

—So far as distribution of the Talbot relief fund is concerned we say: Millions for the needy, but not one cent for the greedy.

—The water is high, cold and cloudy. We have an alibi, in consequence of its condition, because we can't fish with worms and we know they won't rise to a fly. The minnow boys will be reporting the only catches worth mentioning tonight.

—Among other reasons the Governor gives for the increase of his office staff is one that specially intrigues us. He says he has to make so many speeches. Are we to infer from that that an office boy writes them. Many that we have heard or read certainly justify such an inference.

—When dealing with the supposed kidnappers of his son Col. Lindbergh evidently overlooked the fact that he was not dealing with persons of his own character. He ought to have stuck to the C. O. D. plan, for men or women who would kidnap a baby would regard double crossing its parents a minor matter.

—President Hoover must have read the Watchman's leading editorial last week. On Sunday he offered to serve for the next four years as a dollar-a-year man. Offering to knock \$74,999.00 dollars off his annual stipend is a very pretty gesture, but the present temper of the country is to the effect that his services would still come too high at a dollar a year.

—After having persuaded Gen. Butler to enter the lists against Davis for the United States Senate, it appears that Gov. Pinchot is about to let him paddle his own canoe. The Governor hasn't gotten cold feet. He has his own eye on the Senate and if Butler should win now that bubble would be pricked. He wouldn't have the claim that the western end of the State is not entitled to both Senators.

—Charles B. Hall, Republican leader of the Seventh ward of Philadelphia and retired member of the city council, has applied for a pension of a hundred dollars a month from that city. Mr. Hall is reputedly wealthy, at least he has a home in Philadelphia and another in Atlantic City. And that's two more homes than thousands of those who will have to pay the pension, if it is granted, have.

We are hoping that the Democrats of Centre county will stand squarely behind Kistler and Collins in their fight for delegate-at-large to our national convention. Always when invited and frequently of their own initiative they have come into the county to cheer Democratic hopes and arouse enthusiasm. We challenge any who have been in contact with the gentlemen to name a single occasion when their utterances, either public or private, were not freighted with concern for the party's welfare rather than for their personal political fortunes.

—A noted eye specialist has linked up farsightedness with criminal tendencies in the human being. He says that an examination of the inmates of our penal institutions reveals that a very large percentage of them are far sighted and the number that are near sighted are so few as to be almost negligible. Inasmuch as we can stand at our office window and tell the time on the town clock, nearly three squares away, and then can't see the face of the watch in our hand, when we look to see if it is right, this dope about farsightedness being indicative of criminal tendencies is rather disturbing.

—In referring to Dr. Tom Orblson's connection with the Fortescue-Massie trial in Honolulu a contemporary describes him as "the most colorful of the seven alienists in the case." When we read that reference we wondered whether the writer knew what a perfect picture of Tom he had painted. There isn't an adjective in the English language that portrays our distinguished friend more consummately than "colorful." In addition to personal characteristics that were unusual his complexion and his hair were a shade of pink we have never seen matched. Even the famed pink whiskers of Senator Ham. Lewis, in their most resplendent days, were drab in comparison to Tom's hair.

—At midnight twenty-one years ago one couldn't walk on the pavement from the High street bridge to the falls of Spring creek, above the Watchman office. Every inch of space was pre-empted by expectant fishermen. It was the spring that the big flood on Logan's branch swept most of the breeders from the hatchery pools near Pleasant Gap. Word of their release had swept over the State and disciples of the Waltonian sport swarmed in Bellefonte thicker than the locusts that plagued Egypt in Bible times. With each fisherman there was at least one bottle, with many there were two or three, all standing sentinel along the curb. It was such a sight as we had never seen before and never will again, for that section of the great stream is closed and closed, also, are the sources from which flowed the indispensable exhilaration of the fisherman of two decades ago.

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CLOSED MILLS AND MINES IN PENNSYLVANIA TELL STORY OF DEPRESSION

Gen. Smedley Butler Deplored Present Conditions in Speech Here on Saturday afternoon.

"One of the first things I'll do, if I am elected," declared Gen. Smedley Butler in his speech in Bellefonte last Saturday afternoon, "will be to invite the entire membership of the United States Senate to come into Pennsylvania and make inquiry into unemployment conditions here."

"I want them to see and hear, for themselves, the underlying reasons why a great army of able-bodied workers is jobless in this State."

"I want them to get first-hand information as to why thousands of soft coal miners are either completely idle or working a day or two a week."

"I want the Senators to look upon closed mills and factories, abandoned quarries, brick plants and lumbering plants, and find out for themselves why these one-time prosperous enterprises are now in the grip of an industrial palsy."

"One big reason why many of our producers have hung the 'closed sign on their plants is the railroad freight discrimination to which Pennsylvania has been and is now subjected."

"It is the paramount duty of a Pennsylvania Senator to wade into situations like this and get a square deal for the products of the State. He should not confine his activities to special interests of the 'big fellows.' He ought to fight harder for the 'little fellows,' because they need it most. He shouldn't try to fool the people with piffle and promises."

Gen. Butler and party, which included Judge Joseph Stadford and Ralph Flinn, of Pittsburgh, came to Bellefonte direct from Clearfield. They were in charge of Bond C. White and had lunch at The Markland.

Owing to the rain the meeting was held in the court house and the building was comfortably filled when the speakers made their appearance at 1:30 o'clock.

Mr. White presided and at his request Major H. Laird Curtin introduced Capt. Flinn, candidate for Auditor General, as the first speaker. The captain talked on the present high cost of auditing the State's accounts, claiming that it cost one dollar to audit every \$190 of State money. He promised a much better job rate if elected.

Judge Stadford was introduced as the second speaker by Mr. White. The judge stated that his candidacy was opposed by W. S. Vare and the Philadelphia organization because they wanted a hand-picked candidate of their own elevated to the bench.

At the request of Mr. White Gen. Butler was introduced by Hon. Phil E. Womelsdorf, of Philipsburg. The meeting lasted only about forty minutes and the Butler spellbinders lost no time in departing for Jersey Shore.

EDWARDS BUS COMPANY HAS MADE APPLICATION FOR INTRASTATE RIGHTS

The Edward's Motor Transit company, which now operates interstate service between the western part of the State and New York city, has an application now pending before the Public Service Commission for a certificate for intrastate rights. The Edward's company now operates through service from Sharon, Pa., to New York city by way of Philipsburg, Port Matilda, Bellefonte, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Pottsville and Tamaqua. The application is opposed by the Johnson Motor Bus company, the Fullington Auto Bus Company, the Golden Arrow Coach company and Carson and Lose, all operating local bus service in the central part of the State.

BIG DAMAGES ASKED BY DUNMIRE PRINTING CO.

The Dunmire Printing company, of Altoona, on Monday, instituted proceedings against H. C. Dunmire and Harold B. Dunmire, the two men who recently opened a job printing office in the basement of the Bellefonte postoffice building, seeking \$8000 damages and a permanent injunction restraining them from participating in the printing business within certain prescribed limits of Altoona.

According to the charges in the petition filed in Hollidaysburg the Dunmires have violated a contract entered into when the Dunmire Printing company was taken over on October 1st, 1926, by the present operators, H. Melvin Himes and John T. Davis.

CENTRE COUNTY TO GET \$26,069 FOR UNEMPLOYED UNDER TALBOT BILL

The Supreme court having declared the Talbot bill passed at the special session of the Legislature appropriating ten million dollars for the relief of the unemployed in the State, as constitutional, Centre county will receive as its allotment \$9,295.

The money is to be paid to the overseers of the poor to be used at their discretion. In Centre county there are 36 boards of overseers of the poor and if the above sum were to be divided equally among all the districts it would mean but \$280.20 a district, but the allotment will not be made in that way.

Under the provisions of the bill the allocation to districts will be made on the basis of the unemployed as reported at the time the act was passed. As a number of districts in the county did not report any unemployed at the time they will not share in the division of the fund, while those districts which did report unemployed will share in the fund on the basis of idle men at that time. Just how the money will be paid over has not been decided at this writing.

Since the above was put in type a new allocation of the fund has been made. Centre county is credited with 3822 unemployed and has been apportioned \$26,069 for the months of December, January and February. That's something worth while.

GOVERNOR PINCHOT SHOT UP THE WRONG TREE

On Monday Governor Pinchot wrote a lengthy letter to the board of trustees of the Huntingdon reformatory, of which Miss Mary Blanchard, of Bellefonte, is president, demanding an explanation as to why three convicts were released prematurely and illegally that he had been informed that from \$800 to \$1000 in cash had been expended in the transaction.

The three men were all from New Jersey, and, according to the Governor, had been convicted and sentenced to the reformatory for five years for beating into unconsciousness an employee of a gasoline station and robbing the station. They were sent to the reformatory some time in July, 1931, and were released on August 13th, 1931.

The Governor charged that William S. Vare, deputy Auditor General, William R. Douglass and several others were active in securing the release, and that Mrs. Edna McGreen, of Westfield, N. J., an alleged relative of Vare, was the intermediary and handled the money.

In his letter to the members of the board the Governor demanded an immediate and complete explanation; an attested copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the release was granted, names of the members of the board present at the meeting and a report as to the alleged payment of money to procure the release of the three men.

The Governor got an answer sooner than he expected and it didn't come from the board, but from Judge Thomas F. Bailey, of Huntingdon, who imposed the original sentence and who granted the parole. According to Judge Bailey the boys were all high school students, of Plainfield, N. J., and members of good families. Instead of robbing they had taken a car without the owner's permission and gone for a drive. When the facts were made clear to the Judge he granted the parole, and he denies there was any money used.

DATE FOR EXECUTION OF FRED COLLINS WILL LIKELY BE NAMED SOON

Fred Collins, the moronotic negro inmate of the psychopathic ward at Rockview penitentiary, who, on January 13th, assaulted and murdered Miss Elizabeth Hickok, will likely soon have his expressed desire to "sit in the hot chair" satisfied.

It will be recalled that Collins was convicted and sentenced to death inside of five hours on February 25th. The court records were forwarded to Harrisburg within ten days but the Governor asked for the testimony in the case. Acting on a court order two copies of the testimony were transcribed by court reporter Gilbert S. Burrows. The testimony was received by prothonotary S. Claude Herr on Tuesday and one copy was mailed to the Governor that day.

The fact that the Governor seemed anxious to get all the records in the case is taken as evidence that he will name the day for Collins' execution without much delay. So far as known no legal steps will be taken to delay the execution.

WILL THE NEW POSTOFFICE IN BELLEFONTE BE BUILT OR THROWN INTO DISCARD

Property Owners Anxious to Know When They'll Get Their Pay For Buildings.

The owners of the three properties on Allegheny street which have been tentatively selected as the site for the new postoffice building in Bellefonte are becoming exceedingly restless over the delay in Washington in taking over the properties and paying for same, and are quite anxious to know just what is being done, if anything.

So far as the Watchman has been able to learn nothing definite has been done up to this time. A dispatch from Washington, last Thursday, stated that owing to the necessity of retrenchment in expenditures during the ensuing year the public building program will have to be considerably curtailed. A list of preferential appropriations was then given which was followed with a list of twenty-two new postoffice buildings in Pennsylvania for which the Secretary of the Treasury made no preferential recommendation for an appropriation, and included in the latter list was the Bellefonte postoffice.

The following day (Friday) another dispatch from Washington announced that "The secretary of Representative J. Mitchell Chase, Congressman from the Twenty-third district, announced that he had been informed by the Treasury Department that bids for the new postoffice at Bellefonte probably would be advertised for late in June or early in July."

"Plans and specifications for the building, to cost not more than \$125,000, are now being drawn by the supervising architect's office," he added.

"The Treasury Department said," concluded the secretary, "that condemnation proceedings for the site now under way will not delay either the drawing of plans or advertisements for bids, since an amendment to the statute provides that the work may go ahead and the controversy about the site may be adjusted later."

Regarding the above it might be added that up to the present time no condemnation proceedings have been started in the courts of Centre county to obtain possession of the three properties, and attorneys representing the property owners have no official knowledge of anything having been definitely done so far.

In the meantime all the properties have been vacated and the owners are out the income they would have derived from the tenants, and thus they have just cause of becoming restless over the delay and uncertainty.

FOREST FIRE WARDENS HOLD TWO MEETINGS IN LINE OF CONSERVATION

Anticipating any forest fires which might occur in this section of the State later in the spring fire wardens held meetings at Milesburg and Snow Shoe, last Friday evening.

The meeting at Milesburg was held in Wetzler's band hall and over 125 people were in attendance. Instructional talks on the best extinction methods to be adopted in case of fire, and proper conservation of the woodlands were made by James E. Swartz, an overseer on the Tamaqua fire tower; assistant forester T. C. Williams, inspector Ira Hall, game protector Thomas A. Mosier, district forester Charles Hoagland, Hon. J. Laird Holmes and George H. Wirt, of Harrisburg, chief forest fire warden.

At Snow Shoe the meeting was held in the High school auditorium with over two hundred present.

The speakers there were State Senator Harry B. Scott, of Philipsburg; Lewis E. Staley, who succeeded Charles E. Dorworth as Secretary of Forests and Waters; game supervisor John E. Ross, of Lock Haven; H. A. Seeley, division engineer on the New York Central railroad; Prof. Stetler, principal of the Snow Shoe schools; D. R. Thomas, observer on the Snow Shoe tower; T. C. Williams and Ira Hall.

Considerable enthusiasm was manifested among those in attendance at both meetings and if the occasion arises there will likely be no trouble in enlisting a force of fire fighters in each of the districts respectively.

Six weeks or more ago an unknown hunter killed a deer in an open field, near Dale's Summit, cut out the hind quarters and left the rest of the carcass lie on the ground, where it was discovered shortly after by the resident on the farm. It is just possible the deer was killed by somebody who needed the meat for his family.

FORMER BELLEFONTE GIRL GRANTED A DIVORCE IN PHILADELPHIA

Last Friday's Philadelphia papers carried the announcement of a divorce having been granted, on Thursday, to Virginia Bell Hiller Norris from her husband, Septimus Edward Norris, of that city. Mrs. Norris is the youngest daughter of the late Dr. Hiran Hiller and Blanche Hayes Hiller, of Chester. Her mother, prior to her marriage, made her home with Mrs. William Wilson, of Bellefonte.

It was on December 6th, 1927, when Miss Hiller, then 18 years old, and Mr. Norris, 16, eloped to Media where they were married. The elopement was carried out because the bride's mother was planning to take her to Europe to break up the love tangle with Norris.

The couple have one child, a son, who had been named Richard Cooper Norris, after an uncle, but in April, 1931, the parents petitioned the court to have the name changed to S. Edward Norris Jr., after his father. As the records in the divorce proceedings were impounded grounds for the action were were lot disclosed.

Norris, it is alleged, has achieved more or less success as a movie actor at Hollywood, having doubled for Charles Rogers, in "Wings" and taken a part in the filming of "Beau Sabreur." Mrs. Norris and child are with her mother, at Chester.

BELLEFONTE'S NATURAL TROUT AQUARIUM GETS NEW SUPPLY OF FISH

Bellefonte's natural trout aquarium, Spring creek, opposite the Watchman office, got a new supply of fish on Monday. They were brought here direct from the ponds of the Mount Pleasant hatchery in accordance with the promise of the secretary of the fish commission, Oliver B. Deibler. There were some seventy-five or eighty of them, ranging in size from twelve to sixteen inches or longer.

The trout arrived in good shape and with due ceremony were dumped into the creek just below the falls. They evidently had not been fed for a day or two because they had not been in the water any length of time until they began to jump at flies and bugs which drifted down over the falls. Unfortunately the water was too cloudy to see the trout after they got away from the edge of the stream so there was no way of telling how they were received by the big trout already there.

STATE COLLEGE TO GET CARGO OF FREE FLOUR

Major Eugene H. Lederer, Burgess of State College, has been notified by the officials of the National Red Cross, at Washington, that his application for a car load of flour has been honored and the same will be shipped from Chicago in the near future.

The Red Cross chapter at the College will take care of those in need in the townships of Patton, Ferguson, Harris, Gregg, Potter, Penn, Haines and the boroughs of Centre Hall and Millheim. Burgess Lederer has communicated to the overseers of the poor in all the above districts and has been furnished lists of the families entitled to aid.

Dr. Thomas J. Orblson, of Los Angeles, California, who has been subpoenaed as expert alienist in the Fortescue-Massie trial in Honolulu, was born and raised in Bellefonte. Dr. Orblson is recognized as one of the foremost alienists in the world. He is a son of the late Mrs. Nancy J. Orblson and the family home here was the property on Spring street now occupied by the W. M. Bottorf family.

A log summer house and wood shed on the farm occupied by Lyman White, near the Zion cemetery, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening, with a loss of \$500. The Logan fire company went down and rendered material aid in saving the farm house and other buildings.

Both fire companies were called out about twelve o'clock, Saturday night, by a slight fire at the home of Mack Longwell, on east High street. The fire evidently originated from a defective flue and was confined to the kitchen. It was extinguished with chemicals.

At an adjourned session of borough council, Monday evening, it was definitely decided to advertise for bids for the repair of the Bellefonte reservoir, along the lines recommended by borough engineer H. B. Shatuck.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE

—The thirtieth well to come in in Tioga county is on the Charles Thomas operation of the East Penn Development company, in Farmington township. The flow is estimated at 22,000,000 feet.

—Thomas Sobloski, 46, a miner, of Saltsburg, tied several sticks of dynamite to his body, on Saturday, and blew himself to bits. Sobloski was employed in the Seart mine at Saltsburg. He was unmarried.

—William A. Vensel, 26, of Wilkinsburg, who charged his wife objected to his acting as a Sunday school superintendent, was granted a divorce in common pleas court in Pittsburgh on Friday from Mrs. Helen Bond Vensel.

—When the Mountain City Trust company, of Altoona, made a 4 per cent payment to depositors, Leonard P. Faisick, of Wehndorf, received a check for one cent, representing the amount due on a long forgotten deposit of four cents in the closed bank.

—Glover Fleck, 38, a driver for the American Express company, at Philipsburg, committed suicide shortly after 9 o'clock on Monday, shooting himself through the head with a .22 calibre rifle. Overburdening financial obligations were given as cause for this action.

—The winner of the 1932 Atlantic City beauty pageant—Mrs. Isabelle Nixon—prefers a one-third share of her husband, Frederick G. Nixon-Nirdlinger, late of Philadelphia, whom she shot to death, in lieu of the one-third income from the residue provided for her in the former theatre owner's will.

—With the price of haircuts at Monessen now down to 15 cents—tonic free—the barbers' price war has spread to other lines with the following quotations: Shoe shine, five cents; pool, two and a half cents a game; dry cleaning, 50 cents a suit—called for and delivered. Barbers are selling family tickets for tonsorial services.

—Fred D. Felt, a \$15-a-week doorman at a Norristown theatre, pleaded guilty in Federal court to charges of evading payment of \$51,960.81 in income taxes for 1925, 1928 and 1927. Felt, once a millionaire Philadelphia theatre owner, agreed to pay the government \$3,000 within two years in order to stay out of jail. The government accepted the offer.

—A proposed western journey of two run-away girls was nipped in the bud at Hagerstown, Md., on Tuesday, by detective William Peters, who apprehended Thelma Himes, 16 years old, and Minnie Murschel, 14, both of Lewistown, Pa. The young girls, who left their homes on Friday, said they were en route to the west. Police in Lewistown as well as the parents of the girls were notified.

—Burglars early on Sunday adopted a new method of robbing a chain store in West Grove, 15 miles from West Chester. After breaking into the store, they carried a heavy safe containing more than \$500 out to their machine. Unable to get it into the car, they tied it behind the machine and dragged it a mile outside of the town. The rifed safe, with papers scattered about, was found by church-goers.

—The number of messages transmitted by the police teletype system, under the supervision of the Pennsylvania State Police, reached a new high record during March, when a total of 5236 official police messages were handled. While the Lindbergh kidnapping had a considerable influence through this increase, police ascribe it largely to an increased interest on the part of local officers in all parts of the State.

—G. A. Fisher, a Roanoke, Va., steel worker, who was hurled 15 to 18 feet through the air when he inadvertently turned his back to a buffalo of the Miller Brothers 101 Ranch Circus, when it exhibited in Pittsburgh two years ago, was awarded \$2,600 damages by a jury at Pittsburgh on Friday. Although the circus now is in the hands of receivers it is claimed Fisher can collect the amount through a bond posted by the show when he filed suit.

—Miss Mary E. Wilson, 40, was sentenced to serve a year in a reformatory when she pleaded guilty in federal court in Pittsburgh, last week, of charges of misapplication of funds of the First National bank of Ebensburg. All the money Miss Wilson told Judge Nelson McVicar, was spent for living expenses of herself and family. She was indicted in Erie, specifically for the misapplication of \$7,817. She was employed by the bank as a bookkeeper and assistant teller.

—Disappearance of his 22-year-old wife, Eva, who left their home clad only in pajamas and a light coat, was reported to police, on Tuesday, by Carl Rath, 25, of Wilkinsburg. He said he believed she was kidnapped by burglars when she went to her kitchen to obtain food for her infant son. Rath said he was awakened by the child's cries. Lights were on in the first floor rooms and the front door was open. There was no trace of the wife and the only clothing missing were the pajamas and coat.

—Mrs. Mollie Nash, of DuBois, has gone to court to recover her false teeth for the sake of her digestion. Filing suit against Dr. Herman C. Rothman, a dentist, who she charged with the stealing of a gold bridge of three teeth which she left for repairs. Mrs. Nash pleaded for a speedy trial. "I'm suffering from nervous indigestion from lack of teeth and its getting worse every day," she told the assistant district attorney. "I just must get those teeth. I don't want to buy a new set, if I can get my teeth back." The prosecutor promised a speedy trial in an effort to help her recover the important adjuncts to her physical well-being. Rothman was indicted immediately and released in \$800 bail. The teeth had a value of \$77.

—Reuben Shook, aged 40 years, of Montoursville road, his son, Luther Shook, aged 20 years, of Nisbet, and John Maley, aged 34 years, of Barbour, all of Lycoming county, were sentenced in the Montour county court on Tuesday, from 10 to 20 years each in the eastern penitentiary for the hold-up of the Exchange National bank, in October of last year. They were also fined \$1,000 each and costs. Judge Charles Evans, of Montour county, who imposed sentence, told the trio he was sorry that the Ludlow law prevented him from giving them more than 20 years. Luther Shook's young bride, whom he married since the robbery, wept after the sentence was passed. None of the \$1,165 loot was recovered.