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MARCH

Calendar for March 1915 showing days of the week and dates from Sun. 1 to Sat. 27.

MOON'S PHASES

Full Moon, 1st, 31st; Last Quarter, 8th; New Moon, 15th; First Quarter, 23rd.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain and warmer to-night and Saturday.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain or snow to-night in north portion; rain in south portion. Saturday rain and warmer in east portion.



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 40; lowest, 19; 8 a. m., 20; 8 p. m., 26.

DOING AWAY WITH ILLITERACY

Teaching men, women and children 'readin', 'ritin' an' 'rithmetic,' or, as educators would put it, eliminating illiteracy, seems to be making satisfactory progress in this country.

Despite the fact that four to five million adults in this country are unable to read and write, indications are that this degree of illiteracy in the United States cannot last many years longer.

Of the older folks of the present day who cannot read and write many are from day to day leaving the old world whose educational schemes have meant so little to them, and are changing the figures in the faithful statistics by causing decreases in the total number of illiterates.

There will of course be illiterate immigrants admitted to the country from year to year despite proposed literacy tests for them.

The estimate of five persons illiterate in this country out of every hundred is certainly low compared with Belgium's eighteen, Austria's twenty-five, Hungary's forty-three and Russia's remarkable seventy.

LASTING RECORDS ON STONE

The world is not awaiting breathlessly the Yale professor's finished translation of the code of Babylonian laws said to be more than four thousand years old, which is now receiving careful attention at the University.

The large and irregular diorite stone discovered in Elam about ten years ago, which contains an inscription of laws enacted presumably in the time of Abraham, has come down through the centuries to the present age, long after the original laws have been forgotten.

So lasting are the inscriptions on stone and so clear, if only the keys to the translation are known,

that decipherers are able to learn more about manners and customs in Babylonia two thousand years before Christ than the most diligent historians can possibly find out about conditions in even the most highly civilized countries during centuries of the Christian era after stone writing had gone out of fashion and before printing had been introduced.

Blank pages in the world's history are not attractive. It is the right and the desire of the present age to know as much as possible about the things that have been happening in the world in former days.

PRISONERS OF WAR MADE HAPPY

An account from London about the treatment three hundred "restrained" German officers are receiving in Donington Hall, a hundred miles or so from the British capital, would lead us to believe that captivity and quiet security in such a place is much more to be preferred than freedom and hazardous activity in the thick of battle.

The officers who are the guests of the English are said to be enjoying a most pleasant existence, living in one of the country's most beautiful old halls, having their wants attended to by captured German privates, eating good food and drinking good wine in a magnificent dining room with carved oak panels and polished elm ceiling.

There is apparently nothing about the life in Donington Hall to remind the occupants that they are prisoners of war, so long as they disregard the presence of the British soldiers on guard and pay no attention to the barbed-wire fences which are said to enclose the grounds.

Perhaps it is not so difficult to find houses for rent in Constantinople just now as in Harrisburg. The Sixty-third Congress appropriated \$2,240,000,000. Even a nation at peace has some financial burdens to carry.

The Congressional Record for the session just closed will have 32,000 pages, as compared with 12,000, the average for previous sessions. Here is one instance in which talk is not cheap—for the nation.

The North Carolina House and Senate conference committees have agreed on the anti-liquor bill which prohibits the receipt by any individual North Carolinian in any one month of more than half a gallon of whiskey or ten gallons of beer.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

PLAYING SAFE "My brother is not so badly off. He is interned in one of the enemy's towns. They won't release him unless he promises not to fight."

WHY HE NEEDS AN AID "Who is that man who follows the general about?" "His aid."

REASON FOR HIS PEACE DECREE "Pa, Jimmy Green, the toughest fighter in our gang, has reformed. He says it's wrong to fight."

ADVANTAGE OF MARRYING AN ACTOR Famous Actor—"Oh, yes, I'm married, but I always think it's kind o' tough on a girl that marries one of us travelin' men."

THE YOUNG BRIDE'S THEORY Mrs. Youngbride—"What small eggs!" Grocer—"Yes, they are; but I'm sure I don't know the reason."

HONEST MULE SELLER "Didn't Buff Jackson tell you dat mule he traded to you is a pow'ful kicker?" "He didn't 'zactly tell me, but he tried to be honest. He 'thowed in two bottles of liniment an' a crutch without no extry charge."

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Tongue-End Topics

Mules for British Cavalry

The latest shipment of mules to England is composed of such clean-limbed, active beasts that certain army experts have proposed to the War Department to use them for cavalry or mounted infantry.

Troubles of a Submarine

A new story is told of the British submarine B-11, whose commander, Lieutenant N. Holbrook, received the Victoria Cross for braving the Dardanelles and sinking a Turkish battleship.

Battle Robs Men of Taste

One of the curious effects of shell explosion reported at the military hospitals in London is the loss of the senses of taste and smell. Dr. Charles Myers states that he has met three cases of this in his own experience.

Fleet of Motor Ambulances

A fleet of about seventy-five motor ambulances, each one bought by English women and girls of the same given name, is being organized by the Red Cross for service at the front.

Mines Exploded by Icebergs

Icebergs have exploded a number of mines in the Gulf of Bothnia, according to reports brought to Hull by Swedish vessels. Navigation is particularly perilous in the Baltic and the North sea just now, it is said, owing to the mines which have broken loose from their moorings during storms.

Hold First District Meeting

The first district meeting of the members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the Eleventh ward, was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. B. Sloan, 1915 North Fifth street.

Nose Clogged From A Cold or Catarrh

Apply Cream in Nostrils To Open Up Air Passages. Ah! What relief! Your clogged nostrils open right up, the air passages of your head are clear and you can breathe freely.

High Finance in China

It is an established custom in China that a new company must pay dividends to its shareholders from the first years of its existence, and this form invariably a clause of the articles of association.

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.

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REVISION OF TELEPHONE RATES THROUGHOUT STATE

Early Date For Argument to Be Fixed By Public Service Commission—Reading Railroad Company to Have New Crossing at Avon

An early date for argument on the revision of telephone rates throughout the State will soon be fixed by the Public Service Commission, but the probability is that the parties interested will file briefs instead of taking up the time with oral arguments.

The complaint of the borough of Biglerville against the Biglerville Water Company for its poor service and high rates was amicably adjusted by the Commission yesterday.

The Reading Railroad Company is to have a new crossing at Avon, Lebanon county, the Commission having approved the application, but the crossing must be flagged.

The Commission approved the contract between the Gettysburg Light Company and the borough of Gettysburg.

Want Train Service A large delegation of Schuylkill county citizens appeared before the Public Service Commission this morning to urge that better train service be provided on the Reading road at Newtown, on the road from Tremont to Pottsville.

To Christen the Battleship Governor Brumbaugh has selected Miss Elizabeth Kolb, daughter of Louis J. Kolb, of Philadelphia, to christen the big battleship Pennsylvania when it is launched at Newport News, Va., on March 16.

The Duquesne Light Company, of Pittsburgh, has filed notice of an increase of its capital from \$10,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

POMEROY'S NEW DEPARTMENT

S. S. Pomeroy Adds New Meat and Delicatessen Section to Store Yesterday and to-day were the opening days of a new department devoted to home cooking, delicatessen, fresh and smoked meats, fish, poultry, etc., at S. S. Pomeroy's new grocery, South Market square.

Maude Adams and J. M. Barrie! They are unique and a joyous combination. It scarcely seems that either could get along without the other.

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FAMOUS EVANGELIST DIES

Colored Woman Traveled Extensively Over U. S. and Foreign Lands By Associated Press. New York, March 5.—Word has been received here of the death in Sebring, Fla., of Mrs. Amanda Smith, the famous colored evangelist.

Pretty Bad

The barber was very busy, and the shop was full of men waiting for him to practice his tonsorial art upon their heads and faces.

One man, Mr. Blank, became tired of waiting for his turn to come and started to leave. Although his beard had come out pretty heavy, he thought no one would notice it and that he could come back the next morning when Hughes, the barber, was no so very busy.

Mr. Blank felt of his face and replied: "Why I don't need a shave, do I, Hughes?"

Hughes thereupon looked his customer over critically and answered him assuredly: "No, youse don't need a shave. All youse needs is a haircut on de face."—National Monthly.

MAUDE ADAMS COMING HERE IN "QUALITY STREET" ON MARCH, 26



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It has been said that Maude Adams and J. M. Barrie "go hand in hand," but that is a very figurative way of putting the fact. Indeed it is extremely figurative, for though Miss Adams has been the means of making the dramatist's works as dear to the American public as she is herself, the author had never, until a few months ago, seen her in a single one of his plays.

It was at a dress rehearsal at the Empire theatre, in New York. Before the first act began the playwright went back on the stage where Miss Adams introduced him to her entire company.

Maude Adams do? Barrie has furnished the actress with no less than six plays. In these her Phoebe of the Ringlets in "Quality Street;" her charming Lady Babie in "The Little Minister;" her

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