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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: Probably rain to-night and Wednesday.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 53; lowest, 33; 8 a. m., 34; 8 p. m., 49.

FIGHTING FOR PEACE OR PIECES?

A common assumption is that the nations are at war in order to obtain permanent peace founded upon a fair adjustment of national claims.

The cry from wielders of the pen among the beligerents of late is that the nations are so intent upon fighting for lasting peace that they have no concern for territorial expansion.

The German and the Frenchman agree delightfully on the purpose of the conflict, and their only little point of difference seems to be concerning which side shall dictate the terms of the madly desired peace.

M. Guyot scorns the idea that the Allies should wish to enrich themselves territorially as a consequence of the war.

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has been aptly called "the first roster of an absurd Yankee imitation of the French Academy."

The suggestion has been facetiously made that an Academy of Arts and Sciences in this country might be all right if each Congressman were to nominate a member, thus having every state in the Union represented in the enrollment on the basis of population.

The election of Fellows to an American Academy solely on the basis of their achievements in arts and sciences would be no easy thing. Contemporary men of letters might perhaps be selected for honors whose books have had the biggest sales, yet just the other day a hard-hearted publisher came along with a statement that best sellers are best sellers not because they are especially well written but because they are especially well advertised, and it may be that he is right.

An incorporated organization of a limited number of men, no matter how carefully selected for proposed immortality, would hardly be of much account in this country anyway. There would no doubt be included in the membership scholars and investigators whom the general public never knew anything about and never will, while there would probably be omitted many names of novelists and short story writers which are very familiar ones in American homes where current magazines and books are read.

NEED OF CONSCRIPTION IN BRITAIN

Dr. John C. Simpson, of Washington, D. C., for eighteen years associated as a nerve specialist with the government hospital for the insane in Georgetown, D. C., was a Harrisburg visitor yesterday and had some very interesting things to relate regarding the way news of the declaration of war with Germany was received in London last July and also concerning subsequent events in the British capital.

One of the things that impressed Dr. Simpson most is what he regards as the need of a conscription law in Great Britain. He said that one evidence of the lack of a compulsory military law there is the fact that great numbers of able-bodied men, who live more by their wits than by honest toil, are remaining at home in certain sections of London while the middle class workers and the aristocrats are the ones who are enlisting.

One result of this condition is that the best men of England are giving their lives in the trenches while the gamblers, petty crooks and drones are remaining at home in idleness. In the ranks of the soldiers who marched through London on the way to the front Dr. Simpson saw for the most part earnest, determined men,—men going to war for the principles involved.

Thus it can be seen that the lack of a compulsory military service law in Great Britain is a disadvantage to that nation not alone for the reason that it deprives the country of a trained reserve force that could be drawn on at the will of the government as in countries that have conscription laws.

Watch Harrisburg trees grow after the arrival of the City Forester on Monday!

It is well for the enlightenment of the public that some of the Froth column "Poetry" is labeled as such.

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TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

WHILE THEY FAIL "These anti-kissing crusades always fail."

HARD ON THE PICTURE MAN "There are some very ugly features in this case."

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION

Catarrh 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 tissue, and leads to consumption.

Tongue-End Topics

A Samaritan Old Samaria has vanished from the world's map, but, thanks to a certain Jew whose great heart could discern real brotherly love whether in Jew or Gentile, the term Good Samaritan endures and will endure as an epithet describing the man who practices true Christian charity.

Case of an Unfortunate Girl

In a distant county, a young girl, feeble-minded and unfortunate, left her home and wandering aimlessly about, at last strayed to Harrisburg. Here she was cared for at the almshouse, pending arrangements with her home county for her return.

He Demands a Drink First

The necessary business transacted, the pair set out to find their way to the almshouse where they were to rejoin their unfortunate relative. Realizing their comparative helplessness in a strange city, hampered by their imperfect command of our language, an old gentleman came forward and undertook to see them aboard the right car.

Substitutes Ginger Ale

In the first place our hero is a teetotaler of the first water, and could not endure the thought of giving the man his way. In the next place, he felt it would be a disgrace to Dauphin county not to see to it that the stranger committed to its charge by another county remained sober while its guest. He acted promptly. Spying a soda fountain, he conducted thither his thirsty protégés, and so plied them with ginger ale that no capacity remained for stronger drink.

Grumbles Over the Meal

Accordingly the visitors were personally conducted to the almshouse. Having eaten supper with much grumbling over the absence of his favorite native dishes the county's guest flatly refused to remain there and insisted upon returning to the city streets. Back to the city they came, their number augmented to four by the addition of the feeble-minded girl, and the visitors entered upon the enjoyment of the evening of their lives.

"Movies" Solve the Problem

Immediately they were marshaled to a lunch room where their wants were supplied. Next followed an inspection of the principal city streets. However, this could not be protracted so as to consume all the interval till train time; and the guests were casting longing eyes toward the various bars along the route. What was to be done? Emboldened by the emergency, our strategist took a daring resolution: "The Movies!" The crisis was grave and admitted no delay. To the picture show he conducted his singular group of sightseers—and the "Movies" did the rest. The reels held them enthralled till train time; and they left Dauphin county sober and quite satisfied with their entertainment. The Samaritan had fought a good fight and had won out.

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Repudiated

"I am a self-made man," said Mr. Cumrox. "Didn't your wife have something to do with your career?" "She used to say so. But after seeing how I behaved in society she refused to take any of the blame."

NEW DEATH CHAIR INITIATED TO-DAY

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his face lifted and shining, a scarlet stole folded in his left hand against his breast.

As Second Shock Was Turned on At the second shock a tiny corkscrew of blue smoke as faint as that which might arise from a cigarette, went up from the left leg of the man in the chair, drifted up through the metal dome above the chair.

The priest had spent the entire night in the doomed man's cell. Talap had confessed the murder. When he entered the room a foot or two ahead of the doomed man he was whispering the litany for the dead.

Engine of Death Set in Motion Warden Francis was not a witness at the execution. Prison keepers are usually opposed to capital punishment. The deputies and the experts who installed the chair and the general equipment had spent most of the night brooding the great gasoline engine in the power room immediately under the row of six death cells.

Every circuit had been tested. When the power plant was set going at 6.30 this morning the muffled uproar penetrated upward through the steel and concrete floor.

Talap who at that instant was on his knees stopped praying to cry. He refused to eat any breakfast. It was eleven and a half minutes after seven when the chief keeper of the death house entered his cell.

"It's time, John," he said. "Yes," said Talap, uncertain and looked at the priest.

The March to Fatal Chair "This way, John," the priest said, and the march began over the twenty-one feet of corridor that intervenes between the six death cells and the chair. Talap had cried during most of the night. He refused to sleep. He had been brought up from the Norristown jail last Monday handcuffed to a detective and under the eye of Sheriff Schwartz, of Montgomery county.

Talap following immediately on the heels of the young priest, walked wearily and seemed to have difficulty in moving his feet. A deputy warden supported him at each elbow. A touch on his arm wheeled him to the chair, planted to the right of the door. Then he looked down and got his first sight of the terrible instrument. He permitted the attendants to pack him to the seat in the chair. He sat with his head thrown back and his eyes partly closed for about forty seconds before his face was hidden by the leather mask.

Arrangements Quickly Completed The last buckle was fixed in one minute and ten seconds. A hurried re-examination of every part and buckle took fifty seconds. A deputy warden's handkerchief flashed behind his back and then a man at the switchboard immediately behind the chair to the right snapped a switch.

Talap's body was taken to the autopsy room. After the usual examination it was turned over to a Bellefonte undertaker and will be buried at Norristown. Talap's two children, who live in Norristown, did not visit him after his sentence. He shot his wife, he said, because of jealousy.

Andrew Malinowski, of Pittsburgh, also sentenced for wife murder, is an occupant of a death cell. He was sentenced to be executed this week but at the last minute was granted a reprieve to March 28.

Others to Be Electrocuted A number of other men now under sentence of death in this State will be brought from the various counties to the Rockview death house and will be dispatched.

There is a possibility that some change may be made in the death house in order to bring the power from an outside plant and thus obviate the preliminary horrors that attend the starting up of the power plant in the building itself. The chair is in a room 26x29 feet of steel and concrete which has no other article of furniture.

A Philadelphia electrician pulled the switch that sent the current into Talap in order to make account certain. He represented the contractors and, according to the rule, his name was withheld by the authorities.

Good Advice

A man advertised recently in a London paper to forward on receipt of postage stamps "sound practical advice that would be applicable at any time and to all persons and conditions of life."

On receipt of the stamps he sent his numerous victims the following: "Never give a penny to hold your shadow while you climb a tree to look into the middle of next week."

How To Get Rid of a Bad Cough

A Home-Made Remedy that Will Do It Quickly, Cheap and Easily Made

If you have a bad cough or chest cold which refuses to yield to ordinary remedies, get from any druggist 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth), pour into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Start taking the teaspoonful every hour or two. In 24 hours your cough will be conquered or very nearly so. Even whooping cough is greatly relieved in this way.

The above mixture makes a full pint—a family supply—of the finest cough syrup that money could buy—at a cost of only 64 cents. Easily prepared in 5 minutes. Full directions with Pinex.

This Pinex and Sugar Syrup preparation takes right hold of a cough and gives almost immediate relief. It loosens the dry, hoarse or tight cough in a way that is really remarkable. Also quickly breaks the inflamed membrane which accompany a painful cough, and stops the formation of phlegm in the throat and bronchial tubes, thus ending the persistent loose cough. Excellent for bronchitis, spasmodic croup and winter coughs. Keeps perfectly and tastes good—children like it.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, rich in gualic acid, which is so healing to the membranes.

To avoid disappointment, ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex,"—do not accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart

Additional 25c Sale News on Page 10

Glassware Specials 50c ten-inch Colonial glass footed fruit bowls. Special Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

Dresser Covers 18x36, 18x45 and 18x54 bureau and dresser covers, 50c value. Special for Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

Moth Proof Bags Odorless and cedarized moth-proof bags, sizes for overcoats and suits. Special Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

Table Napkins Hemmed mercerized napkins, 18x18 inches, formerly 75c a dozen. Special for Wednesday, 6 for . . . . . 25c

Automobile Supplies 75c can of Carbonax for removing carbon from engine cylinders. Special Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

White Ratine 17c white ratine, 28 inches wide. Special for Wednesday only, 4 yards for . . . 25c

39c rubber sleeve protectors. Special Wednesday only, pair, . . . . . 25c

Pajama Checks 17c white pajama checks; 36 inches wide. Special for Wednesday only, 3 yards for . . . . . 25c

Miscellany Three 8-foot 10c clothes props. Special Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

White Crepe 19c white crepe voile, 40 inches wide. Special for Wednesday only, 2 yards for . . . . . 25c

Two 15c galvanized water pails. Special Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

Royal Waists \$1.00 Royal waists; small sizes; none exchanged. Special for Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

49c 8-quart granite Berlin kettles. Special Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

\$1.00 Shirts, 25c Men's negligee plaited and stiff bosom shirts in colors and white; \$1.00 value. Special for Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

Eight packs 5c Adams or Wrigley's chewing gum. Special Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

Children's Toques 50c toques and \$1.00 knit golf hats. Special for Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

Sixty crochet bed spreads; hemmed for use; size 68x78 inches. One to a customer. Special for Wednesday only, . . . . . 25c

Men's Handkerchiefs Men's 4c plain hemstitched handkerchiefs. Special for Wednesday only, 12 for 25c

7c toweling, 17 inches wide. Special for Wednesday only, 6 for . . . . . 25c

Men's Suspenders Men's suspenders, made from 25c and 50c elastic lisle webbing. Special for Wednesday only, 3 pair, . . . . . 25c

25c touch wood scarf pins, tie clasps and watch fobs. Special for Wednesday only, 2 for 25c

Children's Hose 2 Pair for 25c Children's white and black seamless lisle hose, seconds of 25c grades. Special Wednesday only, 2 pair for . . . 25c

An Old Larch Tree Italy can boast of a larch tree the age of which is estimated to be 2,000 years. It is situated on the northern flank of Mont Cetip in the direction of the huts of Pian Veni, above Courmayeur, a few steps from the footpath that skirts the limits of the meadow land. Due allowance being made for the extreme slowness with which the larch grows, for the altitude above sea level (1,650 meters) at which it is rooted and for its northerly exposure in the near neighborhood of the glacier, where the cycle of its development is barely five months every year, this venerable larch, untouched alike by woodman's ax and thunderbolt, cannot be less than 2,000 years old.—Scotsman.

Holland's Waterstaat Holland has a department of state, with a cabinet minister at the head of it, for her "waterstaat," an untranslatable word, which means practically the state of all waters from the field drain in the polders to the Rhine at winter level. They are all linked up in one scheme in an office at The Hague.—London Express.

If You Are Nervous and are losing weight, we recommend that you take Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion containing Elyophosphite for a short time. A prescription which we gladly endorse. George A. Gorges.