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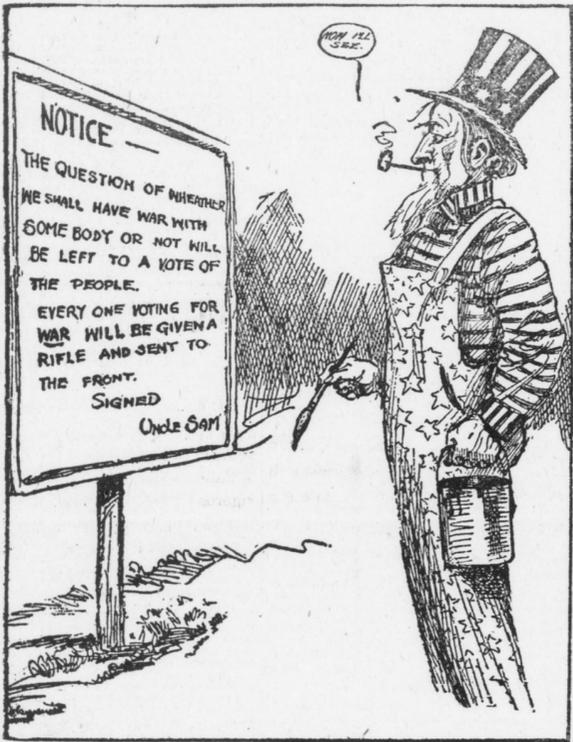
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## CURE FOR THAT FIGHTING FEELING.



—Blackman in Birmingham Age-Herald.

## TOPICS IN BRIEF

If silence is golden Col. House could start a mint.

Back up your President and the stars and stripes will never have to back down.

At the present rate Newport News will soon put Kiel in piker class as far as shielding German ships is concerned.

Kaiser's letter praising the prowess of the Turkish soldiers lacks any specific reference to Armenia.

Brandies says the Hartford Current, "was weighed in the balance with Mr. Taft." It must be some balance.

Arkansas seems in sore need of its first syllable.

The next time we have to send Germany a note, we favor letting Billy Sunday write it.

Our understanding is that Britannia rules the waves on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Trouble about the peace movements is that a soft head always seems to go with a soft heart.

And what has become of the old-fashioned sister who used to wear half a dozen petticoats?

As the President now puts it, "There is such a thing as a nation being proud to fight for principle."

Every now and then a brilliant inspiration seems to dawn on Hon. Charles Chaplin and he falls down.

On the whole, we doubt if there is anything a woman derives more honest, downright enjoyment from than a good cry.

A young man usually keeps on being crazy about a girl at long as she keeps on being crazy about some other man.

Honesty is an ingredient in the makeup of man who pays his just debts before buying luxuries.

A joke isn't much of a joke unless it is punctuated by laughter of the listener.

### His Maternal Grandma.

A devoted father after a day's absence was met by his two little sons. "Have you been good boys?" Silence. "Have you been good boys?" "No, papa. I called grandma a bad word," said the five-year-old, turning scarlet. "Is it possible? What did you call your grandma?" "I called her a human being." The father, with a mighty effort, maintained his gravity and closed the scene decorously. "I must forgive you for once, but remember if you ever call your grandmother a human being again I shall have to spank you."—London Telegraph.

### The Safe Spot.

"So when you had 200 feet start to escape you ran instead directly up to the bear when your gun failed to work? I don't know whether you were a foolhardy hero or a rattled fool!" declared the doctor as he sewed up Smith's numerous wounds. "I was neither," explained Smith. "I used remarkable judgment at a critical moment. You see, the bear was between Jones and myself. I saw Jones was about to fire, so I took shelter at the safest spot—with the bear."—New York Sun.

### A Lost Mine.

Among the famous lost mines of the western world and one which is again being sought is the Tisingall of Costa Rica. It is said to have yielded great quantities of gold in the time of the Spanish domination. After quelling the Indian uprisings, however, the Spaniards failed to relocate the mine. It is thought that it lies hidden in the bed of one of the larger streams. Many legends are heard dealing with its wonderful richness, and many attempts have been made to find it, but so far without avail.—Argonaut.

### A Very Old Rule.

The oldest mathematic book in the world is believed to be the "Papyrus Rhind" in the British museum, professed to have been written by Ahmes, a scribe of King Ra-a-us, about the period between 2000 and 1700 B. C. This "Papyrus Rhind" was translated by Eisenlohr of Leipzig, and it was found to contain a rule for making a square equal in area to a given circle. It was not put forth as an original discovery, but as the transcript of a treatise 500 years older still, which sends us back to approximately 250 B. C., when Egyptian mathematicians solved, or thought they had solved, the problem of squaring the circle.

### Hen Trickery.

Since Australia is at the antipodes from us the hens there naturally lay best from May to November, contrary to the habit of hens here. It is now suggested that if a hen after her annual laying period in the southern hemisphere were rushed across the equator to the United States she might lay during the rest of the year at the same rate and thus establish a new "record" for a year's production. Still, it looks like a mean trick to play on a poor hen.—Youth's Companion.

### The El'eer Booth.

A theatrical man, in an appreciation of Junius Brutus Booth, declares that "Intellectually he stood above any actor of his own or any other time." In justification of this praise these claims are made. Booth had a knowledge of seamanship acquired as a midshipman, was an expert printer, had studied law and medicine, was an acute theologian and spoke eight languages fluently, besides being "the greatest actor who ever spoke the English language."—Exchange.

### Versatile.

It was at a reception, and the two friends had met. "Do you know," said Ina, "it was as much as I could do to keep from laughing when Josephine was just telling us about her fiance being 'so versatile'?" "Meaning Webb?" replied Kathleen, smiling. "Well, dear, he is rather versatile, you know." "Nonsense!" cried Ina. "You know, Kathleen, he is a regular idiot." "Yes," replied Kathleen, "but he's so many kinds of an idiot."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### OPEN UP YOUR LIFE.

By cultivating our natural gifts we add to them; by neglect we lose them. Seed that is never put into the soil will never produce a plant. The life that remains closed will never produce a man.

### Arms and the Men.

"I see you have your arm in a sling," said the inquisitive passenger. "Broken, is it?" "Yes, sir," responded the other passenger. "Meet with an accident?" "No. Broke it while I was trying to pat myself on the back." "Great Scott! What for?" "For minding my own business." "I see. Never could happen to me, could it?" "No." "And if it did I wouldn't be blame fool enough to tell it." Then there was silence in the car.—Chicago Tribune.

### Long Live Tennysons.

The Tennyson family was noted for its longevity. Miss Matilda Tennyson died in her ninety-ninth year; Charles was seventy-one at the time of his death; Mary, seventy-four; Emilia, seventy-eight; Alfred, poet laureate, eighty-three; Frederick, ninety-one; Arthur, eighty-five; Horatio, eighty, and Cecilia, ninety-two.

### Machine Guns.

Machine guns are really rifles with a mechanical feed, which supplies them rapidly with cartridges. In all modern patterns they are automatic in action. The gas produced by the explosion or shock of the recoil opens the breech, ejects the spent cartridge, loads the rifle, closes the breech and fires the charge. These complicated operations are carried out with extraordinary speed. To give an example: The Maxim can fire at least 450 rounds a minute, or more than seven shots per second, and if in exceptionally good order and cleverly operated can discharge 600 rounds a minute.—London Tit-Bits.

### Trap For Quotation Experts.

If any one wants a catch question to spring on a gathering of self confessed literary sharps let him ask whence comes the quotation, "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." This is one of the six best sellers in the world of quotations, yet not one person in a hundred knows where it comes from. It is comparatively easy to guess the author, but almost impossible to find a person who can name the work. One could build any number of parlor games around "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Try it.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

### Man's Limitations.

Man has done wonders since he came before the public. He has navigated the ocean, he has penetrated the mysteries of the starry heavens, he has harnessed the lightning and made it fight the great cities of the world. But he can't find a spool of thread in his wife's workbasket; he can't discover her pocket in a dress hanging in the closet; he cannot hang out clothes and get them on the line the right end up. He cannot hold clothespins in his mouth while he is doing it either. He cannot be polite to somebody he hates. In short, he cannot do a hundred things that women do almost instinctively.

### The Eskimo Baby.

The clothing of the Eskimo baby is often very scanty. In fact, one occasionally sees a baby being carried in its mother's hood with only a cotton shirt on, despite the fact that the thermometer registers 20 degrees below zero. The mother's hood is the baby's cradle. Being made of seal or deer skin, it is warm and wind proof. The infant also has the benefit of the heat of its mother's body and is out of harm's way. If it were laid in a basket cradle in the tent it would be very much in the way and would always be in danger of falling a prey to the wolfish Eskimo dogs that prowled round the door by day and night, ever ready to pick up a dainty morsel.

### How Much Iron Can We Make?

Iron furnaces of this country, including all in blast or idle, could, according to the Iron Age, "apparently produce about 40,000,000 tons if they remained in blast a year." This would be 9,000,000 tons above the maximum calendar year output. The Iron Age doubts, however, if all the furnaces could stay in blast a full year, and suggests a trifle over 38,000,000 tons as maximum capacity.

### Very Annoying.

"I can't bear these men novelists," declared one lady. "Why not?" the other inquired. "They calmly tell you that the heroine wore a gown which fascinated a duke and not a word as to what it was made of or how it was trimmed."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Untrue.

"Your leading lady is not true to life." "What's the matter?" "In the first act she receives a telegram, and you have her open it without fear or trembling."—Detroit Free Press.

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure there is one less rascal in the world.—Carlyle.

### The Observant Beggar.

"Excuse me, sir," said the panhandler, shuffling up to Dubbleigh's side. "but you couldn't let me have \$15, could you?" "Fifteen dollars!" echoed Dubbleigh. "Great Scott, man, do you for one moment suppose I'd be fool enough to give you \$15?" "No, chief, I didn't," said the panhandler, "but I sort o' hoped you'd regard it as a kind of personal assessment and swear off \$14.90, leavin' me with a dime to the good." He got it.—New York Times.

### The River Tigris.

The river Tigris appears in the book of Genesis as Hiddekel, one of the four "heads" into which the river of Eden was parted. The name by which we know it does not exactly "mean" tiger, for the correct way of putting it is that both "tiger" and "Tigris" mean in Persian swift as an arrow. "Euphrates" is a Greek version of the Persian Hurat, which signifies "the good abounding" and represents the old Asiatic Hurat or Purat, akin to our verb "pour."

### Democracy.

Democracy are planning a big banquet to be held in Reading on April 13, Jefferson day. Several speakers of national reputation will be invited. Owing to rush of orders a night shift has been put on at the Jeannette Iron works, Hazleton, where shells are being made for the allies. Because it was too cold to go to bed, Patrick Hoar, St. Clair, went to sleep in his favorite armchair and was found dead in it in the morning. The Montgomery County Law and Order Society has been organized to fight illegal liquor traffic, with Francis R. Taylor, of Cheltenham, president. One man out of every 364 employed in the coal mines in the tenth bituminous district, which includes Blair and Cambria counties, was killed last year.

# PENNSYLVANIA NEWS IN BRIEF

## Interesting Items From All Sections of the State.

### CULLED FOR QUICK READING

#### News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout the Keystone State.

Union county commissioners refuse to build the Watson town bridge.

Hazleton merchants have discontinued discounts to favored customers.

Pennsylvania has leased a vacant church in Altoona for a gymnasium for its shopmen.

Northumberland county school directors have endorsed central schools for townships.

The Cambria Fire company, Carlisle, now 107 years old, will buy a \$9000 motor engine.

Carlisle is considering complete motorization of its fire department at a cost of \$50,000.

Falling into a cistern, Gladys Kauffman, a Lancaster child, was fished out with a rake by a passer-by.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bear, of New Holland, observed the fifty-seventh anniversary of their marriage.

The Lancaster Farmers' association has declared a six per cent dividend and added \$2000 to the surplus.

During 1915 the production of coal in the twentieth bituminous district increased 66,053 tons over 1914.

Samuel B. Wolf, Lewisburg, has been appointed captain of cavalry and assigned to Troop M, Lewisburg.

Schuylkill county has 32,000 men fit for war, according to a list sent to Harrisburg by the commissioners.

At a meeting of the Chester County Medical society physicians declared they would put the ban on kissing.

New deputy inspectors of industries are: M. J. Gilney, Reading, and V. B. Thomas, Hopewell, Bedford county.

The Dauphin Silk Works, Hazleton, the largest in that section of the state, will erect a big addition to its plant.

Joseph Francis Bierstein, of Shenandoah, has been appointed assistant chief of the state bureau of railways.

The Carpenter Steel works at Reading, with more than 1800 employees, has opened an industrial hospital.

Because of the excellent prices realized in Lancaster, farmers expect to increase the acreage of potatoes next season.

Bishop James H. Darlington, of the Harrisburg diocese, dedicated the new St. John's Episcopal parish house in Lancaster.

The victim of gas stove fumes, Dalton Willis, mailing clerk for the Johnstown Democrat, was found dead in his room.

In two days eighty boys, representing the best families in Conneville, enrolled for military training in the high school.

A new-born child of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Broad was burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Nanticoke.

The home of Wilbur Brumbaugh, at Fertigs, near Oil City, was burned and several members of the family were burned.

The Pennsylvania railroad announces that it will build an annex to the passenger depot, in Pittsburgh, to cost \$1,500,000.

Under state trooper protection, 600 of the 900 striking miners at the Ford collieries, near Pittsburgh, have returned to work.

Raymond Spencer, eight, sons of prominent business men of Charleroi, were drowned while skating.

James E. Dillon, of York, has been appointed a first lieutenant in the national guard and assigned to Company K, Eighth regiment, York.

The latest in clubs is the "Husbands' Welfare association," organized in Oakmont, near Pittsburgh. Its aims are not made public.

Harry Lamps, the third man to be appointed scavenger and dog catcher in Reading is less than six weeks, has qualified for his \$1500 job.

While George L. Moyer lay dying upstairs at his home in Bloomsburg, a burglar took all the family's provisions from the ground floor.

Nelson Hoch was paid \$10,000 at Hazleton by supervisors of Butler township for being thrown off his wagon on a road in bad condition.

Four slander cases against Evangelist Stough are listed for Luzerne court next month, and his Jacksonvillie campaign may have to be dropped.

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State censors of movies want authority by a law amendment to bar all films shipped into this State and not having their own seals of approval.

Rev. E. C. Kunkle, pastor of the First Baptist church, Wilkes-Barre, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church of West Chester.

The Pennsylvania Steel company, bought by Charles M. Schwab, is rushing work on a new blast furnace and other improvements to increase its capacity.

In a speech to Baptists in Harrisburg, Governor Brumbaugh reiterated his stand for local option and declared he would fight for it in the next legislature.

Kissel Shapiro, a West Hazleton merchant, was chloroformed and robbed of \$430 while he slept, by a stranger to whom he had given a bed in his home.

Shipments of whisky and beer to striking quarrymen at Blair Four, Blair county, are permanently enjoined, as the sheriff can only maintain peace that way.

The old Cherry Tree Iron works in Indiana county have been purchased by William Brown and several other Pittsburgh men. War munitions will be manufactured.

Rolling herself in a snow bank, Dora Armenta, fifteen years old, of Lancaster, saved her life when her apron caught fire while hanging up wash. She is badly burned.

State threshermen meeting in Harrisburg discussed employers' liability and the narrow-tired machines. They will go to the next legislature with a proposition for changes.

The United Cigar Manufacturers' company, of Lancaster, thus far this season has sent one and a half million pounds of filler tobacco to France for the men in the trenches.

The Reznor Manufacturing company, at Mercer, makers of gas stoves, received an order from England for 25,000 gas stoves. The stoves are to be shipped to Oxford, England.

Owing to the scarcity of skilled labor, the Digs-Seabury Ordnance company, of Sharon, has discontinued its night work at the Sharon plant. All workmen are now on day shifts.

William Felton, of Johnstown, was frozen to death sitting beside a pile of railroad ties along the Pennsylvania railroad at Seward. He leaves a widow and five children in Scotland.

Invalid members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, in Oil City, will be able to hear the sermons of the pastor in their homes through a telephone apparatus installed in the church.

Marathon races and cross-country runs are being considered by the Pittsburgh board of public education as valuable helps in solving the question of health-giving sports in the public schools.

A gas plant for the execution of cats and dogs was placed in operation in West Chester and tested upon a couple of cats. The apparatus was installed by T. S. Carlisle, superintendent of the S. P. C. A.

Seven claims for the reward of \$500 offered by the Westmoreland county commissioners for the capture of Charles Douglass, the convicted murderer who escaped from the county jail at Greensburg, have been filed.

Escorted by 100 members of the Altoona lodge of Elks riding in automobiles, seven elk obtained by the Blair county game and fish commission were liberated along the new Portage railroad, twenty miles from Altoona.

The Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad has ordered twenty locomotives of the Santa Fe type, which are twice as large as any now in use on the road. Several bridges will have to be reconstructed to bear their weight.

The Sharon Hoop company is notifying all its customers that steel purchased from it shall not be exported to other than the allies without written notice to the British consul in New York, the agreement to continue during the present war.

Every large city in the county will be represented officially at the good roads congress, which will be held in Pittsburgh during the week of February 28, in connection with the thirteenth annual convention of the American Road Builders' association.

Rather than return home, where her sister, two years her junior, had supplanted her in the affections of her sweetheart, Miss Elza Frazee, of Uniontown, daughter of John S. Frazee, took poison when threatened with arrest and is in a critical condition.

Judge Terry, in Williamsport, granted thirty-two licenses in the annual Sullivan county license court. He refused two applications and held five under advisement, against which remonstrances were filed. No contest was made against the thirty-two applications granted.

Until he finds out whether eight gallons of liquor, worth \$17.60, consumed in a month at the Berks county almshouse, was required for the inmates or whether it was used in entertaining and extending the "hospitality of the house," County Controller Rhode has held up payment.

The Montgomery County Holstein-Friesian Breeders' association has been organized at Centre Square, with Elwood W. Anders, of Worcester, president; Charles Bray, Upper Merion, and Harvey Plummer, Fairview village, vice presidents, and Stewart Helst, Centre Square, secretary and treasurer.

For three days a large American flag was trampled under the feet of hundreds of pedestrians in West Chester. The flag had been a portion of the decorations in honor of Lincoln but had been torn from its place and buried by the sleet and snow. It was frozen tightly to the bricks, but was removed when a thaw exposed it.