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Calendar for March 1915 showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 31.

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

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair weather to-night and Thursday with little change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair weather to-night and Thursday with little change in temperature.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 47; lowest, 34; 8 a. m., 35; 8 p. m., 41.

EFFECT OF WAR ON LANGUAGES

The supposedly great minds that are conducting the war in Germany apparently are not so great as to be above trivialities in some matters. Take, for instance, the changing of the language of one nation so as to eliminate words or parts of words that had their origin in the language of another nation with which it is at war!

One of the first cases of this sort to come to the attention of the world was the act of the Russians in changing the name of the city of St. Petersburg to Petrograd to get away from the German origin of the name. Then we heard of the French changing the names of certain thoroughfares in Paris which had been called for German cities or other things German.

Now comes information from Germany that steps are being taken to eliminate from the vocabulary of German lovers of sport certain terms that had origin in the English language,—just because they are English. We read of the fact that new and German equivalents are being found for such words as "handicap" and even the word "sport" itself. Corresponding words in the German language have been found or invented in some cases, we are told, when it came to such terms as "cricket" and "golf" the Germans were at a loss to find expressions in their own language accurately to describe these games. It is likely, however, that some sort of clumsy substitute for them ultimately will be found in the German.

It is hard to understand just what good purpose can be served by this apparent effort to revise various foreign languages for the sake of eliminating words of the languages of a hostile nation. The object, presumably, is to get out of the people's minds the idea that they are in any way dependent upon the enemy for anything, which manifestly is absurd.

The leading languages of Europe all are so interrelated through the borrowing of whole words or parts of words from each other that it would be an endless task if it were attempted to make each language absolutely independent of those of hostile countries. Even if it were possible thus to change a language, in theory, it would be tens of years before it could actually be changed in practice,—and by that time, let us hope, the war will be over.

At any rate a nation which attempts anything of the kind is only handicapping itself by making more difficult for its people to express themselves separately through speech, and obviously the only reason foreign words and idioms originally were adopted in a language was to facilitate expression.

EXAGGERATING COST OF WAR

Men who like to roll in figures have since the outbreak of the war been making earnest, honest and harmless efforts to give the ever curious public idea of the enormous cost of the great undertaking. They have dealt with millions and with billions in a dizzy way. The amounts they have presented, purporting to cover the expenses of the conflict for a day or a year, have from the start been so huge as to be beyond the comprehension of ordinary wage-earners. That the totals have been growing larger and larger is little matter so far as those who read of them are concerned, since at the lowest they have been way beyond the point where values can be properly estimated.

Sighs of relief are likely to escape from statistics-loving persons, therefore, when they hear from various sources that the cost of the war is greatly

exaggerated. Not only have optimists been responsible for such an assertion, but they have gone farther. They have pointed out that when a government is considered as a single spender, and when that government's expenses for a day of fighting are estimated, the fact that the government represents millions of individuals must be taken into account. They have also shown that war brings to an end extravagances among persons of means and that the money saved on luxuries goes a long way toward meeting the cost of maintaining armies and navies in action.

As long as there are armies and navies in times of peace as well as in times of war, the cost of national defense in all countries will, of course, be high. The cost of the actual fighting at present cannot fairly be determined unless the expenses of maintaining the military and naval organizations in times of peace be subtracted from the estimated total of current expenses in the belligerent countries.

The soldiers in the ranks of the contending armies, who are living,—or dying as the case may be,—at the expense of their governments, would require food and clothing if they were not engaged in war, and would no doubt spend a good deal more for such supplies than careful governments are expending. Money is wasted that is spent on powder, which disappears into the air, and on projectiles and cartridges, which are presented to the enemy, and expenses thus incurred comprise the greater part of the cost of the actual fighting.

If there were no war, armies and navies would have to be supported anyway, and men would have to have food and clothing. The excess expenses, not the total expenses, make up the cost of war, and it is not hard to believe that the enforced frugality among the peoples of the belligerent countries is going a long way toward paying that excess.

These, of course, are merely financial considerations. The great cost of war cannot be measured in pounds, francs, rubles or marks. Human lives do not have market value.

If all those new election bills go through the Legislature think of the trouble there will be all over again in teaching the people how to vote!

Evidently the "Telegraph" favors the "non-partisan" commission form of government for Harrisburg so long as it is controlled by the Republicans.

Don't forget that the Home and War Relief Committee still is in need of funds to carry its work on until April 1, when the chances are there will be more opportunities for work for those now unemployed.

A few minutes after the petition of two-thirds of the voters of the Tenth Ward was read before the City Commissioners for better fire protection in their part of the city the alarm sounded for the blaze in the Nursery Home. Because of inadequate facilities for fighting this Tenth Ward blaze the Home was destroyed. Had it been at night the lives of the half hundred little inmates would have been in peril. No more argument is needed. The Tenth Ward should get the relief it asks for.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

CHANGE NECESSARY "I see blonds will be the style this year," remarked the idle rich man.

"Is that so?" responded his brunette wife, with a well-bred yawn. "In that case, do you wish me to be one, or would you prefer a divorce?"—Kansas City Journal.

HUMOR IN THE WAR NEWS Every time the Dardanelles fleet drags up a mine the cheerful correspondent refers to the occasion as a "sweeping" victory.—Washington Post.

CANNOT MISS A BARGAIN "Do you think Titewad will recover from his present illness?"

"Not a chance of it now. Some fool friend, in an effort to cheer him up, told the old fellow that cemetery lots and coffins were cheaper now than they had been for years. Of course, he is not going to neglect a chance to save money."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

PERHAPS HE KNEW "Your daughter is so amiable that she will surely make a good wife."

"Yes, and a bad husband."—Judge.

RATHER DIFFICULT To blow and swallow at the same moment isn't easy to be done.—Platus.

GONE FOR GOOD Maud—"I said to Jack that I wasn't going to return his ring until I got one from another man."

Ethel—"He told me he never expected to get it back."—Boston Transcript.

NOT FULLY POSTED "What is your idea of the duty of a patriot?"

"He ought to be willing to fight for his principles," replied the member of Congress.

"What principles?"

"That's what I'm going back home to learn from my constituents."—Washington Star.

"CURIOUS" OR QUITE NATURAL It is a curious thing that the country which invented the "quick lunch" also prides itself on the scientific study of foods and their digestibility.—London Spectator.

A SPORTING SUGGESTION William Watson has written an ode to Roosevelt. Perhaps the Colonel can arrange to have a cigar named after Watson.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

ALL THERE "She talks like a book."

"Yes, the volume of her speech is truly wonderful!"—Judge.

CAUTION "I shall sue you for damages. Your confounded dog just bit me."

"You'll have to prove it. Wait a moment and I'll see if his teeth fit the marks."—Century.

ENTIRELY TO BLAME Niece—"My husband's so careless; he's always losing his buttons."

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Tongue-End Topics

SCHNEIDER TRYS GOLF (For the Harrisburg Park Golf Club, by the Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer).

To mein Doktor I goes mit ein trouble-some cough.

Mit mein stomach in need of repairs. Herr Doktor said, "Schneider you will have to play golf."

Und breathe more of dose fresh country airs. You know Baldy? He plays on the Reservoir links.

He's ein lawyer! I have no one to sue. Dose gwick-witted lawyers are for no use, I dinks.

But to go all your pocket-book through. Und gowf, Herr Doktor, I knows nothings about dat.

"You can know soon enough," he replied. "My friend Baldy has more of gowf under his hat

Than of law. He will teach you all right."

To Herr Baldy I goes for to learn all dem tricks

Of der game vich ein blayer must know. Und dose red-dotted balls, und dose irons, und sticks,

Und der schwing, drive und put he did shew. Mister Baldy he said: "There are five prin-zee-pals

You must hold if the game you'd enjoy. Swing slow; don't press; don't swear; keep your eye on dem balls;

Follow through. Don't forget them old boys!"

All richtig Herr Baldy! dot is easy I dinks.

Und I said, I am alretty there. But I found on dem links dat it bothered mein head.

To remember dot third rule, don't swear! Ven I comes to der Tee Mister Baldy stands by.

Und he set oop mein ball of der sand. How dot ball I should hit, und stooop down, mit mein eye

On der ball, I could not understand. I stoooped, und I stoooped, und I hoofed farther away.

Said Baldy, "Watcher tryin to dot?" Get mein eye on dot ball. "You—"

vat he said I can't say, Or I'd preak dot third rule dru und dru. I vos mat. He spoke shently. "Now Dutchie," he said

What I meant is, just look at the ball. Swing your club like a dumb-bell; do not move your head,

Nor you body, from waist up, at all. Dat vos blain. Den I schwings. Und I dinks "Follow through;"

Und I strikes. Dot ball flew like a bird. I follows. Mein club, midout dinking, I threw;

It hit Baldy. You may know vot I heard.

To mein Doktor I garries mein stomach und cough.

Und I says: Dot's a very fine game. It preaks oop all swearing; dot's a good thing in gowf;

But I'll stick to your pills all der same.

Sporting Terms in German The process of clearing out all foreign elements from the German language has now been extended to the vocabulary of sports. A long list of words, mainly English, has been made up by the committee in charge of this reform, and Germans from all parts of the country have been invited to make suggestions for German equivalents for these words. Some alterations have been already accepted, among them being, for Steeplechase, "Hindernissenrennen;" for Start, "Anffahren;" for Handicap, "Ausgleichrennen;" for Maiden Race, "Rennen fur sieglose Pferde." Such words as cricket and golf, it is admitted, present difficulties, as do all the terms connected with those two games. The trouble is to find expressions, without too much length, which will accurately say what is meant. But the greatest difficulty of all is with the word "sport" itself.

A New Engine of War The torpedo hydro-aeroplane, a new war craft, is being shown in Copenhagen privately to members of the Swedish Parliament. It is designed chiefly for use against submarines. The torpedo seaplane travels at high speed close to the surface of the water, and can discharge its torpedo at very long ranges.

Camp for Wounded Horses A patriotic French landowner has placed at the disposal of the British military authorities the magnificent forest of Condette, for use as a camp for convalescent horses. The forest adjoins the historic castle of Hardelet, where were signed the preliminaries of peace between England and France in 1544.

Horse and Giraffe It takes a good horse to run down a giraffe, and if the least advantage is permitted the wild creature the race is lost.

44 TOTS, BURNED OUT, PASSNIGHT IN ENGINE HOUSE

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over for the use of the Nursery Home after her family moved from the mansion. The institution occupied its usual driven out by the flames last evening. The children probably would have remained there until summer when the new home on Cameron street will be ready.

Mrs. Watts said this morning that the loss on the property will run to considerably more than \$15,000, but she was not prepared to fix the exact amount. All of the fine old family furniture was removed several years ago and hence escaped the flames. The building was insured but the exact amount of the insurance was not ascertainable this morning.

The fire was discovered bursting from the roof of the third story about 4.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A little colored boy ran into the house and told Mrs. Clifford Steward, the matron, who was just getting the children, whose ages range from six months to ten years, ready for the evening meal. They were hastily lined up and marched to safety out of the building.

Three youngsters, who were quarantined for mumps in a third floor room, and two invalid children had to be carried from the doomed building by Mrs. Steward and Miss Virginia Booth. All the youngsters found temporary shelter in the nearby homes of Andrew Schutzenbaugh and A. C. Smith.

Firemen Seriously Handicapped Mrs. Steward telephoned for the Camp Curtin Fire Company and a moment later the district fire companies were called from box 121, at Third street and Reel's lane. The home was in such a remote part of the city that there are no fire plugs in the immediate vicinity and the firemen had to stretch their lines of hose for many blocks to reach the fire. This caused so much delay that the flames got such headway that they could not be overcome until the building was practically ruined.

Much of the building and other equipment and furniture however, was saved by the firemen and other volunteers. The fire is believed to have started from a defective flue. A big crowd was attracted to the scene. Hose across the tracks interfered with traffic on the Third and Second trolley lines and passengers had to be transferred around the fire.

Apparently forgetting the things they had seen last night and fully recovered from fright and fear of the fire, the 44 tots of the Nursery Home were up bright and early this morning in the parlor in the second floor of the Citizen engine house. The little ones, the majority of whom are under 6 years old, proved they spent the night in peaceful repose, for long before old Sol had said his prayers the children could be heard shouting and singing.

Rising at daybreak, a good hour before their usual time, the children began romping, playing, talking and, of course, a few crying, as though they were in their own home. The firemen of course, played a large part in making them comfortable, for when returning from the fire last night most of the Citizen men decided the best thing to do was to go home, so that little or no noise would be made. Those few who did remain at the engine house were quite careful when playing their social games of checkers or pinocle that their voices were not heard above a whisper.

Even the Horses Are Quiet Even the horses, that at times try to become conspicuous by neighing and prancing in their stalls, were made to obey the "quiet" injunction. A few of the firemen went so far as to suggest that the horses' hoofs be inclosed in burlap bags to prevent the noise of stamping. This plan, however, was rejected by the majority as unnecessary.

After the children were given a breakfast this morning devotional exercises were conducted by the head of the nursery, Mrs. Steward. Later the children were taken out in automobiles for a morning spin, and then to the children's industrial home, Nineteenth and Derry streets, where they will remain until other quarters are provided them.

When the children were brought to the engine house at 6.30 o'clock last night they were given an elaborate chicken supper provided them by Miss Anne McCormick, Vance C. McCormick and Henry B. McCormick.

A committee, composed of Miss Anne McCormick and Mrs. James D. Graykins, was appointed to secure temporary quarters until the new nursery home on South Cameron street is completed. Efforts are being made to secure the Suburban Club, at Paxtonia. Late this afternoon nothing definite had been decided on in regard to a change of quarters.

George J. Buser The funeral of George J. Buser, who died Monday at his home, 1246 North Sixth street, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 1.30 o'clock from his home. The services will be in charge of the Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson, pastor of Messiah Lutheran church. Interment will be in the Hummelstown cemetery.

Mr. Buser served as a Councilman from the Fifth ward for several years and recently was an inspector for the City Highway Department.

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OBERLIN Frank Atticks' Funeral Held This Afternoon Special Correspondence. Oberlin, March 17.—Funeral services for Frank Atticks, who died at his home near Boyd Station Sunday, were held at his late home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. C. E. Boughter, of this place, officiated and interment was made in the cemetery at Oberlin. George Hocker and son, Walter, after spending several months in Florida, returned to their home at Boyd Station Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Bennet, Main street, were entertained by Hummelstown friends Sunday. Miss Stella Kostenbader, of Rutherford, was the guest of friends in Oberlin Sunday. Lawrence L. Hackman, Highland street, has received a handsome new Edison Victrola. Arthur Nesbit, of Steelton, was the guest on Sunday of Postmaster and Mrs. M. G. Tobias, Highland street. A two weeks' series of special services will be opened in Salem Lutheran church Sunday evening, March 21, to continue until Easter. The services throughout the week will commence each evening at 7.45 o'clock and the following topics have been announced for the two weeks: Sunday evening, "Original Sin—Do We Inherit It?" Monday, "What Plan Did God Make for Our Deliverance?" Tuesday, "Must We Be Convicted, Repent and Confess Jesus?" Wednesday, "Has Our Lives Anything to Do With Others, Especially the Family?" Thursday, "Has God Given Me Talents—Must I Use them and How?" Friday, "Will Christ Come Again? When and How?" Passion Week—Sunday morning, "Tears of Jesus;" Sunday evening, "The Three Crosses;" Monday even-

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