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WEATHER FORECASTS Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Tuesday. Colder to-night with lowest temperature about 38 degrees.

GEOLOGISTS NEEDED AT THE FRONT Scientists seem to be assuming very heavy responsibilities in the present war. Now that the outcome of a battle depends not so much on the bravery of valiantly charging soldiers as on the knowledge of cool-headed men of science the latter have taken their places in large numbers in the ranks of opposing armies.

That army commanders should be familiar with the construction of the crust of the earth at the scenes of activities is too much to expect. Specialized knowledge such as that of expert geologists is necessary to reveal the character of land strange to unscientific invaders.

Geological maps may of course be available; but they may be as perplexing as is the actual territory which they try to depict, or even more so. Ordinary generals can hardly get very clear understandings of ground conditions with which they must contend except by procuring the services of men who have the technical knowledge requisite for the interpretation of old maps and the construction of new ones.

There are no doubt geologists now at the front, giving valuable advice on locations for trenches and adding timely suggestions during the digging of these defensive ditches. That there are not very many, however, at least not in the German army, is evident from the suggestion of the German professor that the services of these particular men of science be called for.

The air raids during the war have been dependent for their success on the calculations of meteorologists; they were not attempted until these scientists gave detailed directions, based on careful study of the conditions of the atmosphere. The digging of trenches will no doubt soon be under the direct supervision of geologists who will make careful preliminary surveys of the land.

GETTING AT ALASKA'S RESOURCES The production of mineral wealth in Alaska since 1880, to the value of something like \$268,000,000 should be enough to awaken Americans to the vast possibilities of the northern territories, and no doubt it has.

rich metal mines and of the abundant forests that will be made accessible by the Federal government's five hundred mile Alaska railroad. It has been nearly half a century since the United States made its very fortunate purchase from the Russian government.

It is a big distance, to be sure, from the mines of the far north to the centres of industry in the United States, yet modern invention annihilates distance. After sufficient capital has been invested in means of transportation between this country and Alaska, the latter may be no farther from Pennsylvania than was Maine in the colonial stage coach days.

Although the interior resources of Alaska have been neglected till now, they will be gradually developed when facilities for transportation to the seaboard can be taken advantage of. The fuel stored by Nature in Alaska is needed on the Pacific coast, and the secreted gold and silver could no doubt also be used to some advantage.

That new game law will prevent the shooting of elk in Dauphin county, if we vote for a closed season. O, well, we still can hunt grizzly bear and bled.

Brigadier General Christopher T. O'Neill, welcome to the general staff of the National Guard of Pennsylvania! Sixteen years a colonel; always the model soldier; first in the fighting at Cosmo, Porto Rico, during the Spanish-American war; four years resident of Harrisburg as Superintendent of the State Arsenal, and, withal, the only Irish commander of a German command in the National Guard of Pennsylvania!

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN A GOOD RULE When any kind of a foreign name is in doubt, he should cut out the hyphen and its prefix.—Washington Post.

GOOD FOR DAD "Father, where did they first observe April Fool's day?" "In the Scilly Islands. Run along now."—Buffalo Express.

VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE In addition to teaching the young idea to shoot, it might be advisable to add a course in digging trenches.—Pittsburgh Post.

JUDGE JOHNSON'S POSSIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT Judge Johnson probably will accomplish one thing: Some day he will be known as One of the Oldest Inhabitants.—Acheson Globe.

CAN AFFORD TO BUY IT "What beautiful hair Miss Goldy has!" "Yes; she doesn't have to economize in anything."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

WHEN MONEY TALKS "My boy," said the successful merchant, "never let your capital lie idle. Remember that money talks, but it doesn't talk in its sleep."—Boston Post.

JUST LIKE HORSES Lots of men remind you of an old horse that never tries to get up any speed until it knows that it is on its way home to eat.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

MORE DIFFERENT NOW Miss Oldum—"When I was a little girl I could name all the Presidents." Miss Young—"But there had been only a few then."—Boston Transcript.

LACKS CONFIDENCE Young Doctor's Wife—"Mary, go and tell the doctor there's a patient waiting to see him." Maid—"I wish you'd go, ma'am. He maybe wouldn't believe me."—Life.

WHAT UPSET HER He—"What made you seem so upset the day we became engaged? You knew I was going to propose, didn't you?" She—"Oh, yes. But I had no idea I was going to accept you."—Boston Transcript.

RATHER DEFECTIVE Mildred—"Don't you think Miss Elderly looks much younger in her new hat?" Helen—"Indeed, I do. Why, Mildred, it makes her look but very little older than she says she is."—Judge.

MORE OFTEN THE LATTER "Ah, my poor man," said the benevolent old lady, "I suppose you are often pinched by want and hunger, are you not?" "Yessum, and eops."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

DOMESTICATED NOW "Wombat used to be a great outdoor man and all-around sport. Is he reconciled to married life?" "I think so. I called on him recently and found him sifting ashes with an old tennis-racket."—Kansas City Journal.

THE LAITY "What is the meaning of the word 'laity'?" Buck Kilby asked yesterday. "Well," said Eph Wiley, "the laity comprises those who take the medicine and those who undergo the operations."—Topeka Capital.

JUDGING BY DISAPPEARANCES "I fear that young man to whom I gave a job in the store last week is crooked." "You should not judge by appearance." "I am judging by disappearances in this case."—Houston Post.

ALL GOES THE SAME WAY "I give my wife half my salary every week to spend on the housekeeping and herself." "And what do you do with the other half of your salary?" "Oh, my wife borrows that."—Houston Post.

Tongue-End Topics

Cupid Active During the War The Berliners, notwithstanding the war, are still marrying and giving in marriage at almost their usual rate. In December the number of marriage licenses issued was 1,421, which was only 112 less than for December, 1913.

Tattered German Flag in London A tattered German flag, the first trophy of the kind to be put on public display in London, has been sent to the recruiting headquarters of the London rifle brigade by Corporal T. H. Jenkin.

Allies Need War Material The London "Times" military correspondent admits that England, France and Russia are still short of much necessary war material, and that Germany's preparedness in this respect has been one of the heaviest handicaps that the allies have had to contend with.

"Faked" Letter From the Front On the charge of writing herself a letter from the front, by means of which she obtained nearly \$100 from a charity society, a sentence of six months was passed by a London police court on a woman named Elizabeth Reader.

FINDEE FINDS CONSCIENCE After 26 Years, Wants to Return Lost \$5 With Interest Marysville, Pa., April 12.—The conscience funds of the federal and State governments were eclipsed in Perry county this week.

HAIR COMING OUT? Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store.

SAFETY FIRST

UNDER AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY THE STAR-INDEPENDENT PRINTS EACH MONDAY A PRACTICAL ARTICLE DEALING ON THE SAFETY FIRST MOVEMENT OR KINDRED SUBJECTS. PREPARED BY THAT BRANCH OF THE STAR-DEPENDENT OF WHICH COMMISSIONER JOHN PHICE JACKSON IS THE HEAD.

DANGERS FROM DUST One of the most injurious factors in any industry is the dust created by the various processes; but, as important as the elimination of dust is to the health of the workmen, very little has been done in the way of accomplishing such an elimination.

Careful methods of eliminating dust from our industries would greatly improve the health of employees. The isolation of the dusty processes in separate buildings or rooms would prevent the spreading of dust through a whole building.

Court Finds No Warrant in Law for Proposed Condemnation of Land Maud Chunk, Pa., April 12.—Judge Laird H. Barber Saturday handed down an opinion in a case in which the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company condemned a large tract of land near White Haven, from which it intended to get a pure water supply for its locomotives.

Visited Post E Saturday Lebanon, April 12.—A delegation of members of Post D, Travelers' Protective Association, of Lancaster, came to Lebanon on Saturday evening and were the guests of Post E, of this city, at the local post headquarters in the Mann building.

Rudolph Ganz at the Steinway Rudolph Ganz, the eminent Swiss pianist, like all other artists, prefers the Steinway. The marvellous possibilities of touch, the singing tone and the wonderful bass, are but a few of the qualities which have made the Steinway the choice of Paderewski, Bispham, McCormack, Maud Powell and Evan Williams—artists who have been heard but recently in this city.

Rudolph Ganz and Alice Nielsen Will Use the Steinway A piano is never bought to last only a short time. It is bought to be a pleasure for years. All the greater reason why the instrument for your home should be one which will stand the strain and wear of years.

Succeeds Father John Dolan Rome, via Paris, April 12.—The Rev. Patrick White, of Limerick, Ireland, has been appointed rector of the Church of San Silvestro, the church of the English speaking Catholics in Rome.

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NIELSEN-GANZ RECITAL

World Famous Artists at Chestnut Street Auditorium This Evening It is an interesting coincidence that John McCormack, the famous Irish tenor, yesterday sang at his tenth New York City concert of this season, a series of songs composed by Rudolph Ganz, the pianist who will play at the Ganz-Nielsen concert at Chestnut street hall this evening.

Few people know that Ganz, who was born in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1877, began his musical career as a violinist, attaining a high degree of proficiency on that instrument. Graduating from that into the company of the world's most celebrated pianists was a long step, but one which he took easily.

Miss Nielsen, noted the world over as a grand opera prima donna, has had perhaps the most varied career that any singer on the stage to-day has experienced. Her program to-night will be one of remarkable range and beauty. She will sing the classic compositions of grand opera as few in the world can sing them, and she will sing as well the dear old songs that have come down through the generations.

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