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Calendar for January 1915. Sun. 3, Mon. 4, Tues. 5, Wed. 6, Thurs. 7, Fri. 8, Sat. 9. MOON'S PHASES: Full Moon, 1st, 30th; Last Quarter, 8th; New Moon, 15th; First Quarter, 23rd.

WEATHER FORECASTS: Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Wednesday, slightly colder to-night with lowest temperature about 18 degrees. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and somewhat colder to-night. Wednesday partly cloudy. Gentle to moderate north and northeast winds.

IS A HYDROAEROPLANE A WAR VESSEL? There is a good deal to be said in support of the attitude taken by Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, in his protest made to the United States Government that American-made hydroaeroplanes, such as have been shipped to European belligerents, are war vessels and therefore should not be shipped from a neutral country.

The German Ambassador points out in effect that while these airships, which he alleges have been sent to Europe from the Curtiss works in Hammondsport, New York, are not specifically referred to in the Hague agreement, drawn up on October 18, 1907, in the list of articles which a neutral nation may not send to a belligerent nation in time of war, the failure of the agreement to specify hydroaeroplanes as war vessels was due to the "simple reason that this kind of war vessel did not exist at that time."

Count Bernstorff's protest certainly is worthy of careful consideration by this Government. It may be contended that hydroaeroplanes shipped from this country may not, when shipped, be equipped with apparatus for use in discharging bombs or with any other armament, and therefore cannot be classed as warships any more than can a merchant vessel of the seagoing type be so classed, though both the hydroaeroplane and the purely-seagoing vessel may be capable of being equipped with armament after they arrive in the belligerent country to which they are consigned by the neutral manufacturers.

THE READING OF DRAMAS The New York Public Library plans to distribute among its branches lists of the latest plays which may be amusing and interesting to readers as well as to theatre-goers. Commenting favorably on the plan, the English dramatist, Henry Arthur Jones, tells how for twenty-five years he has been entreating English and American people to read in their homes the current plays that amuse and instruct in the theatre. He asserts that perusal of the printed plays, particularly by persons who occupy the seats

in the theatres, will go a long way toward improving the drama in his country and in ours. There are not many current plays, of course, which can be expected to take their place in this country's permanent literature. It must be remembered that the works of dramatists are not intended to please readers of printed pages, but to entertain theatre-goers through the interpretations of actors and actresses. Historic conditions of necessity limit the literary value of dramas, and as a result dramas, as pieces of literature, have been of less interest to average readers than have novels. The very fact, however, that the reading of plays has its difficulties gives such reading its advantages. In the perusal of printed drama one is required to use much imagination, not only to picture the surroundings in the different scenes, but also to visualize the various characters. For, excepting in dramas such as Ibsen's in which the settings of scenes and so forth are generally given in detail, there are in printed plays no explanatory or descriptive passages between dialogues for the reader's enlightenment, as there are in novels. The reader of a drama, whether it be one of Shakespeare's works or a popular production of the present day, must, with the lack of stage interpretation, be himself both actor and auditor.

GERMANY'S BIG GUNS AND OURS Just as we in United States were beginning to feel a bit elated because the Watervliet arsenal near Boston had turned out a gun capable of hurling a missile weighing 2,400 pounds for 21 miles—that is a shell weighing more than a ton hurled as far as from a point three miles the other side of Carlisle into Market Square, Harrisburg,—along come two dispatches stating that the German gun-makers have produced shooting-irons that can do even better than that. A cablegram from Amsterdam announces the Germans have created a new naval gun with a range of 25 miles, and another dispatch,—from Berlin,—says a writer in the "Artilleristische Monatshefte" tells of a naval gun that the Kruppers are manufacturing which hurls a one-ton projectile three miles further than the best British weapon and which would permit the Germans to command the English coast from Calais, to a distance six miles inland.

Purely from the viewpoint of scientific achievement it is a bit disappointing to us to learn that the Germans have produced guns that shoot further than our newest and best. Maybe, however, if we keep at it, we ultimately can produce one better than theirs. Then the temporary satisfaction would be ours until the Kaiser in turn raised the limit again. However that may be, it is gratifying for us to know that the only way in which we are likely to have to try out the relative merits of our guns and Germany's is on paper. More useless than the fifth wheel of a wagon is the man at a party who cannot fox trot.

Has any other town a suspect it wants pinched? Just call on Colonel Hutchison's "finest!" They say that women's skirts are to be wider. Well, the styles must keep changing and they couldn't make them any narrower without something giving way. After all, girls, when you are looking for a husband it is far less important to get one who can tango than to capture one who can keep the coal bin from going empty. The man whom the court sent to penitentiary yesterday for using a hatchet on the head of a friend who failed to invite him to a tea party, can hardly expect to be present the next time his friend entertains.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

ROUGH RIDERS "Rough riders appear to have gone out of fashion." "Yes," replied the statesman; "except in connection with the impromptu legislation they sometimes try to tack onto an appropriation bill."—Washington Star.

A SMALL BOY'S AFFLICTIONS A schoolmaster shows me a mother's list of the afflictions that have already overtaken her ten-year-old son: "Measles, whooping cough, pneumonia, chicken-pox, gastric catarrh, syphiladenitis, influenza and tonsillitis." This may be a record, and there is something to add, for the mother gives as yet another illness—"Swallowed 1/2 d."—London Chronicle.

REVISED PROVERBS Any umbrella in a storm. Consistency doesn't buy jewels. A patient waiter is no refuser of tips. Wedlock is paved with good intentions. When the cat is away the night is quiet. You'll never miss the water till the stock goes down. It's a wise son who knows when to strike his father for money. Even people who do not live in glass houses should not throw stones. A little learning is a dangerous thing, but the same amount of ignorance beats it.—Boston Transcript.

SUBB "It may seem queer," said Mr. Burke, "But you can bet it's so; An idle rumor does more work Than anything I know."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"It may seem queer," said Mr. Binks, "But if it is so, you bet, A lot of coin a fellow sinks Into a floating debt."—Detroit Free Press.

"It may seem queer," said Mr. Binn, "But there's not any doubt That when collectors find me in I'm almost always out."—Houston Post.

"It may seem queer," said Mr. Hull, "But ever it aligns, The bootblack may be very dull But his work always shines."—Sharon Herald.

"It may seem queer," said Mr. Hall, "(One of the idle sort) "Although I'm very big and tall I am most always short."—Broadford Era.

CATARH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION

Catarh is as much a blood disease as scrofula or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It breaks down the general health, weakens the lung tissues, and leads to consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla is so successful in the treatment of catarh that it is known as the best remedy for this disease. It purifies the blood. Ask your druggist for it. Adv.

Tongue-End Topics

His View of the Capitol "Can you tell me where I can find the hall of the House of Representatives?" asked a well-dressed stranger of a newspaperman at the Capitol one day this week. He was given the proper directions, and then remarked, as he took the elevator: "This is the first time I have ever been in this Capitol, and I ought to be ashamed to tell it, for I live in an adjoining county. I have seen some of the handsomest buildings in the world, and have traveled extensively, but this is my first visit to Harrisburg in ten years and I am here expressly to go through this building at my leisure. From what I have seen of it thus far I am inclined to believe that it far surpasses many that are more famous, for to me it is a jewel of a building. Everything is so beautiful and it is built so solidly."

Then the stranger got off to go through the hall of the House, and the man to whom he was talking thought: "This man lives in Pennsylvania, near to Harrisburg; he has been all over the world, and he makes a specialty of looking for handsome buildings. He seems to have awakened for the first time to the fact that the Pennsylvania Capitol building is one of the finest in the world."

Mr. Parks, Clever Musician Among the Senate officials who will remain in Harrisburg during the entire session—practically making his home here—is F. Montgomery Parks, a well-known citizen of Oil City. Mr. Parks has been made secretary of the Committee on Corporations. He is prominent in Elk circles in Oil City, being at the head of the entertainment committee of his lodge, and is noted for the theatrical and other entertainments he arranges for the amusement of the Oil City folks. Likewise he is recognized as one of the sweet singers of the oil regions, being possessed of a fine tenor voice and is otherwise quite accomplished musically.

Fired First Shot at Gettysburg? A dispatch from Rutland, Vermont, announces the death there of Colonel T. Benton Kelley, 76 years old, who it is claimed, fired the first shot at Gettysburg. He was in eighty-two engagements and skirmishes and was seven times wounded. There are many claimants to the honor of having fired the first shot at Gettysburg, but one well authenticated story is that a citizen of Gettysburg, who had an idea that he could lick the entire Confederate army, single handed and alone, was the first to go out beyond the firing line on the outskirts of the town and bang away at the approaching foe. Then he skedaddled for home before they could catch him.

A Democratic Crown Prince Though already known throughout Germany as a most democratic sort of young man, the German Crown Prince's reputation in that respect has become more general since the outbreak of the war. Telegrams he has sent home to various newspapers, asking them to make collections of cigars, rum and many other things for "his" soldiers, are scores in number, nor has he omitted in a single instance to thank the public and publisher for their efforts.

Took Cakes to the Prince Fritz Schmidt, grandmaster of the Berlin Master Bakers' Association, who has just returned to Berlin from the western theatre of war where he went to deliver three car loads of Christmas "stollen," which had been donated by the Berlin bakers, also presented the Crown Prince with six baskets of Christmas cakes and other products of the baker's oven. He tells how he was received by the Crown Prince shortly after his arrival at headquarters. "I was taken to a large room, where I unpacked my baskets, putting their contents on a large table covered with a clean tablecloth," said the master baker. "I was hardly through with this when the Crown Prince came in. There was nobody with him, and he looked quite healthy and fit. I conveyed to him the greetings of the Berlin master bakers, and thanked him for having accepted our present. I also told him that we had sent three car loads of 'stollen' to the army."

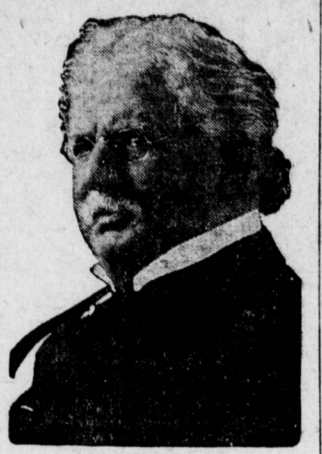
Determined to Win "The Crown Prince was very pleasant, and we came to talk on some of the losses which certain regiments had sustained. "I know that," remarked the Crown Prince, "Some of them have lost heavily. But that can't be helped. We've got to win."

Sarcastic Mr. Softly—Here's somebody proposes to kill all idiots in their childhood. Miss Pert—Dreadful idea. There are not enough men to go around as it is.—Exchange. Of course it is all right for ignorance to be bliss, but we dislike to have our doctor enjoy himself that way.—Galveston News.

PHONES WHOLE WAY FROM NEW YORK TO PACIFIC

Dr. Bell Shouts "Can You Hear Me?" and His Voice Is Distinctly Recognized in San Francisco—Belt of Copper Wires Is 3,400 Miles Long

New York, Jan. 26.—In a little room off Broadway in lower New York there was enacted yesterday afternoon a scene which will go down in history as one of the most important events in the closer union of this country—the binding of the East and West with a copper talk can. The formal opening of ocean-to-ocean telephone service, the spanning of the continent by this 3,400 miles of line is a triumph of telephone engineering.



THEODORE N. VAIL President of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company

Dr. Bell, a tall, white-haired man, with a full white beard and dark eyes that still have in them the fire of youth, picked up the little wizard instrument and sent the first word vibrating from ocean to ocean. The instrument which he used was the same ditty little telephone which had served that day, close to forty years ago, when sound first traveled over a wire. An added touch of sentiment was given by the fact that a small piece of the wire first used in long-distance telephoning in those days, many years ago, was also spliced to the line. "Aho! Aho! Can you hear me?" asked Dr. Bell, and instantly there was

AMOLOX THE NEW DISCOVERY

Many Cures Reported Daily in Towns Where It Is Known The wonderful cures that are being made by this remarkable new remedy are almost beyond belief. A young lady from Ottumwa, Ia., for many years suffered from a bad case of eczema. Her face was a sight to behold; all covered with red blotches, pustules and pimples. So unsightly was her appearance she gave up all social life. Failing to find relief with doctors and remedies, she became despondent and discouraged. After a few weeks' treatment with liquid ointment the scaly redness disappeared, pustules healed and she was entirely cured. A few months following her mother wrote that Amolox had done wonders for her daughter, and she was married last week. Seems like a fairy tale, doesn't it? Yet this is the truth. This is only one of the many cases that are being reported in towns where Amolox has been introduced, and its merits have become known. Amolox is invaluable for eczema, psoriasis, acne, tetter, barber's itch, red nose or any skin affliction. Recommended and guaranteed by Geo. A. Gorgans and H. C. Kennedy. Your money back if it fails to do what we claim for it. Trial size 50c.—Adv.

What We Say It Is; It Is Now Is the Time to Buy Diamonds

The war has stopped Diamond production. The mines have been closed since August 1. No "rough" stones have been sold since that date. Stocks of neither "rough" nor cut stones are not accumulating. Every shipment of stones from the mines in the past 20 years has brought a better price than the previous shipment. This constant advance in values will continue when the war is over. You'll never be able to buy Diamonds so cheaply as you can now at Diener's. Our Diamonds bought direct from the cutters — no middlemen's profits for you to pay—afford excellent selections in all size stones, both mounted and loose. You can save money here and secure a Diamond guaranteed as to weight, color and quality. You'll profit greatly by investing in a Diener Diamond now.

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40 YEARS OR MORE FOR DUNN

He Pleads Guilty to His Second Killing in Brooklyn New York, Jan. 26.—Christopher Dunn, 24, under sentence of twenty to forty years in State prison for killing Policeman Patrick Kiley, of the Classon Avenue precinct, Brooklyn, was taken yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Jaycox, Brooklyn, to be tried for murder in the first degree for slaying Athanasius Bassibos, a Greek restaurant keeper, the same night Kiley was killed. Dunn promptly pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree for causing Bassibos' death and was sentenced by Judge Jaycox to twenty years to life, which sentence the defendant is to begin to serve after completing the previous sentence.

MR. GAY WAS TOO GAY

So Says Mrs. Gay, Who Gets a Divorce and Alimony Worcester, Mass., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Marguerite M. Gay, of Worcester, got a divorce yesterday from Robert M. Gay, of New York, on the ground of desertion and was also awarded \$1,500 annual alimony by the Superior Court here. Mr. Gay is the head of a large mining engineering concern in New York City. Mrs. Gay in her suit alleged that her husband spent on the average of \$8,000 annually upon himself and that he preferred a life of gaiety to the quiet of his home. The custody of a daughter, who is a minor, was awarded to Mrs. Gay.

FOR ROUGH, CHAPPED HANDS

What Parisian Women Use to Make Their Hands Beautiful, Soft and White The best preparation for softening, whitening and beautifying the hands is a famous French formula composed of Japora Concentrate, 2 ozs.; alcohol, 2 1/2 ozs.; rose water, 1 oz.; witch hazel, 1/2 oz. This product will also quickly remove freckles, yellow or dark spots on the skin, overgrown enlarged skin pores, blackheads and unnatural redness of the skin. It is most refreshing for gentlemen to use after shaving as it is exceptionally soothing to a sore or tender skin. In reply to an inquiry Croll Keller, druggist, No. 405 Market street, of this city, says that they keep all the ingredients required for compounding the above prescription and that they are prepared to fill it just as well as a Paris pharmacist.—Adv.

Wilson Meets Lee's Daughter

Washington, Jan. 26.—President Wilson shook hands yesterday with Miss Mary Curtis Lee, daughter of General Robert E. Lee. Miss Lee said that it was her first opportunity to make the acquaintance of a President. "It is a double honor," said she, "to shake hands with a President who is also a Southerner."

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