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Calendar for May showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 31.

MOON'S PHASES—Last Quarter, 6th; New Moon, 13th; First Quarter, 21st; Full Moon, 28th.

WEATHER FORECASTS Harrisburg and vicinity: Showers and warmer to-night. Saturday partly cloudy.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 65; lowest, 44; 8 a. m., 54; 8 p. m., 56.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DURING WAR

According to official figures which are now available on the foreign commerce of the United States during the nine months that ended with last March, through eight of which the war in Europe was going on, the exports from this country to Germany have decreased more than \$260,000,000, compared with the same period last year, while the exports to countries close to Germany have increased to the amount of \$149,000,000.

The principal exports to German's neighbors,—Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands,—that have been increasing have been found to be wheat, cotton, copper, boots and automobiles, articles which are at present in demand in Germany as well as in other warring countries.

Although the British order, which went into effect March 1, cut off direct commerce with Germany, it has not stopped trade with neutral countries near Germany,—countries from which goods can be transported with no great difficulty into the Kaiser's realm.

During that period of time, what of our imports? Their value decreased from \$1,398,352,000 to \$1,213,653,000 compared with the same period last year,—a loss of \$184,699,000.

An increase in imports is noted in the case of raw wool, which advanced from \$31,000,000 to \$37,000,000, while there was no raw wool reported among our exports.

It is too early, of course, for correct estimates to be made of the effects on the various industries of the United States of the changing values of exports and imports during the war, yet the indications seem to be that these industries are enjoying some very substantial gains.

MAKING MOTOR TOURISTS WELCOME

The Ohio village of Hudson has adopted a new attitude toward motor tourists who pass that way. A fine brick highway has been built through Hudson, extending from Cleveland to Akron and beyond.

Hudson are taking special pains to make the strangers feel "at home." Visiting motorists in Hudson from now on are to be treated like honored guests.

A rest room has been provided in one of the public buildings at a convenient place for tourists in the center of the pretty settlement and along the brick highway.

In the rest room every reasonable convenience and comfort is provided and the ladies of the Hudson Home Circle take turns in acting as hostesses.

It was easy to get the money to equip the quarters as soon as the town caught the idea. They all saw that it was better to have the good opinion of the scores of people who pass through Hudson in motor cars than to have them avoid or deride our town.

The Hudson idea might well be adopted by other villages and boroughs which in many cases, it is feared, have assumed an unduly hostile rather than a friendly attitude toward the great army of auto tourists.

FRANKLIN MEDAL FOR EDISON

One medal more or less may not make much difference in Thomas A. Edison's collection of such tributes to his inventive genius, yet there has surely been a prominent place found there for the recent gift of the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, the Franklin medal showing the profile of the great American who first attempted to tame the lightning which Edison later succeeded in harnessing.

The presentation of the medal was made in appreciation, it was said, of the worth of Edison's "numerous basic inventions and discoveries forming the foundations of worldwide industries and signally contributing to the well-being, comfort and pleasure of the human race."

That is a very fair account of the South Orange wizard's accomplishments, even though it does not fully express all that might be said on the subject.

The actual products of Edison's genius, of course, give the best testimony on the topic and their daily use in lands civilized and uncivilized must be the source of great gratification to the inventor.

Even humble medals, however, have their place as expressions of appreciation. They are concrete evidences of the high regard in which the recipient is held by his fellows.

There is a little more peace of mind in official circles on the Hill since the appointments have been announced.

Harrisburg's new asphalt repair plant will hardly be in operation in time to help out on Good Roads Day, next Wednesday.

The thieves who have been taking flower-beds from lawns in Royalton at least are not so depraved as to be without a sense of the beautiful.

We don't care how long you take to think it over, Kaiser Wilhelm, just so you keep the submarines from operating in the meantime!

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

CHANGED Nivens—"What are you doing now; still moving pianos?" Riven—"No, moving pictures."—Ginger.

NO JOKE Tommy—"Paw, what is a freebinker?" Paw—"An unmarried man, my son."—N. Y. Times.

A WOMAN'S WAY Nivens (cautiously)—"Is she economical?" Miss Sharpe—"Oh, very! I have seen her work five days making a cushion cover she could buy for a dime."—Ginger.

GENTLY PUT Boy (applying for a job)—"Have you an opening for me, sir?" Boss—"Yes, behind you; close it please as you go out."—O-B Bulletin.

FISH "Madam, here's a man at the door with a parcel for you." "What is it, Maggie?" "It's fish, ma'am, an' it's marked 'C. O. D.'" "Tell him to take it back; I ordered trout."—Ginger.

SHE HAD SAID IT Census Man—"How old are you, madam?" Lady—"Twenty-five." Census Man (gallantly)—"You could easily say you were five years younger than you are." Lady—"Oh, I've done that already."—Boston Transcript.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES In a railway station at Bath, Illinois, "No loafers allowed except employes." In Appleton, Wisconsin, "Everything in Sausage." In Ann Arbor, "Hand Pressing—Ladies' work a specialty." At Fourth and Sycamore, "Our magazines, newspapers, candies and confectionery contain all the latest reports from the front."—Cincinnati Ad Club News.

What Thin Folks Should Do To Gain Weight

Physician's Advice for Thin, Underdeveloped Men and Women

Thousands of people suffer from excessive thinness, weak nerves and feeble stomachs who, having tried advertised flesh-makers, food-fads, physical culture stunts and rub-on creams, resign themselves to life-long skinniness and think nothing will make them fat.

A month's systematic use of Sargol should produce flesh and strength by correcting faults of digestion and by supplying highly concentrated fats to the blood.

While this new preparation has given splendid results as a nerve- tonic and vitalizer, it should not be used by nervous people unless they wish to gain at least ten pounds of flesh.—Adv.

Tongue-End Topics

Riots in Colon and Panama The recent riots between United States soldiers of the Panama canal forces and the Panama police in both Panama and Colon, in which several on both sides have been killed, have made it necessary for Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, U. S. A., commanding the Panama canal troops, to establish large permanent provost guards in both cities.

Police Clubs for Soldiers An arrangement has been made with the Panama government whereby the soldier-guards are furnished with the regulation Panamanian police club. In addition, they wear their service revolvers.

Mexican Money Values Drop The purchasing price of Mexican paper money has been decreasing steadily until to-day the Mexican peso is worth but 11 cents in gold in Mexico City, instead of 50 cents as in normal times.

Shriners on Visit to York Three Hundred Nobles and Novices Make Trip on Special Train With Patrol and Band

Shriners of Zumbo Temple, of this city, headed by illustrious Potentate George W. McIlhenny, went in a special train to York last night to aid in a ceremonial session held by the York Shriners.

Scissors in Demand in Vienna Scissors are oddly in great demand in Vienna. It does not seem to have occurred to the authorities to perforate the coupon parts of the municipal bread tickets, so they have to be cut off with scissors.

Clergyman's Arm Fractured Lebanon, May 21.—The Rev. William W. Friddinger, pastor of the United Brethren in Christ church, Jones-town, this county, is suffering from a double fracture of his right arm as the result of the back-bring of an auto as he was in the act of cranking it yesterday at the Union water works in North Annville township.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!

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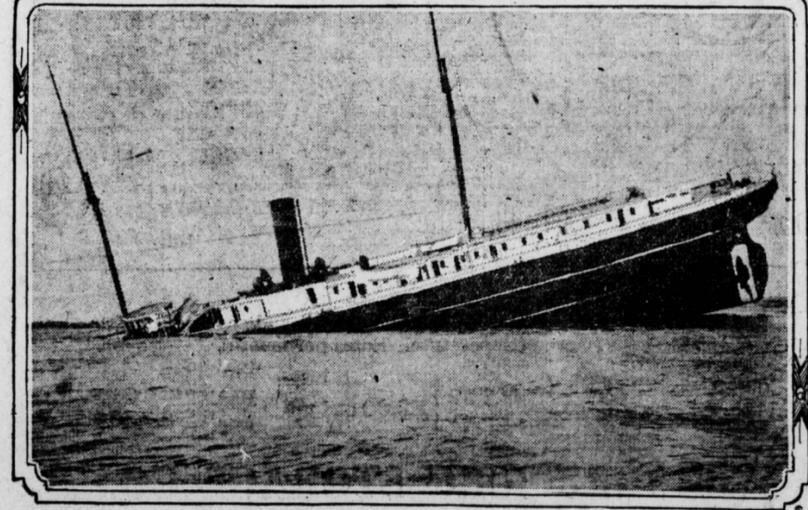
Advertisement for Jos. D. Brenner, Diamond Merchant and Jeweler, 1 N. Third Street. Includes details about commencement and wedding gifts.



FOR FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

SHRINERS ON VISIT TO YORK Temple band, under the direction of Cornelius B. Shope, and the famous Arab patrol of the temple. Upon their arrival in York they were joined by the York, Lancaster and Columbia Shriners and the novices and a short street parade, headed by the band, was held.

HERE'S A REMARKABLE MARINE PHOTOGRAPH



This is not a bucking bronco, but the steamship Chatham, of the Merchants and Miners' line, which struck the submerged outer end of the jetty at the mouth of the St. John's River, near Jacksonville, Fla. She slid part way over the jetty, when the bow filled and sank, lifting the stern high in the air. A severe storm afterward moved the vessel back into deep water.