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MOON'S PHASES—Full Moon, 1st, 31st; Last Quarter, 8th; New Moon, 15th; First Quarter, 23d.

WEATHER FORECASTS Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to night and Tuesday. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to night and Tuesday. Moderate northwest winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 39; lowest, 22; 8 a. m., 23; 8 p. m., 35.

"MOVIE" MEN FIGHT CENSORSHIP The Motion Picture Exhibitors' League of Pennsylvania, which was organized in the convention of exhibitors held in this city last January, is about to have introduced in the House of Representatives a bill calling for the repeal of the law which created the present state board of censors which has been actually at work since last June.

The advocates of the repeal of the censorship law contend that the screen pictures can be kept decent without censorship. They say that a warrant can be sworn out for any manufacturer or exhibitor who puts out indecent pictures. They maintain, moreover, that the censoring of motion picture cur-tails free expression and that there is no more reason why pictures should be censored than that the matter printed in newspapers should all be sub-jected first to a board of censors for their approval.

The exhibitors take the ground that the decent theatre men will eliminate improper pictures voluntarily, and that the indecent theatre men will be curbed by public sentiment and be compelled by that influence to show only what is proper. The public itself constitutes a board of censorship, the picture men maintain, which is of sufficient influ-ence to cause the elimination of improper pictures in the few cases where indecent exhibitors may try to present such pictures.

The Legislature will do well to consider the argu-ments of the motion picture men when it takes up the repealer for consideration. Pennsylvania is one of the very few states that have legalized censorship of films, and if the exhibitors can prove that cen-sorship in this state has done little more than to place an increased financial burden on the men who provide this most important kind of popular-priced amusement, the law-makers would do well to re-move the burden. There are a great many motion picture theatres in the state that are struggling for ex-istence by reason of federal, state and municipal taxes, and they are entitled to be relieved of the financial burden of censorship if it can be shown that censorship is superfluous.

GASOLINE SHORTAGES IMPROBABLE It is surely a satisfaction to learn of the successful development by Dr. Rittman, chemical engineer of the Bureau of Mines, of processes intended to in-crease gasoline output two hundred per cent, and to produce bases for dyes and high explosives from crude petroleum, not solely on account of the par-ticular importance at the present time of the dis-coversies, but to a large extent because Dr. Rittman in his researches has been working for the United States government and now intends, after patenting his processes, to dedicate them to the American people.

Our government does not give all the encourage-ment it should, perhaps, to the carrying on of scien-tific research work for the finding of more simple and more economical ways of doing things, yet what appropriations are made for such purposes seem to be bringing splendid results. It is in the labora-tories of a country, through long successions of pa-tiently conducted experiments in which failures are plentiful and successes rare, that manufactur-

ing processes are worked out and the quality and quantity of the products of industries determined. Investigators in the laboratories of private corpora-tions make valuable discoveries and monopolies re-sult. Government scientists develop important pro-cesses and they are "free for the use of all," as Secretary Lane puts it. With the demand for gasoline for motor cars, motor boats and stationary engines now increasing rapidly, the development of the process for multi-plied production surely comes opportunely. Fear has been expressed at times that sources of gasoline supplies might be exhausted with a continuance of the great demands, but the assurance now comes from Secretary Lane that the new process gives hope that there will be no shortage at any future time, and that it will not only be of value to refiners with limited capital but also to the users of the product who patronize the industry to the extent of from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 annually.

NATIONAL DEFENSE INVOLVED

The process discovered by Dr. Rittman for ob-taining from crude petroleum the necessary ingredi-ents for high explosives which have formerly been imported from Germany and England where they are made from coal tar, has special importance with respect to the matter of our national defense, at least theoretically. We are fortunate in not having a strong demand in this country for high explosives with which to annihilate enemies, yet should such a demand ever arise we would not now be dependent on importations for supplies of the ingredients.

Germany, according to reports, is now in such a position that, although it cannot freely get raw materials for the manufacture of explosives, it has nevertheless the ingenuity of skilled scientists upon which to depend for the development of processes by which needed products can be obtained from chemicals of which the empire has a plentiful supply.

The laboratories conducted by the United States government are not now pressed by any immediate need for the discovery of processes for the manu-facture of high explosives, yet it is well that re-searches are progressing with slowness and surer-ness that results may be available whenever needed.

The report from Washington of the valuable dis-covery is another slap at the pessimism of the patent office employee who some decades ago resigned from his position because he feared that all possible dis-coveries had already been made, and that the patent office would soon have to close up for lack of ad-ditional entries.

March came in rather lamblike, after all, so look out for a lionlike wind-up!

Although the British fleet is engaged in the dangerous pursuit of shelling Turkish forts, the American housewife will be soon engaged in the less hazardous task of shell-ing peas.

One of the important questions that doubtless will be discussed when the Legislature reassembles to-night after its ten days' rest, is: "When will it be time to take another vacation?"

A gratifying thing in connection with the shifting of the scene of the war activities to the Dardanelles is that it is easier to say "Killid Bahr" and "Kum Kalassi" than "Przemysl" and "Rzasnysz."

The discovery of the remains of a dinosaur which had 2,000 teeth reminds those of us who dread going to the dentist of how fortunate we are that we are descended from monkeys rather than from dinosaurs.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

MRS. METHUSELAH'S TROUBLES Mrs. Methuselah sighed wearily. "That's the four hundred and thirteenth cook that has left us in the last 600 years," she protested. "This servant question is getting on my nerves."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

NOT ALWAYS COMPELLED TO "Do you subscribe to the old theory that the criminal always returns to the scene of the crime?" "Not always," replied the sure-enough detective. "Sometimes the extradition papers won't hold."—Kansas City Journal.

A SOUTH JERSEY SINGER Mrs. Ray S. Turner, of Lower Creek, has a pet hen, and every morning when she gets up the hen flies on the table in the shed and looks in the window to see her. Mrs. Turner then lets her in the house, and while she is doing her housework the hen will follow her around the room and in the cellar, singing. She repeats this visit six or seven times a day. In a nest under the kitchen table she has laid seven eggs.—Salem Sunbeam.

JUST IN TIME "Yes, I took out an accident-insurance policy to-day. These slippery sidewalks got on my nerves." "But the policy won't keep you from slipping." "No; but if I do slip and fall I'll get \$25 a week as long as I'm disabled." "I'm so glad you got the insurance, George; because I gave your new rubbers to-day to a poor man who said his shoes leaked."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TRIBUTATIONS OF AN ACTOR On a certain Thursday night a prominent actor was play-ing Napoleon Bonaparte in a big metropolitan theatre. The scene was the evening before the battle of Waterloo, and as the great general meditatively walked before the tents with folded arms intense silence reigned in every part of the house. Finally Napoleon spoke. "To-morrow will be—"

Here he made a short pause to emphasize the situation, but the sentence was not to be left long in a doubtful state of incompleteness. "To-morrow will be Friday!" distinctly supplemented a deep bass voice in the top gallery and great applause loudly rang while Napoleon wildly glared.—Philadelphia Tele-graph.

FARMER'S VIEW OF IT Quiet and confident, the young traveler for the patent fertilizer determined to sound Farmer Filbert as to his firm's latest product. But the farmer saw him coming among the turnips, and knew him and his ilk of old.

"No, young fellow," he finished up, after a lengthy argu-ment. "These new fangled ideas don't appeal to me. Nothing can beat the old natural fertilizer." "Good heavens, sir!" exclaimed the exasperated young patent-pusher. "The day is coming when a man will be able to carry enough fertilizer for an acre of land in his watch pocket!" "Maybe he will, my boy," allowed Filbert, as he chewed a fresh straw. "And I reckon he'll be able to carry the crop in the same pocket, too!"—Exchange.

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Tongue-End Topics

Girl's Description of a Battle A letter received by an English family in London from a daughter serving as a Red Cross nurse in Flanders gives a thrilling glimpse of a girl's life on the Nienport-Dixmude line.

"We had a lively day of shelling on Monday," she writes. "At about 10.30, whiz-bang! just outside our house, and all our glass came shattering down. whiz-bang! another, and another, and yet another. Just then the Belgian doctor came in and told us we had better go into the cellar. We went down into the cold, damp cellar and stood about on bits of wood and coal, and listened to the continued whiz, bang and crash of big shells. The noise was pretty near deafening, and they must have plumped in about 100. Out of all that lot luckily we only got two wounded men—a priest, wounded by a flying bit in the face, and a soldier. It was extremely lucky that on that day the trenches opposite our house were not occupied or there would have been many killed and wounded."

No Place For Hobbie Skirts Continuing her letter on the follow-ing day, the writer says: "The big cannoneade is still going on. There must be a tremendous battle. I am hoping they are gaining ground, and that we shall soon move on down the road. I should just love to move forward into Brussels. The weather has been truly awful lately; nothing but rain. I live in knee-high rubber boots and my oil-skins. I am sure I will never be able to go back to hobbie skirts and 'fash-ionable sides', as our American nurse says."

Difficulties of Motoring "We are thinking of going to Furnes for the afternoon, just for a joy ride. We have been hard at it for nearly a fortnight without a break, so we think of going in. You have no idea what a pleasure a trundle into Furnes is, when you have not done a thing but remain in two smelly, dingy posts, day in and day out. I will tell you what the pleasure consisted of: Getting into a motor-ambulance that has seen its best days, and trundling over broken, holey roads that nearly jolt one's inside out; probably at least once, and perhaps more, sticking in the deep mud, and all having to get out and push and shove to get the car out, and eventually arriv-ing at Furnes but it all seems so new and interesting after a desolate town. Then a mad rush back again, over the same bumpy, holey road and home to our tumbled-down cottage. Yet you have no idea what a great treat it seems to us."

The Finest Hospital Ship The British Red Cross hospital ship Asturias, which the Allies assert was subjected to a submarine attack, is by far the finest hospital ship in the British service. It plies between Havre and Southampton. In the old days, the ship was in the South American passen-ger service and was noted for its luxu-rious accommodations and steady-ness in rough weather. Luxurious fit-tings are now cleared away, but nothing has been lost on the side of com-fort. There are twelve hundred swing-ing beds for the wounded, who receive every care possible in a land hospital. While surgical operations at sea are generally avoided on hospital ships, unless of a minor kind, the operating theatre of the Asturias is so well equip-ped that many serious cases are handled there. The Asturias is painted white with green stripes and carries a huge square cross painted in red amidships on both sides. At night, the red cross is illuminated by electric lights and can be seen clearly from a long distance. Besides the doctors and orderlies there are twenty women nurses aboard.

Making Use of Captured Guns All the machine-guns captured from the Germans by the British troops in France and Flanders are being brought to England for distribution among the new army units at their training camps. The guns are very similar to those used in the British army, and are being used for instruction purposes.

At the Victoria To-day Episode 5, of the great serial story, "Runaway June," is being shown to-day. It is filled with scenes of unusual interest which carries humor and pathos direct to every patron. To-morrow the complete solution of the "Million Dollar Mystery" will be the specially at-traction feature and the winner of the \$10,000 prize will positively be shown.—Adv.

AMUSEMENTS

Free Moving Pictures every evening 7 to 11 p. m., Palace Confectionery, 225 Market street.

C. V. NEWS

HAGERSTOWN GETS READY FOR REVIVAL CAMPAIGN

Ministers Devote Sermons To Advocating Endorsement of Evangelistic Season—Dr. William E. Biederwolf Will Open First Service on Easter

Hagerstown, Md., March 1.—A number of sermons were preached yesterday by Hagerstown ministers in advocacy of the seven weeks' revival which Rev. Dr. Wm. E. Biederwolf will conduct here, beginning Easter Sunday, in a large tabernacle seating 8,000 persons, now in course of erection.

About half of the local ministers, especially of the Lutheran, Reformed and Episcopal denominations, will take no active part in the campaign. The Rev. George B. Townsend, in the First Christian church, preached on why the Biederwolf campaign was needed here.

In the First Brethren Church, the Rev. M. A. Witter, of Waynesboro, Pa., told of the after effects of the Bieder-wolf campaign in Waynesboro.

The Rev. Dr. A. B. Statton, in St. Paul's United Brethren Church, preach-ed on the purpose of the campaign here.

The Rev. Gordon I. Bider, in Grace United Brethren Church, told why his congregation would co-operate with the campaign.

In the First Baptist Church, the Rev. E. K. Thomas preached on "The Why and the How of the Biederwolf Cam-paign."

The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Pate, in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, preached on the need of a revival in Hagerstown.

TO SELECT COLLEGE HEAD

Committee Has Been Named To Recom-mend Name Of New President Of Dickinson

Carlisle, March 1.—To formally fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Eugene Allen Noble, former head of the institution, the members of the Board of Trustees of Dickinson College, at a recent session appointed a commit-tee taken from their members to exam-ine into the qualifications of the vari-ous applicants for the position and to make a report with recommendations as soon as possible.

On this committee are Rev. Bishop Joseph F. Berry, Philadelphia, chair-man; Rev. Dr. Frank B. Lynch, Phila-delphia, Rev. Dr. Charles W. Straw, Alexandria Simpson, Jr., Philadelphia, Frank C. Bosler, Carlisle, Body Lee Spahr, Philadelphia, and J. Henry Baker, Baltimore.

GIRL GRADS TO MAKE CLOTHES

School Board Determined to Eliminate Commencement Extravagance Hagerstown, Md., March 1.—The County School Board, in order to put a stop to extravagant dress, has deter-mined to require the members of the graduating class of the Hagerstown Fe-male High School to make their graduat-ing gowns this year with their own hands. The young ladies will have the assistance of Miss Elizabeth Brown, the domestic science teacher in the high school.

All of the gowns will be made of the same inexpensive material—white goods—and there will be no elaborate trimmings. It is thought the dresses can be made for \$5 or \$6 each.

County School Superintendent W. Merrick Huxett stated that because the matter of dress run riot in former years the School Board had decided to adopt the innovation of having each graduate make her own simple gown.

Young People To Hold Contests Gettysburg, March 1.—Members of the Young People's Branch, one of the most recently organized and most active temperance organizations in the town, are preparing to conduct a series of medal contests in Gettysburg and vari-ous parts of the county during the com-ing weeks. Arrangements for the first of these will be made on Tuesday after-noon at four o'clock when boys and girls from 12 to 16 years are will-ing to take part are asked to meet in the lecture room of the College Luth-eran church.

Waynesboro Nurse At Exposition Waynesboro, March 1.—Miss Beulah Bretzler, daughter of Constable W. E. Bretzler, Penn street, was the sixth person to register in the Pennsylvania building at the Panama exposition in San Francisco.

Miss Bretzler, who is a trained nurse, in private practice in San Francisco, has written home a glowing account of the splendors of the exposition. She expects to visit Waynesboro dur-ing the summer.

Bank Barn Burned Chambersburg, March 1.—The large bank barn on the farm of M. H. Brandt, tenanted by his son William Brandt, was completely destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. A hog pen and corn crib were also destroyed. The flames started in the straw stack and quickly spread to the barn. The farm is lo-cated near Scotland.

ASKED TO INDICT OFFICIALS

Pottsville, March 1.—Judge C. N. Brumm, who will have charge of the Grand Jury for the March term of criminal court, was yesterday asked by C. F. Foley, labor leader, in a communica-tion by mail, to have Mayor Pierce Mortimer and Commissioners Hugh Dolan, J. H. Nichter, James Shellbaker and A. L. Eckert, of the city of Potts-ville, indicted for numerous alleged misdemeanors in office.

Foley offers to appear in person be-fore the Grand Jury, with a number of other witnesses, to substantiate the charges. Among the violations of law alleged are failure to appoint a building inspector and sealer of weights and measures, all of which appointments have been vainly demanded by the Pottsville Central Labor Union.

Mayor Mortimer contends that it is optional with him to fill these offices or leave them vacant. Foley also charges other alleged violations of law, among them being a charge of city property was loaned to a contractor outside the city limits, without any written memo-randa on the minutes of council, as re-quired by the act of 1913.

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.)

EXITS AND ENTRANCES

As inspectors of the Department of Labor and Industry have been making inspections throughout the State, they have observed frequently a lack of at-tention to exits, entrances and passage-ways. Too often too little attention has been given to see that these places are free from obstructions, or would offer danger in case the occupants of a build-ing, panic-stricken by fire or accident, would make a rush for the outside. Frequently passageways have been used as store houses. Ladders, standing or lying down, cleaning apparatus, tools, trunks, boxes and refuse of all kinds are left there. No thought is given to the fact that these articles might cause people on occasions of excitement, to stumble and fall. Others pressing on be-hind them would trip over them, and serious injury might result to many per-sons.

Two instances, which were noticed recently during inspections of factories by inspectors of the Department of Labor and Industry, are worthy of note:

In one case, an inspector was on the upper floor of a factory building and he noticed a door leading out to an overhead bridge to another building. On testing the door latch, he found this open, and started to walk across the bridge. The manager, who was accom-panying him at that time, became very much excited, and calling loudly, said: "Come back. Don't go out there; there are some broken boards on that bridge, and you might fall through."

The fact that this bridge was in a dangerous condition was something which never should have been permit-ted. Any employee who had no knowl-edge of this condition might have, un-noticed, made an attempt to walk across that bridge. His ignorance, of which he could not be blamed, might have cost him his life. Until repairs had been made so that the bridge was safe, all doors leading to it should have been nailed or fastened shut to prevent possible danger to any person.

In another instance a factory was located in the second and third floors of a building, and the only stairway for exit and entrance ran from the sec-ond story to the street at the side of a store room. Immediately in front of the stairway at the bottom, and directly behind the entrance door, was located an elevator shaft. Persons who entered and left that building had to use this stairway, and were in danger of being hurt by the elevator, as they had to pass directly over the floor of the ele-vator if it was at the street level. If the elevator had been descending at the time a person opened the door to enter the stairway, one step forward would no doubt have meant instant death to that person. Likewise, there was a similar danger to people leaving the building by this stairway, unless they had made special note of the location of the elevator. Such a condition was unexcusable, and instructions were im-mediately given the management to

YOUNG MINISTERS ORDAINED

United Evangelical Conference Four Candidates at Service Bethlehem, Pa., March 1.—Four young men were ordained into the Evangelical ministry at an impressive service in Emmanuel church yesterday. The ordination was in connection with the twenty-first annual United Evan-gelical conference now in session here.

Bishop W. Foulke performed the ordina-tion rite, assisted by Bishop W. F. Srengle and the three presiding elders. The ordination sermon was preached by Bishop Foulke.

Those who received preaching or-ders are W. W. Wirand, of Maplewood, Wayne county; John Smith, of Lans-ford; E. Lehman, of New York City, and F. G. Yost, of Sunbury.

Member of O. U. A. M. Sixty Years Marietta, March 1.—The funeral of George Rudiell, held this afternoon from his late home, was very largely attended. The Rev. H. B. Pulsifer, of the Episcopal church, officiated. The pallbearers were members of the vestry. The service of the Order United Amer-ican Mechanics, of which he was a member over 60 years, was read at the grave.

ANNOUNCEMENT I have arranged with C. A. Stouffer, of Broad street, to have on sale daily at my store a full line of Fresh and Smoked Meats, Smoked Fish, Poultry, Delicatessen and Home Baking. OPENING DAYS Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 4, 5, 6. You are invited to call and inspect our entire line. Fine and Staple Groceries. S. S. POMEROY MARKET SQUARE. CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$600,000.00. 3% PAID ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. A Small Beginning. There is nothing more important in any undertaking than a proper start and it is a well known fact that practically every achievement of any importance started with a very small beginning. No matter how little money you are able to set aside each month from your earnings you should set aside something and deposit it at interest in a strong financial institution. We invite savings accounts of \$1.00 and upwards. MECHANICS TRUST COMPANY HARRISBURG, PA.