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Calendar for April showing days of the week and dates from 4 to 30.

MOON'S PHASES: Last Quarter, 6th; New Moon, 14th; First Quarter, 22nd; Full Moon, 29th.

WEATHER FORECASTS: Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and warmer to-night with lowest temperature about 40 degrees.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG: Highest, 70; lowest, 37; 8 a. m., 46; 8 p. m., 63.

CLEANLINESS SAVING LIVES

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If soldiers in this war are being taught cleanliness as thoroughly as is indicated by attending surgeons, then those of them who are alive after the war may reasonably be expected to profit by their training when they resume their ordinary occupations.

ANNIVERSARY OF MIDDLETOWN'S FIRE

Just five years ago to-day it was that the borough of Middletown, in the lower end of Dauphin county, was visited by the most disastrous fire in the town's history.

The blaze at first appeared to be trifling but within half an hour it had assumed such proportions that the Middletown fire chief sent calls for assistance to Harrisburg, Steelton, Columbia and Lancaster.

To-day Middletown has almost fully recovered from the effects of that fire. Modern brick buildings replace the frame structures that once formed a part of the business section.

A CONVICT'S QUEER DISEASE

An alien who has served in various jails more than half of his twenty-seven years in this country, for looting street corner mail boxes, was yesterday sentenced in a New York United States District

Court to five more years of prison life, after pleading guilty to his usual offense.

A doctor's examination of the thief has resulted in a statement to the effect that the man is suffering from a mental disease about which even specialists in such disorders know little.

It is obvious that criminals prompted to steal solely for gain would not confine their activities to the looting of often unproductive mail boxes, and certainly they would not be likely to persist in their petty thefts after being repeatedly convicted and imprisoned for previous offenses of exactly the same kind.

The man surely cannot be in a healthy state of mind; else why, if he wants to steal, should he disregard, for instance, pocketbooks carelessly handled in public places by thoughtless women, and turn all his attention to the contents of mail boxes, which for the most part contain nothing of interest or value to any persons except those to whom the separate pieces are addressed?

The "diseased" alien's most recent crime, for which he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, consisted of the theft from a corner mail box of a parcel containing thirty-two handkerchiefs.

It is to be hoped that some cure may be found for the disease, or that the victim may be moved, after he has served his term, to some place where there will be no mail boxes to tempt him.

How to raise money for the State is not the least of Governor Brumbaugh's worries.

The river wall gap will probably be closed if it doesn't make too big a gap in the City's finances.

Some of the justices of the peace who pay out the state's money in bounties for rat and chicken heads represented to be the heads of weasels and goshawks might profitably invest in strong-lens spectacles.

We repeat the question, why do not the City Commissioners purchase the land needed for the upper end playground by the competitive bidding method?

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

EASILY DONE: In these mercenary days a man can break up his home by dropping his wad.—Dallas News.

THE ACTRESS' TROUBLE: About the time an actress recovers from one attack of matrimony she has another.—Chicago News.

WHY HE WAS MAD: One of the maddest men we ever saw was a chap who yelled loudly for a square deal and got it.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN: Miss Oldun—"I'd just like to see any man kiss me." Miss Young—"What a hopeless ambition!"—Boston Transcript.

REASON FOR REITERATION: The reason a politician always finds it necessary to reiterate the fact that he trusts the people is because he doesn't.—Boston Transcript.

THOUGHT IT WAS A MONKEY HOUSE: "Why, there's nothing but bees here." "What did you expect to find?" "Well, when I asked to be directed to the apiary I certainly thought I was going to the place where they kept the apes."—Baltimore American.

THE DELAYER: The young man sits in the parlor and waits. He has waited a long time. When he remembers how long the time has been he uses strong language under his breath.

SHE UNDERSTOOD: When you inspect 25 applicants for a position as your nursery maid for a whole morning, and then find yourself much in the same position as you started, you begin to feel tired.

JOSH WANTED TO SEE: Some time ago Uncle Josh was spending the day with a city relative, and in order to while away the time he was taken around to the fire-house.

Belgium's Queen at the Front: "I saw the Queen of the Belgians to-day," recently wrote a Scotch soldier from the front to relatives in London.

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Tongue-End Topics

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Work of the Women Patrols

The National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain has issued an appeal for more volunteers to look after the welfare of girls in the neighborhood of soldiers' camps.

625 Miles of Prisoners

To visualize the number of Russian prisoners and guns taken by von Hindenburg in the so-called "Winter's Battle" to the east of the Masurian Lakes, one of the German papers has figured out what a great procession they would make.

Clergyman's Strenuous Duties

A call for recruits in Glasgow to assist in the manufacture of shells brought forth a clergyman, who was promptly accepted.

Opposing Seizing Territory

Count Julius Andrássy, former Hungarian Minister of the Interior, has written a book, just published at Budapest, entitled, "Who is Responsible for the War?"

Jews Promoted From Ranks

A Jewish newspaper in Hamburg reports that the number of Jews promoted from the ranks in the Prussian army to positions as officers was 43 up to the first of February.

Whitman Cheats Chair

Commutes Death Sentence of Murderer Who Regained Sanity: Auburn, N. Y., April 9.—Governor Whitman yesterday notified Warden Rattigan, of Auburn prison, that he had commuted the sentence to death of Antonio Africano to life imprisonment.

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LANDMARKS THAT HAVE GONE FROM SOUTH SECOND STREET

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established there August 10, 1793, with John Wyeth as the first postmaster.

Three Governors of Pennsylvania lived in the section—Governor Shunk, at 123, and Governor Paucker and Curtin, the war Governor, at No. 111.

"Us fellers whose thin hair shows like snow, 'Thougli still about here—down below."

"We've lived to see the air-ships fly; 'An' dart like swallows round the sky; 'The lightin' running the railroad cars, 'An' electric lights outshine the stars."

"Real old-time candidates for the sky 'That have read their titles in days gone by; 'An' 'tis this is the thought that's creepin' nigh!"

"I know not what sorrow is o'er me, 'What spell is upon my heart; 'But a tale of Old Times is before me, 'Incidents, that will not depart."

"Travelers from the Holy Land revert to Biblical narratives. Shakespeare has rendered places in Italy and England immortal by his dramas.

"This new country passes so rapidly from country lanes to city pavements! Who has not 'gone for' chestnuts, hickorynuts and walnuts, where now hard asphalt and stern straight streets cover the sward of previous joyous juvenile trips?"

"How soon the lanes and byways of Old Louisbourg and MacLaysburg, less than 100 years, are forgotten while in realization of the facts to-day that some of the streets and fields of Harrisburg formed by the union of these villages known to us since childhood's days, are being obliterated."

"We walk and chat by the Susquehanna river whose glorious sunsets reflected in its slowly flowing water are admired because it is now 'The Harris Park.' 'Hardscrabble' is vanishing. The Eighth ward sinks to its own demolition."

carved imagery the gracious history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the veritable Keystone of our Republic, of our Statehood and of this its own Capital City.

amid its lack of appreciation of its visitation and sunk deep, into slumbers."

"Indeed! Were many of them hanging on it!"—Exchange.

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