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WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 22

A DISTRIBUTION CENTER

AS might be expected from an organization of the live wires of this community, the Chamber of Commerce has issued an illustrated booklet which gives the high points of Harrisburg as a center of distribution.

This fact has been impressed upon all the big manufacturers and supply concerns of the country and one after another has located here, several of them having established general offices at this point.

Even our own people do not realize adequately the great progress that has been made here during the last few years, and these occasional publications of the men who are on the firing line of the city's advance are useful not only as guide posts for the visitor, but as encouragement for our own people.

Most of our wars have started in April. April always was a fool month.

RETAIN MR. MANNING

NOW that the City Planning Commission is about ready to undertake its important work, we have no doubt that one of the first moves will be the engagement of Warren H. Manning, the landscape architect, who has done so much in the development of our splendid park system.

The President has raised a row by appointing to the postmastership of Erie John T. Brew. It's natural that a man with a name like that should cause a stew.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S FLIGHT

UNFORTUNATELY for President Wilson in the Mexican situation the opinion will not down that the spineless policy of the administration with respect to conditions south of the Rio Grande has been in large measure responsible for the serious problem which now confronts the United States.

It appears to be the deliberate judgment of men familiar with conditions in Mexico that a prompt recognition of the only constituted authority in that country a year ago would have prevented much of the bloodshed and property destruction which have characterized the unhindered course of the bandits who are masquerading as "constitutional" patriots.

There is no such enthusiasm among our own people as might be expected under the circumstances. Instead, there is widespread criticism of the course of the President, who was finally forced to find some reasonable offense to justify a move against Huerta. Nor is there a very clear

conception of just what the President means in his repeated statement that he does not wish to "individualize" Huerta because of any personal resentment, but merely to differentiate from the remainder of the Mexican people with whom the United States has no quarrel.

The opinion is very general that there has been too much splitting of hairs in the whole Mexican controversy; that it would have been infinitely better in the beginning to recognize the defacto government and give Huerta an opportunity to restore something like order throughout the country.

There is no less patriotism in the United States to-day than at any time in the history of the country. Nor is the attitude of the public mind on the bungling in Mexico a political or partisan attitude. There is, however, a feeling among many loyal citizens that this country has been placed in an embarrassing position by reason of the President's apparent willingness to aid one assassin while declining to recognize in any way the other who happens to be in control of the organized functions of the distracted republic.

Postmaster of Shamokin reports receipts of \$37,000. This, of course, does not include the usual campaign contribution.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

D. R. MARTIN G. BRUMBAUGH, who will be the next Governor of Pennsylvania, is strong for the clean-up week movements throughout the State, saying, "Self-respect is essential to all spiritual progress. No city that neglects its streets and public buildings can expect to compete with a rival whose civic pride will not permit such neglect.

Cleanliness and neatness in body tend toward clean and orderly thinking and acting. This is a fundamental thought in education, and this is why I believe in clean-up week."

Mayor Royal having indicated two weeks in May as the period in which the people of Harrisburg shall give special attention to renovation, every householder should begin the cleaning up process by getting rid of every atom of rubbish around his place.

The worst of this Mexican affair is that we will be, in all probability, deluged with a lot of fool Mexican fashions before it is all over.

HARRISBURG GUARDSMEN

HARRISBURG has always had reason to be proud of its National Guardsmen, but never more so than now. The statement of Lieutenant Hunt, of the Regular Army, who last evening inspected Companies D and I, to the effect that these organizations are ready for instant service in the field only served to bring to public notice what everybody familiar with local Guard conditions well knew. And the ready response of "I will" on the part of every soldier to the question of the Army officer as to whether or not they would volunteer for service in Mexico shows that the splendid training they have received has not been in vain.

The National Guard of Pennsylvania is always ready and its equipment is as near the standard of the Regular Army as it is possible to get. It is earnestly to be hoped that there will arise no necessity for calling the militia into active service, but there is no question as to its preparedness and if the call to arms should come Pennsylvania's guardsmen will do honor to their State no matter in what situation they may find themselves.

HUERTA'S DEFIANCE

STATESMEN and writers both here and abroad are at a loss to account for the defiance by Huerta of the United States Government. Assuredly, it is argued, he must realize that his attitude is certain to result in his elimination as a factor in the Mexican situation.

It is possible that he has figured on exactly this outcome. Huerta has been steadily declining in power and influence during the past three months. He has lost battle after battle in the North and even now General Villa is marching toward his capital over exactly the same route followed by General Taylor during the first invasion of Mexico. His treasury is almost empty and his European bankers have been so niggardly in recent weeks that he has been compelled to pass payment on large issues of Mexican bonds. Slowly but surely he has been drifting toward the rocks, with the prospect of eventually falling into the hands of the merciless Villa, who would doubtless be only too happy to see Huerta sleeping beside Madero.

Possibly the dictator has felt that it would be better to yield to a great power like the United States than to go down to ignominious defeat and death before the arms of a mere bandit. Unless he is a very much over-rated man that is the only construction that may be put on his present action. Only a fool or a maniac would place himself in the position that Huerta has assumed unless he courted certain destruction. For we may say what we will of our present intentions, but we cannot leave Mexico until the Huertas and the Villas have been rendered powerless to do that country any more harm.

LOCAL OPTION PROSPECTS

MORE and more it becomes evident that the next Legislature will adopt a local option law. There will be unquestionably a discussion of its provisions, but it is certain that such a law will be passed in one form or another. It is interesting to note in this respect that whereas local option tendencies used to be regarded as weak points in the prospects of any legislative candidate, now it is generally conceded that any man who dares run for the Legislature this year on any other platform will jeopardize his chances of election. Temperance sentiment is strong and growing in Pennsylvania and it is but fair that the Legislature give com-

munities opportunity of saying whether or not they want liquor sold within their borders. Ours is a government of majorities and nobody should object to a majority of voters expressing their wishes as to local governmental regulations of the district in which they reside.

EVENING CHAT

If State Commissioner of Fisheries N. B. Buller realizes his hope, the fishermen of this section of the Susquehanna will be able to re-establish their shad batteries in a year or so. The commissioner is arranging to "plant" young shad in the Susquehanna later in the year and the taking of roe shad will be under way within a short time. The shad propagation work in the Juniata has been very successful and it is believed that the shad fishing of the Susquehanna can be made worth while with some care. The catching of shad was a "plant" young shad in the Susquehanna late last night added his second instalment of petitions to the large number already on file, making about 72,000 sponsors on his papers.

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THAT "WATCHFUL WAITING"

[From the Philadelphia Ledger] If the same spirit and firmness in dealing with the Mexican revolution, our leaders had been shown at the beginning and consistently maintained all danger of war with Mexico or any portion of the Mexicans would have been averted. On the other hand the weak policy of watchful waiting has brought the United States and Mexico to the point of armed collision which has all the appearance of the beginning of actual war.

CLEAN UP! CLEAN UP!

If there's rubbish in your home, Clean up! Scrub the place from "pit to dome," Clean up! Throw your heart into the plan, Make the place look spick and span—Throw all refuse in a can; Clean up!

RECKLESS DRIVER ARRESTED

Hagerstown, Md., April 22.—Frank L. Middlekauff, of Waynesboro, Pa., was held by Justice D. W. Doub, of this city, in \$200 bail for a hearing on the charge of reckless driving as the result of a collision between Mr. Middlekauff's automobile and an automobile owned by Judal Gerber in Potomac street, about 9 o'clock at night.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Aunt Petunia's Observation. [From the Baltimore Sun.] Aunt Petunia says she never heard a teller cry war yet that wasn't found hidin' under the woodpile when it come time to enlist.

All Saved For the Paragraphs

[From the Boston Post.] The clearest things are never said—they are thought of too late.

Cost of Living Very Burdensome

[From the Chattanooga Times.] Nothing has escaped the rise in prices. California woman demands \$1,500,000 for breach of promise.

Naturalists to Hear

Out-door Life Lecture Professor Charles Lose, of Williamsport, Pa., to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, in the Technical High School auditorium, will give a lecture before the Harrisburg Natural History Society on "The Outdoor Life."

MANY ADDITIONS TO PETITION LIST

Penrose's Monster Papers Stir Machine Democrats to Imitate

WAR BEGINS ON LAKE SHORE

John T. Brew Gets Erie Post Office and Liebel Will Run For Defeat For Congress

Democratic machine candidates woke up to the significance of the monster petitions being filed for the Republican candidates for nominations at the May primary yesterday and made frantic half-past-the-eighth-hour efforts to make a showing.

Senator Penrose is backed by over 200,000 persons on petitions filed at the Capitol. His first petition contained 100,000 names from Philadelphia and 65,000 from the rest of the State.

Yesterday he added about 50,000 more names. Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh late last night added his second instalment of petitions to the large number already on file, making about 72,000 sponsors on his papers.

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NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph, April 22, 1864.] ENEMY QUIET

Ringgold, Ga., April 20.—The enemy are quiet. There is a tacit understanding between the pickets on both sides to keep quiet. The pickets of Patterson's brigade, in front of this place, got drunk at Tunnel Hill a few days since, and were placed under arrest.

ATTACK PLYMOUTH

Washington, April 20, 1864.—The following account of the recent attack on Plymouth, N. C., may be relied on: "On Sunday last a large body of rebels moved down the Roanoke river upon Plymouth, accompanied by a flotilla consisting of a ram and four other gunboats. Of these, two were river boats, which escaped our forces when Plymouth was taken."

A LITTLE NONSENSE

"ENLISTING"

By Wing Ding

It's mighty queer how ages Will change with men and boys, As soon as real gun powder Like war does make a noise.

The boy who's under eighteen, About his age will lie, In order to enlist and Go forth to fight and die.

The man who's somewhat older— Who's always full of tricks, And tries to make himself look young, Now says he's forty-six.

I guess the latter figure They'd rather not be spooks— "He's cowardly" is better Than "How natural he looks."

But just the same, if there should Be calls for volunteers, You'll find 'em all enlisting, Regardless of their years.

For they're the kind of people Who ready are to die, In keeping dear Old Glory Forever waving high.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, April 22, 1864.] FIREMEN-WANT INSURANCE

The members of the different fire companies of this city are requested to assemble in mass meeting, at the Friendship Hose house, this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of taking proper steps for the organization of a firemen's insurance company.

ESCAPE FROM PRISON

On Sunday last, two men named Eckenrode escaped from the Cambria county prison, while the jailer and family were at church.

BRYAN STRONG FOR PEACE

(New York Sun) The Commoner, out to-day, contains a signed article by its proprietor, the Secretary of State of the United States of America, ending with the three astounding paragraphs here subjoined: "If our nation desires to be measured by intellectual and ethical standards, how unworthy to brag of our strength and threaten to use that strength. 'We are ready to fight' does not arouse the enthusiasm that it did a few centuries ago. Error force is not the level upon which this nation settles controversies to-day; the question is not what we can do, but what we ought to do. "The path of history is strewn with the wreck of nations that boasted that they were all powerful; they went down under Jehovah's inexorable law—and the 'God who ruled over Babylon' is the God who is ruling yet. This question must be decided on moral principles and not by the counting of our regiments and battalions. "What shall it profit a nation if it conquers the whole world and loses its faith in the doctrine that 'righteousness exalteth a nation?' "W. J. BRYAN."

Think of it! This mess of apocalyptic rhetoric and ecstatic exhortation was put forth unofficially from the Department of State by the Secretary of State on the very day when the administration of which he, next to the President, is the principal figure was counting its battleships and making an unprecedented demonstration of naval strength and threatening to use that strength; declaring that it is "ready to fight"; and actually appealing to Congress for full war powers wherewith to settle an international controversy by brute force. And Secretary Bryan indignantly denounces that he thinks of resigning.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



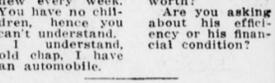
IN SOCIETY Everything she had went at auction. Public sale? No, bride.



NOT GUILTY Who helped you make such a fool out of that poor young man? He did.



THE LIMIT Is Robbins bluffer? I should say so. He is willing to pay an income tax to make folks think he has an income.



WORSE The children need new every week. You have no children, hence you can't understand, understand, old chap, I have an automobile.

A QUESTION How much do you think he's worth? Are you asking about his efficiency or his financial condition?

DOUBLE INCOME TAX

[From the New York World] It was so popular that a doubled income tax will be accepted as blessing in disguise?

Advertisement for Doutrich's Suits. Features the text 'Doutrich's Always Reliable', 'Satisfaction', 'The big fact behind every sale at the live store.', 'When we take your money for a Suit it's only after you have satisfied yourself that it is the best in every way that you could find.', 'We want you to be sure that whatever you purchase, exactly meets your requirements, furthermore that it will continue to do so day after day as long as you demand service from it.', 'In the first place we've insured the widest possible choice range as to fabric and style; the highest possible quality and workmanship by selecting clothes from The House of Kuppenheimer And then we go the limit and guarantee your satisfaction by offering a refund of the purchase price, without quibble or question if everything isn't absolutely O. K.', '304 Market Street Harrisburg Pa.', 'Doutrich's Always Reliable'.