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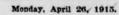
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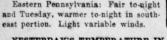
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WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued warm to-night and Tuesday.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night





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 my be expected soon to start. As the greatest material achievement of the present administration the building of the railroad, or rather the extension and improvement of an existing road taken over by the government, is going to be something worth watching.

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. The investment promises to be a wise one, since there is vast wealth to be obtained in the interior of Alaska, the land for which the United States paid Russia \$7,200,000,-less than one-fourth of the probable cost of the new railroad.

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. The ent's experiment in the northwest territory will do much to shape the opinions of government officials, railway officials and the general public at a time when the matter of government ownership is receiving extensive considera-

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. All persons who are thus adding to the wealth of the nation, whether they are producing onions or other useful food, deserve success in their undertakings.

Backyard gardens exist in great numbers in all parts of this city. If they were counted their total would no doubt be surprising as would the aggregate value, if known, of the food which they will yield. Harrisburg's cultivated backyards will produce for the tables of its thrifty gardeners vegetables which will be earlier, fresher and cheaper than those which market stalls will offer.

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 pleasureable recreation and in itself profit. Gardening provides needed diversion for many of those individuals classed as "tired business men" and for men of various professions and trades who also get tired from time to time. There is healthful exercise for city men in small scale tilling of the soil which puts the value of the labor, if that value is to be considered at all, on the side of the assets

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

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. He labors usually in the twilight, proceeds not too hurriedly, and quits when he feels like it. The backyard gardener is likely to get much exhilaration out of agriculture that the plodding farmer misses.

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. He says he took along a sturdy college student on a former expedition, but was forced to confront danger unaided when it came, and to protect the frightened young fellow besides. Consequently he wants a hardened criminal for his partner in his next hazardous undertaking,-one who is afraid of neither man nor beast.

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. Bank robbers might be more to the purpose. A very desperate fellow of this class could no doubt do much to make life miserable for wild animals with which he might come in contact.

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. In civilized lands where wealth is, there is always temptation for the thieves. In the wilds of South Africa there is none. If there is any wealth there to be had, it belongs to whoever is able to take possession of it and what is more, to get away with it to the centers of population where it is appreciated. The pity is that opportunity is at present offered for but one criminal out of so many thousands, to benefit society and himself by going to the South American jungles to live.

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. At the time when he was in the Argentina, surrounded by Indians who had no pity on any whites whom they captured, the author of "The Journal of the Voyage of the Beagle" penetrated into regions where even the Gauches would not go, and faced perils innumerable. It would be difficult to stead of putting children into the harconceive of a second Darwin coming forth from the cell of a penitentiiary.

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

With the mercury in the nineties in April we are pre maturely reminded of the expenses of next summer's

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

Does Untermyer'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 afternoon cup of tea. The women are 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

STRATEGY

way? I don't know what he's aiming at; do you?" singing."-Puck.

QUITE A PARTY

The ladies present were the elite of our town. Supreme ladyship and sparkling refinement was the glowing, soulthe place of muffler and sock knitting stirring sentiment of all present. This brilliant entertainamong patriotic women. ment 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 then 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 enferprising feller." "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."-

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.

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. It is green in color and headed, 'On Active Service.'' On the flap is this declaration, which must

be signed by the writer:
"I certify on my honor that the con

tents of this letter refer to nothing but private and family matters."

Kaiser Wilhelm's "Double"

Captain Weihe, of the German navy

has been arrested in San Remo or charges of espionage. Weihe is said to charges of espionage. Weihe is said to be the absolute double of the German

Emperor, and it is reported that he ha

been charged with impersonating the

Emperor in reviewing or addressing troops or civic bodies on several ocea-

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. The vapor from material of this nature is readily inflammable, and, under certain conditions, highly explosive. An open flame, a spark or any object heated to incandescence will immediately ignite vapor of this kind. This fact, however, seems to be lost sight of by many peo-

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ple who constantly handle inflam

On numerous occasions when inspec-tors have visited garages, cleaning es-tablishments or factories where these liquids are used for cleaning or other purposes, they have found open cans of these materials placed in very prom-

of these materials placed in very prom-inent positions, on work benches, un-der work benches, in corners, and, in fact, anywhere it was convenient to place these receptacles. In the majority of cases a close examination in the vicinity of these cans will reveal the presence of burnt match sticks, cigar-

presence of burnt match sticks, cigarette or cigar butts, or other evidences
that an open flame or fire of some kind
has been in dangerous proximity to
these receptacles. That this material
has not become ignited seems to have
been due only to an especial act of
Providence, and not to any care or attention on the part of the user.

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ingly suggests that employes and employers give careful attention to this matter, and urges them not to wait until they have had a dangerous fire or explosion before providing these

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 steep nights. Afterwards they would itch so I could hardly stand it. The breaking out disfigured me.

"I used — Soap and Ontment. I found relief in three weeks. First I would wash with the Soap, then dry lightly and apply the Ontment, leave it on five or six minutes and wash is off with the Soap again. I would leave the Ontment on my hands and arms all nights with a pair of loose gloves. I was entirely healed it four months." (Signet). Williams 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 the examinations required of drivers of motor vehicles. The reason the Home Secretary gave to the applicants was the public's alleged lack of confidence in women drivers.

decide that?" asked Miss Phipps, president of the National Federation of Women Teachers, in an address before that body in London. Miss Phipps aired other grievances against the go ernment, in which she had the sympathy of the teachers. The legislation clos ing the liquor houses to women until 11.30 a. m. and not to the men was based on the lie, she said, that most of the drinking was done by soldiers wives. This she considered a deadly inult to the women. Discrimination in the matter of wages existed in the factories furnishing munitions of war, she charged, as men received more pay than the women for equivalent work. vest fields next summer, Miss Phipps proposed that the stronger and better nourished boys from Eton and Harrow and the other great schools be set at this work.

Women Porters in England

The woman baggage porter has made her appearance in the Marylebone railstation. For some time women wav 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 to and from the tarins and the taxis. Their insignia is a metal arm badge, like the men's. a rule the women porters look mainly after women travelers. The only privi lege they exact over the men is their now quite as well up on the time tables as the men, and can pocket tips with equal adeptness.

Making Sacks Instead of Socks

Bags of light cotton cloth roughly stitched together with fine thread have been received in great numbers by re lief committees in London from women who think these flimsy contrivances will answer the purpose of sand-bag protection for the soldiers at the front. Miss M. L. Tyler, head of a committee collecting these sacks, had disclosed the extent of this wasted effort in a warning to women that the sand bags the soldiers need must be made of jute or some heavy material and that the "Why does the Senator keep talking in that rambling y? I don't know what he's aiming at; do you?"
"Sure I do. He's filibustering to keep his daughter from ging."—Puck.

or some neavy material and that the sewing must be done by string instead of thread. Sand bags are not only the best bullet stoppers, but the easiest and quickest means of making protection. An urgent call for them as life savers has been made by officers at the front. The result is sack making is fast taking

"Suffragette" Resumes Publication The "Suffragette," the weekly or-gan of the Woman's Social and Political Union, in London, which was sus-pended 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. For the present, the journal will deal with the women's side of the war situ ation.

The Depopulation of France

Paul Descombes, discussing the progressive depopulation of France, gives some statistics to show that the thin-ning of the woods and forests is largely responsible. There are thirty-one French departments that are more or less mountainous. These now have 8,094,940 inhabitants. If the old rate of increase had been maintained their population now would be 11,896,366. Monsieur Descombes points out that the mountainous regions of Switzerland. which should not be any less favorable to repopulation than the mountainous regions of France, show an increase of more than 50 per cent. in population during the last 60 years, and he attrib utes it to the fact that forest protect tion in Switzerland is far more rigorous than in France.

Plan to Relieve the Censors

In order to relieve the hard-worked the station and telegraph office. censor, soldiers writing letters home floor will be fitted up as offices.

A CARD

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ployes are at work, and that the main supply be kept in underground storage reservoirs located outside the build-

RAW FOODS

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene By Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health

It has often been noted that fires in garages have, in many instances, occurred a short time after persons have quit work, either for the day, or when they left temporarily for meals. It is common belief that, in some of these cases, fires may have been started by a match stick with which they had lighted their cigar, cigarette or pipe, and which they then had carelessly and hurriedly thrown away, thinking it had been completely extinguished.

All establishments that use dangerous and high inflammable material of this kind should keep their supply in safety case, which would not permit their inflammable and explosive vapors to be given off. They should also algardener's eyes are delighted by the rows of summer vegetables that are poking their green leaves above the warm earth. The season for raw foods has already arrived. Lettuce, water-cress, radishes, par-

sley, cucumbers, leeks, berrier many other toothsome growing burden the market stalls and berries

to be given off. They should also allow no appreciable amount of liquids of this kind to be kept on the premises. If it is necessary to purchase a large quantity, it should be stored in an underground tank located outside of the building, and only as much as is necessary for the daily operation should be drawn off into safety cans. All of this material should be removed at night from the building, and again placed in the storage tank or in some outside storage place.

Within the last two months, five men have been killed in this State as a result of explosions caused by the ignition of benzine vapor; so that the danger is one which should be guarded against at all times.

The Department of Labor and Industry has been endeavoring to safeguard employers and employes from this danger by suggesting the use of safety cans wherever material of this kind is used. The department accordingly suggests that employes and employer give careful attention to this the house-wife after the winter menu of canned vegetables.

A certain per cent. of raw foods is an excellent stimulant to the appetite and a wholesome change at this season of the year. Care should be exercised, however, that they are properly cleansed before being eaten. Often the large of the truck gardens and those laborers in the truck gardens and those who handle the truck before reaching the consumer are carcless in the use of dangerous fertilizers and some pick and prepare the vegetables for market who are also carcless to a degree that

almost criminal.

All vegetables to be eaten raw and An vegetables to be eaten raw and berries, even at the risk of slightly injuring their flavor, should be thoroughly washed before being eaten. Gardens should be fertilized with care. No night soil should be used on truck gardens from which the porduce may be served uncooked. Watercress must not be grown in polluted streams. Watercress from polluted streams often

produced epidemics of typhoid fever. Bananas should be thoroughly washed as soon as they come into the hands of the consumer, so that the dirt taken on durig transportation will not be veyed to other edibles.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

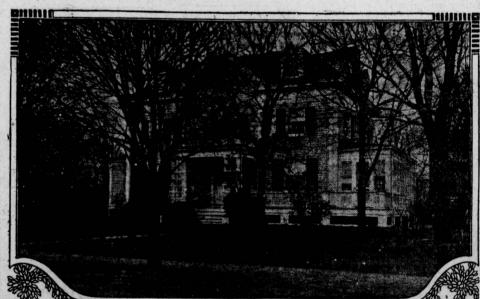
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GERMAN EMBASSY'S NEW HOME NEAR SEA



SUMMER HOME OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY AT CEDARHURST , L. Here is the new summer home of the German Empassy at Cedarhurst, L. I. All the pleasures of country and seashore life have been observed in the new home, where Count von Bernstorff and his staff will pass the summer. The house, a large three story dwelling, stands back on a spacious lawn with plenty of shade trees. It is not very far from the shore and is only a short distance from the railroad station. On the grounds are a roomy stable and a garage. The clerks' house, in which will be transacted the routine business of the Embassy, is situated very near the station and telegraph office. It is a stone's throw from the Ambassador's residence. Four rooms on the ground