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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: Clearing and somewhat colder to-night with lowest temperature about freezing. Wednesday fair and slightly colder. Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain or snow and slightly colder to-night. Wednesday fair, somewhat colder. Moderate northeast to north gales.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 36; lowest, -26; 8 a. m., 26; 8 p. m., 33.

SCANDINAVIAN POSSIBILITIES

About the only countries in Europe of great importance which are at present neither engaged in war nor seemingly about to plunge in, are the Scandinavian nations.—Norway, Sweden and Denmark,—and it is to these nations as much, perhaps, as to the United States, that the belligerent countries will have to look for aid when they beat their swords into ploughshares and prepare to return to their peaceful pursuits.

The recent conference of the Scandinavian kings, who, by the way, occupy their thrones through expressed choice of their people and are governed in their actions by their subjects, had significance of course in that its purpose was consider means of protecting their mutual interests and of maintaining their neutrality,—of effecting a triple entente in the interests of peace. There must be importance attached to the mere fact that a conference was thought advisable, for a step leading toward closer relationships between these three peaceful and progressive nations of northwestern Europe is a step of some consequence.

Norway, Sweden and Denmark, were they sometime in the future to lose their separate identities in a Scandinavian federation, with a democratic form of government, let us say, would constitute a force which the other nations would have to reckon with most carefully. The Scandinavians are commonly characterized as among the hardest, most intelligent and most industrious people in the world, and their past record holds forth bright promises for the future.

The famous Scandinavians of history include Gustavus Adolphus, rescuer of Protestantism in Europe; Swedenborg, the theologian; Ericsson, the inventor who planned the Monitor, which is said to have won the Civil War for the North; Jenny Lind, prominent in the world of music, and Ibsen and Bjornson, familiar to students of the world's literature.

The people of Scandinavia may never have been surpassingly great, and may never be so in the future, yet they give promise of figuring prominently, particularly, if united, in the pages of European history which are still to be written.

LACK OF LASTING HUMORISTS

The death of Marshall P. Wilder, bringing to a close a life which was spent largely in the provoking of smiles and of laughter, emphasizes the fact that, after all, a humorist may leave little behind him, when he departs from the world, by which coming generations may know him and recognize his genius. There will be nothing to perpetuate Wilder's name except a few books on library shelves, after persons who heard him on the lecture platform or on the vaudeville stage have passed away or have forgotten him. In his case, his fame depended rather on his personality than on his published works, and his case has been a common one among American humorists.

There have been those humorists, too, who were not lecturers, but who reached popularity through newspaper columns. A few of them branched out into magazines and then into books, but for the most part their efforts resulted in nothing more than bright journalism.

The ephemeral humorists have given place from

year to year to newcomers of their kind. There are to-day funny men at work trying hard to amuse America through the newspapers and the magazines,—with the effort indeed apparent in many cases,—who may not even be known by name to the present generation, and who may as well not be funny at all so far as posterity is concerned.

Perhaps the trouble is that our humorists are wasting their energies too much on events of passing interest and on affairs of little consequence to this generation or any other. Perhaps they are only of present interest to the American public because the subjects with which they deal deserve nothing more than passing notice.

Whatever may be the difficulty, it should be speedily surmounted. We need humorists in this country who will leave lasting literature. Franklin, Irving, Lowell, Holmes and Clemens satisfy requirements, but what we want is more men like them.

INTERBOROUGH ACTING IN GOOD FAITH?

The Interborough Rapid Transit Company, which operates the New York-subway in which 200 passengers were overcome by smoke during the burning of a pair of wooden cars last Wednesday and barely escaped death, says it cannot carry out the order of the New York Public Service Commission to begin on May 1 next, replacing with all-steel cars the 478 wooden cars used in the subway. The New York "World" says the Interborough can begin the work of replacement on the date specified and quotes representatives of three car-making companies to show that one company can begin making deliveries of steel cars in 50 days from the time of signing the contract; another in 90 days, and the third in four months.

May 1 is more than 90 days distant so that if the "World" is accurately informed, the Interborough can begin the replacement of the wooden cars even before that date, notwithstanding the Interborough's contention that to obtain the full number of new cars needed would take from 18 months to two years.

There is some excuse for accidents such as occurred last week if it can be shown that the Interborough has done or is willing to do everything in its power to make its lines as nearly absolutely safe as is possible. At least the Interborough alone cannot be held responsible for the fact that the congestion of travelers in the subway is so great as it is in the rush hours, for this is due to the rapid growth of the hordes of employes in the downtown sections of New York who must bet back and forth to their homes.

The Interborough, however, can and should be held responsible if it has failed or if it shall in the future fail to provide every possible safeguard against the danger that it knows exists as a result of conditions over which the Interborough has not entire control.

One of the safeguards that the Interborough can provide is the replacement of wooden cars with steel cars at the earliest possible moment. If the "World" is right with regard to the time required to begin the work of replacement, then it seems reasonable to assume that the Interborough is not doing everything in its power to provide all possible safeguards and that in making the statement that it cannot comply with the Public Service Commission's order it is not acting in good faith. If this can be proved, the company makes itself open to public censure and deserves punishment at the hands of the duly authorized officials representing the people.

GETTING THE NEWS RIGHT

The "Patriot" this morning, under the caption, "You Take Your Choice," quotes from The Star-Independent of last Saturday, as follows:

President Here For 10 Minutes. Dr. Wilson, however, fails to give crowd of 50 curious persons a glimpse of him.

Then it quotes from the Harrisburg "Telegraph" of Saturday, as follows:

President Wilson spoke informally to crowds which collected in Altoona and Harrisburg to-day as he passed through on his way to Washington. He alighted from his private car and shook hands with many people.

The "Patriot," itself, in referring to the President's visit to Harrisburg, said in its issue of Monday:

The President secluded himself, and was accompanied by secret service men.

It is evident how the "Patriot" "took its choice" in determining which of the afternoon newspapers' stories about the President was accurate.

Don't weep about the existence of the bread lines, but do your best to make them shorter!

All the excitement isn't confined to Europe now that the suffragists have invaded Washington.

If the weather is as bad next Tuesday as it is to-day we might inaugurate Governor Brumbaugh in the Stough tabernacle.

Perhaps the federal investigation to learn whether there is an attempt being made to "corner" wheat had something to do with the crash in the price of that commodity yesterday.

The "Public Ledger" wants "Billy" Sunday to clean Philadelphia of corrupt politics and appears to be willing to aid him in the task. At least we admire the "Ledger's" optimism if that newspaper really thinks it can be done.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

UNCLE EBEN'S PHILOSOPHY

"Imitation," said Uncle Eben, "is de greatest battery; but dat ain' no satisfaction. Chicken-stealin' ain' no less annoyin' because it's due to overwelmin' admiration foh yoh special poultry collection."—Washington Star.

WHAT DID HE MEAN?

"Well," said the doctor cheerfully, as related in an exchange, "how do you feel this morning? Any aches or pains?"

"Yes," answered the patient, "it hurts me to breathe, but the only trouble now seems to be with my breath."

"O," said the physician, still more cheerfully. "I'll give you something that will soon stop that."—Exchange.

Tongue-End Topics

Artistic Inaugural Invitations

The invitations for the inaugural ceremonies are splendid specimens of the engravers' art. They are printed on fine card board, folded with a flap for enclosure in the envelope, and at the top is the coat of arms of Pennsylvania in gold. Beneath is the invitation as follows:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Requests the Honor of Your Presence at the Inauguration Ceremonies of

Hon. Martin G. Brumbaugh as Governor of Pennsylvania In Harrisburg

At Noon on Tuesday, January 19 Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen Distinguished men from all over the State have been bidden to the ceremonies incident to the induction of Governor Brumbaugh, and it is expected that the largest crowd ever seen at an inaugural will be here.

"Uncle Dave" to March As of Yore

"Uncle Dave" Lane, as they call the Republican City Chairman in Philadelphia, is the Nestor among political leaders in the Quaker City and the dean of the Republican organization. "Uncle Dave" is always on parade when the cohorts gather to show their political strength or their manly pugnacity. Hence, it is perfectly in accord with affairs that "Uncle Dave" is to be at the head of one of the big political clubs that will come here next Tuesday to march in the procession when the new Governor is inaugurated. Time was when the political Nestor was a dapper young man and paraded with the "White Hats" of the McManus faction of Philadelphia Republicans as opposed to the "Black Hats" marshaled by William R. Leeds, but time has taught him that harmony is best and he takes no factional sides, marching with one on this day and with the other on another day. Time was, also, when "Uncle Dave's" sharp-pointed moustache and needle-tipped goatee were black as jet, but to-day, while they are shaped as of old, they are white and worn with striking effect. It would be difficult to say how many inaugural processions have been graced by the venerable Philadelphia, but the sight of him in Harrisburg is a familiar one, and he will be welcome as "the flowers that bloom in the spring," being himself a veritable daisy.

Tom Stewart's Stock of Stories

"Where does Tom Stewart get all of his new stories?" asked a banqueter recently, after hearing the great-hearted Adjutant General make one of his charming orations, interspersed with numerous exceedingly funny stories. The other men gave it up. It wasn't to be supposed that they were all personal experiences, for the scenes of his tales are located in all parts of the universe. No story with a humorous twist escapes his memory after once being told to him, and there is certain some occasion to arise when he can make it "fit" into a speech. From army to dialect, from paths to hilarious fun, he has the richest stock of stories of any man in Pennsylvania, and opinion is divided as to whether he cannot give "Uncle Henry" Houck a few pointers. Recently General Stewart was referred to as the "greatest orator in Pennsylvania," and there are many who will subscribe to that.

For the Stone Pile Strikers

One or more of the seven vagrants who, under an order made by Mayor Royal, are doing time on the stone pile at the Dauphin county almshouse, almost daily have gone on a strike and as a result they are being placed on a bread and water diet. Authorities at the workhouse say the vagrants loaf around anywhere from one to five days, or until they get tired of the diet, and they then are willing to work.

CROWDS PAY HONOR AS TRAIN CARRIES GARIBALDI'S BODY

Turin, Via Rome, Jan. 11, 8.30 P. M.—The body of Constantino Garibaldi, who fell in the Argentine region in France while leading a charge of the Italian volunteers, was met at the frontier here to-day by the same railway van which recently transported the body of his brother, Bruno.

Although General Ricciardio Garibaldi had expressed a desire that the transportation of his second son killed in battle should be conducted privately, many veterans, former Garibaldians and sympathizers, met the train at points along its passage to this city and demonstrations of homage were frequently given.

Albanian Insurgents Getting Busy

Athens, via London, Jan. 12, 9.25 A. M.—The Albanian insurgents, according to information which has reached here, have occupied the heights of Ritspool and have placed guns in position for use against Durazzo, the Albanian town recently occupied by Italian forces and where Essad Pasha and his troops, representing the provisional government, are stationed.

Her Flattery

Mrs. Green—Do you ever flatter your husband? Mrs. Wyse—Yes. I sometimes ask his advice about things.—Boston Transcript.

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