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LET'S HAVE MORE GINGER. USUAL weather conditions have seriously interfered during the Spring with the outdoor work of the city. It is believed now, however, that progress may be made along all lines and that there should be considerable activity during the rest of the summer.

THE COLONEL THEN AND NOW. COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S letter condemning Wilson, endorsing Hughes and urging all Progressives to vote the Republican ticket this year is wormwood and gall to the Democrats. Editors of Democratic newspapers the length and breadth of the land are dividing their time between berating the Colonel and assuring their readers that "it really doesn't matter any way."

OUR "ECONOMICAL" CONGRESS. OUR "economical" Congress is giving us a fine demonstration of that popular indoor amusement of straining at a gnat after having swallowed a camel. A few weeks ago, with a great hurrah and much acclaim, Congress passed an appropriation of fifty million dollars—fifty million, think of it—for "flood protection" work on the lower Mississippi. In other words, to provide a campaign fund for Democratic candidates in the South who hope to help carry their districts by a liberal expenditure of "pork" in the way of employment for their constituents.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN. THE selection of William R. Willcox, of New York, as chairman of the Republican National Committee brings to the service of the party in the coming campaign a man ideally fitted by natural qualifications and by political alignments to render the maximum of service. Mr. Willcox, as postmaster of New York and later as chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission, demonstrated his honesty and his ability. He is a man of energy, enterprise and originality, clear-headed and courageous. He is a close personal friend of the candidate whose fight he is to lead and has been out of active politics

making a survey of the State property in this city indicates a purpose to immediately proceed with the important preliminaries of landscape treatment which will also involve the widening of the streets abutting on the Capitol ground and the remaking of considerable portions of the Capitol Park area. Fortunately for the Commonwealth, the three men comprising this board are wholeheartedly in earnest in the undertaking which will mean so much for the future of the Capitol and its environment. What shall be done now will involve the whole future design with respect to the Capitol in its dignified setting as the Commonwealth's chief place of power and influence in the staterhood of states.

Other constructive items of the year's program are also being given attention on Capitol Hill. These involve the working out of the welfare legislation of the last session of the General Assembly, increased attention to welfare problems, the making of a permanent system of roads and the health and forestry activities. Altogether there is so much outside of the political arena to invite the attention of the several officials that the campaign promises to be rather quiet and to take a second place in the thought of the people, especially so since Pennsylvania is admittedly overwhelmingly in the Republican column.

WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY. [Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and their answers are printed at the organization's annual "Municipal Quiz."] Has the city the power to contribute money to defray the cost of amusements, such as band concerts, etc.? Prohibited by law. Powerful Pennsylvania. [From New York Sun.] When the Stars and Stripes were run up on the Pennsylvania at Norfolk one of the most formidable warships in the world was added to the United States navy. The naval experts declare that she has no equal in gun power and ability to stand up under punishment. In the Skagerrak fight the British battleship Warspite floundered through a terrible pounding by the German dreadnaughts because her vital parts were well armored. The battle cruiser Queen Mary soon succumbed because she was not well protected. In her case there was a compromise to give her great speed. Her forte was attacking at long range with her 13.5-inch guns. As she had to fight at a medium range, on account of the atmosphere and the tactics forced upon her, she was doomed.

WOMEN AND PREPAREDNESS. HARRISBURG women showed last night that they are prepared to do what they can to make as light as possible the hard lot of the soldier going to the front. Hungry troops aboard the special trains that are hurrying them to the border partook of sandwiches and coffee and fruit at the hands of patriotic members of the Pennsylvania Women's Division for National Preparedness. While a number of the members used the telephone to gather in supplies, others arranged for the distribution. The work was well handled. It is only one of many activities in which these women will engage during the months to come when the troops are on the border or in Mexico and when all manner of needs will arise which those at home must meet.

EXAMPLES OF SHIP PURCHASE. [From Leslie's.] The Democratic Administration proposes to spend \$50,000,000 for the purchase of ships, in the hope that this may lead to the eventual establishment of an adequate merchant marine. The future may be judged by the past. During the Spanish-American war the United States government went into the ship-purchase business. The early experience resulted in the purchase of a considerable number of naval auxiliaries and the later sale of these vessels at a sacrifice. Some of the naval auxiliaries, the prices paid for them by the government and the prices at which the government sold them were as follows: Alexander, purchase price \$206,825.25, selling price, \$17,400; Cheyenne, purchase price \$19,635.95, selling price \$1,590; Hector, purchase price \$200,000, selling price \$65,150; Hornet, purchase price \$117,500, selling price \$5,100; Niagara, purchase price \$200,000, selling price \$75,000; Restless, purchase price \$29,000, selling price \$1,000; Albatross, purchase price \$24,000, selling price \$1,536; Yankee, purchase price \$575,000, selling price \$2,010; Yosemite, purchase price \$55,000, selling price \$11,522.94. The purchase of ships at the present time might temporarily relieve the congestion at various ports. It would not solve the problem of a merchant marine. The reason more Americans have not gone into the shipping business is because there has not been enough money in it. In normal times it is hard to make any profit. This is due to the fact that the cost of operating an American ship is a great deal higher than the operating of a European ship. American laws compel the payment of higher wages, the employment of more men and the purchase of more equipment. European ships can carry freight at lower rates, and thus drive the American ships off the seas. The American merchant marine was built up in the early days of the Republic. The protective tariff system in the form of a preferential tariff on goods shipped in American bottoms. That is the remedy that should be applied now.

Politics in Pennsylvania. By the Ex-Committeeman. Throughout Pennsylvania the endorsement of Hughes by Colonel Roosevelt has been received with gratification by Republicans and Progressives alike. There is little left but a skeleton of the old Progressive party in this State and it is likely that, following the hint of the Colonel, to whose will they have always hastened to bow, the leaders will not call another meeting of the State committee, which tried to get together here earlier in the Spring when the Democratic committee met, but did not, owing to no orders having been received from Oyster Bay. It is likely that some of the big Moose who have not yet been heard from in this State will follow the lead of Hiram Johnson and come out for the whole Republican ticket. The Roosevelt declination means an overwhelming Republican victory in Pennsylvania next Fall.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE. —All things comes to those who wait—even the water. —You don't always have to judge a man by his deeds; his mortgages are sometimes just as good. —Perhaps Bryan is beginning to discover that a million men are not a million soldiers. —The housewife is now learning the advantages of the Democratic tariff, with sugar at nine cents a pound. —When that German Uboat arrives in New York why not treat it as the Uboats treated the Lusitania?

EDITORIAL COMMENT. —The Old Guard surrenders but never dies.—Columbia State. —After his somewhat energetic experience Louis Brandeis is probably glad that there is no immediate prospect of his being asked to leave the dignified quietude of the Supreme Court in order to participate in a national campaign.—Washington Star. —Russian bear is through hibernating.—Wall Street Journal. —Head-line writers and cartoonists have no objection to Hughes.—Philadelphia North American.

IN MEXICO 70 YEARS AGO. The Story of a War in Which Every Battle Was a Victory For the Stars and Stripes. By J. HOWARD WERT. Author of "Twas 50 Years Ago," published in the Harrisburg Telegraph, June and July, 1915, in connection with the Great Celebration of the Semicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg.

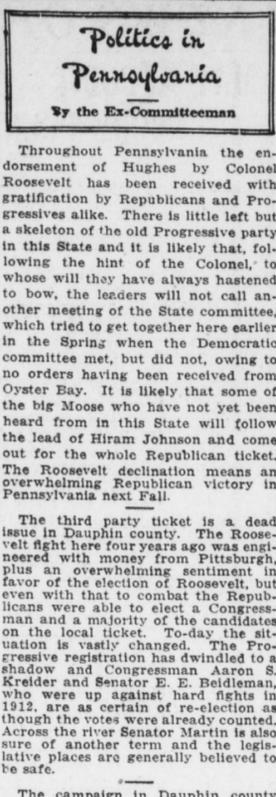
"Ad" Convention Echoes. The Church must advertise. It is the only great institution in the world which does not make use of this modern method of reaching the public. Banks, the Post, the Chamber of Commerce, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the National Advertisers' Conference, the National Advertisers' Association, the National Advertisers' Conference, the National Advertisers' Association, the National Advertisers' Conference, the National Advertisers' Association.

Seventy Years and Now. [Holyoke Transcript.] To-day the militia is a military organization of trained citizen-soldiers, led by men who have been obliged to know the world. The men of the rank and file strike a very high average. The community recognizes the sacrifices they are now showing that they are willing to make. It is no small public service that each and every one has to perform.—Uncle Dudley in Boston Globe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. WANTS MEN TO DRILL. You are all no doubt well aware of the position that our country is now in, and it behooves us to always be ready to serve at the first call for volunteers. I am, therefore, taking this means of putting before you the necessity of being prepared, so as not to prolong our going to the front, i. e., by waiting for the call and then setting out in other words, drilling, etc., as you all know, delay means a great deal in some cases, particularly in a case of this kind. Why not let us get together, single men between the ages of 21 and 40, say three or four evenings a week, for drilling and instructions, so by the time the call for volunteers comes we will be ready to entrain immediately? What say you all? I have not as yet consulted any of our brave lads of our previous wars, but I am safe in saying that they will be willing, in fact anxious, to be our leaders and instructors, and would offer their services to us. I am, therefore, asking if some of our veterans will not call together the young men as mentioned and have a meeting, at the same time call on some of our citizens for a brief talk on preparedness, after which we will ask the men to sign up as volunteers. We will then have a meeting at our great leader, Uncle Sam. There is no doubt in my mind but what we will have to have a very large hall or theater, as a call of this kind is waited on by many a young man who is anxious to serve his country. An offer of a hall or theater for this wonderful meeting will be gladly accepted. Very truly yours, VOLUNTEER.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY. One thing that the Chester Times says it likes about the Chester girls is that they have learned that artificial flowers adorn a hat just as attractively as real bird feathers. It is to be hoped that the girls will not carry the same thing over to their complexions as well. Like father, like son, is true in the case of Brigadier-General W. G. Price and his son, J. F. E. Price, who represented an insult accorded the General by a soldier who did not know he was overheard in Broad Street station the other day. A straight blow in the face was the reply that Price junior made to the insult. The Pottsville Republican likewise brings up the matter of Price when it tells of the reunion of that family on Broad Mountain for the first time in seven years. Prices came from north, east, south and west to attend the reunion. A poison fest is on in Greenwood, where all the dogs and cats available are being poisoned by some cruel fiend who the owners say will be cordially received if they ever lay their hands on him. John Tinko, a representative of the Johnstown Ad-Press Club, attending the big convention at Philadelphia, has invited the 1917 convention to meet in Johnstown. The Tribune describes John as "a funny man."

Needs of the Navy. [From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.] It is needless to inquire in the consideration which have moved the President at this late date to take issue with the majority of the House committee on naval affairs and with the majority of the House itself. His present position is correct, and the country will support him in it. The Senate has usually recognized the needs of the navy better than the House, and it may provide for even seven capital ships. With the assistance of the President it should be easy to get the House to do its duty. The advantages of Bradford are set forth at length in an account by the Evening Star of that community. We note that it has vacuum cleaners, table cutlery, table covers, and charcoal, among other things. Bradford is aptly interpreting the spirit of the times—advertisers. Five generations of Smiths, the present pride of which family lives in Catawissa, have fought for their country. The first was in the Revolution and the latest has just joined the Massachusetts militia.



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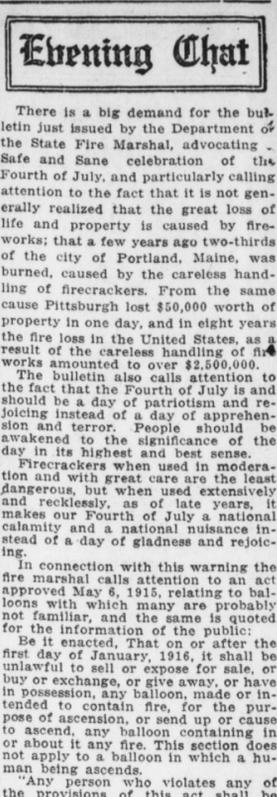
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