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Calendar for February 1915 showing days of the week and dates.

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

WEATHER FORECASTS Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to night and Saturday, continued cool. Lowest temperature to-night about 25 degrees.



GERMANY'S REPLY The reply of Germany to the protest of the United States against Germany's war zone decree, while described in Berlin dispatches as "especially friendly," does not appear to have been accepted as such by some of the important American newspapers.

It is doubtful if Germany has any plan actually to attack American vessels that may venture into the war zone which Germany has prescribed in the waters surrounding the United Kingdom. On the contrary we believe Germany, notwithstanding her apparent defiance, will exert every precaution necessary to prevent any injury being done by her to American vessels.

FRANK JAMES' NATURAL DEATH

Most persons who follow the life of a bandit are killed while on their perilous undertakings, either by their intended victims or by officers of the law, or else they are captured alive and imprisoned and most likely doomed to die while behind the bars. The natural death, yesterday, of Frank James at his farm in Missouri is therefore an unusual event, —a rare example of the quiet end of a reckless life.

somehow, for his defiance of the laws of God and man.

CLUBS GOOD FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

School boys and girls who do not at some time or other have passionate desires to belong to clubs are rare. Sometimes they join groups already organized, but most often they start new clubs. For the formation of a club of youngsters all that is necessary is the enthusiasm of one or two boys or girls, as the case may be, and before that enthusiasm can cool, the first business meeting has been held, officers have been duly elected and "sworn in," and another club has been launched in this busy world of societies, associations, fraternities and organizations of all imaginable varieties.

Perhaps it is imitation of their elders that prompts school children to form their little groups and have meetings and pay dues. It often seems, however, as though the youngsters get more fun out of their clubs than parents and big brothers and big sisters get out of theirs. The children may, of course, devote more time to their club activities than their elders, and with fewer other things to do, they can put most of their energies into these activities.

Youngsters need something in common around which they can form their organizations, and this something may be most anything. It may be nothing more than a desire to congregate and play games and indulge in refreshments, but it is not always that. Girls occasionally form sewing circles, especially if they are under the guidance of careful and practical mothers. Boys may club together for athletic purposes, or because a number of them have a common interest such as stamp collecting.

The clubs which are organized for definite purposes may grow into very useful bodies, but few of that sort can be expected among the younger boys and girls who regard their gatherings outside of school walls as diversions and who do not always consider the pursuit of serious purposes as particularly diverting.

Among the care-free children of the grade schools clubs are generally organizations formed solely for social reasons, with no other excuse than that for existing, and no other excuse is necessary in their case.

What children learn about parliamentary law through their organizations may be negligible, but their gatherings will always have benefits if for no other reason than that they are diversions. When the Brumbaugh veto axe swings something gives way.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

HE SAW AMERICA FIRST "See America first!" didactically quoted the professor. "I have already done so," replied J. Fuller Gloom. "I was born here."—Judge.

Remember

It is wise to get rid quickly of ailments of the organs of digestion—of headache, languor, depression of spirits—the troubles for which the best corrective is



Tongue-End Topics

How the British Make Explosives How the British make their explosives is described by a writer who got permission to go through a factory now turning out much of the material used in the British and French shells. The factory grounds are connected by telephones and tram lines, says the writer, and, in addition to the buildings, there are a number of embankments. Some of the sheds are highly dangerous.

Red Is the Sign of Danger The fumes arising from the tank are only watched while the contents are cooled by means of chilled brine, forced through a coil of pipes at the bottom. Should the slightest trace of red appear, the attendant must draw the staff on the second. When ready, the crude explosive runs through lead pipes to another room. There it is allowed to settle in vats and the surface is skimmed off. If the compound has not been properly mixed, a ring of peacock green appears on the surface of the tank, and the attendants dash out of the building to save themselves if they can. The third building is devoted to the washing of the nitro-glycerine to get rid of the excess free acid. Two washings are gone through, the first in pure water agitated by compressed air jets and the second time in water to which a strong solution of soda has been added to neutralize the remaining traces of acid.

Uses of Nitro-Glycerine Nitro-glycerine is now used for many purposes in the form already reached; but to make dynamite it is taken to a fourth shed, where finely ground wood pulp and Chilean saltpetre are added. This yellowish, soapy mixture is harmless unless fired by strong concussion generally by a cap of fulminate of mercury, an explosive that goes off at the merest touch. Dynamite is rarely used in torpedoes, because gun cotton is more convenient. Some forms of it, however, enter into submarine mines.

Processes That Are Secret The making of melinite and picric acid and of trinitro-toluol, the terrible explosive used in aerial bombs, is kept from the public, while absolute secrecy surrounds the making of cordite, lyddite and the mysterious "B" powder. Not even the workmen and the chemists employed in making these explosives know the combinations into which they are mixed for service use. It is said that some of the materials turned out in the explosive factories, which employ and chemists think are absolutely necessary to the production of service charges, are not used at all. They are asked for simply to mislead possible traitors who would betray government secrets.

Career of Admiral Jellicoe No popular sailor is so little known personally to the British people as Admiral Jellicoe, yet the admiral has an adventurous record and has three times in his career recovered from wounds that were at first believed to be fatal. Jellicoe comes of a family of French extraction, and his father was a sailor. As a midshipman, he excelled his fellows in his studies and attention to duty and won nearly all the prizes offered on his training ship. He took part in the bombardment of Alexandria, fought at Tel-el-Kebir, and had a narrow escape from drowning when the Victoria sank. He also fought during the Boxer rebellion in China. As an administrator his career was no less distinguished, for he served as Director of Naval Ordnance and as Controller of the Navy.

Resembles the Late Lord Roberts A writer describes Admiral Jellicoe as a slender man below average height, with calm gray eyes and an air of perfect confidence. At the same time there is a lurking sense of humor in the lines about the eyes and mouth. In his small, wiry figure he resembles the late Lord Roberts. Admiral Jellicoe has always been immensely popular with the enlisted men of the navy, by whom he is known variously as "Jackey-Oh," "Hellfire Jack" and also as "Silent Jack," from the fact that he seldom speaks unless he wants something done.

Harrisburg Hospital The Harrisburg Hospital is open daily except Sunday, between 1 and 2 o'clock p. m. for dispensing medical advice and prescriptions to those unable to pay for them.

THE GLOBE

February Final Clearaway



We have made a readjustment of all our lines of Winter clothing, which means lower prices for Saturday's selling. Every overcoat, every Winter suit, every pair of trousers must be sold.

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\$25 Overcoats Are Reduced to \$13.75
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PEOPLE'S COLUMN
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Three Big Questions
Editor the Star-Independent: Dear Sir—What can America do to stop the war?

Iron, Quinine & Strychnine Gorgas' 50¢ Bottle
Use as a tonic - take a teaspoonful as directed until you feel tip top
A. Wiseman, M.D.

Noted Magician Will Appear in Fahnstock Hall This Evening
One of the best entertainments of the season will be that of this evening in Fahnstock hall, when Ambrose Jeffries, of New York, the celebrated magician, will appear in the Y. M. C. A. Star Course. This will be the second number and doubtless, the most popular of the three. Mr. Jeffries will introduce during the evening several new and mysterious tricks, as well as delusions. As a magician he is renowned, and ranks with the best now appearing before the public. All who are fond of this style of entertainment should not fail to be present. Single admission tickets may be purchased at the box office this evening. Adv.

Communicants' Class to Meet
The second of the Friday night lectures on "The Foundations of the Christian Faith" will be given this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Market Square church by the minister, the Rev. William B. Cooke. Following the first subject, "I Believe in God," the second subject to be given to-night will be "Our Lord Jesus." All are welcome to these services, which are intended especially for new church members.

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