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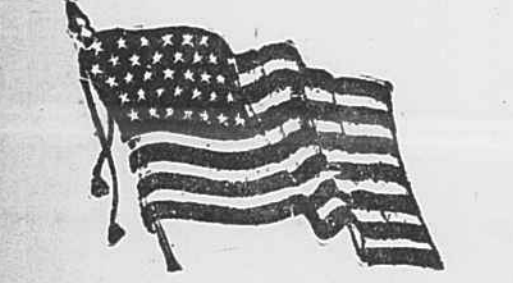
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MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 16, 1917.



HEALTH REPORTS.

IN the Bulletin of the West Virginia State Department of Health for April it is noted that during 1916 Marion county was one of five in the state that submitted twelve reports, and that the city of Fairmont is among the cities that are making a weekly report regularly.

However, we fail to find Marion county mentioned in the list of counties that are now submitting weekly reports, as the law requires, nor is it mentioned among those counties which in the interest of better health conditions throughout the state have complied with the request of the assistant state commissioner of health who asked the county health officers throughout the state to forward to the office of the Health Commission at the end of each week all original postal card reports submitted to them.

But seventeen of the fifty-five counties are making weekly reports. This is a decidedly low percentage and it indicates that the importance of keeping morbidity statistics is not understood as thoroughly as it should be.

County medical societies if they are wise will see to it that the county and city health authorities obey the laws regarding reports in spirit as well as in letter. Some states require physicians to make reports promptly both to the local and the state authorities in order that there be no danger that required information is withheld from the state—and impose heavy fines upon individual physicians who become remiss.

PLAYGROUND WORK IMPORTANT.

WE see a great deal in the newspapers these days about profiting by the mistakes and experiences of England. It is good advice, and in the main will be followed. Not, however, until we have made a few mistakes of sufficient magnitude of our own to make us reasonably humble and teachable.

But because Congress is full of men who are willing to stake their own untried theories against the accumulated experience of fifty millions of people is no reason why we should all prove blind and obstinate. Individually we should do the best we can during this crisis in the affairs of the American nation, and we should be guided as much as possible by the experience of the English since the great war began.

One of the things the English have learned is that they

RUFF STUFF BY RED

Captain Thralls and Lieutenant Linger claim they never ate such 25 cent meals as they get at Grafton and they hope to stay.

In time of war Uncle Sam ought to take the "buck the line artists" and the end run men.

Jess Willard offered his services to Uncle Sam and when they were accepted dropped out of sight.

All the yellow ducks who married since April 2 to avoid army service will be subject to call the same as single men.

And they should be put in the front rank but—

What can be done with women who would marry such jaundice?

Most of the officers in the First take this business seriously and don't get swelled heads over their authority.

How much land are you going to plant?

"You can play that phonograph all you want to, but don't play 'Home Sweet Home' anymore."

Heard at the camp Y. M. C. A.

We often wonder why the B. & O.

must as a people pay more attention to the physical development of children. After the war had been going on about two years a committee appointed to investigate the health of the people employed in the munition plants, who came, it should be remembered, from every strata of society in Great Britain, found it necessary to say this in a public report:

"At the present time when war is destroying much of its manhood, the nation is under special obligation to secure that the rising generation grows up strong and hardy, both in body and character. It is necessary to guard not only against immediate breakdown, but also against the imposition of strains that may stunt future growth and development."

This means if it means anything at all to us that even more attention than in the past must be paid to the activities of the playground associations throughout the country. These associations can now appeal to the public for support with the full assurance that there is better appreciation that the work they are carrying on is of the utmost importance. The Fairmont association, we observe, has made arrangements for a benefit by a circus long popular with children, but this, in all probability, will not produce enough money to finance the work of the season soon to open, and doubtless the officers would be very grateful for contributions from people who would like to make some gratuity to the national cause along such a line.

BAD MANNERS.

HUNTINGTON, which for a long time we have regarded as the most progressive and gamest town in the state, seems to have "cracked under the strain," for one of the newspapers of that city upon the announcement that Charleston had won the government armor plate plant printed a most astonishing outburst of malice and slander regarding the award.

The best thing Huntington can do is to muzzle that editor and take as cheerfully as it can the following bit of advice from the Charleston Leader:

To Huntington Herald-Dispatch need not go into a frenzy over Charleston's securing the big armor plant. The government may build a submarine plant, and then Huntington will have something to offer!

According to correspondence from Switzerland to the Railway Age Gazette German railways have been demoralized for some time and one of the main causes of the trouble is a scarcity of fuel. Now that the German armies have been driven out of the French mining region this condition probably will become worse.

Wheeling's Commercial Association has called off a city cleanup campaign "because of the duties incumbent upon the body in local preparedness for war." Wheeling has a lot to learn about the proper way to prepare for war. If every community were to take this method it would not be long before disease would be killing more people in the United States than bullets are in Europe. In these days the way to make war is to tighten up all along the line, and one of the most important things is proper sanitation.

All the news associations carry dispatches to the effect that when the Germans evacuated Lens they seized three months food supplies sent to that city for the people of the district by the American Relief Commission. Again military necessity, we presume.

It was the Canadian contingent that took Lens from the Germans. And there are about 11,000,000 more of the same fighting stock in the United States.

In his personal appeal to his fellow countrymen President Wilson warns against excessive profits. But a warning will not be enough, as he will soon find. The way to deal with the extortionists is to fine them out of their excessive profits and then some for good measure.

Pennsylvania has thrown a million acres of forest reserve open for cultivation. Some of it doubtless is rather unpromising in appearance from an agricultural standpoint, but practically all of it probably would grow potatoes. The same thing may be said of the West Virginia hillsides.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Plow, Plant and Cultivate should be the watchword.—Wayne News.

Casey will soon be at the bat at Fairmont, Monongah, Grant Town, Baxter, Mannington, and other towns up along the Baltimore and Ohio. Marion county patrons of the game plan a county league and the issue of a challenge to everything from the Mudville nine to the world series champions. More power to their "willer."—Charleston Leader.

No peace with the Hohenzollerns and their junkers! No war with free Germany.—Clarksburg Exponent.

There's one thing you'll have to hand it to Hindenburg for. Whenever he retires, he takes the front with him.—Uniontown Evening Genius.

Now is the time for all good Americans to stand by America in both actions and words. There should be no politics now. All party lines should be obliterated.—Glenville Pathfinder.

MANNINGTON NEWS

Ready.

The Elks Charity circus is ready for the opening performance Monday evening at 7:30. The big show will be one of the most stupendous aggregations of talent, trained animals, wire walkers, acrobats, etc., this city has ever been privileged to witness. At every performance the great world artist appear in the arena, while in the opening spectacle hundreds of people, horses, elephants, lions, tigers and leopards are seen. The price to the big show will be ten cents.

Injured.

W. I. Young, of Main street, met with a painful accident Friday afternoon while leading one of his Jersey cows from the field to the barn. The animal attacked him knocking him down breaking one of his arms and otherwise bruising him about the body.

Personals.

J. B. Cannon has returned from a visit to Wheeling.

County Superintendent of Schools Homer Toothman, of Fairmont, was calling on friends here Sunday.

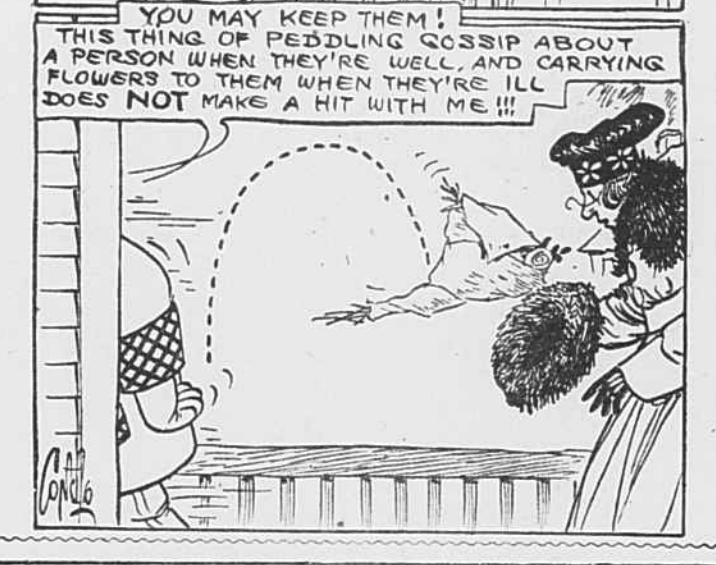
Born, Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Southern, of the Burt Hill, a son.

L. Snyder has returned from a business visit to Akron, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Loring Tonkin has returned to Clarksburg after a visit with relatives here.

J. W. Huey has returned from a business visit to Wheeling.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE (BY CONDO.)



WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—West Virginia headquarters will be at the Willard during the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the D. A. R., which begins Monday. There will be found Mrs. William Haines Smith, of Parkersburg, who is a member of the official cabinet of the retiring president General, Mrs. William Cummings Story. Mrs. Smith will arrive tomorrow, and by then most of the West Virginia delegates are expected to report. A larger representation from the state has ever before attended a national convention of the organization is looked for. There will not be a West Virginia chapter unrepresented. Mrs. Smith says.

The thing of biggest interest is who will succeed Mrs. Story. There are a half-dozen active candidates, and as many more "dark horses." The Story faction started out to back Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago-Washington-Virginia, and, incidentally, the whole U. S. A. But Mrs. Lewis didn't show the strength that she was expected to, and the Story or administration group transferred their support to Mrs. Horton, of Buffalo. It is anything to defeat Mrs. Guernsey, of Kansas, with the Story faction. They have been entirely successful doing that for the past few years, but Mrs. Guernsey is still in the ring, so to speak, and is showing up as a stronger candidate than ever, her champions declare. The West Virginia delegates, led by Mrs. Smith, are expected to vote for Mrs. Horton, or any other candidate that the administration organization may select, if it should find it necessary to switch its support.

From 2,500 to 3,000 Daughters, representing every state in the Union, will be in attendance.

On next Tuesday, unless the date be changed, the Clifton-Sutherland contest case will get a start before a sub-committee of the Senate committee on elections, of which Senator Pomeroy, of Ohio, is the chairman. Both Senator Howard Sutherland and his vanquished opponent, W. E. Clifton, have been invited to appear before the committee and make any statement they may desire to make. From that beginning just what course will be followed, and how expeditiously, is likely to be determined. Ex-Senator Clifton has been here for several weeks arranging for his contest; seeking to impress his former colleagues of his own party that there is merit in his case. Senator Sutherland has not been inactive in preparing to defend his right to his seat in the Senate and the legality of his 5,500 majority over Mr. Clifton. The question of merit is one which it is understood here, the sub-committee has been instructed to carefully inquire into.

Mrs. James Robert McKee, of New York, arrived today to visit Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins for ten days. Mrs. McKee will be the object of much entertaining by her numerous old friends made while her father, Benjamin Harrison, was President. Mrs. Elkins entertained at dinner, followed by bridge, in honor of her guest tonight, and again at dinner on the 17th and at luncheon on the 18th. On Monday, Mrs. T. De Witt Talmage will entertain for Mrs.

McKee with bridge. The late Senator Elkins was a member of President Harrison's cabinet.

Frank M. Powell, of Clarksburg, who has been a visitor in the Capital this week, was yesterday admitted to practice law at the bar of the United States Supreme Court.

A. Romie, of Charleston, who is anxious to secure a commission in the Engineers' Reserve Corps, and A. C. Carver, also of Charleston, who would enter the Naval Coast Defense Reserve, are in Washington, and were put in communication with the officials they desired to see by Representative Littlepage who accompanied them to the War and the Navy departments.

To grant original widow's pensions to Mary A. Wright, of Shinnston, and to Amanda J. Cowman, of Weston, was the purpose of a bill introduced in the House Saturday by Representative

Chas. E. Krob's Nerv-Worth Experience Was an Effective Doubt Killer.

Skepticism regarding Nerv-Worth power to overcome ills of a nervous origin has cost many a sufferer many a month of discomfort and loss of working power. Chas. E. Krob, the engraving and designing expert of Columbus, formerly of Zanesville, gives a striking example of this in his endorsement of the tonic, which follows. Mr. Krob's ill-health began three years ago. When advised by friends to try Nerv-Worth he was skeptical. To show that his doubts were unfounded he says:

"Three years ago I had a nervous breakdown, and had six different doctors in the two years. My weight went from 150 down to 100 pounds. Some of the doctors gave me no hope. They doped me with strong narcotics which left me a more nervous state after the drugs had lost their effects. . . . Nine months ago I tried my first bottle of Nerv-Worth. Since then I have taken three bottles and am on my fourth. I must say I sleep well, eat anything I crave, and my weight has gone up to 165 pounds. I heartily recommend Nerv-Worth to anyone suffering with nervous indigestion and all nervous troubles.

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Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

TWO YOUNG MEN
 From Buckhannon Delta.
 Cecil Loudin, son of "Bo" Loudin, formerly of Buckhannon and Pecks Run, came in to spend Easter with his sister, Mrs. Lee White, and returned to his home at Alliance, Ohio, Monday. Cecil left here some years ago and became a street car conductor, was in a wreck, lost his arm and was otherwise injured. Did he give up? Not at all; he immediately started to school, took a business course, secured a place in the office of the Pennsylvania railroad at Alliance, and has received a promotion once a year or since, and a few weeks ago was promoted to the position of chief clerk, where we predict he will make good.

Cecil is not as stout looking as a young man who sat on the sidewalk Saturday begging. This young man had lost a foot by blood-poisoning; he said his home was in Ronceverte, W. Va. Think of the difference in these young men, about the same age. One lost an arm, but said "I will" and is now chief clerk in a large town for the greatest railroad company in this country. The other lost a foot and said "I can't," and is seen sitting on the cold sidewalk, bareheaded, holding out his hand to receive alms. One said "I can and will," and made it so.

The other said "I can't, I won't" and that makes the difference, you know.

Four bills, one of them national in its scope, were introduced in the House Saturday by Representative Harry C. Woodyard, as follows:

(1) A bill to grant pensions to teamsters, bridge builders and railroad repairers who served the government during the Civil war.

(2) A bill for the relief of West Virginia state troops for disability or disease contracted in line of duty while co-operating with the forces of the United States during the Civil war.

(3) A bill granting pensions to the officers and soldiers who served in the West Virginia state troops in the Civil war under orders and authority of the governor of the state of West Virginia while co-operating with the United States troops.

The fourth bill was a special bill proposing to increase the pension of Mrs. Victoria Coffman, of Parkersburg, widow of Clay Coffman, a Union soldier, who lost his life in an elevator accident at the government building in Parkersburg several years ago, while he was acting as superintendent of that building.

A commission as postmaster at Summit Point, W. Va., has been issued.

Something more than a letter of recommendation from a member of Congress is necessary to secure a commission in the army, but most West Virginians applying evidently didn't know it. The first requisite is to pass an examination. So many of his constituents have shown an unfamiliarity with the regulations and requirements that Representative H. C. Woodyard secured a statement covering important points from the adjutant general of the War department, which Mr. Woodyard is quoting to all inquirers. The statement which is as follows, should serve to put many West Virginians right on this matter of securing a commission:

"The candidate for a commission in the army to be eligible for provisional appointment as second lieutenant, which is the only grade in the line of the army open to the appointment of candidates from civil life, is required by law to be between 21 and 27 years, and the regulations require that he must be unmarried.

"The next examination of candidates to determine their fitness for such appointment will be held beginning April 23, 1917, and should a candidate desire an examination on that date, he should submit his application therefor, furnishing this office with information relative to his age, marital condition and educational attainments.

"In the absence of legislation providing for an increase of the military establishment of this country, it cannot be stated how officers will be appointed therein."

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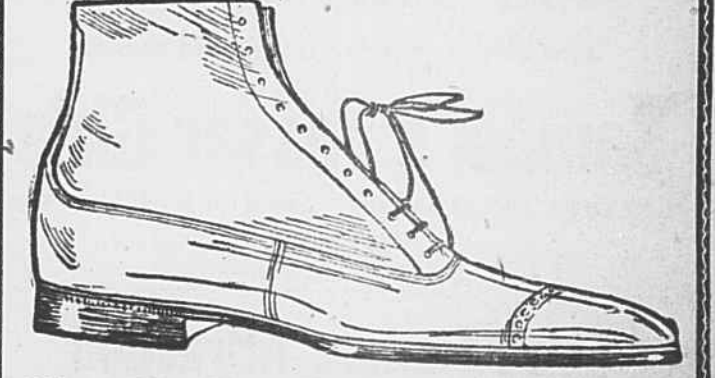
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