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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 10

ARTILLERY ON BORDER

THERE is more significance in the dispatch of United States artillery to the Mexican border than the pacific assurances of Washington might indicate.

Because of the reckless use of guns by Mexicans a crisis may develop at any time in the vicinity of Naco, the point to which the artillery has been assigned. President Wilson admits that the reinforcements were sent because of the relentless carelessness of Mexican fighters, but that no aggressive action is contemplated.

Be that as it may, one cannot escape the conviction that General Bliss summoned his gunners south in order to pour shells into the Mexican camps if the shooting of United States soldiers continues. By the use of artillery the border could be cleared readily of the infesting snipers without an American soldier setting foot on Mexican soil. If some such move were not in prospect there would have been no reason for the artillery. The infantry and cavalry forces on the ground were quite competent to take the offensive successfully if it had been thought desirable to cross the border in order to drive the reckless riflemen away.

RED RIBBON FOR HERRICK

MYRON T. HERRICK, until recently Ambassador of the United States to France, is home wearing the red ribbon of the French Legion of Honor, awarded him by a grateful republic for the services he performed during the trying period when representatives of foreign governments less valourous than the American fled Paris as the Germans approached. The country is proud of Mr. Herrick. He has made himself a place in history. His name will always be attached to the stirring occurrences of the period when the German invasion threatened the French capital. He has set a fine example for those who will follow him in the diplomatic service, just as Whitlock in Belgium and VanDyke in Holland are now doing.

Mr. Herrick is quite as modest as he is able and brave, and quite as sagacious as either. He told reporters that the talk of his nomination for the Presidency is "foolishness" and said: "I don't want to discuss politics; I don't want to talk about such foolishness. If any credit is due me for the small part I played, I do not want to capitalize it."

In that Mr. Herrick displays the true instincts of a genuinely brave man and conscientious public servant, and at the same time indicates that he knows something of the vagaries of American politics. The popular hero of to-day is seldom the President of to-morrow.

TIME NOW TO TAKE STOCK

NEAR the end of the year businessmen cast up their accounts in order to find out their true financial condition. We are fast approaching that season now and it is not a bad idea for others, especially parents, to do likewise in regard to their personal finances.

Are you further ahead in that respect now than you were at the end of last year? Money in the bank at the close of the year is a good measure of your success in material things. Have you as large a savings account as you should and could have? Extra money beyond that required for living expenses is a buffer against hardship and misfortune. So, if you would not be forever crushed between the upper and nether millstones of poverty, you must save systematically from the income of your working years. But it is possible in this day of opportunity to do much more than just escape being poor. You can become rich if you really want to. The world has by no means exhausted the opportunities for men of limited means but the right kind of determination. Money begets money. But the people who are without capital and who sometimes complain bitterly against those who have, frequently forget that the original nucleus for men's fortunes cost immense sacrifices on the part of the owners. If you have declared yourself no dividend for the year 1914 in the shape of money saved from your income, turn your face toward the coming year and plan to do better for your-

self and those who are dependent upon you in 1915.

Some persons are inclined to regard New Year's resolutions lightly, but, as a rule, they do not ridicule the resolutions themselves, but make fun of those who fail to keep good resolutions made.

One of the most sensible New Year's resolutions that anyone can make is to save money systematically and deposit it regularly in the bank. It is a double-barreled resolution because its fulfillment means stronger character as well as increased resources.

Make it and keep it, and get your share of the \$120,000,000 interest paid to depositors every year by the savings banks and similar institutions of the United States.

BUY A RED CROSS STAMP

WHILE Harrisburg is remembering, with all the wealth of its purse and Christmas spirit-filled heart, the victims of the raging armies of stricken Europe, it hasn't forgotten the suffering of the poor people at home who are in bitter conflict with the "white plague."

The 1914 Red Cross Christmas seal sale is on in earnest. Churches and schools, secret and fraternal organizations, Boy Scouts, merchants, bankers and utility companies have enlisted in the crusade. Just 300,000 of the Yuletide seals, the little gift pasters that should be placed upon every Christmas package, have been received for distribution here and the prospects are that all will be sold. That means \$3,000, most of which will be used in this city and vicinity.

The general committee is busy working out its plans and all that it needs to make the year's sales break another record is the hearty cooperation of every man, woman and child in Harrisburg.

THE EDISON FIRE

THE whole country should rejoice that the experimental laboratory of Thomas A. Edison was not destroyed by the fire that swept the Edison plant at West Orange yesterday. Edison is wealthy; so is the company that bears his name, and, aside from the period of enforced unemployment for the factory workers, the fire will result in little real hardship. But if the laboratory had gone up in smoke, stocked as it is with invaluable data, delicate mechanism requiring years to construct and the incomplete experiments that will lead to the marketing of more of the useful devices that have done so much to add to the comforts of life, the whole nation would have been the loser.

Edison has been for years urging the construction of nothing but fire-proof buildings, and he himself has invented much apparatus for the use of concrete in structural work. The factories burned last night were of concrete, but not fireproof. It is just possible that this incident may be turned to account by the wonderful inventor. His thoughts having been directed that way, it is not impossible that we shall hear shortly of some new devices and discoveries in the way of fire prevention and indestructible factories.

GERMAN NAVAL STRENGTH

THE defeat of the German squadron in South American waters by the British is not an unexpected event in naval circles. From the very first it has been only a question of catching or rounding up this elusive force of fast German warships. Nobody acquainted with conditions looked for anything else. The Germans themselves must have realized the inevitable end of their daring maneuvers.

Indeed, it has long been a wonder to naval men how the Germans kept going as long as they have. Few of their vessels have touched port since war was declared, yet all of the ships have given good account of themselves in the destruction of merchant marine and fighting craft of lesser caliber which they encountered by chance or deliberate planning. The commanders of these cruisers deserve a better fate than that which has overtaken or will in all likelihood overtake them before peace is declared. They have shown themselves to be seamen of resource and courage.

In this, as on land, German success up to this time has not lain either in superior generalship on the field of action or in the fighting qualities of the men, but in thorough preparedness for the work which they undertook when the hostilities were started. They knew from the beginning what to do, while the allies have had to feel their way and formulate their plans largely along the lines cast for them by the German war staff.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

CORRESPONDENCE school courses merits are now recognized in almost every walk of life and profession except that of the law. There is no good reason why a student should not become proficient in the rudiments of law required by examining boards as readily through the medium of a good correspondence school as by filing papers, copying and occasionally "reading law" in some attorney's office. Yet the clerk is accepted and the correspondence student is rejected.

There is all too much of close corporation methods among lawyers. It is true that many men are admitted to practice who never will be a credit to their profession, but it is also true that a large number of worthy applicants have found their path rougher by far than proper regard for legal attainments would necessitate. The only questions that should arise in the minds of any examining board are—is the applicant a man of good moral character and can he pass a reasonable examination in the practice of law. After that it is nobody's business who or how many become lawyers, nor how or where the required knowledge is acquired.

EVENING CHAT

From time to time articles appear in newspapers along the Susquehanna Valley and occasionally in Harrisburg that tell of the passing of some portion of the old Pennsylvania canal, years ago the great enterprise and an object of much interest to the people of scores of towns that were touched by the towpath. We have seen the disappearance of the famous lock at the foot of Walnut street and have seen the Pennsylvania railroad tracks grow and until they have covered the site of the old waterway from one end of Harrisburg to the other and in Steelton we have noted how portions have been filled up and other parts retained as reservoirs. Not long ago the Harrisburg Rockville Company built its line to Rockville bridge right up to the old canal north of Ott's lane and around Lochs and the filling operations have caused the section that remains about the Lochs lock to grow smaller and smaller.

The site of the canal affords many pretty walks up along the river and it can be traced by the bridges still standing below Highspire. Now the trustee, Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, which has the lien against the land, and Lochs are sell of some of the sections in the upper end of the county and the Clark's Ferry bridge. The sections to be sold are in Wilkes-Barre, about the Montgomery town and Selinsgrove and Penn township. Snyder county, four houses and land at Juniata Junction in Reed township, the Clark's Ferry lock, and 8,700 feet of the Juniata section of the canal, including it; Clark's Ferry bridge, 2,088 feet in length; and a section of the Wisconsin division just above the bridge. The sale of the bridge will, of course, be subject to what proceeds are pending against it, but the sale of the others will be outright and in all probability the buyers will fill up the ditch and either plant railroad tracks or cabbage on it. Within the next decade there will be precious little of the traces of the waterway left.

The decision of the Dauphin County Commissioners yesterday to the effect that "three meals" shall constitute a day's keep for a prisoner confined in the county jail for violation of a city ordinance, settles a dispute that has been at issue between the county and city authorities for several years. Heretofore, in submitting his bill for city prisoners' keep to the municipal authority, the city figured upon a charge of thirty-two cents per diem. The city thought twenty cents was sufficient. A compromise on twenty-six cents was finally agreed upon. What procedure was raised by the city was that the prison authorities charged for a full day's keep when a prisoner was confined only for a portion of a day; and that two days' keep was charged when a man was confined after the evening meal of one night and released before breakfast the next morning. In order to regulate the problem in the future it was agreed yesterday that "service of three meals would mean a day, and that each meal would be counted as one-third of a day."

Members of the Dauphin County Historical Society are looking forward with considerable interest to the lecture to be given this evening by Benjamin M. Nead on the "First Confederal Invasion of Pennsylvania." Mr. Nead comes from Franklin county which bore the brunt of the invasion of the gray and will relate first hand incidents of the raids. It is one of a series he will deliver.

Some good stories are being told about the State documents which used to be handed out with such many in the past. One of the "first Confederal" under the Toner law are placed under restrictions. It seems that there are large stacks of books which have not been called for and the supply was soon cut short. Not long ago a man wrote in for a copy of a mines report. He asked that if it could not be furnished that he be told where he might find one he was interested in. He was unable to get what he asked.

Congressman-elect S. Taylor North, of Pottsville, who was here yesterday on his way home from Washington, said that he had been looking over the National Capitol. Mr. North served four terms as a legislator and was chairman of the appropriations committee last session.

Col. H. C. Demming, who returned last evening from Harrisburg, said that there was three and four inches of snow on the mountains between this city and the battlefield.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Isaac Hiestor has been elected president of the Berks county bar association. —W. W. Deeds, the new surveyor of the port of Pittsburgh, is a prominent businessman of Ligonier. —Dr. T. H. Andrews, of Philadelphia, is at Atlantic City. —John S. Rilling, the Erie lawyer mentioned for the attorney Generalship, was formerly Democratic State chairman. —Frank P. Pritchard is the new chancellor of the Law Association of Philadelphia.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is one of the important stations for trans-Atlantic telegraphic wires or main trunks?

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[\$100 to Shoot Dog] A man who shot a farm dog was fined \$19 and had to pay \$90 damages.

Templars to Meet The Templars will meet on the thirtieth.

Skating and Sleighting Ice is in fine condition for skating. Sleighting is good, too.

Making the Store Pay

Every foot of available floor space that does not have a customer in it is dead expense. There are many ways a retailer can assist in keeping his store busy. He can give good service, sell at fair prices, and be an advertiser these facts in his home newspapers. He should also take full advantage of the manufacturer's advertising. When the national manufacturer advertises his product in the newspapers, the retailer should take advantage of this advertising by showing the goods and drawing the goods to his store.

SCHEMING TO STAY ON POLITICAL MAP

Democratic and Bull Moose Chieftains Will Use the Legislature to Furnish Noise

TO DRAFT "TROUBLE" BILLS Palmer and the President Talk Over the War Among the Pennsylvania Democrats

—Democratic and Washington party leaders are planning to gather in some campaign issues by means of legislation they will offer to the next General Assembly and meetings of men in charge of drafting of bills will be held between Christmas and the first of January to determine what kind of material to prepare. After the decisive defeat of last month the men in charge of the headquarters of the two parties realize that it will be hard to win in the next election and they propose to do a lot of talking about up-fitting legislation and the welfare of the people.

The plan of the Democratic leadership to revive the legislative committee which drafted the charter appropriation and other measures last session and to frame up a series of bills which will not go through because of the primary laws either in regard to holding of State conventions or to prevent people from being named after a primary there will be loud objections.

The Democratic State headquarters here will become a thing of the past to-morrow and the end of the week will see the locking of the doors and the turning out of the staff to the Philadelphia headquarters. When committees meet here they will have headquarters at a hotel. The legislative party people may have a legislative headquarters here during the session.

The Woman Suffrage Association and State Federation of Labor will maintain their headquarters throughout the session. —The great problem of the future of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, especially with reference to the question whether there should be an amalgamation between the "Reorganizers" and the "Old Guard," was discussed by President Wilson and Representative A. Mitchell Palmer at the White House yesterday. It is understood that Representative Palmer stood firmly for a continuation of the fight against the "Old Guard" and it is probable that the majority will support him. Patronage was not discussed at the interview, it is understood. There has been considerable talk in the Pennsylvania delegation about another reorganization of the party, with a new leader, but the movement, if it can be called that, has not yet crystallized into any definite action. It is not likely that the President will give his assent to any such plan. In view of the elimination of Mr. Palmer, nevertheless, it is said that some of the old leaders will shortly make an effort to convince the President that the party vote in Pennsylvania is decimated as a result of the fight of the "Reorganizers."

—Congressman W. N. Carr is getting ready his contest of the seat of his successful rival at Washington and hopes to make an impression. He will attack the Fayette county results, probably the Jacoby Kill of Ephrata, one of the oldest town officials in Lancaster county, has resigned. —Senator Warren Worth Bailey, of Johnstown, who took the lead in the election, has been invited to be one of the speakers at the Jackson day dinner in Philadelphia. —Senator Penrose, Governor-elect Brumbaugh and Lieutenant-governor-elect Frank E. McClintock are guests of honor at a reception at the Union League in Philadelphia to-night.

—Adherents of President W. Horace Hoskins put the following series of letters from applicants for jobs under his administration, but did not propose to give much attention to ambitions of place-seekers until he con-

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

His Winter Evenings How do you spend the long winter evenings at your house? Studying the magazine club of yours; trying to select a combination that will suit the entire family.

Better Sister: I'll give you a nickel for the movies if you'll go when Charlie calls to-night. Mabel: I'd rather see de real live movies through the keyhole.

Just Right What's this "drebbund" I read so much about in the papers? My wife and two children—Just before Christmas.

Why Not? I just happened to think—I forgot to kiss my wife when I left this morning. Kiss her twice tomorrow morning, then.

MORE WEATHER

By Wing Danger I wrote some verses yesterday. That dwelt at large upon the way. The weather has behaved this week. And in its favor I did speak. Because the farmers wanted rain. To help along the growing grain. But there's a limit to such stuff, And now I think we've had enough.

The rain was welcome, and I think it fine that plants all got a drink. But when this wet snow comes along I'm ready quite to join the throng. That's losing all its temper sweet. With shivers, coughs and well-soaked feet. And while I'm not inclined to whine, I sure would like to see sunshine.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph, Dec. 10, 1864.] Sherman Reports Capture Washington, Dec. 10.—Sherman reports the capture of Millsville, Ga., today with a large amount of ammunition.

Take Breastworks

Petersburg, Dec. 10.—A line of breastworks on the south side have been taken by Union men.

Frustrate Plan for Raid

Detroit, Dec. 9.—A plan of a rebel raid on this city was frustrated.

REBIRTH

Oh, earth with all thy bloom unharvested— In all thy fields no singing voice of mirth. No light in any home, on any hearth, For on thy prostrate heart thy sons lie dead— The hope of all thy travail vanquished. The spirit-flower that in thy soil had birth. Lies broken on thy broken heart, oh, earth!

The dream of all the ages shattered. Oh, earth, thine agony is not in vain, Not vain the flame of thy vast funeral pyre. On that red battle ground where lie they slain. Thy wounded hope and dream, thy dead desire, The enduring spirit shall be born again. Grief-nurtured, and new-baptized in fire. —Mary P. Sears in The Survey.

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"THE QUALITY STORE"

Christmas Bargains Special For Friday Only

Misses' Mixed Coats, in tan, grey and olive—good styles—winter weight garments. Regularly \$12.50. Special for Friday at, each, \$8.50

Ladies' Tan Rubberized Raincoats. Specially priced for Friday, \$15.00 kind at \$10.00 \$12.50 kind at \$7.50

Men's Tan Rubberized Raincoats—strictly waterproof—regularly \$5.00. Special for Friday at, each, \$2.50

Ladies' Sweaters—all high grade goods—all sizes—wide variety of colors. Special values at \$2.50 to \$10.00

White Fascinators, slightly soiled. Special for Friday—59c quality at, each, \$29c 25c quality at, each, \$13c

EXCEPTIONAL. Traveling Bags, made of genuine cowhide leather—black or brown—lithed—worth \$6 and \$6.50. Special for Friday at \$5.00

Make an ideal Xmas gift. Smokers' stands, handsomely made of fumed oak—a good \$3.00 value. Special for Friday at, each, \$1.98

25c and 29c Bordered Voiles and Scrims for Curtains. Special for Friday at, per yard, \$15c

Lace, Net and Scrim Curtains—all styles—in white and ecru—in 1, 2 and 3 pairs of a kind—specially priced for Friday only.

Large double size, Cotton Blankets in gray and white, prettily colored borders, heavy weight. Worth \$1.39. Special for Friday at, per pair, \$1.19

Scotch and Irish Table Damasks, all pure linen, full bleached, 2 yards wide, beautiful patterns; \$1.00 quality. Special for Friday at, per yard, \$89c

Hand Mirrors with good bevel edge glass; worth 39c. Special for Friday at, each, \$25c

Good size Solid Brass Jardinere; a regular \$1.25 value. Special for Friday at, each, \$89c

L. W. COOK

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

We are always interested to hear of a new book by Richard Harding Davis, but when it is on a subject as near his heart as a great war and when he writes his own experiences in the thick of the fighting, it is more than ever welcome. Mr. Davis was in Rheims Cathedral while it was being shelled. He was captured by the Germans and almost treated as a spy. He saw Louvain shortly after its destruction and he had the greatest difficulty with the war censorship. Charles Scribner's Sons are bringing out these experiences in a book entitled "With the Allies."

Another great dispute settler is Admiral Charles H. Stockton's "Outlines of International Law" (Scribners). It gives the full texts of the Hague Convention in 1907, the International Naval Conference held at London in 1909, President Wilson's Proclamation of Neutrality, and a large amount of material in the very difficulties which are at present most under discussion, such as contraband, neutrality, aerial warfare, military occupation, the high seas, etc. A foreigner who tells of his experiences in becoming an American citizen finds a ready audience and Mr. A. M. Ribbany's "A Far Journey" bids fair to become as widely read and as full of great influence as that other work with which one inevitably associates it, Mary Antin's "The Promised Land." Among the responses most gratifying to Mr. Ribbany is a letter from the principal of a school in New York in which the student body is made up of 25,000 girls, most of them foreign born and all of them of foreign parentage. These girls, hearing through their teacher of "A Far Journey," have adopted for their motto Mr. Ribbany's aim—"to conquer ignorance by Knowledge, Sin by Righteousness, Discord by Harmony, Hatred by Love."

Dodge Coal Trouble This Year

Don't start off the first thing this Fall with a repetition of your coal troubles of former years. Keep your peace of mind and insure body comfort by using judgment! your coal buying. Montgomery coal costs no more than inferior grades, and insures maximum heat, even consumption, and lower coal bills. Dust and dirt is removed before you get your coal from

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Both Phones Third and Chestnut Streets

A superb blend of all Havana tobacco makes

MOJA 10c Cigars

rich, fragrant and more satisfying.

The gift smoke de luxe!

Made by John C. Herman & Co.

Advertisement for Victor-Victrola X, \$75. Includes image of a gramophone and text: "Will There Be a Victrola in Your Home This Christmas? Better consult our salesmen now about the various styles and our convenient terms. C.M. Sigler, Inc. 30 N. 2nd St. Victrola