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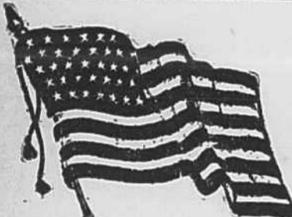
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LET'S HAVE THE RIVER CARNIVAL.

That suggestion that some sort of a river carnival be made an annual event here in order to encourage the use of the river as a freight carrier and as a means of advertising the fact that Fairmont is located on navigable waters is a good one and should be encouraged in every way possible until it has become an actuality and a success.

The carnival feature of it if properly handled can be made sufficiently interesting to draw bigger crowds than the big football game ever did. With nothing better in the way of water than the shallow rivers of that section Eastern Pennsylvania cities hold canoe club shows and aquatic contests that draw tens of thousands of people from out of town. There is no reason why this success could not be duplicated in Fairmont.

On the practical side the suggestion is even more attractive. Most businessmen have read in books how important rivers are as freight carriers, but unfortunately, not all of them possess imagination in sufficient quantities to be able to apply it to their own business in their mind's eye. The annual river carnival could be so arranged that these people would be shown. With the pool full of boats and every one talking river freight service it would be strange indeed if the people up here on the Monongahela did not soon take to using the river system as much as those below Pittsburgh do.

Go to it, Mr. Commissioners. The town will help you make the carnival the biggest thing in the show line Fairmont ever undertook.

AMERICA AND WARFARE.

COUNT ZEPPELIN, whose death in Germany was announced yesterday, got the idea which enabled him to achieve immortality and made it possible for Germany to do something that had not been done since the days of William the Conqueror—raid the interior of the tight little island—while he was acting as a military observer for Germany with the Union armies during the American Civil war.

The other aspect of aerial warfare also come from this side of the Atlantic and a list of other American ideas in use in the Great War would be exceedingly long. Foremost among them, perhaps, and even more important than the one Count Zeppelin developed, is the submarine boat, first made practicable by Lake, an American; then there is the machine gun, which descends from the crude but effective weapon designed by the late Dr. Gatling and has its latest and most terrible expression in the Lewis gun, which enabled the British to withstand the attacks of the picked troops of Prussia.

Nor should it be forgotten that the original thought which scrapped the wooden navies of the world and started

BITS OF STATE NEWS

There are two "official" pictures of the house of delegates of 1917. One contains the photographs of all the members except one—E. Howard Harper, of McDowell—and in its place is that of Thomas G. Strickler of Ritchie, one of the clerks of the house. Delegation members refused to have their "official" picture with Harper in it and the Republicans refused to have their picture without that of every member of the body.

Timber shortage in the southern part of the state is becoming serious insofar as it affects the coal industry. The fact that three acres of land are necessary to furnish poles for use in one acre of coal mine leads to the belief that many of the proposed big new corporations will be handicapped, by reason of pole shortage. The conservation of timber problem is just beginning to be realized and every possible effort will be made to protect the growing timber areas from fire during the next few years so that coal devel-

the nations on the road to the construction of super dreadnaughts was also born here. Equally important, from the standpoint of American preparedness is the fact that most of the worthwhile ideas in the development of the modern battleships were the result of the study of American naval constructors.

For a people who have paid relatively little attention to military and naval problems we have made a remarkably large number of contributions to the scientific side of war. That fact probably would have a lot to do with the outcome of any war we might get into now.

THINGS NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM.

ONE of the striking features of the book Edward N. Hurley, first chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, wrote for the series of business works being published under the auspices of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World is the stress the author puts upon the necessity for better book keeping in manufacturing and mercantile establishments in this country. The book which is called "The Awakening of Business," was published since the first of the year and it is safe to say that the most important underlying thought of it is that until we do keep books better in this country, and especially learn how to ascertain costs and read the condition of business in balance sheets, we will not be in position to compete on equal terms in the trade struggle that is before us, with the Germans, for instance.

To some business men this attitude may seem like undue emphasis upon a small factor. Yet it is a fact that without good book keeping no business man can be sure of where he stands. It is also true that the average American business man has some very hazy ideas about accountancy. Right now there are merchants in the country who are congratulating themselves that their business is growing simply because their gross receipts show large increases over corresponding periods for the year previous and the year before that. It is true that their expenses have not increased a great deal, but the thing that they forget is that everything they sell has increased from 25 to 100 per cent. If receipts have increased 10 per cent, say, under the conditions that prevail they really are slipping back at an alarming rate. Good book keeping would show that clearly and would prevent some of these merchants from getting the shock of their lives the next time they approach

Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, has asked the American newspapers and the news agencies to submit to a self imposed censorship regarding the movements of ships into and out of American harbors. He may get away with it as far as the newspapers are concerned, but he will find that such a policy is not the only thing that is necessary to keep the information from reaching the commanders of German U-boats. And right there is the kernel of the whole censorship problem in this country. In order to secure the cooperation of the newspapers it will be necessary to have a large amount of horse sense in the censorship regulations. The newspapers will object to withholding from their readers news which they are certain is going with regularity and dispatch to the enemy.

West Virginia's prohibition department says the Reed bone-dry amendment to the postal appropriation bill does not affect this state, and that the quart-month provision of the new state law will stand. On the other hand, the Federal district attorney for the Southern district of West Virginia says the Reed amendment goes, and that he will prosecute the quart-month fellows. Which authority is right we do not attempt to decide, but buzz saws and federal courts are two things it does not pay to monkey with.

Berlin has been moved to issue a statement that German agents have not been trying to pay Villa to renew his fight on Carranza. Largely, we take it, because Villa would not even wait for the next sunrise to shoot the German agent who had the hardihood to carry such a proposal to him.

Life in the German overseas navy is going to be less carefree from this out. Most of the world records for gunnery are held in the American navy.

Rumors are afloat in Washington to the effect that a shift is to be made in the cabinet which will land John Purroy Mitchell, mayor New York, in the place at the head of the War department now occupied by Secretary Baker. Well, Mitchell is Irish and probably not bothered by any scruples about fighting.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

It is said that even the pig's squeal is being pitched in a higher key to keep in harmony with the ascending price of pork.—Connellsville Courier.

The eye specialists are hoping that the women's summer garb will be more scant than ever.—Uniontown Evening Genius.

If there should be a referendum vote on war, Bryan undoubtedly would start a filibuster and talk it to death.—Parkersburg News.

It is claimed the United States is drunk with gold, but there are quite a number of "bone dry" localities in this neighborhood.—Clarksburg Exponent.

What has become of the old-fashioned farmer who couldn't afford to lose the time from his crop to cultivate Irish potatoes.—Bluefield Telegraph.

Practically every newspaper in the country is advising practically every one else to make garden this spring.—Elkins Inter-Mountain.

The news dispatches say the Kaiser has had a chill. He is about due to have a fever.—Parkersburg State Journal.

ment will not be retarded through lack of timber.

More than passing interest attaches to the forthcoming April term of the United States Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. The Mingo election fraud cases will be heard, it is expected, at this term. Alleged frauds at Rockhouse district of Mingo in 1914 led to the indictment of a large number of leading Republicans of the county, and trial was given some last year. The jury disagreed, making the second trial necessary. Government secret service men are said to have obtained a great deal of new evidence which will be introduced at the Huntington term.

In the event the War department calls on the adjacent general of West Virginia to mobilize the First Regiment, West Virginia Infantry, some difficulties will be encountered. There is no money for use by the state military department at this time, due to the fact that the legislature passed no appropriation bill, and it is not known how payment will be made for the operations of the business of the office between now and June 30.

After experiencing four serious gas shortages this winter, Wheeling is now facing a coal famine. Local in-

dustrial plants using coal as fuel are conserving their supply and are experiencing difficulty in securing more, it is said.

It is reported unofficially in railroad circles at Gratton that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company will start work in the early spring to build a line to connect the B. & O. with the Coal & Coke near Orlando. This line would give a much shorter line to Charleston on an improved grade. The rumors of this development have been current for the past year, but railroad officials have declined to say anything on the subject.

Baltimore and Ohio Officer Davis the other afternoon chanced upon a stranger sleeping off a drunk in the passenger station at Wheeling. He immediately arrested the souse and escorted him to the county jail. There he gave his name as Peter Brost, and his name appeared to be about his biggest asset, but when the jailer went to search the prisoner he was almost shocked when from one pocket he drew forth a great handful of bills. The jailer started to count, and to the spectators it seemed that he never would get through, although he was peeling off the greenbacks by tens and twenties. "Some of you fellows count this. I make it \$2,240.50," said the

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE (BY CONDO.)



jailer, and he was right. Squire Wickham fined Brost \$1 and costs and sentenced him to serve one day in jail.

Triplets are not uncommon, but the following from the Parkersburg Sentinel tells of a set that is a miracle: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miracle, of Jeannette street, are the proud parents of three husky boys born last night. Dr. J. T. McGuire was the attending physician, and mother and sons are doing well at St. Joseph's hospital. It is believed that all three children will live, although one does not appear as strong as the other two.

Judge John T. Graham, of the Cabell County Circuit Court, has returned from Morgantown, where he delivered a lecture at the University, full of enthusiasm over the law school. Talking to a Huntington Advertiser man he said: West Virginia has ample reason to be proud of the rapid strides the state university is making in the training of men for the legal profession, Judge Graham declares, and the fact should be more generally recognized. He says more than five hundred students, five from Huntington, are enrolled in the law school and he noted a serious attitude on the part of the embryo barristers that portends deep interest in the work. There is a movement in the law school to raise the standard of the instruction, says Judge Graham, and the faculty has inaugurated the plan of having seasoned barristers and jurists deliver lectures to the students at various times, to instill a better understanding of actual practice into the instructions. Judge Graham spoke on the various aspects of civil litigation. The Huntingtonian was delighted with the new method of teaching procedure, a part of which he supervised in connection with the lectures. The West Virginia University has gone a step beyond ordinary moot court instruction, and trial courts were held with all the formality of the official bar. The judge considers the plan of great value to the students.

PERSONALS

A. J. McDaniel was a business visitor in Fairmont on Friday.
I. I. Weaver, of Fairmont, was transacting business here on Friday.
Earl W. Parrish, of Ohio, for the past several months, arrived here on Thursday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Parrish.
Will G. Davis, of Brisco, was a business visitor here on Thursday.
J. D. Victor was a business visitor in Fairmont on Thursday.
James W. Davis, county assessor, was visiting friends here on Thursday evening.

Mrs. W. E. Straight Buried This Morning

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. W. E. Straight whose death occurred on Thursday were held this morning from the Baptist church at Barrackville. A large number of people attended the services including many relatives and friends from this city. The body was interred in the church yard.

WORTHINGTON.

A Quiet Election
The bond election passed off quietly on Wednesday and the vote was considerably lighter than it was a year ago. Several persons lost their vote as their names did not appear on the registration list sent out by the county clerk, although they were registered and voted at the November election. It is alleged that the list this time was made from the registration book used at the primary election and therefore all those were missed who registered or had transfers at the fall election. The majority for bonds would have been larger if all had voted.

A Bad Fall
Postmaster Isaac McIntire met with a bad fall on Thursday morning. He was assisting in loading the mail in a wagon at the B. & O. crossing and was getting into the wagon when the

SAFEGUARDING DEPOSITS

In addition to the fact that this bank affords its depositors the highest degree of protection by reason of its conservative management, it also has ample capital and surplus for the safeguarding of deposits.

The safety afforded for funds, the prompt and efficient attention which is received by every depositor, the convenient location of the bank all combine in making it an ideal institution through which to transact your financial business.

4 PER CENT ON SAVINGS AND TIME CERTIFICATES

THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK

On the Corner Near the Postoffice.

CAPITAL \$200,000.00

RUFF STUFF BY RED.

Stick a Howitzer on the Valley Gem.
Due to Sec. Daniels request we will print nothing concerning the movement of the V. G.

Except to say that we intend to guard the boat so that Hohenzollern bombs won't sail her to the sky.

What would Hudson Maxim say if he could see the Valley Gem unarm-ed?

Morgantown has one paid fireman, a horse driven fire wagon and the water pressure doesn't come up to Fairmont's. Fairmont has all paid firemen, two motor driven trucks and very good water pressure, but Fairmont insurance in the business section is higher than Morgantown's.

Perhaps its due to the shacks permitted to stand on Main street until they crumble.

Mr. Times—You ought to give the Editor of the Pittsburgh Press credit for the editorials he writes, and you copy, about Kitchener.

Buy your flour from Fairmont manufacturers, it helps the village.

"625 Souls Perish When Boats Collide."

Didn't know they could perish because "Dust thou are, to dust returneth was not spoken of the soul."

Blame the failure of the Dardanell-es on Kitchener—he's dead.
Blame the failure of the Austrians on Franz Joseph—he's dead.
Blame the failure of the Americans on LaFollette—he's dead.

Doesn't take England long to catch on to our railroad companies here in the states. Their excuse after each resignation as state hotel inspector wreck is blamed on the dead man.

Yah and der duck vat ses Yermayn can send out wireless messages from Mexico City to all her spies in America surely knows that there are three wireless stations in Fairmont that listen in and capture the dope regardless of the code.

Berlin denies plot to encourage VII-la.

Fat chance they got of fooling that gent, right now he is allied with the American forces if not on paper.

He likes Carranza like Americans love the German government.

When the Star Spangled Banner was played at the Grand last night one fat woman and two skinny ones stood up, and becoming ashamed of the gazers sat down.

We must all stand up when Back to Erin is sung also.

Have they blamed the Ford plant explosion on Louis Vadis or Captain of Police Healy of Chicago?

Wheeling saloon-pardon drug store burned down.

This round headed gent Zimmerman says that Germany means what it says, for all neutrals to keep their ships at home and to show how much Uncle Sam is worried over that message a vessel loaded with contraband left New York yesterday unarmed.

Now is the time for all good men to study up on the signal code of the service and to be ready for quick service April 18.

Nobody wrote the mayor announcing against the Universal Military training except Socialists.

Dutch Tavern Coffee, pure, strong, finely flavored.—Adv't.



BY GENE AHERN.
THE FLIVVER.

Well, Pete, put down that pickle sandwich and give a listen. We've got one of the greatest industries of the age to squawk about on today's menu—and that are the flivver.

I thought you gave a sermon about the jumping bean the other day, Edgar?

Have a care, Thor, don't knock Flivver; its cylinders do enough of that stuff. A cot has only nine lives, but a flivver dies so much. Euclid himself, the Ty Cobb of arithmetic, couldn't keep track of its lives. An ordinary automobile is only good for riding around in, but there's no limit to the things a flivver can do.

Flivvers make dainty watch charms. They can be used as alarm clocks or as pacifiers for babies.

Even when a flivver is played out, if any member of the family live that long, it can be made into kitchen utensils to supply seven and a half families. There will still be enough left over to make a good vacuum sweeper.

Some people are such brutes with their flivvers they load them down with all kinds of brightly polished accessories trying to make them look like automobiles. It's a wonder the humor society doesn't get after them.

Austro-Hungarian Consul Calls.
CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 10.—A. Von Reutter, Austro-Hungarian vice consul today called on Gov. John J. Cornwell to extend official courtesies. Miss Marguerite Smith Deal of Bluefield was selected by the Governor as an assistant to his official stenographer. It was announced that A. D. Sees of Huntington has tendered his resignation as state hotel inspector effective March 16.

COLFAX MAN SAID ILLS OF FLESH WERE GOING FAST

After 10 Years of Suffering W. H. Hayhurst Finds Friend in Nerv-Worth.

Two bottles of this wonderful family nerve tonic almost made Mr. Hayhurst over. His remaining life fast disappearing — "getting better every day." This is what he said and signed his name to:

Crane's Drug Store: — My trouble was rheumatism, nervous sleepless nights, no appetite, gas on my stomach. Dizzy spots before my eyes, pains in my stomach. This has been ten years' standing.

Have taken two bottles of Nerv-Worth. All the troubles above mentioned are gone except the pain in my stomach and that is getting better every day.

W. H. HAYHURST.

Colfax, W. Va.

Nerv-Worth steadies the nerves. Nerv-Worth aids digestion. Nerv-Worth regulates the bowels. Nerv-Worth tones up the liver. Nerv-Worth banishes headaches. Nerv-Worth builds up the system. If this tonic fails to do these things for YOU, your dollar back at Crane's drug store.—Adv't.

Ask at Crane's for the new Nerv-Worth Laxative Tablets. 25c a box. Wonderfully good for liver and bowels. Especially valuable in connection with Nerv-Worth the tonic.

Fairmont Grain and Milling Co. Flour

Made in Fairmont.

Marigold Boquet Purity
Magnolia Marion

Ask your grocer for the home products. None better.

Announcement

I beg to announce on March fifteenth the removal of the Anderson restaurant from the present location to the rooms formerly occupied by the Hub Clothing company.

The new dining rooms will be larger than the present quarters, seating 125 people nicely. The kitchen will be so located as to permit us to care for our trade easier and better, and at the same time the dining room will be cool and comfortable, no matter how warm the summer day.

Much new furniture has already arrived ready for the opening and the new Anderson restaurant when ready for the public will present the most convenient, best, most popular eating place in Fairmont.

I take this opportunity of thanking the people of Fairmont who have been so liberal in their patronage, and assure them that we will exert every effort to continue to merit the same.

Boyd Anderson Proprietor