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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 weather to-night and Thursday with not much change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair weather to-night and Thursday. Moderate north winds.

### YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG

Highest, 45; lowest, 30; 8 a. m., 35; 8 p. m., 40.

### POLICE WORK OF KIND THAT COUNTS

There have, of course, from time to time been circumstances which have justified severe criticism of the certain sins of omission or commission in the New York Police Department, but it is a mistake to conclude that because some sore spots have at various times been discovered in that great big organization that the whole structure of the department is rotten. Instances of widespread graft crop out every once in a while and, less frequently, a Becker case, and these things receive so much prominence in the newspapers that the public, from a distance, is likely to get the idea that a New York copper is good for nothing save to swing his nightstick at a street corner or to hold out his palm to be crossed. Such an absurd notion has, of course, been disproved by a thousand and one incidents, not always aired so much in the newspapers, in which New York policemen have proved their bravery and that some of them are possessed of rare intelligence in the detection or prevention of crime.

The public must admit, for instance, that the capture yesterday of an anarchist about to blow up the magnificent St. Patrick's Cathedral while 800 persons were worshipping there, and the seizure of another man together with the uncovering of a deep-aid plot to murder the Rockefellers and Carnegie and then to shatter with dynamite some of the big banks in Wall Street, constituted a rather clever bit of sleuthing.

While no one believes that the anarchist band would have been able to carry out anything like the whole of their fanciful plot, there is no doubt the plans of a very dangerous group of criminals were discovered in time to prevent at least the partial destruction of the cathedral and the probable sacrifice of many lives. This detective work compares favorably with any in police annals of the world and it was done by plain clothes men of the New York Police Department, who lived among the anarchists for weeks in order to gain the confidence of the criminals and lay bare the whole scheme.

There have been rotten streaks in the New York Police Department and there may be rotten streaks here now, but that does not alter the fact that it is a grave injustice to condemn the whole organization for the sins of some grafters whom the New York political system presents honest heads of the department from ousting until some such scandal as the Becker case develops.

If all the New York Police were crooks or grafters, such a clever bit of sleuthing as that which culminated yesterday could never have been accomplished.

### ENDING WAR WITH BAMBOO STICKS

So many important things are happening abroad these days and so many momentous events are likely to take place at any time, that the temptation is a strong one for persons inclined to utter mystic prophecies to get busy exerting their powers. These persons are telling the world, or more strictly speaking that part of the world which has superstition or sense of humor enough to listen, what fate has in store for the different belligerents and even that length of time the conflict will continue.

The major prophets and the minor prophets who have been rising up out of obscurity and seeking to make the day's news stale by telling of events which will happen in the future, get their information from the stars, or from cards, or from sacred bamboo sticks, or from any other of the prolific

sources of prophecies. One source is possibly as good as another, since the imagination of the prophets is, after all, the principal factor in the framing of accounts of future happenings.

The prophecy has come, for instance, from one Don-Show Kodama that before April 1, significant date—the German navy will be crushed in a great battle in the North Sea, the war will terminate with the United States acting as mediator and his country will then "have supreme power in the world." If any other time than All Fools' Day had been set by the well-meaning prophet we might be induced to consider his statement seriously, so assertive is it in tone. As things are, Don-Show at least deserves our respect because of the faith he and his bamboo sticks have put in the powers of United States, faith like that of the discriminating persons from whom the suggestion has come that control of Palestine be given to this country in order that conditions there may be properly improved.

Sane predictions as to the outcome of the war, based on careful study of existing conditions and broad knowledge of preceding events, can of course be taken more seriously than flighty prophecies having their foundations on fancy. Yet even doctors and professors who think soundly and speak authoritatively may not come any nearer the truth than the wielders of bamboo sticks, for after all a great deal of guess work is involved in the foretelling of events under any circumstances, and the fortunes and misfortunes of war may be the means of shattering even what may seem the safest of foundations for the logicians.

### SOME JOBS THAT GO BEGGING

Because the constitutionality of the New York Anti-Alien Labor law forbidding the employment of alien labor on public works was affirmed by the Court of Appeals, and since alien labor is nevertheless necessary to carry on the work on the new subways in New York City, it is promised that a bill will this week be passed by the New York legislature repealing the law, and thus permitting contractors under certain conditions to continue their operations with the aid of the foreigners.

The strange thing about the anti-alien controversy in New York is that after the court had upheld the constitutionality of the law, and after 10,000 foreigners at work on the city improvements had in consequence been disqualified for their humble positions, the contractors asserted that they would have to import labor from the South to take the places of the aliens. This in spite of the reports in circulation that New York City's army of unemployed has reached during the Winter the number of 500,000.

The answer is not that the 500,000 are all aliens and therefore ineligible for jobs on the city improvements. Many are, of course, foreigners, but the rest are Americans, many of whom have trades in which they cannot now find employment, and who, strangely enough, appear to be unwilling to dig in the subway pending the time when they can get better jobs.

Their attitude, whether justified or not, emphasizes the dependence on the aliens who are able to do nothing but common labor, and shows the necessity for giving these submissive workers the jobs for which Americans disdain to apply even when in urgent need of employment and even when the bread lines are all too long.

It's too bad asphalt plants do not emit the aroma of satchet.

Think how those "movie" pictures must have shocked our law-makers!

Will Mr. Manning alter his opinion now that he has heard "the other side of the question?"

The First Ward does not want to look at an asphalt plant any more than the Fourth wants to look at a coal wharf.

The fact that it was known that forbidden films were to be shown in the House of Representatives last night didn't keep down the number of spectators.

### TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

#### MORE IMPORTANT DUTIES

Mrs. Slimson—"Look here, Bobbie, you haven't fed your chickens now for three days."

Bobbie (proudly)—"My dear mother, how can I stay at home and feed the chickens when I have been elected president of our chautauqua circus?"—Life.

#### NO CHANCE FOR THE BIRDS

House Cat (to flock of sparrows)—"No use sticking around to-day, birdies—there ain't going to be any crumbs."

One Sparrow—"Folks gone away?"

House Cat—"No; but they are going to have breaded veal chops for to-morrow."—Puck.

#### THE MAN WHO GOT AHEAD

Homan—"One of the waiters at this place was formerly a duke, one of the chefs was a count and the bellhop was a prince."

Ryontoo—"I suppose the manager was formerly a king or emperor."

Homan—"No; he was a milk-wagon driver."—New York Sun.

#### WILLIE WAS RIGHT

"Happy Thought" is the pet name worn by a certain Louisville girl for the sole benefit and delight of a certain Louisville young man, and the significance of it is double, for she really "teaches the young idea how to shoot." It is part of her belief as well as of the normal school training she has received to cultivate the originality and imagination of her pupils, and she carries this spirit into the work of all her classes. In the geography class recently the subject was the Plains States, and she was endeavoring to get the children to tell of their products. With remarkable unanimity they agreed upon cattle, and when she asked:

"Well, and what do we get from the cattle?" They answered in chorus:

"Meat."

"Yes, that is very good," she beamed. "Now, what do we get from the cattle besides beef?"

After a few minutes of doubt and hesitation one small hand went slowly up.

"Well, Willie, she said, "you may tell us."

"Tripe," was Willie's explosive and triumphant reply.—Louisville Times.

## Tongue-End Topics

### Historic Events of March 3

A lot of important things happened on March 3, in other years. Here are some of them as compiled by a reader of this column:

1513—Ponce de Leon sailed from Porto Rico in search of Fountain of Youth.

1791—District of Columbia organized.

1805—Territory of Louisiana created.

1817—Alabama was formed.

1837—Independence of Texas recognized by the United States.

1843—Congress appropriated \$30,000 to build Morse experimental telegraph line, Baltimore to Washington, D. C.

1845—Florida admitted to the Union.

1847—Alexander Graham Bell, inventor, born.

1849—Department of Interior United States, established.

1849—Minnesota created.

1863—Idaho formed from Washington.

1863—United States conscription law became effective.

1901—National bureau of standards established.

1904—Isthmian Canal Commission appointed.

### A War Mystery Solved

"The legend of the asphyxiating properties of the three-inch projectile," says a French artillery officer "has been accounted for. We often found in the trenches bodies of soldiers who appeared to have been struck by a thunderbolt—no trace of wound, no blood to be found on their bodies. It was finally decided to clear up the matter and autopsies were made of such cases. Each time there was found somewhere in the body a small fragment of our three-inch shell, having made an imperceptible wound but having penetrated to a vital spot, causing mortal internal hemorrhages. This is due to the marvelous shell which breaks on the average into 2,000 pieces, about half the length of a lead pencil and the thickness of a visiting card."

### Small Town's Generosity

In proportion to its size, a little village in the Province of Brandenburg claims a record for patriotic zeal. The town has not quite 700 inhabitants, but, according to the burgomaster's boast, it has contributed nearly \$1,200 toward the Red Cross, gifts for soldiers and care of widows. At the outbreak of the war every man of the village paid his war tax in advance, without accepting the rebate which this action entitled him to. Twelve youths of the village volunteered for service on the first day of mobilization; eighty of the men went off to join the army, while since the war the 200 or so women of the town have knitted nearly a thousand socks, shirts, wristlets and other comforts for the troops, besides collecting more than a thousand pounds of woolen articles during a single week.

### Captured War Dog Returns

Among the ambulance dogs sent to the front recently from Paris by Madame Kresser, president of the Ambulance Dog Society, was "True," a French shepherd, who was captured by the Germans and kept in captivity several weeks. He managed to escape and find his way back to his kennel in Paris, a distance of over 100 miles.

### War "Movies" for Generals

Moving pictures taken at the battle fronts are being collected and shown before generals and staff officers of the Austrian and Hungarian armies. The Austrian War Ministry has set apart quarters in the building housing the ordinary war archives for the films. These later will form a part of the curriculum of the War Academy.

### "BRITAIN WISHES WAR TO THE KNIFE AND SHE SHALL HAVE IT"

Amsterdam, March 3, Via London, 12.55 P. M.—The "Cologne Gazette," commenting on Premier Asquith's recent speech in the House of Commons, in which he outlined Great Britain's retaliatory measures for Germany's submarine blockade of the British Isles, says:

"Our submarine will now, we hope, endeavor to destroy all goods destined for Great Britain. Great Britain wishes war to the knife; she shall have it."

### Refrigeration Charges Reasonable

By Associated Press.  
 Washington, March 3.—Refrigeration charge of \$70 per car on salted or pickled fish in carloads from San Francisco and other California points to New York and other eastern points was found reasonable to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission in dismissing a complaint against the Southern Pacific Company.

# They Must Go

## Four Lots of Suits, Coats and Dresses

We have arranged into four groups the finest patterns and styles of the season in Ladies' Coats, Suits and Dresses that must be sold THIS WEEK regardless of cost or profit. This store is known for its conservative statements, therefore when we say they are the best possible values and will be cleared out regardless of cost, the ladies of Harrisburg and vicinity know that this is an exceptional opportunity to secure remarkable values in ready-to-wear garments.

One lot of Coats, values up to \$17.50, nothing less than \$10 **\$3.95**

25 Dresses, values up to \$25, nothing less than \$10, ..... **\$3.95**

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### PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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### PIERCE'S VIEWS OF FULL CREW

Editor, the Star-Independent.

Dear Sir—After reading statements regarding the repeal of the so-called full crew bill, I have commenced to value the publicity bureaus to the full extent, as per that old adage "It Pays to Advertise." To-day we cannot pick up a capitalistic paper but what we read of the necessity of having the full crew bill repealed and the railroads are working the same old game they have worked to death so many times "Poverty," "Depression," "High Wages," "Adverse Legislation," "Over Taxation," but they have never said to the public we are ready to make an open confession of our sins and tell the truth.

"The trouble with the railroads of to-day is simply this: over capitalization, large salaries for officials; excess officials; special favors for subsidiary corporations, and to this list may be added the publicity bureaus that are used to mold public opinions. There was never a more drastic movement inaugurated than the present one which is at the present time in its full bloom. The railroads are trying to have the public pass judgment upon something they know nothing about. What does a merchant, lawyer, minister, mechanic, farmer, manufacturer or labor, know about how many men there ought to be on one of our modern trains?"

"And still the railroads are trying to make you believe these men know exactly what they know nothing about, and had these same railroad officials been fair with the above named gentlemen, they would have come to them before raising their freight and passenger rates and consulted with them. Had they done this the above named gentlemen would have learned a lesson while for the railroad officials would have fought them off their feet and shown themselves up in their true light."

"But now, when they want an increase in freight and passenger rates they go to Washington and see President Wilson, and after Wilson has passed the word down to his hand-picked, self-appointed Interstate Commerce Commission. At the same time these same railroad officials were consulting the men they had placed upon the Public Utility Commission, and arranged matters so smoothly that lightning could strike twice in the same place. I suppose they thought if you could stand 40,000,000 volts without extermination you could stand another shock of 18,000,000 volts, for you know they need the money and every volt means a dollar to them."

"So, dear public, commence bathing in lime water and toughen your cuticle and prepare for another shock for they are recharging the wires. They are telling the public that they did not coerce their unorganized employees into signing the petition that they circulated for the repeal of the full crew bill. Now

if they wish to be eminently fair why wasn't there a space for these employees to sign for or against the repeal instead of simply for the repeal? Answer this please?

"If these railroads would abolish their bull system they could save on the Pennsylvania railroad alone more than \$3,000,000 a year and this money would buy 3,000 steel coaches, 120 locomotives, 100,000 tons of steel rails and equip 1,200 miles with automatic block signals, or ninety-nine grade crossings, and they could save at least \$3,000,000 more each year if they would put to work some of these so-called special duty men. For the time being they will court and receive the support of the public and there have been and will be times when they will receive the support of one class of employees against another class, but there is sure to come a time when the employees and the public will pull together. W. H. Pierce, President, Brotherhood of Federated Railway Employees.

### HARRISBURG

(Contributed by George J. Proehl, a student at Sacred Heart Mission House, Girard, Erie county, Pa.)

Somewhere towards the South in this beautiful state,

Is a modern city, which is quite up-to-date.

And a very fine capitol adorns its brow. An equally fine Governor it holds, I trow.

All its parks and its streets are most pleasant and neat.

And its fire companies could in no way be beat.

A river, clear and limpid, is very alive With gay little fishes that nimbly swim and dive.

Both its bridges and roads are certainly first class;

Deck the breast of this city with golden cuirass.

While good men are plentiful, the bad ones are few.

Not a person would try to pickpocket you.

The Interstate Commerce Commission here resides,

And o'er Pennsylvania business presides.

While the newspapers it has are surely the best,

Still the bright "Star-Independent" leads all the rest.

It is a splendid city in every way, Well fit for the capitol of the state Pa.-That state which is the center of U. S. so true.

The brightest of all stars in that wide field of blue,

And as this glorious old state is a great Union light,

Just so Harrisburg shines like a star at night.

But tarry, my friends! One thing I forgot to pen.

A Governor there is in the Harrisburg den.

Who is Doctor Martin Brumbaugh, a worthy son?

May he end, we hope, as well as he has begun!

May he err in no wise in governing this realm!

May his hand be e'er steady when turning the helm.

With Harrisburg as pivot may he turn Pa.

To the best and highest place in our U. S. A.

### Moving Picture Tricks

Some of the most thrilling scenes in the moving picture dramas are taken with the aid of small models, which are considerably less than life size. It is much cheaper, of course, to burn up a toy building or to sink a miniature ship than to destroy an original to make a moving picture holiday. The models used for this work are carried out with great attention to detail, and the pictures are taken with the camera very close to the ground to get the proper perspective. The moving picture audiences, even when paying the closest attention, are completely deceived.—Boston Herald.

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