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## FEBRUARY

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### MOON'S PHASES—

Last Quarter, 7th; New Moon, 13th;  
 First Quarter, 21st.

### WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain to-night and probably Tuesday. Warmer to-night with lowest temperature about 40 degrees.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night and probably Tuesday. Warmer in south portion to-night. Fresh shifting winds.

### YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG.

Highest, 28; lowest, 20; 8 a. m., 20; 8 p. m., 28.



### THE SAILING OF THE DACIA

The sailing of the steamship Dacia, from the port of Galveston yesterday, for Rotterdam by way of Norfolk, with a cargo of cotton billed to be transported from Rotterdam to Bremen, has very important bearing in determining America's relations to the belligerent nations. This is because it is likely to bring to an issue between this country and Great Britain the question whether the latter nation has a right to interfere with a cargo shipped in what formerly was a German vessel, interned in an American port but sold to an American firm, being used to carry on trade with Germany.

Since the Dacia is carrying cotton, which is not contraband, no objection can be raised by Great Britain to her cargo. The objection that Great Britain has raised is that the transfer of the German ship to an American firm, E. N. Breitung, of New York, is merely a subterfuge for transferring German liners to the American flag to permit the vessels to engage in trade between this country and Germany.

Although the Dacia is not a fast vessel she is equipped with powerful wireless apparatus that ought to permit her to dodge British cruisers and make the British channel before being captured, but her ultimate capture by the British seems inevitable. The sailing of the Dacia, therefore, seems to be an experiment to see what the British are going to do about it after they seize the vessel.

It would seem from the fact that the War Risk Bureau of the United States Treasury Department has insured the Dacia's cargo, which the shippers value at \$880,000, that this government regards the shipment as having been made in good faith as an ordinary business transaction in a class of goods that is not contraband of war. The fact, however, that the Bureau has refused to insure the ship itself seems to indicate that this government has avoided committing herself as to whether the sale of the vessel to an American is above suspicion of being the subterfuge that the British claim it to be.

The sailing of the vessel, therefore, is attracting world-wide interest. Assuming, as seems likely, that the Dacia will fall into British hands before arriving in Rotterdam, interest centers chiefly on what Great Britain will do upon seizure of the craft. Should Great Britain raise an issue that would involve the right of an American shipper to send from this country goods that are not contraband of war, United States, in maintaining her shippers' rights, may find herself in a position which requires very delicate diplomatic handling.

### NEW DANGERS IN THE DANCE

Lois of good people believe that dancing is dangerous to morals, and statistics doubtless can be quoted to show that, under certain conditions,—notably those that prevail in some of the dance halls in the big cities,—these good people are right. But now comes a story from New York which tends to prove that dancing, especially the so-called modern dancing, is dangerous to life and limb, without, for the time, considering whether it is a menace from the moral viewpoint.

We are told that a married couple who were dancing in Brooklyn suddenly were hurled to the floor by a pair of strenuous fox-trotters who collided with them, and that by the time the Williamsburg Hospital ambulance surgeon got through taking an inventory of the damage done to the married couple it showed that the man had escaped with a fractured left knee cap and variously described "in-

ternal injuries," while his wife was suffering from concussion of the brain. Whether any minor hurts were received by the fox-trotting pair who figured in and apparently were responsible for the collision is not on the record.

Thus we see that the "modern dance" is developing in the direction of a contest of the survival of the fittest, which tends to take the dance out of the category of physically harmless social diversions and to put it in the class of an athletic contest requiring scarcely less physical fitness than the much criticised game of football.

If the dance continues to develop in this direction it may soon become necessary for only the most sturdy to participate in the sport, while those of less sound physical attainments may be compelled merely to look on from the side lines. The time may come when we will have to establish the training table for our star fox-trotters and adopt rigid restrictions to prevent flying wedges, off-side plays and bucking the line on the floors of our ball rooms.

### MAKE THOSE PAY WHO CAN!

The statement made to the Legislature in the report submitted by former Attorney General Bell that the State can collect half a million dollars from insane patients in various hospitals whose expenses and keep have been paid by the State despite the fact they possess wealth which could be used to pay the expenses, is born of the investigation set on foot by Auditor General Powell some time ago when he was convinced that some of the patients being kept in state insane hospitals at the state's expense had ample means to pay their own expenses.

In one instance General Powell, through investigation, found that a patient in the oil regions had \$30,000 in his account in a bank and the interest of this was regularly drawn by his legal representatives, but no part of it was used to pay for his care and maintenance in the insane hospital. Suit was at once brought to recover and the State obtained about \$6,000 that was due it.

Another case has been discovered in a Central Pennsylvania county where the insane patient is being cared for by the State while she has \$25,000 stored away in paying bonds. In this instance her next friend will be called upon to produce for her maintenance, and there is no way to shirk payment. General Powell is of opinion that there are hundreds of patients cared for at the State's expense whose husbands and parents, or whoever are responsible, are well able to care for them.

The movement to require payments from those who can well afford to make them is a very proper one, especially at this time when the Commonwealth must make extra exertions to obtain enough revenue to meet its expenses without running into debt.

Following the Saturday crash in eggs omelets were a popular breakfast food this morning.

This is the kind of weather that generally results in a boom in the price of United States Rubber securities.

One twelfth of the new year has gone but more than one twelfth of the New Year's resolutions have been broken.

All of us have our troubles but the man who deserves our sympathy most is the stock market plunger who is short of wheat and long of United States Steel.

This morning it was necessary again for persons who have to board trolley cars, on the way to their places of employment, to wade through five or six inches of slush, due to the regulation requiring street cars to stop on the "near" side of the street. The risk that the people run of catching cold or contracting pneumonia from wet feet could be removed if the City Highway Department employes were instructed to run their shovels, first thing in the morning after a snow storm, out once from the sidewalk to the stopping place of the cars near each corner. If the Department thinks it is not its duty to do this work on the ground it should be done by the traction company, it at least is the Department's duty to see that the traction company does it.

## TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

### HIS THEORY AND PRACTICE

During a school tea a kindly lady sat regarding one of the young guests with evident alarm. Undismayed by the lady's glances, the young hopeful demostriated plate after plate of bread and butter and cake. At last the lady could stand it no longer. Going up to the urchin she said:

"My boy, have you never read any book which would tell you what to eat, what to drink and what to avoid?"

"Why, bless yer, ma'am," replied the young gentleman, with his mouth full of cake, "I don't want no book. It's very simple. I eats all I can, I drinks all I can, an' I avoids bustin'!"—London News.

### HIS STOMACH FIRST

Mr. Doublechin was the despair of his socially ambitious better-half. They had been dining with some friends, at whose abode they had, unfortunately, arrived a little late, and now, on the homeward journey, it was quite patent that the lady was not in the best of tempers.

"Whatever were you thinking of, John," she said, "to make your way to a seat at the table without first greeting the hostess?"

"Well, missus," replied the husband, with a broad smile, "I reckoned the hostess, as you call her, would keep; but, judging from the rattle of the knives and forks, the 'grub' seemed in danger of disappearing."—Exchange.

### MARTIAL WIT

Lady Roberts has told a good story concerning a smart answer she once heard a soldier make to a remark of hers in India. She was visiting some military hospitals out there, and was so delighted on what she saw that she exclaimed: "I think the nurses deserve a medal for this campaign as much as anyone, and I hope they will get one."

"I don't know about a medal," said a witty officer who was in attendance; "but they are sure to get plenty of claps!"—London Answers.

### FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

During the recent fighting along the banks of the Aisne a man was badly wounded. The Ambulance Corps tenderly placed him on a stretcher.

"Take him to the hospital," said the man in charge.

Slowly the wounded man opened his eyes and whispered, faintly—

"What's the matter with the canteen?"—London Tit-Bits.

## Tongue-End Topics

### Money in Making Uniforms

Men of business with a ready eye to changing conditions have found that war-time offers many new roads to wealth, if the opportunity is seized quickly. Almost every day since the war began some alert British manufacturer or trader has found openings in some new field. The khaki boom, still at its height, resulted in the sudden establishment of huge factories in the heart of London. Hundreds of young women left good places in the jam and pickle factories nearby for the work of making uniforms. Tailors, pressers, who were glad to earn \$10 a week in normal times, are able to take in three times that sum at present.

### Other War-time Profits

A prominent hardware manufacturer in Birmingham put his factory into the hands of a manager at the beginning of the war and himself hurried to a nearby town and erected a plant for the manufacture of emblems and buttons. He has been making these novelties in war-time designs by the million, at a handsome profit. A lithographer found a similar gold mine by turning his entire plant over to the printing of patriotic picture post cards, while a struggling novelty dealer has put his business on its feet by the sale of a hundred thousand or more sewing kits for soldiers.

### American Buttons for England

Lesser successes have been achieved by the men who have marketed such minor articles for soldiers' use as a boot-tag, a pipe-lighter and a patriotic brooch. An American traveler at the beginning of the war chanced to learn that the supply of cheap buttons in England was precariously low, most of the English supply having been imported from Austria. He took immense orders in behalf of an American firm at prices presumably well above the ordinary. The war has brought a moderate degree of prosperity to makers and dealers in foods, clothing, medical supplies, war munitions and an immense number of small articles required by land or sea forces. Ship builders and ship owners have scored heavily, and the British farmer is getting unprecedented prices for his products. Even the dentists have had their share of war business, for it is necessary that the man who is going to the front to serve the King in water-filled trenches should have his teeth in sound shape if he is to enjoy the excursion.

### One Effect of Local Option

"The Legislature ought to be very careful in passing that local option bill," said an old resident, "or we will have conditions just as we had them some years ago. Of course, Dauphin county, in one sense, was not affected, because it did not adopt local option, but Cumberland county did, and the sale of liquor was shut off in that county. However, that did not prevent the residents of that county from getting all the liquor they wanted and it worked to the advantage of the Harrisburg liquor dealers. The residents of towns in the Cumberland Valley would buy their liquor by the wholesale, making their purchases, on Saturday, of enough of the stuff to last them until the next Saturday. The Cumberland Valley railroad also profited by this. There were clubs in every town and they ordered a supply of drinkables to be sent down every Saturday."

### Mr. Brinton Compiles Labor Laws

Since the year 1713 Pennsylvania has been passing laws relating to labor, and Jasper Yeates Brinton, of the Philadelphia bar, at the instance of John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, has compiled an interesting volume of the labor laws of Pennsylvania, which has just been published by Commissioner Jackson. It is interesting to note that the first Pennsylvania labor law, passed March 27, 1713, was one relating to the employment of apprentices. In turn Mr. Brinton gives the various labor laws in chronological order, clear up to that of 1913 which established the Department of Labor and Industry. In his foreword Commissioner Jackson says the value of this volume well justifies its existence, with the hope that those interested in labor laws will find it of value to the extent which is anticipated. The compilation and annotation give evidence of the most careful research, and Mr. Brinton's work will be appreciated by those interested.

### Poetic Justice

A couple in a certain village, each the parent of six children, had meted out to them a kind of poetic justice in which they failed to see the poetry. The woman, a widow, pleading that she had no home and was therefore unable to care for her children, induced the local authorities to admit them to an orphan asylum. The man, a widower, pleading he had no housekeeper and therefore no one to care for his children, induced the authorities to admit his six also. Thereupon, being freed from all incumbrances, these two married.

All went well for a few months, when the authorities, learning of the situation, promptly dispatched the twelve children back to their parents, and the woman no longer able to represent herself as homeless or the man as without a housekeeper, they were forced to receive them.

### Conditional

Examiner—Now, William, if a man can do one-fourth of a piece of work in two days how long will he take to finish it? William—Is it a contract job or is he workin' by the day?—Life.

### A Spanking Team

"Now, Tommy, this little story says, 'The rich man had a spanking team. Now, what's a 'spanking team?'" "I know. My pa and ma's one."—Baltimore American.

# Our Semi-Annual Furniture Sale Began This Morning

Take Advantage of the Big Reductions in Prices! Savings are 25, 33 1/3 and Even 50 Per Cent. Off

Small lots, odd pieces, one and two of a pattern, together with hundreds of manufacturers' samples and specials and our own tremendous stocks, makes this an opportunity to furnish your home complete at lower prices and better style than would be possible under any other circumstances. Investigate our Sale and compare our qualities, as quality is the true test for a comparison of values.

	Former Price	Sale Price		Former Price	Sale Price
White Enamel Dresser	\$28.50	\$22.50	Sectional Book Cases	\$9.50	\$6.75
White Enamel Dressing Table	\$13.50	\$9.75	Sectional Book Cases	\$22.50	\$15.50
White Enamel Chiffonier	\$15.25	\$11.85	Sectional Solid Mahogany Sewing Tables	\$25.00	\$15.75
Mahogany Chiffonier	\$26.00	\$22.50	Mahogany Music Cabinets Couches	\$11.50	\$7.75
Mahogany Dressing Table	\$26.00	\$19.50	Parlor Suites Buffet	\$13.50	\$8.50
Bed Davenport	\$35.00	\$27.50	Parlor Buffet	\$11.00	\$7.75
We are agents for the Kindel Davenport.					
Kitchen Cabinets	\$23.50	\$17.75	Parlor Buffet	\$26.00	\$18.75
Kitchen Cabinets	\$38.50	\$30.75	Parlor Buffet	\$27.50	\$17.75
Kitchen Cabinets	\$42.50	\$34.50	Parlor Buffet	\$29.50	\$23.75
Kitchen Cabinets	\$43.50	\$35.50	Parlor Buffet	\$30.50	\$24.00
			Parlor Buffet	\$52.50	\$40.00

Don't let anything interfere with your coming to this sale. It will pay you in dollars and cents to buy plentifully. We have set out in dead earnest to make it the most successful we've ever held, so we urge you to come to

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## SAFETY FIRST

(UNDER AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY THE STAR-INDEPENDENT PRINTS EACH MONDAY A PRACTICAL ARTICLE BEARING ON THE "SAFETY FIRST" MOVEMENT OR KINDRED SUBJECTS, PREPARED BY THAT BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF WHICH COMMISSIONER JOHN PRICE JACKSON IS THE HEAD.)

### ELEVATOR ACCIDENTS

Few people realize the great number of elevator accidents which are continually occurring throughout Pennsylvania. They do, however, think that the majority of such accidents are caused by breaking cables and subsequent dropping of elevators. On the contrary, elevator accidents, almost without exception, are caused either by improper equipment, careless manipulation at the landings, or else by easily remedied defects in the construction of the car or shaft.

The most frequent causes of accidents at landings are lack of care on the part of some person. This may be due either to the carelessness of the operator or of some other persons. Very seldom have accidents occurred from defective equipment and ones that have occurred from this cause could have been prevented in most cases if a careful inspection had been held at regular short intervals of time.

Two instances which recently came to the attention of inspectors of the Department of Labor and Industry will illustrate how thoughtless persons can become while they operate elevators.

One of the inspectors had occasion to go to the upper floor of an office building in one of the large cities of this Commonwealth. After transacting his business in the office on the fifth floor, he walked to the elevator shaft and rang the bell. When the elevator had stopped at the floor and he had stepped into it, the elevator attendant, a young man of eighteen—the minimum legal age for elevator operators—reversed the power and the car started to descend. He immediately turned to a novel which he had been holding in the one hand and leaning against the side of the car started to read. This continued until the car reached the street level.

The inspector naturally remonstrated with the operator about the practice and also took steps to see that this custom was not continued. Every person who has occasion to use an elevator and who sees the operator reading or doing anything else which prevents the free use of both hands during the time he is operating the elevator should consider it his duty for the sake of the safety of himself or his fellowman to see that the practice is stopped immediately, even if it is necessary to call the attention of the owner of the building to the matter.

In another instance a young woman had been injured, several bones having been broken in an accident. An inspector was sent to the scene by the Department of Labor and Industry to investigate the accident, in order to ascertain if some means could be taken to prevent a similar accident. The superintendent took the inspector up on the elevator to the third floor where the accident had occurred and was about to step off the elevator without locking the starting cable. The inspector drew his attention to this neglect

### WILBUR IS COMING

Crane Wilbur Is Coming to the Regent Theatre Saturday, February 6

The hero of a thousand photo-plays, including the most famous of all serial pictures, "The Perils of Pauline," Crane Wilbur is the most advertised "movie" star in the world. This will be the first opportunity to see him in the flesh. Mr. Wilbur is said to be just as fascinating in person as he is when feasting the eye of the spectator on the curtain. Surrounding Mr. Wilbur will be a carefully selected company of artists who admirably supplement the entertainment of the star himself. Adv.

### Extra Seats for McCormack Concert

The new seating arrangements, the new stairway and the new exits, permitting a ready emptying of the house, and the fine acoustics as noted by Mr. Paderewski, make Chestnut street auditorium an ideal place to hold the McCormack concert. The fact that it is believed the house will be filled to overflowing on Wednesday indicates that Harrisburg appreciates a great artist. While the demand for seats has been great, provision has been made for extra seats which are now on sale. Adv.

### Hampered by Sleet Storm

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Telegraph and telephone companies were hampered today by sleet storm which extended widely in all directions from Chicago. Ice coated wires broke and communication to many cities was cut off. In this city the slippery walks brought minor injuries to scores of persons.



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## Your Income Tax

Individual subject to the income tax must prepare and file with the Internal Revenue Department, not later than March first, 1915, a personal report of actual income for the year ending December 31, 1914.

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