways are multiplied sufficiently to make their operation safe by limiting the number of trains and the number of passengers to a train, and until the stations are made sufficiently large to handle the crowds without herding them worse than any cattle are herded, New York will be in constant danger of a repetition of the disaster of this morning, in which, luckily, the death toll was small.

GETTING HARD ON SHOPLIFTERS

The shoplifters seem to be having difficulties these days in getting away with the goods in New York City. Department store detectives assert that during the past year their vigilance was too much for the men, women and young girls engaging in thieving expeditions, and that the number of shoplifters has diminished considerably, especially the number of professionals.

The great trouble now appears to be with the amateurs who, for the most part, do not steal from necessity. Kleptomaniacs, the persons who pilfer merely because of insane desires to do so and not because of the value attached to the objects of theft, are hard to deal with, because they are in many cases persons of means and when caught make passionate appeals to be permitted to pay for the goods found on them and to be released.

That no more than one shoplifter out of every ten caught actually steals from necessity is the experience of the detectives. The other nine carry on their work because of some strange fascination which it has for them. When caught they generally have a great deal more money with them than the value of the goods they steal.

Department store heads have been rather lenient with kleptomaniacs, especially with the wealthy ones who have social positions to maintain, but a new policy has been announced for the coming year. The warning has been issued that no kindly consideration will be shown to shoplifters caught hereafter, whether they be professionals or amateurs, with or without social positions.

When men and women on whose persons stolen articles are found are turned over to the law with no distinctions made, and prosecuted if for nothing more than the theft of a paper of pins, there may be some hope of checking the kleptomaniacs who continue to cause trouble after the professionals begin to fall off.

Can't the Front street fill problem be solved by utilizing the discarded Christmas trees now decorating the vacant lots?

Perhaps Dr. Brumbaugh could restore peace in Europe. He had no difficulty doing it among the five candidates for Speaker.

Mayor Mitchell, of New York, says the men of the police force are contented. Some of the New York crooks seem also to be contented.

Sunday says he has the devil on the run in Philadelphia. "Billy" always was an optimist, but perhaps he doesn't know how strongly His Satanic Majesty is entrenched there.

After the smoke of battle blew away the five candidates for the Speakership had a group photograph taken just to show how harmonious everything had become. Have the defeated candidates so soon forgotten what some of them said about the "Philadelphia contractor bosses"?

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

IDEAL: An ideal husband is one who remains unconscious of the fact that his wife is growing stout.—Topeka Capital.

FINANCIAL NOTE: The calendars that are pouring in are all pretty, but so far not one we have received indicates more than fifty-two pay-days during 1915.—Houston Post.

CAUTIOUS: "Waiter! Vienna steak, please!" "Ush, sir, we calls 'em Petrograd patties now, sir!"—Bystander.

NO ROMANCE IN THE TRENCHES: "So Lady Gladys is back from the front?" "Yes, she couldn't find anybody interesting or romantic to nurse."—Pittsburgh Post.

THE DIFFERENCE: Teacher—"What is the difference between militarism and militancy?" Pupil—"Militancy is the feminine of militarism!"—Judge.

BEALLY: "Ah, my day is spoiled. I came off without my cigarettes." "Algernon will let you have some of his." "Dear me! I can't smoke cigarettes with another fellow's monogram on them."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Tongue-End Topics

Failed to Scare the Court House: "I'll blow the darn thing down. That's me, every inch of me. See!" The speaker was a "drunk" who was wandering through the corridor on the second floor of the Court House the other day and in his boisterous spirit thought he could scare Court House attaches and employes.

Life Saving 120 Years Ago: One hundred and twenty-nine years ago yesterday, the Massachusetts Humane Society built its first hut on Lovell's Island, near Boston to succor the stranded mariners along the dangerous and desolate Cape Cod coast.

Justice Goff appointed William Arrowsmith referee to determine the amount of alimony Richards can pay. He is not defending the suit. The couple were married in 1890, when Richards was 21 and his wife 19.

2,000 Life Savers To-day: To-day there is a little army of 2,000 heroes but silent heroes who nightly for eight months of the year patrol the longest and one of the most dangerous coasts in the world.

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Omega Oil for Pains in the Back

Put a steaming hot towel over the painful spot for a few moments to open the pores; then rub with Omega Oil. Quick relief usually follows this simple treatment. Trial bottle 10c.

WIFE'S TONGUE STILL 9 YEARS Under Same Roof With Husband, but Never Spoke

New York, Jan. 6.—The fact that Chester I. Richards, a wholesale shoe dealer at 59 Beale street, and his wife lived in the same apartment for nine years without speaking to each other and didn't separate because they were afraid of what their friends would say became known yesterday when Mrs. Maria Luisa F. Richards asked Supreme Court Justice Goff for alimony pending suit for divorce.

\$22.27 LEFT OF \$2,000 ESTATE Missing Husband Can Claim It Any Time in Three Years

Riverhead, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Litigation has eaten up the estate of Mrs. Ella Burleigh, who was burned to death here four years ago. If R. W. Kathan, a lawyer of Brooklyn, had insisted upon his full bill being paid the estate would be in debt \$10. As it was he cut his bill from \$860 to \$700, and the estate now nets \$22.27. The estate was worth something like \$2,600. Mrs. Burleigh's husband disappeared about a year before her death.

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There's many a good bit o' work done with a sad heart.—George Eliot.

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THE SONGS OF OTHER DAYS Selected By J. HOWARD WERT

No. 316. "The Rusty Sword"

In a little roadside cottage, half hid by shrubs and vines, A woman, old and feeble, on a faded couch reclines; Her face is sweet, but sorrow has left its imprint there, And her voice tells not the burden that her God hath hid her bear.

"Alice, Where Art Thou"

The birds sleeping gently, sweet Lyra gleameth bright; Her rays tinge the forest, and all seems glad to-night; The winds sighing by me, cooling my fevered brow; The stream flows as ever, yet; Alice, where art thou?

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