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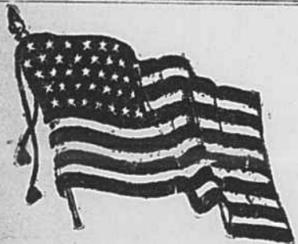
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THE ISSUE PLAINLY PUT.

At every test, and there have been far too many of them, the country has indicated unmistakably that it will support the President in any course he may deem it necessary to pursue in order to protect the honor of the nation and the rights of the American people under international law.

The country will take the same stand now in spite of the activities of W. J. Bryan and his followers and the opposition of a few men of both political parties in Congress. Mr. Wilson is powerless to do anything to stop the Bryanites. He cannot even shame them into silence. He can, however, put the issue so squarely up to Congress that every individual member, on both sides and in the two houses, would again be compelled to go on record.

And he should do so. There are many people who believe Mr. Wilson should call the new Congress in special session. The West Virginian has already said that it believes that should be done. But the present is no time to argue about such a matter. The whole world, and especially the Central powers, awaits the answer of Congress to Mr. Wilson's request for a vote of confidence and an ample credit. In the circumstances Congress is either for Mr. Wilson and vigorous steps, short of war, to enforce American rights or it is against Mr. Wilson and what he represents and for the potential enemies of the Republic.

On such a question the public has a right to know just where every man stands.

SYMPATHY FOR A RAILROAD.

NOT often does it happen that the active management of a railroad on which a wreck occurred comes in for almost as large a measure of sympathy as does the relatives and friends of the victims. But that happened yesterday when the word was flashed throughout the country that the Pennsylvania railroad had had a collision which was responsible for the violent deaths of twenty passengers.

Railroad wrecks are common enough in this country, but there was one that was in a class by itself, for it meant the breaking of the great Pennsylvania's wonderful safety record. Not a passenger of the millions hauled had been killed in three years on that road. It is safe to say that in every newspaper office and throughout transportation circles where note is taken of such things the first thought upon the receipt of the deplorable news was one of sympathy for the men of the Pennsylvania system who were so proud of that record and who did so much to keep it intact.

Until a searching investigation is made it will be impossible to say for certain what was responsible for the tragedy, but judging by the first newspaper reports it was failure of man power. Up to a certain point a railroad can protect its traffic with mechanical safeguards. Beyond that point it must depend upon the intelligence and the loyalty of its employees. How true to their trust these men can be

RUFF STUFF BY RED.

Show houses will lose business. Some of them ought to if they are like a picture we saw yesterday.
 We paid 20 cents to four o'clock in the afternoon, went inside and after seeing three of the reels of the five reel play a sign came on the sheet: "Good afternoon—the show is over."
 But they kept the money.
 Which made us so confounded mad we swore we'd never get robbed again and we will not.
 Not there.
 Nope.
 Thunder at midnight, snow at 9 p. m. and now we can look for roses to bloom through the snow.
 Here's hoping the snow is gone and

the whippoorwill good and fat by the 17th of March.

But this is regular war weather.

The overt act being here let's start war by declaring a moratorium.

It ought to be an overt act for one to blame all Chinese, Austrian, Hindoo, Himalayan, Irish, Scandinavian shooting in these here hangouts adjacent to Watsonville as black hand work.

But it makes an honest effort to gather the news, and then after gathering it, colors it.

For why?

Get your motor boat ready, the river is going to be high again.

Wonder will the Deveny building go up now? Got to see it there first.

It may be true that Fairmont ate breakfast by candle light yesterday but we can't prove it for we had gone

the record of the Pennsylvania road proves. Their dependability under all circumstances set a standard for the whole American transportation world to train by. Without a doubt they will begin right away to build up a new record which will be guarded even more carefully than the one destroyed yesterday was, although that seems like asking an impossibility.

SOURCE OF REVENUE TROUBLE.

HOW much easier the revenue problem of the administration would be today if the party in power had not repealed the Republican protective tariff law.

The trouble was that the Wilson administration assumed that it had a mandate from the people to repeal the protective tariff. It had no such thing. Both the Republican and Progressive parties stood for protection, and they polled a large majority of the votes of the country. It is true that the Progressives advocated a lowering of the rates, but they stood for protective rates nevertheless. If the Democratic party had read the returns correctly, and had acted accordingly, we would have had no great depression in 1913-14 and our national income would have been sufficient to take care of all the necessary expenses of the government.

Instead of pursuing that policy, the Democrats cut the revenues and entered upon a reign of wastefulness and extravagance unprecedented in our history. That is why the revenue problem now vexes not only the administration but the people who must pay the increased taxes.

NO DAY FOR BACK NUMBERS.

SPeAKING particularly of foreign trade conditions, but with a breadth which gives his opinions a wider scope, Secretary of Commerce Redfield in an article which he prepared for the current issue of The Nation's Business, the organ of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, said:

These new conditions are at once searching and inspiring. They are not the result of fancies but of forces, and these forces will have little regard for individual opinions and none at all for back numbers. If we are not fitted for or adjusted to the new day its light will not shine for us.

This describes the situation here in Fairmont so graphically that it almost seems to have been written with special reference to local conditions. In these stirring days of community enterprise and cooperative effort men must think of themselves in their capacity as units of the whole, and they might as well frankly face the fact that if they are unwilling to go along with the movement doing what they can to shape its course they are certain to be run over, and perhaps crushed.

A DEMOCRATIC BLUNDER.

IF, as a special dispatch from Charleston in The Times this morning says, the act validating the Fairmont improvement bonds and twenty odd other measures passed on the last day of the regular session of the legislature failed to become laws because they were in the course of being enrolled and signed by the presiding officers of the two houses when the legislature adjourned, the responsibility for the fluke rests with the Democratic House of Delegates and not with Governor Hatfield, as the headlines in The Times imply.

The House adjourned in a huff before its work was finished and without taking the formality to notify either the Senate or the Governor. It was a breach of parliamentary etiquette and, as the sequel proves, it may cause a great deal of harm to citizens and business interests of the state. The incident is a fine illustration of what can happen when men elected to the legislature neglect the business entrusted to them in order to play politics.

Until very recently we did not suspect that the Afro-American took to the sea in considerable numbers except on the oyster boats on the Chesapeake.

Although the new primary law is now in effect and there will be a year in which to study its provisions, there will be plenty of bone headed small fry politicians who will not be able to understand it next year when it is given its first test.

There is no reason why the place for the November 24th football game should be left blank on the playing schedule of West Virginia University and West Virginia Wesleyan. Both schools know that Fairmont is fair territory and by the time the game rolls around we will be in position not only to afford better hotel and restaurant facilities than ever before, but also to provide the best field this West Virginia sport classic was ever played on.

Is the one we are having today the regular inauguration day storm a little ahead of schedule?

Idaho, too, has panhandle troubles. The Idaho House of Representatives has adopted a resolution calling for a constitutional convention to create a new state out of the ten northern counties. They have a population of about 125,000 and they certainly would make a nice little morsel for the copper millionaires who hanker to go to the United States Senate to scrap over.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Germany hails the work of the new submarine campaign as a success. So were the first operations before Verdun. The result is the sequel.—Charleston Mail.

'Tis a pity that a regular legislature in this state cannot perform its ordinary functions in 45 days without the expense of an extraordinary session. West Virginia, for the past several years, has been greatly afflicted in this respect. What about a rest?—Hinton Independent-Herald.

The United States Senate was opened the other day with two prayers, but no one will gainsay that it had more than were needed.—Bluefield Telegraph.

home before breakfast.

When we did get out of the hay it was sun up.

No indeed there are no liquor joints here, not a one at least we haven't heard the county officers saying there were.

Judging from the number of colored Americans killed on the Leconia we expect to see Charley Powell leading a battalion against the Germans.

That would show appreciation and be a laudable thing for Charles to do.

Let's hold a special session and order negroes stopped.

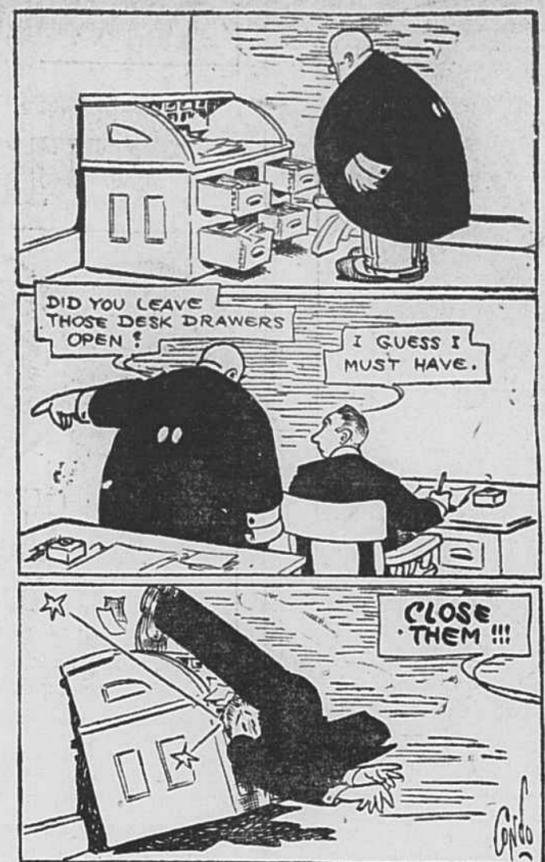
The snow will slow up business a little but one sale these days nets millions.

Some Rose.

A new rose is valued at \$15,000. If you want to order a couple of dozen, now's your chance.—Buffalo Times.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY GONDO.)



Monongalia Musings

***Boston, the city of bifurcated butterflies and babbling birds, will never get over the habit of considering herself the hub of the universe. Turkey gobbler dignity is a malady never eradicated when once acquired. Cities, like individuals, never advance, never make any progress when the conviction comes over them that perfection is reached. Why paint the lily is their logic.

***Equal suffrage may yet prevail in West Virginia, but if it does the triumph must not be attributed to the efforts of the trotting tomboys, who neglect their domestic and intellectual duties in order to scatter sagebrush sophistry on vapid voters. The real, honest supporters of woman suffrage may well pray to be delivered from such fantastic friends.

***It looks like an exaggeration, but a reliable authority claims that in Paris at the height of the small season about fifty tons of snails are daily consumed. A medical journal claims that in neglecting the small the American people are overlooking an opportunity to reduce the cost of living. If meat, butter and lard continue to advance in price why not use bedbugs and humbugs to grease the griddle?

***A Massachusetts lady has written an article protesting against the historical statement that witches were burned in New England. She says they were hanged. Thanks, we feel relieved, and gladly take this opportunity to remove the impression that witches were once subjected to cruel and unreasonable forms of punishment.

***We are pleased to notice in a local paper that a Fairmont minister is quoting sublime sentiments from Charles Dickens. There are sections in the rural regions of this state where authors of the stamp of Dickens, Paine and Emerson are not considered orthodox and are therefore unpopular; but it is a tedious task to trim sails to suit the breeze. We have tried it, haven't you?

***History records that a Nevada politician was elected on the merits of a single speech which contained only this appealing sentence: "Follow countrymen, follow me to yonder liquor-saloon." Liquor is often more effective than logic. We are all swayed more by feeling and sentiment than by reason.

***The following illustration shows that our desire to be unselfish is only a form of selfishness in disguise. Chatting with one of her neighbors, a woman related her experience when converted, as follows: "I used to be very gay, and fond of the world and all its fashions, till the Lord showed me my folly. I liked silks and ribbons and laces and feathers, but I found they were dragging me down to hell—so I gave them all to my sister."

***One of the most beautiful tributes ever paid to Washington was written by an English woman, Eliza Cook. Following is the concluding stanza:

"England, my heart is truly thine, my loved, my native earth! The land that holds a mother's grave; and gave that mother birth. O, keenly sad would be the fate that thrust me from thy shore, And festering my breath that sighed, 'Farewell to evermore!'"

But did I meet such adverse lot, I would not seek to dwell Where olden heroes wrought the deeds for Homer's songs to tell. 'Away, thou gallant ship, I'd cry, and bear me swiftly on; But bear me from my own fair land to that of Washington!'"

S. C. MUSGRAVE.

Gulls as Mice-Catchers.

A writer in California Fish and Game says that gulls when visiting the rivers and marshes of the interior valley of California, do not appear to be wholly scavengers or piscivorous. A California gull taken on March 12, 1912, along the San Quaquin river near Mendota, Fresno county, was presented to me. Upon dissection I was astonished to find its stomach filled with common black crickets and three whole field mice.

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

REASON TO BE GRATEFUL.

From the American Economist.

Japan's friendly attitude toward the United States is gratifying and reassuring. In the event of war the good will and the active alliance of that country would be most welcome, especially to the Hawaiian Islands and to our Pacific Coast states. One strong reason for Japan's friendly attitude is suggested by Charles Bates Strayer in Leslie's, as follows:

"Whether there will ever be a military clash between Japan and the United States is open to question, but there is no doubt about commercial competition. Against our intelligence and ingenuity Japan places initiative and aggressiveness and a scale of wages and a standard of living before which the American worker must throw up his hands. For 2,577 years the Japanese government has been instilling habits of economy into the people. Government reports of daily wages in Japan in 1915 and in New York in 1914 give this comparison:

	Japan	New York
Bricklayer	40c	\$6.00
Carpenter	21 to 35c	\$6.00
Blacksmith	35c	\$4.00
Printer	17c	\$4.25

Japan can undersell American paper manufacturers, even after coming here for the raw material, taking it home to finish and bringing it back again across the Pacific. In no product in which labor is a large percentage of the cost can we compete with Japan.

It is no wonder that Japanese business men, fearing a Protective Tariff that would curtail Japanese exports to America, welcomed the re-election of President Wilson.

So did the industrial producers of every other foreign country welcome the first and second elections of Woodrow Wilson. Especially did they welcome the enactment of the Underwood Free-Trade Tariff with schedules arranged so as to give foreign producers great privileges and opportunities in the American market. Japan, with wage costs less than one-tenth of American wage costs, has especial reason to be grateful.

His Birthday.

Mrs. H. had promised her six-year-old son a birthday party, but when the time came she told him he would have to wait, because she was too busy to attend to it. The next week she was very ill, and so it had to be postponed again. The following week he came in one morning looking rather tearful and said: "Mother, can't I be born to-day?"

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MANY BILLS SIGNED BY GOV. HATFIELD

Double Election Board Bill Was Among Those That Are Approved.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 28.—Gov. Henry D. Hatfield signed the double election boards bill which will be in effect 90 days from its passage on February 19. The Governor signed the following bills, which are effective from passage: Miller's Senate bill, relating to court terms, Twentieth Circuit; Gregory's Senate bill, relating to Parkersburg charter; Rosenbloom's Senate bill, relating to Greater Wheeling charter; Dodson's Senate bill, relating to Spencer school district; Bouchelle's House bill, relating to Common Pleas court, Kanawha county; Nassau's House bill, relating to the Montgomery Preparatory school; House Finance committee's bill making appropriation for inaugural expenses; Renshaw's House bill, relating to terms of Circuit court, Twenty-first circuit; Moore of Mineral, House bill relating to construction of bridges on state boundaries.

Other bills which will be in effect 90 days from passage which have been signed by the Governor are: That of House committee on Prohibition and Temperance, relating to prohibition, passed January 31; Gregory's Senate bill, fixing terms of Circuit court in Wood and Wirt counties; passed February 1; Parrish's Senate bill, relating to entrance of students at West Virginia University, passed February 7; Renshaw's House bill, relating to the Huntington school district, passed February 17; Burdette's House bill, providing penalties for false reports by banking commissioners, passed February 20; Akin's House bill, relating to superintendent of West Virginia's Children's Home, passed February 20; Renshaw's House bill, relating to drawing of grand juries, passed February 19; Rosenbloom's Senate bill, relating to school fund, Triadelphia district, Ohio county, passed February 19; Gobeys's Senate bill, relating to Charleston Independent school district, passed February 19; Cobun's Senate bill, relating to vocational training at Keyser Preparatory school, passed February 7; Sinsell's Senate bill, relating to division of fees by physicians, passed February 10; Gregory's Senate bill relating to submitting bonds to attorney general; Taylor of Fayette, House bill, abolishing Fayette Criminal court December 31, 1918, passed February 7; Arnold's House bill fixing terms of court Nineteenth circuit, passed February 19; Park's House bill concerning Martinsburg charter, passed February 19; Moore of Harrison, House bill relating to school district of Bridgeport, passed February 19; Nassau's House bill fixing terms of court in Fayette county, passed February 22; Sweeney's House bill relating to pensions for school teachers Parkersburg district, passed February 5; Miner's House bill relating to honey bees, passed February 7; Wyson's House bill relating to Princeton charter, passed

February 6; Payne's House bill relating to uniform warehouse receipts, passed February 6.

GEORGETOWN.

Bud Raver, of River Bend, was a business caller at Georgetown Tuesday.

Gilbert Thorne, of Osgood, spent Sunday evening with Miss Kate Snider.

Mrs. Cora Arnett and daughter, Thelma, are visiting at Henry Thorne's at Lowesville.

Charles Fisher spent Sunday at Will Snider's at Arnettsville.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, a son, at Belleview. Mr. Fisher was formerly a resident here and the Fisher family is well known all over the county.

N. E. Fisher spent Friday at Laurel Point to see his aunt, Mrs. Nancy Brand, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Arnett and daughter will move into the John Cox residence in a few days. Mr. Arnett has gone after his goods at Louisville, Ky., and he will be employed as a blacksmith for the Leigh Coal Co.

Frank Vandergrift spent Saturday at Thomas Newbrough's at Lowesville. Frank Youst was a business caller at Fairmont Saturday.

Miss Isa Clark spent Friday afternoon at N. E. Fisher's.

Mrs. Nellie Satterfield, of Grant Town, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James Arnett last week.

Raymer Barker, of Akron, Ohio, is visiting at Joe Barker's and Emery Snider's.

Mrs. Rina Henry went to Morgantown last week to see her son, Byrl Henry, who is attending high school and is on the sick list with the measles.

Charles Fisher, of Pharaoh's run, spent Sunday with Archie Snider.

Rev. Yoak and Rev. Chapman will begin a series of meetings at Arnettsville March 5 and will hold a week there and then will hold a week at Georgetown.

The memorial services of the L. T. L. was largely attended at Arnettsville last Saturday night.

Miss Ruby Michael and Glen Arnett, of near Hagans, attended Sunday school at Arnettsville last Sunday.

The Arnettsville Sunday school will have a rally Sunday afternoon March 10, beginning at 1 o'clock.

Miss Jessie Cordray and Willie Barb attended Sunday school at Arnettsville Sunday.

An Aid to Virtue.

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