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MAY

Calendar for May 1915 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: Fair, continued cool to night with frost in low places. Friday fair, slightly warmer.



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 69; lowest, 53; 8 a. m., 61; 8 p. m., 53.

BY ACCIDENT OR DESIGN?

While reports from Great Britain naturally enough, perhaps, make it appear that the American freight steamer, Nebraskan, crippled by contact with some powerful explosive off the coast of Ireland on last Tuesday night, may have been struck by a torpedo, this theory should not be accepted until it is proved absolutely that the damage was not done by a floating mine or by some other device not intended to do injury to an American vessel.

If it is shown, when the full facts have been made public, that the Nebraskan was designedly torpedoed by a German submarine,—a theory which, however, we are strongly inclined to doubt,—the incident must be regarded in some respects as far more serious to the United States than even the sinking of the liner Lusitania which resulted in the loss of more than 100 American lives.

While these and similar excuses did not suffice for the American government, the attack on the Nebraskan, if an attack it ultimately is shown to have been, was made under circumstances which do not admit even of such unsatisfactory explanations. For the Nebraskan was sailing away from and not toward a nation at which Germany is at war; she was sailing under the American flag, and she was carrying no cargo whatever, being simply in ballast and destined for an American port.

The report of American Ambassador Page, on the Nebraskan case, was received in Washington this morning, we are told, but at this writing the contents of the message had not been revealed by the Washington authorities. It is wise, then, for the American people to maintain their mental poise in the same sane way that they have been doing during recent trying circumstances, until it is definitely and officially announced just how the American freighter came by her misfortune.

"BACK TO THE BABIES" MOVEMENT

At the convention of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World in New York the state commander of the Michigan Maccabees came forward with the recommendation that members of the order transfer their interest from dogs, cats, canaries and parrots to the young of the human species. Because there are many little orphan children in Michigan who need care the lodge members there have been busy adopting them. Finding them to be much more interesting pets than are animals with fur or feathers, they are now trying to have the "back to the babies" movement introduced by their sisters in other states.

Without wishing harm to the many poodles and other pets which have been tenderly cared for by childless women since the raising of babies has become unfashionable, we might venture the hope that the movement back to the babies be a success-

ful one not only among the Maccabees but also among other women in and out of lodges. There are always other persons' infants available for adoption by women who want the companionship of newly born creatures of their species. These little orphans have in the past been too much neglected because of preferences among women who could adopt them if they only would for orphan dogs and cats and feathered creatures instead.

A baby in the home may, of course, be more bothersome than some other sort of a pet. It requires its meals more carefully prepared and more cautiously served. It must be clothed and it must be kept away from the tops of dangerous staircases and prevented from climbing out of second-story windows and over balcony railings. And, most important of all, the wants of its intellectual and spiritual natures must be attended to by methods never required in the care of a puppy or kitten.

Although a baby cannot be kept out of trouble by being chained to a kennel or confined in a cage, and at times requires as much attention as a good-sized menagerie, it is a much more wonderful sort of a pet than any other. In a contest between children and poodles for first place in the affections, the sympathies should abide with the babies.

PICKING THE HOMELIEST MAN

In an unusual contest at a carnival in Bloomfield, N. J., a diamond ring is about to be awarded to him whom the residents select from among their number as the homeliest man. The competition is reported to be very close. A policeman with freckles, an upturned nose and a bald head is said to have a beautiful chance,—the only beautiful thing about him, evidently. A letter carrier with various disfigurements also is favorably spoken of, his friends asserting that his qualifications in a contest of this sort are not to be despised. There is also a bow-legged person in the running, who is probably coming along handsomely enough, as well as a hod carrier who recently caught with his nose a brick falling from the fourth story of a building on which he was working. Each of these men appears to have a good chance to improve his personal appearance by the wearing of the diamond ring.

Although the reputation of being the homeliest man in the town might not be quite as embarrassing as would be the stigma of being the most beautiful, a contest such as Bloomfield's has its dangers. Suppose, for instance, that the diamond ring should be awarded to some self-satisfied citizen who considers himself quite a good-looker as long as he does not glance too much into the mirror, and who would have thought rather of entering a beauty contest than of competing for the title of the homeliest of men. Should the award be thus unfortunately made, the winner would do best to borrow money on the ring and leave the vicinity.

Readers of current jokes and of jokes that were current in former days, will remember how the scornful reply, "I was not competing, thank you," came from the homely but haughty lady to whom had been awarded the prize for having succeeded in making the ugliest face in a contest which was being carried on by the persons about her.

It is fortunate, at any rate, that the Bloomfield prize for the homeliest face is to go to a man.

Many an amateur who devoted yesterday to doctoring roads is devoting to-day to doctoring sore limbs.

We never were fortunate enough to be around when it was raining dollars but we hear a lot these days about hailing jitneys.

It will soon be so that there is more news interest in the safe arrival of a transatlantic steamship than in the announcement of one being blown up at sea.

Whether Whitman is an efficient Governor of New York state or whether he is just the opposite depends altogether on whether you read the "Sun" or the "World."

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

IT HAS HAPPENED

It would just be some men's luck, after they had saved up for a rainy day, to lose their rain-check.—Judge.

A SUMMER PRESCRIPTION

"How does Fatboy stand the heat?" "He sits under a tree and reads French mystery stories till his blood runs cold."—Boston Globe.

MEASURE OF MIND

Many a big man has just as small thoughts as has the elephant whose mind is centered on a peanut.—New York Times.

BETTER TITLE

"Guess I'll head this column 'What's Going On in Society.' How's that?" "Um. It seems to be mainly devoted to society women and their clothes. I think I'd head it, 'What's Coming Off.'"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

JUST THE THING

"Waal, Hiram, was the old inhabitant, 'do you suppose you cud move my grocery store to 'tother side of the street?'" "Waal, I dunno," answered the village jack-of-all-trades, "it's a powerful big store. I calculate what you need is one of them 'shop-lifters' they have in the city."—Ginger.

WHEN THE SKY WAS OVERCAST

Jimson—"Oh, yes; I knew old Simson. He was a good sort. He did a very kind action once for me when the clouds were dark and threatening and the world looking so black."

Pimson—"What did he do?" Jimson—"He lent me an umbrella."—Boston Globe.

ALICE'S OPINION

In his very, very early youth Mr. Mumpser had been a pretty child. His friends did not believe this was possible, and even he had forgotten all about it until one day he unearthed a painting of himself at that period from among the old lumber. This he handed to his wife as some compensation for his present somewhat worm-eaten appearance. "There, Alice," said Mrs. Mumpser, proudly exhibiting the picture to the servant. "That is a portrait of your master, painted when he was a child."

Alice gazed open-mouthed at the production. "Lor', mum," she said, after some moments, "what a pity it is we have to grow up, ain't it?"—New York Evening Journal.

LOSS OF APPETITE

Most Successfully Treated by Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla

Loss of appetite is accompanied by loss of vitality, which is serious. It is common in the spring because at this time the blood is impure and impoverished and fails to give the digestive organs what is absolutely necessary for the proper performance of their functions.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the rich red blood the digestive organs need.—Adv.

Tongue-End Topics

Dutch Art Works Going Cheap

The war has hit the artists and art dealers of Holland so severely that fine paintings are selling as low as \$20. In these days of enforced retrenchment there is little spare money for the purchase of pictures and the usual inflow of tourists from the United States, England and Germany, whose arrival every spring was the signal for the Dutch art dealers to put up their prices has been checked by war. Several dealers in The Hague and Amsterdam have been forced to seek a livelihood in other lines. One of the leading dealers of The Hague has closed his shop, while another has gone into the publication of illustrated books, largely on subjects germane to the war, for which there is still a market.

Credit Withdrawn From Museums

To make matters worse, the Dutch government has withdrawn its annual fixed credit at the disposition of the State museums for the purchase of works of art. The poor artists, therefore, have not even the recourse to State aid in their need, which would be open in ordinary times. Dr. Hofstede do Groot, late director of the print room of the Royal Museum at Amsterdam, and an art expert well known in the United States, regrets this step taken by the Netherlands government. "Never in my memory," he told an Associated Press representative, "has there been such extraordinary opportunities to secure valuable paintings at low prices as now. Individuals cannot afford to do so, perhaps, but the government can. An art book or a painting worth purchasing for one of the royal museums will probably be bought sooner or later, anyhow. The thing is that most of them can be bought for less money now than later."

Keeping the Needy Artists

The artists themselves have undertaken the relief of the more needy among the fraternity. A number of these organizations have exhibition and sales rooms attached to their club houses, and have arranged to have sales exhibitions of paintings of the members, offered at a fixed maximum price, generally far below what the exhibitors might normally expect to receive for their work. The Pulchri studio, for example, has had two such sales, the first with the maximum price set at \$20, at which 180 pictures were sold. The second has just been held, the prices were fixed between \$20 and \$40, at which figures 210 paintings were disposed of. The Queen of the Netherlands bought twelve, the Prince Consort eight and the Queen Mother also eight. All the purchasers were Dutch. As the membership of the Pulchri studio consists of recognized established artists, the Dutch found the occasion thus offered too good to let slip.

Using Up the Relief Funds

The artists' associations are employing also their available relief funds to purchase the pictures of artists hard pressed to dispose of their work. These will be held by the societies and sold at auction after the war when it is hoped that times will be better. Anything received over the price paid by the society is to go to the artist, when the final sale is made. The fund employed for these purchases is constantly being increased by the sale of paintings by artists of means, who can afford to and do present their works to the societies to be sold, the proceeds going to the relief fund. Certain of the societies also hold lotteries with pictures for prizes, 10 per cent. of the proceeds going to the artist, 10 per cent to the relief of workers in the industrial arts, and the remainder to the Royal National Relief Fund for the assistance of war sufferers.

Art Dealers Are Suffering

While the artists are thus united to care for their brother-craftsmen, the dealers in pictures are without relief. One Hague dealer specializing in engravings and etchings, said that he had not sold an etching for eight months. Prices are cut in half, but to no avail. There is less sympathy for dealers, however, as it is felt that theirs is purely a commercial risk which they must stand, together with the many other businesses injured by the war.

Confiscated Wedding Cake

The regulations in Berlin concerning the mixing of rye with potato flour and of wheat with rye flour apply as well to housewives as to bakers. Disregard of these regulations led to a disagreeable surprise for a christening party in Berlin. The mother had baked an elaborate cake to celebrate the occasion. Just as the guests were sitting down to the table, a police official appeared, demanded a slice of the

cake, and, alleging that it was not lawfully made, confiscated it. A fine was later imposed.

RAMMED RYNDAM AND CUNEO IN PORT

Continued From First Page.

voys of the battleship Texas and anchored off South Brooklyn. There she received all but a dozen of her passengers and the rest of her crew from the Millard. The last transfer was made at 2 a. m. and later in the morning the disabled steamer started up the river to her dock in Hoboken. The twelve passengers who stayed on the Millard were landed at Hoboken early in the day. The Holland-American Line intends to forward all the passengers who wish to go to Rotterdam on their steamship Rotterdam, due to sail Tuesday.

Four Battleships Answer Call. Four battleships—South Carolina, Louisiana, Kansas and Michigan—were on their way to Norfolk, Va., from the war game of the past week off the North Atlantic coast when they picked up the Ryndam's S. O. S. call shortly after 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. Immediately they changed their course and rushed at full speed to the aid of the stricken ship sixty miles away. One of the South Carolina's officers said she made the sixty miles at an average of 19 1/2 knots per hour, a speed, he said, better than her best previous record.

Officers of the Ryndam said that when the two ships collided it was daylight and that little fog or mist prevailed. The Ryndam was rammed by the Cuneo, they declared, and the water entered rapidly through a large hole and broken plates in her side, causing her to sink to a registered draught of 37 feet. Immediately after the blow the Cuneo laid to and took aboard the Ryndam's passengers and three-quarters of her crew, transferred in the Ryndam's life boats.

No Confusion Among Passengers. H. D. Bos, purser of the Ryndam, said that the passengers were asleep at the time of the accident.

"In a short time the passengers were all awakened," he said, "and were gathered on the promenade deck, the lifeboats were swung out and suspended at the promenade deck level waiting word from the captain. As the ship continued to settle Captain Von De Heuvel gave the word to take to the boats which was done without the least confusion and in good order. Ten boats on the starboard side were used and we rowed to the Cuneo.

Shortly after 6 o'clock the battleship South Carolina came up, soon followed by the other war vessels. The men of the South Carolina were ready for the rescue and in an amazing short space of time boats and steam launches were in the water and all round the Cuneo. We were taken aboard the South Carolina in our own boats and the boats were hoisted to the decks.

Only One Person Injured

"The only person injured was Adam Yount, of Rotterdam, a cabin passenger. Mr. Yount is a cripple with a cork leg. The fastening to the leg gave way while he was being transferred to the Cuneo and he slipped and bruised his knee."

One young woman left the Ryndam clad only in her night dress covered by a rain coat. Her plight was discovered on the battleship and the property room of the South Carolina's theatrical talent was called upon to supply the need. The property room stock proved ample with the exception of stockings and this item was provided by one of the junior officers. She found a pair in his room—a souvenir of review week in New York, which he had purchased as a present to a relative."

Cuneo Creeps in Badly Damaged

The Ryndam made her pier shortly before 7 o'clock. The John J. Cuneo steamed slowly into port, a cripple, an hour after the Ryndam docketed. There was no mistaking that the line steamer had been in a collision. Her bow was smashed, her plates crumpled, bent to port and forced back till both anchors were jammed in the hawser pipes and she was down by the head where the sea land rushed in the fore peak. Her engines and machinery were not damaged.

"What can I say?" inquired Captain Aamodt when asked for a statement. "I am glad no lives were lost and nobody was hurt."

The Delights of Camel Riding

It was my first experience of camel riding, and therefore interesting, if not altogether charming. The saddles used in this country are formed of large pads, one in front and one behind the hump. The driver climbs into place in front, with a huge padded pad to keep him from falling off when the camel rises. Then the passenger mounts behind the hump, and the camel is with difficulty persuaded to rise. This he does hind-quarters first, and the passenger finds himself thrust up in mid-air as if on a tower. The huge pad offers no possible support, and he can scarcely overcome his desire to prevent a fall by putting his feet on the driver's shoulders. That worthy, however, soon comes up to join him, and the expedition starts. The first sensation is of being astride a table, and as the miles go by the table increases alarmingly in width, and the tyro on the back seat begins to despair of ever getting his legs acquainted again.—From the Wide World Magazine.

Every Man Read This

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PHOTOPLAY TO-MORROW

"The Vampire," or "A Fool There Was"

Adapted from Rudyard Kipling's famous poem, "The Vampire," and converted into six reels of sensational motion pictures, "A Fool There Was" has become the best-known production in photoplays. Theda Bara portrays with intense dramatic realism the character of "Vampire," a most fascinating though revolting female character. "The Fool" who forsakes his family and friends for a soulless sensual creature in the guise of a beautiful woman, is wonderfully portrayed by Edward Jose.

"A fool there was and he made his prayer (even as you and I) To a rag and a bone and a hank of hair (we called her the woman who did not care) But the fool, he called her his lady fair."

Judge Gary on the Problem of Unemployment. General unemployment is deplorable, not only because of the great suffering it produces—and this phase cannot be too often or too strongly emphasized—but also because enforced idleness impairs the productive capacity of a nation and depletes the general wealth. It is obvious to me, as I believe it must be to every practical thinker, that it is far better to carry men and women on the pay-roll than on the relief roll. It is to the highest advantage of society that its working forces shall be

utilized as completely as possible. No inefficiency could be greater than to leave honest and competent labor subject to the humiliation of charitable relief. Moreover, such members of a community as are not self-supporting—whether through their own fault or otherwise—must be supported by the public, and such support of the non-productive individual is pure waste. When suffering by reason of non-employment appears, there seems to be a feeling on the part of the unemployed that the city or other governmental administration is not only obligated to furnish, but it is possessed of the means of properly and adequately furnishing relief, and complaints are made if there is any delay or failure in this respect. But it must be realized that government officials cannot create facilities for work outside of the ordinary course of public business, or furnish pecuniary relief, for the obvious reason that no provisions have been established by law for these purposes. The problem of unemployment is essentially one of business and of business management, and must be met by business statesmanship through the normal channels of business and economic organization.—Elbert H. Gary in Harper's Magazine for June.

High Wind Saves Michigan. Detroit, May 27.—Frost was reported in various places throughout the State early to-day. A high wind, which prevailed during the night, however, is believed to have prevented serious damage to growing crops.

Our determined effort to get out of Hat business quickly is a rare opportunity for every man who wears a straw hat.

Hats of this quality were never offered at such low prices at this time of year.

Sides & Sides