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Calendar for FEBRUARY with days of the week and dates from Sun. 1 to Sat. 13.

MOON'S PHASES: Last Quarter, 7th; New Moon, 13th; First Quarter, 21st.

WEATHER FORECASTS: Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and cooler to-night and Tuesday. Eastern Pennsylvania: Showers this afternoon and to-night, cooler to-night.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG: Highest, 43; lowest, 34; 8 a. m., 34; 8 p. m., 42.

UNEMPLOYED NEED JOBS NOW: Now that there seems to be a little better understanding among the members of the City Commission regarding the proposal to put the unemployed men of the city at work now on improvements proposed to be made in the coming year it is to be hoped that they will speedily reach a conclusion as to how it can best be done at the earliest possible moment.

We do not believe that the slight friction that appeared among the Commissioners when they were deliberating on this important question was due to any lack of sympathy on the part of any one of them with the purpose of the general proposition. What differences there were, we believe, were merely differences of opinion as to how best to take care of the problem of unemployment with the least expense to the city.

We believe that the fair-minded citizens of Harrisburg, who desire to see the distress of the unemployed relieved, will not object to the Commissioners paying more money to have done now such work as can be done immediately, even at a greater cost. We believe the taxpayers of the city are willing that the City should spend a few thousand extra dollars to have improvements made at this time of year and relieve the distress rather than postpone such work for several months when those several thousands of dollars might be saved.

It is a commendable spirit on the part of the Commissioners to try to conserve the funds of their particular departments for they have not much of a margin to go on. Perhaps, however, it would be practical for the Commission to appropriate several hundreds or a thousand dollars from the City's general contingent fund for the specific purpose of meeting the difference between the cost of making certain contemplated improvements to-day and the lower cost of making them a few months hence. Then each department might also draw to a more limited extent on its own departmental contingent fund. Thus the added expense of making the improvements now would be borne by the City as a whole or be equally divided among the departments, and would not be a drain against one department more than against another.

MORE STATES IN THE UNION—MAYBE: If Texas were to be trisected and California bisected, as has been proposed, and three new states thus added to the Union, the country would not be any larger or any mightier, even though the United States Senate would be vaster to the extent of six new members.

The object of the Texans and the Californians in suggesting that their states be divided is of course to gain the additional representation in the upper branch of Congress. A joint resolution for an amendment to the Texas constitution to split the state in three is now under consideration by the

Legislature, and an amendment in California to be put on the ballot in the next election for a referendum vote is proposed by the People's Association of that state.

The Texans hold that their state is too big for two senators to manage, and it does seem that candidates for election to the Senate from Texas,—now that such candidates must tell the people all about it,—are expected to do a good deal when it comes to canvassing their bulky commonwealth.

One sad result of a division of Texas would be that of making impossible all usual comparisons as to the sizes of foreign countries with reference to the tremendous area of the state. "Not nearly so large as our own state of Texas alone," would be a happy phrase lost forever.

In California, too, the size is somewhat of an argument for a division, but even more so is the peculiar situation of the state which stretches through so many different climates which cause so great a variance in the interests of its people. The suggestion is that the eight counties in the lower part of the state be made into a new commonwealth. If two states were to be formed where one exists now, they would be as widely different in many respects as are Massachusetts and North Carolina.

While three new states would put three additional stars on the flag, they would also supply three extra capitals for the school children to learn, thus helping to provide mental discipline necessary to the well-being of the little ones. The capitals picked out for the two new divisions of Texas by the advocates of the scheme are North Texas, Palestine, and West Texas, Abilene, South Texas, retaining the present capital of Austin. There would assuredly be a swing to a geography lesson dealing with "Palestine, Abilene and Austin," which would have possibilities in bringing out expression almost as great as a recitation in English poetry.

THE NEUTER AS PEACE-MAKER

"A Neuter only has room to be a Peace-maker," wrote William Penn, "for being of neither side, he has the Means of Mediating a Reconciliation of both."

This country is not without advice from great men of the past in the present crisis when it is striving earnestly to please and displease equally the belligerents in Europe, that it may preserve its neutrality, remain at peace and ultimately be the means of bringing about satisfactory reconciliation. Certain words of wisdom coming from George Washington, some time after the production of Penn's "Fruits of Solitude," are also peculiarly appropriate.

In his farewell address in 1796 the Father of His Country said, after pointing out that the detached and distant situation of this country should keep it from becoming implicated in European difficulties, that he was certain that the United States "had a right to take, and was bound in duty and interest to take, a neutral position" with respect to the war then being waged in Europe. The words which then followed are significant now if ever:

"The duty of holding a neutral conduct may be inferred, without anything more, from the obligation which justice and humanity impose on every Nation, in cases in which it is free to act, to maintain inviolate the relations of Peace and Amity towards other nations."

The rights of neutral nations are affected in the present war to a greater extent than in any previous conflict; yet this country, as a "neuter," has duties to perform as well as rights to uphold, and the most important, perhaps, of these duties is to remain itself at peace that it may ultimately play the peace-maker.

Needless advice to the legislators: "Don't overwork yourselves!"

Canada has a war aeroplane scare. Some of the Milwaukee Germans must be flying north.

Guarding Berlin bakershops to prevent bread riots sounds as if there is a laxity in the censorship of the war news. How did the story get through?

Naturally there are two "original" charters granted by King Charles to William Penn when it is considered that a number of copies have been made of the "only original" at present in the State museum. More "old masters" are coming to the front, probably.

Everybody will agree with the Rev. Dr. Smucker in his statement that we ought to keep war out of politics, the home and from American citizenship. There is no occasion for Uncle Sam to mix in, and President Wilson can be depended upon to keep us in the right track.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

A DIFFERENCE: Mrs. Hicks—"Have you ever tried shopping by mail?" Mrs. Wicks—"My dear, one cannot shop that way; one can only buy things by mail."—Boston Transcript.

HIS WAR ZONE: Knicker—"Does Jones suffer from a psychological blockade?" Bocker—"Yes, he is constantly afraid that his wife will blow him up."—New York Sun.

ADVANTAGE OF AMERICA: Mr. Wayupp—"This is a great big land of ours." Mr. Blase—"That's right, and a fellow doesn't realize it till he travels. Why, you can actually go to places in this country where you don't owe anybody."—Puck.

SCAND'LOUS: "Ef yo' had your choice, Liza, which would yo' rather do—live, or die an' go to Heaven?" "Ah'd rather live." "Why, Liza White, yo' scann'ous chile! Sunday school hain't done yo' no good 'fall!"—Life.

TOUGHENING THE CANADIANS: A London (Ont.) report says that soldiers of the contingent in training were ordered to sleep outside with the weather at 32 below zero, and most of them had frozen ears, hands or feet. If that is true, there ought to be a sharp reprimand for the officer who gave such a foolish order. The Canadians are not going to be made better soldiers by being needlessly frozen, nor are they going to fight in the Arctic regions.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

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Tongue-End Topics

Wants to Push Death Chair Button

John Francis, warden of the Western penitentiary, who is to have charge of the electrocutions in the death house at the new penitentiary in Centre county, is just now overwhelmed with applications from persons who want to see the first electrocution—that of a man named Talap, a Montgomery county murderer—which is to take place during the week of February 22. Of course Warden Francis cannot permit anybody to be present except those named in the law—the physicians, jury and representatives of the newspapers from the county where the condemned man was convicted—but applications from the morbidly curious continue to reach the warden. The other day he received a letter from a man who is desirous of pushing the button that turns on the electric current to snuff out the murderer's life. The man wrote:

"I think I am well qualified for the place of electrocutioner, for I have had an experience as a butcher for twenty years." He will not have the gruesome pleasure of pushing the button.

Keeping Tabs on War Contracts

The Socialist group in the Chamber of Deputies of France has decided to pursue vigorously the supervision of all army contracts. The secretary has written Monsieur Millerand demanding publication in the "Journal Officiel" of a complete list of all persons and houses furnishing supplies to the army with their addresses and the nature and amount of their contracts. The subcommittee of the budget committee has also asked the Minister of War for all records concerning army contracts. No detailed complaints of irregularities have been made but the Socialist group declares it has information concerning certain abuses.

Doctor Wounded 97 Times

Dr. Derelc, surgeon in the French army, was decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor at the Val-de-Grace hospital recently after having been several times mentioned in the orders of the day. He was wounded no less than 97 times before he gave up his services. Many times slightly wounded since the beginning of the year, he dressed his own wounds and refused to abandon his post, but finally he fell under three very serious wounds that required his transportation to a hospital.

A Brave Printer's Boy

Gaston Huet, printer's boy at Fontainebleau, France, stowed himself under a seat in a train that carried reinforcements for the Forty-sixth infantry to the front. He took part in all the battles of the regiment and was killed by a fragment of a shell January 18.

East Coast Death Roll Grows

The complete list of the killed and wounded in the naval bombardment on the east coast of England may never be tabulated. At Hartlepool the death roll to date is 113 and the wounded approximately 300. At Whitby three were killed and only two wounded. At Scarborough the list is not procurable though it is known that eleven at least died and twenty-eight were injured. These figures are rather under than over the actual totals.

Each Life Valued at \$2,500

Reckoning each man as a wealth-producing force equal to a mere \$2,500 in capital, the economic waste of human life in the present European war on the basis of a million dead and permanently incapacitated, had by January 1 cost Europe \$2,500,000,000, according to F. W. Hirst, a well-known London financier. Addressing the Sheffield bankers on the political economy of war, he also said in the first three months of this war, Britain had actually spent more than in her entire three years' campaign in Crimea, or two and a half years in the Boer war.

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SAFETY FIRST SAFETY FOR FIREMEN

There has been a great deal said about safety for employees in case of fire, and much emphasis is being placed on protective methods such as an orderly arrangement of all working materials, constant practice of fire drills and in the use of fire-fighting equipment at immediate service in industrial plants. The safety of employees is the purpose emphasized. There is another group of men also highly deserving of consideration in these protective schemes.

In case of a fire in an industry, that comes of large enough proportions to call in the company's firemen or the town or city firemen, some thought should be given in advance to the conditions which would make their work most safe and efficient. Many of the conditions which would insure safety for firemen are also the same under which all persons in a plant would be best protected; but in repeating the details the fireman's safety is emphasized, since to this group of men belongs the duty of assuming the most dangerous tasks connected with burning buildings. The employees' duty is to leave these buildings as rapidly as possible; the fireman's duty is to enter and attack the fire.

In entering or leaving buildings with greatest speed and safety the first requirement is free passageways. In plants where the orderly arrangement of all machinery and materials is the constant rule, nothing more in this matter is needed as a fire precaution. Orderly arrangement would include aisles free from any accumulation of materials that would cause a person walking rapidly to stumble or fall. Another necessity is that the flooring of all passageways should be level, free from sudden depressions or any unexpected irregularities. It is to be remembered that the smoke of a fire would be apt to shut off light in many such places, and flooring irregularities would become dangerous. All openings to the floors below, abrupt entrances to stairways, elevator shafts, etc., should be carefully guarded.

The need of stopping all machinery in case of fire is generally recognized as of great importance and regularly attended to; but for the safety of firemen entering machine shops it is of greater importance. All openings to them of machinery left in motion, saws, elevators, etc., should be carefully guarded.

Another condition that would greatly endanger the lives of firemen is the presence of explosives in burning buildings. It has been found in many instances that persons constantly handling explosive liquids or other material become exceedingly careless concerning it. The remedy would be to remove such material from storerooms built purposely for it at a distance from the main shops that would insure the least harm in case of fire and explosion.

A frequent cause of accidents to firemen is falling glass; but, at the present time, wire glass is coming constantly into greater use and is giving effective service. It not only prevents accident from falling glass, but is a greater barrier to smoke and flames. Wire glass in metal frames used for all windows is one of the best aids in preventing the spreading of flames and insuring the safety of the lives of those whose duty it is to fight fires.

In view of the fact that in case of fire the firemen are the ones by whom the greatest risks must be taken, every step of fire prevention and protection should include safety not only to the employees of any industry, but also to the firemen. It is one of the purposes of the Department of Labor and Industry to assist our State industries in every way possible to prevent fire, or, in case of its occurrence, to provide the greatest degree of protection.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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APPROACHING ARMAGEDDON

The meaning of This World War, as interpreted by Elder L. E. Shipley Editor of the Star-Independent: "Dear Sir—What a calamity of this cataclysm of the nations? What means the beating of this fall of death on the quivering floor of civilization? Is it only a step in human evolution? Is it the wreck of civilization? Is it the long-expected Armageddon of Biblical prophecy?"

Yesterday this world was a neighborhood, to-day it is a slaughter house, a charnel, a cyclone, a cemetery. Yesterday there was comparative peace and prosperity, confidence, friendly intercourse and friendly relations; to-day there is turmoil and famine, distrust, hatred, malvolence, ruin, dismay, and a mutual desire to injure and to kill. Does it mean nothing to this race but the changing of a few rulers and the making of new boundary lines? It means much more. Civilization as a guarantor of peace has proved itself a broken reed. The nations that leaned upon it have been pierced by it; and the innocent victims of that trust are watering the storm-swept soil with their tears and their blood.

Centuries ago this world was warned that a time would come when the call of war would go ringing through the earth, and the nations would respond. Certain religious leaders have been teaching the world for years that we were soon to enter upon a millennium of peace. They have deluded themselves and their hearers with the belief that some of the wishes of the human heart are the very oracles of God. They have warned wars to cease, and have declared that they would cease. God has rewarded their declaration; and then they have declared that God's record of their declaration was a matter of God's own declaration to the human race of what he purposed should be. This utterance from Isaiah they have thus interpreted: "And He (God) shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more."—Isaiah 2:4.

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it? The second verse of the same chapter tells us that "It shall come to pass in the last days." Then "in the last days" we are to have tranquility and prosperity; much talk of regulating all human conduct by divine law; much talk of the church regaining its former glory; much talk of the speedy and perpetual elimination of war from the activities of this world. If we had no other proof that we are living in the last days, present-day facts fulfilling that prophesy would be proof enough. That scripture describes our times, and our times fulfill that scripture. "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty; and he shall be brought low. . . . And they shall go down into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth."—Isaiah 2:10-21.

A very different condition of things is this from the conditions which the people are looking for; but that scripture agrees perfectly with what our Saviour himself declared would be: "There is no promise there of any epoch of peace and safety. It is a time of distress and perplexity, and fear, and terror, and it leads right into the coming of the Son of God, the destruction of the wicked and the reward of the righteous."

Since Turkey has decided to throw herself into this fray, there is every possibility that this terrible struggle of the nations of the world is leading straight on toward Armageddon. While Turkey kept out and the world seemed so near. That old battle ground of the ancient nations is located in Palestine, at the foot of Mt. Sion, in the plain of Esdraelon, north of Jerusalem, accessible from north and south alike. It was the place where the gathering place of the hosts of the nations in the last mighty battles of this world.

The reason for the assembly of the nations at Armageddon seems plain when we consider the logical result of Turkey's entrance into this war. If she is driven out of Europe and forced out toward the east, the nations seem she must withdraw into Palestine. When Islam and other heathen religions come to grips with armed Christendom in the Holy Land, we shall have Armageddon. The door is now swung wide open for just such a desperate and bloody struggle.

Nay, verily; and there will be no battles fought after that, for there will be no one left to fight them. That closes the history of this present world, and leaves the wicked slain upon the earth and the righteous on their way with angelic escort to the place of their reward. Very sincerely yours, L. E. SHIPLEY, 512 Market St., Elder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Feb. 15, 1915.

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To Hold Anniversary. Members of the Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Free and Accepted Masons, will hold the forty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the lodge on Monday night, March 29, in the Masonic temple, Third and State streets.

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