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NATIONAL DEFENSE FIGURES. While it is recognized that the question of national defense is one of the big questions before congress, it is not the one of most importance at the present time.

BRAZIL AND GERMAN SHIPS. The possibility of Germany declaring war, for the present at least, upon Brazil appears to be overcome by the statement which comes from the latter country to the effect that the reported seizure of the German vessels lying in Brazilian ports is untrue.

ROOSEVELT AND THE PRIMARY. That Colonel Roosevelt rather than the wind out of the sails of the four Massachusetts men, who are boosting themselves as candidates for delegates to the republican national convention pledged to his nomination, when he emphatically refused to be a candidate in the Massachusetts primary is plainly evident.

so long ago that he was demanding that the nominee should be the choice of the people. That those who cast the ballots should have their voice in saying who would be their candidate was one of the big features of his last campaign. He would limit the power of the convention and turn the important work over to the voters through presidential primaries, and yet on every first opportunity that presented for such action to be taken he has taken a stand against the primary and is anxious that the work should be done in the convention.

MASSACHUSETTS AND LOCAL OPTION.

Up in Massachusetts the effort has been made to abolish the annual vote upon license and have the law so changed that the vote on that question will be taken only when it has been petitioned for by ten per cent of the voters. The Bay state has annual elections and realizing that this was an effort to impose a restriction against the vote on that question because of the work which it would require in connection with it, the bill has been killed, and it must be appreciated that it was a wise move for all concerned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Signs Say an Early Spring. Mr. Editor:—Once more I have the satisfaction of knowing that the old tried and true weather proverb has been following for nearly quarter of a century have not failed me. The continued unsettled stormy weather I predicted for March ending up with a cold wave about the 17th, arrived just as predicted. Uncle Horace in his good predictions for March 17 to 19, didn't consider a cold wave that certain planetary conditions—never failing—forecast. Uncle Horace may be later on about the big flood; but I do not see how it is coming from. My idea from conditions now prevailing are that the piles of snow now covering the hills will gradually melt away and while a very small storm of warm rain might bring about a big flood, past experience notably the big March blizzard of 1888—proves that an extraordinary amount of snow is seldom carried off with a heavy rain storm. The simple reason that this is so is due to the case, is the cause of our not having any more great floods.

KEEPING SIDEWALKS CLEARED.

When it comes to depending upon public spirit to respond to all the demands which are made upon it, it is no disposition to have a main thoroughfare in a city where there are many occasions when it turns a dead end. This may not be so surprising when the large number of appeals are considered, but there appears to be slight reason for it when it comes to the matter of sidewalk cleaning. If there is no disposition to build and maintain good sidewalks it might be expected that there would be no greater effort made to keep them clean, passable and safe, but the duty to one's self as well as one's neighbors ought to be sufficient to solve this matter which concerns the large proportion of the population.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The talk about peace will be welcome news to the managers of the baseball teams. Villa may burn his bridges after him but he cannot separate himself from his reputation. Thus far Villa has not agreed to carry a special corps of press correspondents around with him. It will appear like turning a favorite weapon on an old friend if it is found that von Tirpitz was torpedoed. Even though the Russians are crowding the Turks, they show no disposition to let up on the British. Even though the sun was crossing the line there appears to have been no good reason for interrupting our daily snow storm. There is always something about the spring styles in millinery that makes one wonder they were never thought of before. That western woman who escaped from a state hospital by outrunning her guard must have been afflicted with the speed mania.

THE CLAUD DIGGER

March 20, 1916. The Entrances to the City. Mr. Editor:—At a banquet of the Hook & Ladder Co. in Greenville Washington's Birthday. His Excellency Mayor Murphy in his talk deplored the condition of the entrance to our city from North Main and Thames street. Some who are willing to do some of our public spirited citizens for the good appearance and thrift of our city spent the last of the means to overcome the rotten condition of Thames street not only on the care of the street neglected by the city authorities but to make it a source of pride rather than a disgrace to the good name of our city, the Rose of New England. What was the attitude of Mayor Murphy at the time of his talk when he was asked to repeat one he take any interest in improving the rotten condition that existed at that time the same as now? Did he use his little hammer, the one he used to speak of in his letter under date of March 4, to overcome the rotten condition or did he use it to knock the efforts of the public spirited citizens that were trying to improve the conditions that he so strenuously deplores at the present time? It seems a little silly for the mayor to repeat one at this eleventh hour of a condition that has existed the entire four years that he has been at the head of city affairs and which he has in no way tried to overcome.

OLD TIMER

Norwich, Conn., March 20, 1916. Germans captured a hill in the Vosges. Austrians renewed operations against Serbia but were defeated in artillery duel near Belgrade. Russian advance on Vilna. British submarine sank German U-boat at Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa. German submarine sank British collier Cairnroth. Zeppelins dropped bombs on Paris and Calais. Officially national defense law promulgated.

HEARING ABOUT COUSIN ALICE

"Oh, Cousin Alice, how perfectly delightful of you to drop in in this way!" exclaimed the young matron. "You don't know how glad I am to see you. Indeed, I've been talking about going out to see you for months. Billy said just the other day that I'd better hire an automobile and go out comfortably instead of on the suburban train. It's such an extravagant idea, dear, you know! Of course I was charmed with the plan, but on thinking it over I realized how much joy it would be to the summer when we could go in an open motor car, so we are planning to run out some lovely June Sunday. "I'd want you to know my Billy. Won't you stay to dinner? I should just love to have you. "Well, I wish you could. Anyway, I'll call him and he will send you a message. I always phone him at this time of day. "He says he's dreadfully sorry to miss you and is counting on seeing you in June. I know you will love Billy. He is always thinking of something for my pleasure and when he knew he was disappointed in me because you can't stay to dinner, he suggested that I dine downtown with him. We have such large and comfortable restaurants. It's one of our pet extravagances. Billy invites me out two or three times a week, the reckless youth! "No, no, Cousin Alice, I don't have to dress for I decided not to go tonight. At first I said I would, and then I remembered that I have a lot of roast lamb left from Sunday, and it seemed to me that I might not be nearly so good. So I just told Billy that I couldn't go."

ASTHMA

Simple, Harmless Remedy Brings Quick Relief. Many cases of immediate relief and rapid recovery from bronchial asthma of long standing and other diseases of throat and lungs are being credited to a discovery made by Dr. Eugene Howard of Worcester, Mass. Dr. Howard's prescription, which is totally different from all usual methods of treatment for these afflictions is called Oxidase and comes in the form of a tablet which the patient allows to dissolve slowly in every breath that is inhaled. Oxidase thus mingles with the saliva and enters the lungs in rapid and easy manner. It releases the muscular constriction of the bronchial tubes, opens up the air passages and regulates the spasmodic lung action. These tablets, though pleasant to the taste, are so powerful in their action that many users who for years were obliged to sit up in bed gasping for breath and unable to get up, now put a single Oxidase tablet in their mouth when going to bed and they lie down and breathe easily and naturally and get a good night's restful sleep. It is a positive guarantee of money back if it does not give immediate relief.

War A Year Ago Today

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STORIES OF THE WAR

In Austria's Military Prison. The prisoners in the Austrian military prison camp work eight hours a day, rise at 6 in the morning and go to bed at 9 in the evening. Spare hours are many, therefore, and since but few of the men can read, the problem of passing time more agreeably than thinking of the family at home has become a great one. The "intelligents" have a library at their disposal. Efforts made by the Austrian officers to get the "intelligents" to read to their fellow prisoners, or entertain them with talks on this or that, have failed. The position of the prisoners have now established a German school in each group. Conversation with them established that the Russian peasant is eager to learn, and nothing seems to delight him so much as to hear German fairy tales. Many of the bearded people memorize these little stories. One of them was asked to repeat one. He did it with all the embarrassment of the school boy.

OTHER VIEW POINTS

Boys in Bayonne, New Jersey, who "play hooky" from school, and are caught, will be fined ten cents. A good many grown-ups would be inclined to play hooky from their regular jobs every day if they could escape with a fine as small as that, and perhaps the taxicab boys will cheerfully pay in a dime now and then.—Providence Bulletin. These are busy days, but it is not excusable that the creator of the Teddy Bear and the founder of such an institution as the Booklovers and the Tabloid Inn, a library of the United States should be claimed for the newspapers. He was Seymour Eaton, an author and a journalist, and a promoter of newspapers and magazines.

Boy of 14 Gets War Cross.

A fourteen year old boy proudly wearing the war cross, has just arrived in Paris with a group of soldiers coming home on leave. His name is Emilie Martin. He had just entered his fourteenth year when the war broke out. His widowed father being mobilized, he refused to be separated from him, and finally persuaded him to consent to his enlistment. He was at first refused by the military authorities, but finally impressed the colonel of the 117th infantry by his energy and bravery, and he has been one of the regiment since August, 1914, sharing all the perils and fatigues of his companions in arms. This is the citation in the orders of the day which earned for him the war cross with palm: "For his ing, in spite of his young age and the exhortations of his officers, insisted that he take part in the patrol sent at night on a reconnoitering expedition, and having brought back precious information concerning the position of the battery of three-inch German field guns."

None of the officers believe that in this manner he might be able to reach any of the Entente countries. But the officer trying to escape is punished with confinement to his room, and this report is sent to the military authorities. Later this report will reach the Russian government, and the man can do so only by that he did his best to regain liberty.

DAVIS THEATRE BROADWAY Keith Vaudeville Triangle Photoplays Mat. 2:15; Eve. 8:45 and 8:45 SIG FRANZ TROUPE The World On Wheels Don't Miss This Act WOOD & HALPIN Singing, Talking and Dancing RAY WILBERT Marvelous Hecologist TRIANGLE HONOR'S ALTAR In 5 Reels With Feature Honors with Bessie Barriscale 'HIS AUTO RUINATION' Two Real Keystone Comedy COMING THURS., FRI., SAT.—THE BIG SHOW—EXTRA LUKEN'S WINTER CIRCUS See The Wonderful Trained Wild Animals The Four Lukens, World's Greatest Casting Act The Four Lukens, World's Greatest Performing Monkeys and a Real Circus With Real Circus Clowns. The Biggest Event of the Season.

Tuesday Auditorium Shows 2:30, 7 and 8:45 Wednesday Matinee 10c; Eve. 10c-20c TODAY Mary Pickford In the Role of ONLY MADAME BUTTERFLY In JOHN LUTHER LONG'S CLASSIC

The Pearls of Pekin WITH WM. BENCE AND ADOLPH ESTEE A HIGH CLASS MUSICAL COMEDY 10—PEOPLE—10 "LAUGHING GAS" Funny Pathe Comedy

Today - COLONIAL - Today LILLIAN WALKER LILLIAN'S HUSBANDS THREE PARTS ALL STAR THE PRINT OF THE NAILS THREE PARTS "JEALOUSY'S TOOLS" Comedy

including such as the New York Times and Vanity Fair. If the Teddy Bears throughout the land should go into mourning for a week, what an impression they would make.—Waterbury Republican. Telephone operators, especially those who handle the long distance calls, have a number of stereotyped questions and answers which the company's rules require them to use, and no matter what the person who is calling or being called says, the operators must adhere to their "formal" remarks. The general public does not know that these questions and answers of the "phone girls" are written in the rules, and this probably accounts for the fact that many telephone patrons get excited and slightly peevish over the operator's questions which sometimes seem entirely out of place and unnecessary.—Hartford Post. Washington army experts can tell the hard-working, faithful militia officers little in regard to the exact strength and standing of the state National Guard. These officers know better than anyone else what a hard task it has been to maintain their regiments with the poor facilities offered them, and the little encouragement received. But there has been an awakening to the need of this reserve army and to the realization that it should be a real defensive force. There will be a freer hand in the future in providing necessities that in the past have been denied, and to this satisfaction no men are more entitled than the officers who have worked so long for the best interests of the militia.—Meriden Journal. The catgut used for violin strings is obtained from cats, but from sheep or goats.

The Porteous & Mitchell Co. THIS IS CLUB WEEK FOR THE "FREE" Sewing Machines All this week we are making a special demonstration of "THE FREE" Sewing Machines, under the direction of E. E. Curtis, a representative of the Company who is here to explain the merits of this machine. In order to introduce this dependable sewing machine, we are able, through the co-operation of the makers, to make this liberal offer: With every purchase of a 1916 model of "THE FREE" Cabinet Sewing Machine, made during Club Week, we will give ABSOLUTELY FREE, an \$8.50 Acme Adjustable Dress Form; and as a still further inducement we will give you \$12.00 for your old machine. WILL BE SOLD ON EASY PAYMENT PLAN

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