

PROJECTS HAVE A WAR FLAVOR

Conflict With Germany Brings New Legislation.

PATRIOTISM ACTUATES MOVES

Beyer Bill to Protect Officials Who Enlist Is Passed—Bill Presented to Prevent Game Hunting During War and Resolution Appears for Drilling of Legislators.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 22.—Hardly a day goes by without producing something of a "war" flavor for consideration by members of the legislature. If it isn't a resolution reaffirming a loyalty pledge it is a new proposition to place Pennsylvania in the vanguard of patriotic effort during the trouble with Germany.

A bill presented by Senator Stewart of Green, would prohibit all game hunting in the state during the war. It is set forth in a preamble to the bill that this should be done to prevent the indiscriminate use of firearms under the guise of hunting game; also that the use of cartridges for hunting tends to decrease the supply of ammunition for the use of the United States and her allies.

The legislature has passed the Beyer bill providing that the parents of all appointive officers and employees of the state and of every county, municipality and school district who enlist or are drafted into the army, shall be paid one-half of their salaries during such service, not exceeding \$2000 a year. Also, it prohibits the removal of such officers and employees during this service. If there are not other persons authorized by law to perform the duties of such officers or employees substitutes may be employed. A substitute is to receive only the remaining one-half of the salary, on the ground that the man who remains at home should make a sacrifice.

Would Drill Members.

Representative West, of Montour, would have every member of the legislature trained for military duty. He introduced a resolution directing that they assemble every morning for instruction from Major Q. O. Reitzel, one of the Lancaster members. The resolution authorizes Reitzel to organize squads and appoint officers, and invites the senate to join the house in the movement.

Meanwhile the war board, consisting of Governor Drumbaugh, Lieutenant Governor McClain, Treasurer Kenner, Auditor General Snyder and Adjutant General Stewart, are holding many meetings for the purpose of whipping things into shape for the adequate defense of Pennsylvania in case matters become critical. Preparedness is the watchword of this board. Members of the committee for public safety and defense, headed by George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, consulted with the war board last week and the two bodies intend to work in complete accord until all danger passes.

Two Mine Cave Bills.

Two mine cave bills providing different procedure to solve the problem confronting the anthracite region in general and Lackawanna county in particular, will be considered by the members of the house at the same time. The mines and mining committee of the lower branch has decided to report out both the Scarlet and Ramsey bills for the legislators to decide which should become a law or which should be accepted by the house members as the better solution.

This action followed a lively meeting of the joint senate and house committees, which was also attended by three members of the Pennsylvania mine commission and others interested in surface protection. The cave-in commission members present were W. L. Connell, E. J. Lynett and J. Benjamin Demmick.

A bill raising the license fee for several classes of motor cars is being sponsored by Senator Buckman, Bucks county.

The bill would provide the state with about \$500,000 additional revenue in the next two years.

Motorcycle licenses remain at \$3. Motorcycles with side cars attached are increased to \$5, and the minimum for automobiles is made \$10, instead of \$5.

The fee would be \$15 for less than fifty horse-power, and \$20 for all cars of more than fifty. Solid-tired autos are to pay the same license fee as at present. Dealers' licenses would be \$10 and a new \$5 license is required for dealers in motorcycles.

The rule regulating the age of drivers has been changed from a minimum of eighteen to sixteen. Paid operators will pay a \$2 license fee, as formerly, but more than 67,000 unpaid operators in the state will have to take out a license from the state costing \$1.

The bill has a requirement that would wipe out crooked road "traps," maintained in many districts, where "Danger—Blow Your Horn" and "Run Slow" signs are erected but partly concealed. Such signs must be erected at right angles to the highway and clearly visible.

HOW NATIONS OF EARTH RANK IN PRODUCTIONS

Here is a list of 25 of the world's most useful and valuable commodities, showing what country leads and what country ranks second in producing them:

Commodity	Leading Country	Second Country
Wheat	U. S. A.	Russia
Corn	U. S. A.	Argentina
Oats	U. S. A.	Russia
Rye	Russia	Germany
Rice	China	British India
Tobacco	U. S. A.	British India
Cattle	U. S. A.	Russia
Sugar	Cuba	Russia
Tea	China	British India
Coffee	Brazil	Venezuela
Cocoa	Gold Coast	Brazil
Cotton	U. S. A.	British India
Wool	Australia	Argentina
Silk	China	Japan
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Pig iron	U. S. A.	Germany
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Aluminum	U. S. A.	France
Zinc	U. S. A.	Germany
Tin	Malaya States	Poland
Rubber	Brazil	Congo
Gold	Transvaal	U. S. A.
Silver	U. S. A.	Mexico

This summary shows the number of products in which each country leads:

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Brazil	2	Malay States	1
Russia	1	Transvaal	1
Australia	1	All others	0

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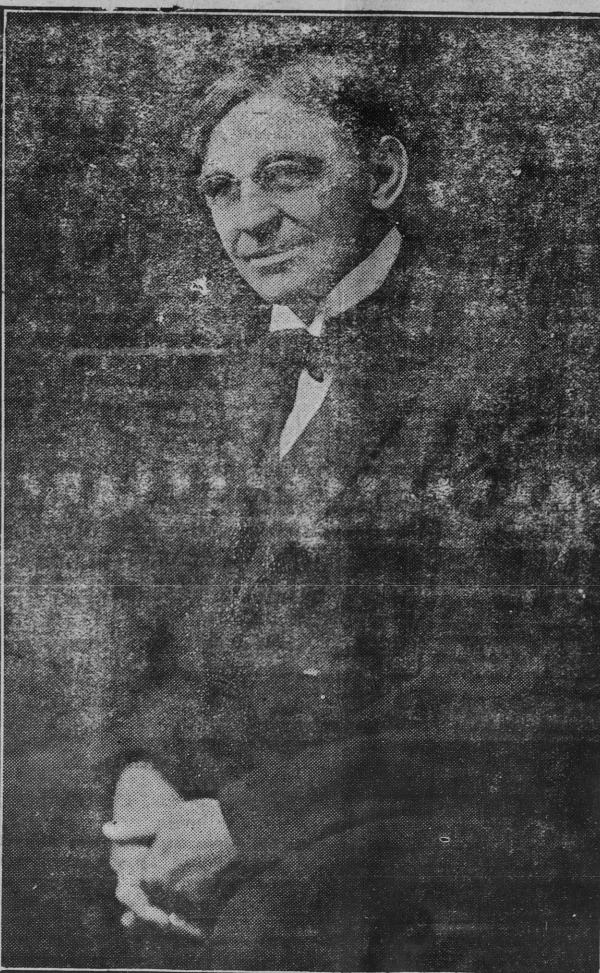
Jeannette Kling, Play Reader



JEANNETTE KLING is one of the five leading lyceum play readers of America. She comes the third evening of the chautauqua. Each winter she goes to Washington and studies all the late copyright plays. She then selects the one she thinks chautauqua audiences would like the best. This one she presents on the chautauqua platform the next summer. Some people say that they would rather see Miss Kling put on a play all by herself than to see it in an opera house.

LINCOLN MCCONNELL

"He Gets Juice Out of Tombstones"



RALPH PARLETTE says this about Lincoln McConnell: "I wish everybody who 'don't like lectures' could hear him. I wish the king who never smiled again would sit in on a McConnell outburst. He can crack the point on a wooden Indian's cheek. He can get juice out of a tombstone and flowers out of a snow bank. He can read a page from the Congressional Record and convulse you or a page from Webster's Unabridged and make you scream."

"His lectures are a series of terrific broadsides, satirical stories, impersonations and stage gymnastics. He enjoys his lectures as much as anybody. He smacks his lips—the sentences taste so good. Remember, he is tremendously serious. You laugh, yell and cheer; you wipe the tears out of your eyes and realize you have risen. It was a sermon all the time, with the fun and side show just to save things. The audience has been shot, slugged and spanked, but every one sees it was needed. McConnell has a way of hitting the hardest licks as though he were trying to commute the punishment. He looks down over the audience and lovingly watches the villains die."

McConnell will lecture here twice the last day of the chautauqua.

Garment Making in New York.

The garment making industry in New York, much before the public nowadays by reason of the efforts of the save New York committee to move its base from the retail shopping district in the Fifth avenue section, is really one of the biggest assets the city has. Some 16,000 factories are operated for tailoring, millinery, laundering and other branches of work upon garments, employing more than 300,000 persons. Their output exceeds goods valued at \$500,000,000 annually and materially in making New York the leading manufacturing center in this country, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston and Cleveland following in the order named.

Join the Pay Up Crowd.

John D. Rockefeller often referred proudly to the fact that when he was making \$25 a month he made it a point to pay all his bills promptly. He also managed to save a little money, that later became the foundation of his great fortune. When you pay your bills promptly you know just where you are at. Pay up is becoming a national slogan. Cities and states have inaugurated pay up days and pay up weeks. The man who pays his bills when they are due feels better for it. There is no doubt that he makes the man he owes feel better. Do your part in the pay up campaign. Pay now.

If They Could Keep It Up.

There have been big men in Wall street who did all the work themselves, who attended to every minute item, who were from Missouri in regard to each point in any proposition put up to them. One of these marvels was among the very greatest financiers the country ever had. But he didn't last long, and there have been few others like him. If a man with the first order of brains and ability could only keep it up there is nothing to prevent his owning the United States. If E. H. Harriman could have kept on fifteen or twenty years longer it is probable he would have gobbled up all that was worth taking. He had about all the railroads in sight, and he was just getting a strangle hold on the big banks. He conquered every square foot of territory as he went along. There was no force on earth to stop him except premature death, and now he is almost forgotten.—A. W. Atwood in Saturday Evening Post.

Most Buoyant Wood.

The lightest wood known, so far as any evidence attainable is concerned is balsa wood, which grows extensively in the Central American and northern South American states. It is composed of very thin walled cells, which are barrel shaped, interlace with each other and are almost devoid of woody fiber. These cells are filled with air, making a natural structure well adapted to prevent the transmission of heat because of the particles of air imprisoned in the material without interconnecting fibers. Various tests of the insulating properties for resisting the flow of heat have been made. Balsa wood has been used quite extensively in the past as a buoyancy product for life preservers and in connection with the fenders of lifeboats and rafts. Its life is short, under ordinary conditions, unless treated with antiseptic or preservative material.

Ariake Bay's Mystic Fire.

Shirahubi, the mystic fire of Ariake bay, Kyushu, has been famous for the past 2,000 years, the sight being considered one of the great wonders of the Japan seas.

In a recent issue of the Taiyo Magazine M. Kaneko, a teacher in the Shi mabara middle school, relates his impressions of the fire. According to Mr. Kaneko, when he witnessed the spectacle the first light appeared like a star about five miles distant. Suddenly the volume of light increased until it soon covered an area of many miles. The light moved with the waves and resembled electric lights being lighted and then suddenly extinguished. Mr. Kaneko says that intermittent wavelike movements are the chief characteristics of the mystic fire. He fails to find a cause for the origin of the fire.

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