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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1914.

THE TIMES-DISPATCH and Breakfast served together with unfailing regularity in the Best Homes of Richmond. Is your morning program complete?

Just Grin

YOU shouldn't do it now, but if you do, remember it is your own fault and grin. Grin cheerily if you cannot enjoy the joke on yourself, but grin.

Surprises and Fiction

JAPANESE newspapers are said to be surprised that Americans are suspicious of Japan's motives for entering into a war in which she was not called, either by treaty obligations or threat of aggression or menace to her interests.

Exploited Prophecies

SIXTEEN ships have thus far passed through the Panama Canal, of which fourteen were American, a fact which should interest those who but a little while ago were shrieking that the United States had surrendered the canal to Europe.

Fun in Missouri To-Day

WHEN the Missouri Democratic State convention meets in Jefferson City to-day, it must adopt a platform, and that platform, of course, must endorse the Wilson administration.

The President's Duty

THE New York Sun reflects the view of the people of the country when it declares that it "can conceive of no higher duty now devolving on the President of the United States, engrossed though he is in international and domestic, political, industrial and business problems of the first magnitude, than the conservation of his physical well-being."

Playing Into the Hands of the Democrats

AS an indication of the line on which the Republicans expect to conduct the campaign for Congress during the ensuing two months, the proceedings of the New York State Republican convention are interesting.

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comes in for censure was to be expected, but it has remained for the New York Republicans to attempt to find political capital in the new currency law. While bankers, financiers, business men and statesmen of all parties are praising that law, the Republicans of New York are declaring that it was enacted "with an ill-concealed purpose to injure the State of New York and drive capital to other States."

Danger Lies That Way

SENATOR LODGE raises two objections to the government purchase of German merchant vessels now lying useless in New York Harbor. The amount of the money to be paid for them, he claims, constitutes a great aid to Germany in the conduct of the war; and is, therefore, a violation of the spirit of neutrality.

"The first of these objections is not serious; the latter is important. Here Senator Lodge is undoubtedly right. It is a well-established rule of international law that a belligerent may detain for examination any vessel, not a national vessel, met on the high seas, but it is equally well established that the national vessels of a neutral country are not subject to stoppage and search."

Naturalization and Nationalization

MISGIVINGS are general among thoughtful people in this country at the manifestation by "hyphenated Americans" of a strongly warlike feeling in favor of the countries from which they or their forebears originally came.

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WAYSIDE CHATS WITH OLD VIRGINIA EDITORS

Luther Burbank says that people can be cultivated like vegetables, whereas the Hampton Monitor remarks that "there has been complaining about beats for some time." And cabbageheads.

The World Stands Still

"The world stands still," says the Eastern Shore Herald, and then adds: Much of it, but plucked from its ambition into chaos, goes backward. Is that contradictory? What says the Halifax Gazette, our most apt pupil in English?

Greed Knows No Restraint

"Greed knows no restraint," says the Peninsula Enterprise, apropos of the effect of the European war on prices. A few striped suits might help some.

The Staunton Leader complains of the absence of human interest stories from the theatre of war. Read an account of the wholesale murder which took place in West Virginia recently, shocking the community. Then multiply that by thousands and you have your human interest story. In each case the motive was the same—greed. It is only in the number of casualties that they differ.

"Marion Harland tells us that the wife in every well-ordered home is a dictatrix, and the same thing, if we may believe some of our benighted acquaintances, is also not infrequently true of homes that are not well ordered." Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, which probably gives one reason why the bachelor editor of the Virginian-Pilot has not one of those "queens" which the Orange Observer wishes him to get.

"We have in mind right now," says the Petersburg Index-Appal, "a fine thing, which we are going to leave to our Richmond friends to say, provided we don't have to wait too long." After you, Alphonse. Go ahead and say it, that'll make two fine things you have said.

"If a glass jar refuses to open, set it down in an inch or two of hot water," advises the Accomac News. Now tell the Lynchburg Advance if you treat a bottle the same way.

The Charlotte Gazette has an editorial on "The Great Fools of History." After this war is over the list will be longer.

The West Point Sun is a new member of the Virginia Press. Volume 1, Number 1, was issued Friday. It will be welcomed, but we warn its editors that, in its efforts to be both a shining Sun and "a twinkling Star," it has a hard job cut out for itself.

"Keep an eye on Teddy," says the Clifton Falls Review. All right, hold him still long enough.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

To Please "W. W. F." To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir:—Please print the following:

I enjoy not in spears and bows. Nor fights, like other men; Nor would do me good his map to maul Who calls a paper daily, and enjoy it. Waverly, Va., August 21. W. W. F.

For Woman Suffrage

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir:—I read your paper daily, and enjoy it very much, especially the general news, but I think there's two subjects which you don't speak of and tolerate as you should—woman suffrage and prohibition. As to woman suffrage, I am a supporter, who said, "Woman suffrage is surely coming, and I, for one, expect a great deal of good from it."

What Do They Gain?

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir:—What can any nation expect in the European war, with its gain, or loss? German universities will be expelled, German scientific discoveries will be halted, German people will suffer, whatever the outcome of the war. How can a few more provinces, a few more foreign possessions, a little higher trade in the sweet hay and live help the people of Germany? Will the possession of Alsace and Lorraine bring back to life the thousands killed, will it feed the hungry, comfort the fatherless, will it fertilize the fields, restore the lost crops? What will Great Britain gain? What will Austria gain? What fools these mortals be! COMMONSENSE. Petersburg, Va., August 23, 1914.

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WHAT WAS NEWS FIFTY YEARS AGO

From the Richmond Dispatch August 26, 1864.

Our special correspondent at Petersburg writes: "In Sunday's fighting on the Weldon Road and on the Vaughan Road in front of Petersburg the Confederate forces suffered the first severe check of the year. The campaign, and the beginning of this Petersburg campaign, and it was undoubtedly a very severe blow to our cause. The enemy still remains in possession of the Weldon Railroad, and, as every one knows, that is very essential to our army and people. But there will be another effort to recover it, and if mistakes can be avoided this time, it will doubtless prove successful."

The New York Herald of the 29th, a copy of which has just been received, says: "Sheridan's campaign, which started from Hall Town on July 9th to drive Early up the Valley, and which proved so much, has proven a disastrous failure. The movement is called because of the capture of his supply train."

At 7 o'clock on the morning of the 21st General Forrest made a dash on Memphis, and, taking the city completely by surprise, captured the city, holding it all day. The enemy was retreating, and, of course, Forrest, merely with his cavalry force, could not hold out against them, and made no effort to do so, but he got away with many valuable supplies and horses, etc.

There have been no operations of any importance at Petersburg since the fighting on Sunday last, which was so disastrous to the Confederate cause. The enemy still maintain their position on the Weldon Railroad, there having been no further attempt to dislodge them, and there were no other offensive movements yesterday. The fight to regain possession of the road is yet to come.

For some unaccountable reason General Grant positively refused a pass down the river to the consul of France, located in Richmond. The consul went down to Varina day before yesterday on the flag of truce boat to carry dispatches to Fortress Monroe, and returned to the French minister in Washington. He was sure of the usual pass, and had gone aboard the Federal boat and taken his stateroom, when General Grant himself appeared and instructed Colonel Milford to refuse the consular passage. There was nothing for the indignant consul to do but to return to Richmond and bring the dispatches with him.

The official dispatches report very heavy shelling of the Weldon Railroad yesterday and the day before. Sherman has sent Kilpatrick out on a raid to capture and destroy the Macon Road, deeming that necessary to admit of the complete investment of Atlanta.

The flag of truce boat, which came up from Varina yesterday, brought a bunch of exchanged Confederate prisoners, among them Lieutenant E. M. Ware, of the Fifth Virginia Cavalry; Captain Carolina Reeder, of the Fifty-sixth North Carolina; Lieutenant Colonel R. C. McEachern, of the Fifty-sixth North Carolina, and H. M. McEachern, of the Fifty-first North Carolina.

Suites for libel aggregating \$100,000 have been instituted against the Chicago Times, a paper that is known as a "copperhead" organ.

In No Danger

An exceptionally valuable golfer was vainly endeavoring to move a ball with his driver. For a few moments he espied watching him a small girl, holding in the hand a still smaller boy. Immediately visions of flying golf balls flashed across his mind.

One to Carry

Teacher—Who knows what triplets are? Night Pupil—I know, miss. It's twins and one left over.—Boston Transcript.

THE PUBLIC PULSE

Editorial Expressions From Leading Newspapers

Duxton Crows a Little

Dayton, Ohio, is rather proud of its record of achievement in the past few months under the commission-manager plan of government. Among the things over which it is crowing is an average saving of 15 per cent through the creation of a purchasing division, the installation of an accounting system which saves like clockwork, a municipal budget which is prepared on business principles and which enables expenditures to be kept within appropriations, the reduction by half of the death rate of babies, the establishment of two large parks, and other reforms of a practical character. The program for the future includes a complete and modern sewerage system and waterworks, to cost \$2,000,000. For a town of 125,000 Duxton feels that it is going ahead pretty rapidly, and it thinks the results of its first six months' experience under the commission plan justify a little bragging. It seems so to us, too, as far as we can judge from the manager's report. More credit is due, however, as needed to make it absolutely certain whether this is a case of a new broom, or whether the improvement rests on a permanent basis.—Baltimore Sun.

Burden of the Philippines

Sixteen years ago a man who voiced his disapproval of our seizure of the Philippines was popularly regarded as a traitor to his country. Some such men got their heads into business danger by speaking their minds on this subject. The war spirit ran high in the United States then and the average man did not stop to reflect upon the consequences of conquest. Now, however, sentiment has undergone an almost complete reversal. Almost everybody who thinks at all wishes we did not own the Philippines and that we never had owned them. Our possession of these distant islands has meant a heavy constant drain upon our public treasury and it will continue to mean that as long as we own them.—Ohio State Journal.

Devolution, Not Evolution

As if the new were not already topsy-turvy enough, what with one thing and another, here Association for the Advancement of Science suggesting that Darwin got his theory upside down, or inside out, or something of the sort, or that the theory is not a tentative proposition, worthy of the study of those who strive to identify the origin of life, or, conversely, point out whether we are tending— he would say that the process of the species is from the complex to the simple, and not, as it is usually stated, from the incredibly simple to the indefinitely complex. It does not follow—fortunately for our pride in things which seem to us an improvement. But what we are pleased to believe is improvement is a process of shifting off, rather than putting on. We are being subtracted from, all the time, instead of being added to. It is devolution, not evolution. This theory, it appears, explanations can be found in the phenomena which the more familiar hypothesis has notoriously failed to account for.—Providence Journal.

Burden of Government

Extravagance becomes the curse of every government. Our Federal rate costs every inhabitant nearly \$11 a year, which equals the price paid for Russian autocracy. Internal and debt-burdened Great Britain charges every dweller under its flag \$21 a year in the bow of the boat, and presently, adding a break in the bluff, they swung off into the grateful shelter of the night-wrapped dunes. Like twin automata stirred to action by the report, the two turned and peered off down the beach, to escape the deadly area of illumination. Other shots sped after them, but none was so well aimed; and presently, finding a break in the bluff, they swung off into the grateful shelter of the night-wrapped dunes. Like twin automata stirred to action by the report, the two turned and peered off down the beach, to escape the deadly area of illumination. 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