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WEATHER FORECASTS Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cool to night with lowest temperature about 46 degrees. Tuesday fair and warmer.

THE SANE COURSE Setting aside all consideration of the moral phase of the question of the right of any belligerent nation to slaughter citizens of a neutral nation as the Americans were slaughtered on the Lusitania, there appear to be sufficient legal grounds to justify this nation to refrain from entering into a war as a result of the killing of her people even if no reparation whatever is made by the nation which may ultimately be shown to have been responsible for the sinking of the great liner.

Every sane person in America wants to avoid war. The question that all are asking is how can we do it with honor and without sacrificing our national prestige as the defender of our own people, in view of the Lusitania incident? Everybody knows that if we do go to war about it the results to the nation, win or lose, would more than likely be far more terrible than a score of Lusitania disasters.

There appear to be a number of grounds on which United States could with honor abstain from entering a war even if the nation that may be shown ultimately to have been responsible for the Lusitania deaths declines to acknowledge that responsibility. Call them technical or legal grounds if you choose but if they permit this nation to escape the scourge of bloodshed that is now devastating Europe they should be resorted to.

FOOD SOLD BY THE CENT'S WORTH There are at present twenty public schools in New York City where one-cent lunches are served to poor children. The work is being carried on by the school lunch committee of the Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor, which went into the lunch business in 1907 after the alarming fact was disclosed that thousands of children had been going to school in the mornings without their breakfasts.

There are several obvious reasons why preparers of school lunches, operating scientifically, can supply better and cheaper food to poor children than can the children's parents. There are dieticians who know how to arrange food with all due regard to palatability, purity and nutritiousness, selecting it with the latter quality especially in view, rather than flavor and attractiveness merely.

payment for the baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, sausages, peas, peanut butter sandwiches, beans, cheese sandwiches, rice puddings, oranges, ice cream sandwiches, cakes, pieces of pie or candies, do not completely cover the costs of the articles of food. Even with the losses taken into consideration, however, the lunches in the schools have been found to be cheaper than food in the homes.

That the lunches are wholesome and nourishing as well as very low in price is evident from all reports, and they surely are keeping many school children from being hungry during school hours and thus from being handicapped in the pursuit of their studies.

Providers of families have things to learn, apparently, from the preparers of one-cent lunches, among which are the facts that even cheap food may be nourishing if carefully selected and that the more palatable food is not necessarily the more nutritious.

ANTI-MILITARY IDEAS IN SCHOOLS It is to be expected that the heads of military organizations in this country should differ in their opinions from ardent persons having anti-military sentiments. The former object to the latter's actions, which they say tend to put soldiers in disrepute in this country during times of peace, although they have not yet shown that such actions really affect the soldiers.

A major in the New York National Guards, for instance, does not like the popular song, "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier," nor does he admire the familiar painting in which a little girl is represented as piteously asking her soldier-father if he is going away to kill some other little girl's papa.

The principal of the school in which the objectionable song and painting are used for the forming of pupils' opinions on matters military admits that he has made the song a part of the regular singing exercises. He frankly asserts that his object is to teach the children the honors of war.

One of the best "safety first" precautions that we can recommend is for neutrals to keep out of the war zone. They're off on the three-day publicity run which will help remind the other cities that Harrisburg is on the map.

The American people are proving they are possessed of sanity and self-restraint when such qualities are most needed. Perhaps, after all, if we are honest enough with ourselves to admit it, our lack of preparedness for war is one of the reasons for our great desire to maintain peace.

To avoid the extreme of a panic the officers and crew of the sinking Lusitania appear to have gone to the other extreme and told the passengers there was no danger, with the result that some of the passengers failed to realize their peril in time and so perished.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN UNDER PROTEST First Waiter—"Dat mean guy I just waited on insulted me wid a dime."

KITCHENER GROWS CAUSTIC A good story is going the rounds about what Lord Kitchener said the other day after he had inspected some defense works on the east coast. It is short and sweet. The War Minister motored from point to point, walked over the ground, but never said a word all afternoon until the moment he was leaving for London.

SALUTING THE MAJOR A new Territorial, who had not quite learned his business, was on sentry duty one night when a friend brought a pie from the canteen. As he sat on the grass eating pie the major sauntered up in dress uniform. The sentry, not recognizing him, did not salute, and the major stopped and said: "What's that you have there?"

BABY FRETFUL WITH ECZEMA Had To Be Carried At Night. Could Not Let Clothes Near It. Applied Cuticura Ointment Then Washed With Cuticura Soap. Eczema Gone In Few Months.

3702 Kaor St., Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa.—My baby had eczema. It was like deep cracks and then it would weep and get a hard surface on it. She was awful to look at. Every place where there was a crack, like the back of her ear and in her neck, it was awfully bad. The child had to be carried at night. We could not let her clothes be near it. She was fretful.

Sample Each Free by Mail With 32-p. Skin Book on request. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston." Sold throughout the world.

Tongue-End Topics Balls Held Years Ago The late Levi Wolfinger, for years prominent in Harrisburg municipal affairs, was for fifty years the president of the Washington Hose Company, from 1841 to 1891.

Washington Ball in 1852 These old ball invitations are very interesting, containing the names of many of the older residents whose descendants are still "in our midst."

Good Will Affair in 1870 The Good Will Fire Company gave a ball in Brant's hall on November 23, 1870, when the committee of arrangements consisted of A. Root, James Kautz, William H. Crook, R. Hamill and William Groff.

Well-known Names on Committee One of the big balls of the Washington Hose Company was that given in Brant's hall on December 16, 1868, when the following composed the committee: Frederick Trace, George W. Simmers, Samuel McFarland, William L. Raber, Samuel Shearer, W. J. Hughes, John J. Keller, William K. Aldricks, Henry Kettering, James Hantz, John Koser, Thomas Peoples, Lem. Duncan, James Boyd, Elwood R. Croll, T. O. Zimmerman, Irvin Boas, Francis Hoy, Henry Brubaker, Samuel Wenrick, Mordecai Felix, George Sponsler, D. L. Jaus, Henry Young, William Brodbeck and W. B. Jones.

In Honor of Governor Curtin On January 14, 1861, when Governor Curtin was first inaugurated, the Hope Fire Company held "a grand inauguration ball" or "Hivers at home," at Brant's hall, when the following committee officiated: G. W. Geety, P. Finnegan, J. Sprucebanks, W. J. Putt, H. Hummel, J. M. Barr, S. Cline, J. Cunkel, H. Colestock, G. McAllister, J. Himmelmright, R. R. Barr, John McComas, James Hughes, W. F. McCoy and William D. Earnest, as master of ceremonies.

the Friendship Fire Company gave a New Year ball in Brant's hall. On that occasion the members composing the ball committee were Harry C. Shaffer, James B. Floyd, J. W. Lesure, George V. Corl, William N. Brown, A. Schlayer, Levi A. Weaver, John H. Corl, Jacob Rupp, Charles Orth, David Fisher, Christian Gilley, Owen Millhouse, James K. Dumars, John H. Caslow, John Searfauss, William Glock, James McCloskey, John C. Fox, Alexander Marshbank, Robert S. Halbert, Theodore L. Rogers, John Stormfeltz and James A. Jack.

MEASURED BY INCHES Tiny Things Sway Calamity or Success in Human Affairs Everybody knows what a little thing an inch is, but few realize what a big thing it is.

DAMAGE FROM LIGHTING FIXTURES In many cases an inspection of lighting fixtures often reveals that very little attention has been paid concerning their location in unsafe places.

Mrs. A. Bierbower The funeral of Mrs. A. Bierbower, wife of Lewis H. Bierbower, who died Saturday, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from her home, 231 1-2 South street.

CURRENT COMMENT. Automobiles and Baseball. Somebody has discovered that the number of automobile owners in our country is nearly equal to the number of baseball patrons.

Sadly Beautiful. Some of the courtesies imposed upon armies and navies are at times beautiful in their expression.

A Seasonable Explanation. Every woman wants a new hat that makes her look better than she looked in her old hat, which was more fascinating than the one she had before.

The Irish Tongue. Seumas McManus declares that the Irish language is "the most forceful to curse, pray and make love in, as it is the most expressive."

\$3.00 TO New York AND RETURN Via PHILADELPHIA & READING RAILWAY SUNDAY, MAY 16 SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT DAHLIAS FROM THE PEACOCK DAHLIA FARMS, PRODUCERS OF THE WORLD'S BEST DAHLIAS. ONE HUNDRED—100—OF THE LATEST VARIETIES TO SELECT FROM.

SAFETY FIRST DEISS' ECZEMA LOTION Cures Eczema, Galls, Dandruff and all skin eruptions. WM. DEISS, 920 N. 2nd St. Formerly FOURTH and WALNUT STREETS.

A LAND OF MURDERS. Papua, a Cold Blooded Country, Where Life is Held Cheap. Papua has long been known as a bloody land. It is a bloody land still.

A Sailor's Compliment. Through all the years they were together Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont lived for her husband, as before her marriage she had lived for her father.

Poor Literary Pay Dr. Johnson is commonly reckoned as a successful author, yet he received for many of his compositions a comparatively small sum.

Ready For Carnival Everything is now in readiness for the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's carnival, to be held here the week of May 17.

The Harrisburg Polyclinic Dispensary will be open daily except Sunday at 3 p. m., at its new location, Front and Harris streets, for the free treatment of the worthy poor.