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Calendar for APRIL showing days of the week and moon phases: Sun. 4, Mon. 5, Tues. 6, Wed. 7, Thurs. 8, Fri. 9, Sat. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

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

WEATHER FORECASTS: Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued warm to-night and Tuesday. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to- night and Tuesday, warmer to-night in south-east portion. Light variable winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG: Highest, 93; lowest, 59; 8 a. m., 62; 8 p. m., 84.

UNCLE SAM AS RAILROAD OWNER

Now that President Wilson has decided upon a route for the government railroad in Alaska and the Alaskan Engineering Commission is on its way to the territory covered by that route, the actual construction of the road may be expected soon to start.

The construction of the Alaska railroad will be a government feat in some respects second only in importance to the digging of the "big ditch." The entire cost is expected to be about \$30,000,000, including the purchase price of the Alaska Northern Railway which is to pass from private to government ownership.

This country can well afford to be somewhat extravagant in its efforts to develop the interior resources of a rich territory which it got at such a bargain. It has delayed only too long in making needed expenditure to investigate its possession and to find out how really precious a prize Russia permitted to slip away from her at the time when \$7,200,000 looked bigger to her than did Alaska.

The extension of the Alaska railroad will be this government's first great undertaking in ownership and operation of railways. There is the Panama line, of course, but it is so much a part of the canal that its management can hardly be considered separately from the operation of that waterway.

BACKYARD GARDENERS BUSY

The backyard gardeners are among the busiest of mortals these days. Their industry is not to be scoffed at, but to be respected. They are making two onions grow where none grew before.

The labor of the gardeners must be considered, it would seem, if fair estimates are to be made of the profits of the business. That labor, however, is largely pleasurable recreation and in itself profit.

The backyard gardener has many advantages over the professional farmer. His acreage is not nearly so great since he is not even attempting to

supply all the needs of his own family, let alone supplying those of other families. Farming is for him merely a side-line, and he does not engage in it with sweat on his brow, unless he happens to perspire very easily indeed.

JUNGLE LIFE FOR CRIMINALS

An explorer who plans to leave Philadelphia in several months for the jungles of South America, where he expects to find a number of unlisted rivers and much valuable timber land, wants as a companion in peril a criminal who has served some time in a penitentiary and is about to be discharged.

There are many different kinds of criminals, however, and not all would be fitted for jungle exploration. The sneak thieves who pick pockets and snatch purses and then run for all they are worth would not be of much account where there are jaguars and boa constrictors to be dealt with.

There is no other place where society might rather wish incurable criminals to be than the jungles of South America unless it be the interior of Africa or one or the other of the polar regions.

The impression would be a mistaken one, of course, that only hardened criminals have the necessary courage to face the perils of the jungles. There is perhaps no finer example of bravery in South American exploration than that exhibited by Darwin, one of the world's greatest of thinkers.

It wouldn't require many "separate" peaces to make one general peace.

With the mercury in the nineties in April we are prematurely reminded of the expenses of next summer's vacation.

Wilson does remarkably well as President considering the handicap some of his Cabinet officers place on the administration.

Does Undermyer's stepping in as counsel for the Government in the McAdoo-Williams-Riggs bank controversy foreshadow Brandeis' stepping out?

The breaking of the intercollegiate record for hurling the javelin will hardly serve to encourage the revival of that sort of weapon in modern warfare.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

SWELL FAMILY: "That man made his money in inflated values." "I suppose that is why his family consider themselves so swell."—Exchange.

SATISFIES BOTH: Women's skirts promise to be almost as wide as the grins of the satisfied cloth manufacturers.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

STRATEGY: "Why does the Senator keep talking in that rambling way? I don't know what he's aiming at; do you?" "Sure I do. He's filibustering to keep his daughter from singing."—Puck.

QUITE A PARTY: The ladies present were the elite of our town. Supreme ladyship and sparkling refinement was the glowing, soul-stirring sentiment of all present. This brilliant entertainment proved a charming success.—Prescott (Ont.) Journal.

THE WISER WAY: The United States still continues to proceed on the wise theory that it is better to be unpopular and neutral than popular and shot-up.—Chicago Herald.

POLITICAL WISDOM: Mrs. Knicker—"How do you get money out of your husband?" Mrs. Knocker—"Any way except a direct tax levy."—New York Sun.

HE KNEW: "You are charged with giving assistance to the enemy." "How so?" "They have your automobile." "They took it forcibly. Besides, it won't assist them any."—Pittsburgh Post.

JUST LIKE THE SHOW: "Why do you call these vaudeville strawberries?" asked the amateur gardener. "They come in two sizes," replied the salesman; "top-liners to attract attention and smaller ones trailing along to provide the actual entertainment."—Washington Star.

MODERN SANITATION: "That landlord is certainly an enterprising fellow." "How now?" "He has installed outside roller towels that run the full length of a three-story hotel. Guests on every floor can lean out of the windows and wipe their hands." "But why have the towels outside?" "Oh, that's so the rain can wash 'em."—Kansas City Journal.

RASH DISFIGURED FACE, NECK, ARMS

And Hands: Would Get Red and Sting and Burn So Could Not Sleep. Used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Healed in 4 Months.



1121 Parrish St., Philadelphia, Pa.—"My skin broke out in a rash. The parts affected were my face, neck, arms and hands. They would get red and would sting and burn so I could not sleep nights. Afterwards they would itch so I could hardly stand it. The breaking out disfigured me. I used Soap and Ointment, Cream of Tartar, also Soap and found them unsatisfactory. I had the trouble four years before I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I found relief in three weeks. First I would wash with the Soap, then dry lightly and apply the Ointment, leave it on five or six minutes and wash it off with the Soap again. I would leave the Ointment on my hands and arms all night with a pair of loose gloves. I was entirely healed in four months." (Signed) William B. Brooke, October 27, 1914.

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Tongue-End Topics

Miss Phipps Criticizes Government: War work for women in England has its official limitations, since the Home Secretary refuses to grant licenses to women who have successfully passed the examinations required of drivers of motor vehicles.

Women Porters in England: The woman baggage porter has made her appearance in the Marylebone railway station. For some time women have been employed cleaning the railway coaches, but now they take their place with the men to carry bags or roll trunks on hand trucks and from the taxis and the taxis.

Making Sacks Instead of Socks: Bags of light cotton cloth roughly stitched together with fine thread have been received in great numbers by relief committees in London from women who think these flimsy contrivances will answer the purpose of sand-bag protection for the soldiers at the front.

"Suffragette" Resumes Publication: The "Suffragette," the weekly organ of the Woman's Social and Political Union, in London, which was suspended on the outbreak of the war, is making its reappearance. It is edited by Miss Christabel Pankhurst, who has just returned from the United States.

The Depopulation of France: Paul Descombes, discussing the progressive depopulation of France, gives some statistics to show that the thinning of the woods and forests is largely responsible. There are thirty-one French departments that are more or less mountainous.

Plan to Relieve the Censors: In order to relieve the hard-worked censor, soldiers writing letters home from the front are now being put on their honor as to the contents of their missives. A special envelope has been issued to the troops in the fighting line for this purpose.

Kaiser Wilhelm's "Double": Captain Weibe, of the German navy, has been arrested in San Remo on charges of espionage. Weibe is said to be the absolute double of the German Emperor, and it is reported that he has been charged with impersonating the Emperor in reviewing or addressing troops or civic bodies on several occasions.

DANGERS FROM INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS: Inspections made throughout the State by inspectors of the Department of Labor and Industry reveal the fact that persons who use benzine, gasoline or other easily inflammable liquids do not exercise the amount of care necessary in handling this material.

SAFETY FIRST

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

A CARD: The rumor that there has been a change in ownership or management in our firm has no foundation in fact. The business is being conducted just the same as it has been for years. On the advice of his physician, Mr. Jerauld is not devoting quite as much time to business as formerly and this may have given rise to the rumor. Rest assured you will get the same style range in high-grade stylish footwear, careful fitting, courteous attention and low prices in the future you have in the past. Signed, D. P. JERAULD, Treas. and Gen'l Manager.

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GERMAN EMBASSY'S NEW HOME NEAR SEA



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