### SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality-Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects-Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

A cigar factory is to be started at Sassamansville.

Falling down a flight of steps, Mrs. Solomon Smith, of Pottstown, sustained painful injuries.

Reading's playgrounds will be opened with eighteen playground instructors in charge.

Montgomery County Grand Jury scored assessors and Magistrates for dereliction of duty.

Mrs. Alan Wood, Jr., widow of the Conshohocken ironmaster, has donated \$1,000 to Norristown Hospital.

As the result of a fall at his home in South Bethlehem, John Kukofski, aged six years, suffered a fracture of the right thigh.

On her birthday, Mrs. Emma Moyer, of Macungie, died suddenly while working about the house, having been stricken with paralysis.

Edwin Jenkins, of Nesquehoning, who had followed mining all his life, tired of it and left for Texas to become a cowboy and ranchman.

A Lehigh Valley train sped by a red board at the Mauch Chunk station and crashed into a milk truck, spilling 2,200 quarts of the lacteal fluid.

The directors of Newtown township schools have adopted a uniform salary of \$50 a month for their teachers.

One hundred members of the Reading Teachers' Association held their annual outing at Vinemont, Berks county.

Within six years the assessed valuation of real estate in West Pottsgrove, Montgomery county, has increased over \$100,000.

Plans have been completed for a handsome new four-tory building for Pottstown Lodge of Moose, and it will cost about \$45,000.

A minimum of eleven years at Cherry Hill will be served by Michael Kelbach, sentenced at Williamsport for second degree murder.

In Pike county, where buggy seats are six feet wide, a young fellow drove two miles before finding that his best girl had fallen out.

Children attending the Reading kindergartens held their festival in City Park, under the direction of Miss Emma H. Howe and Mrs. Carrie A.

The cows on the Montgomery County almshouse farm last month produced 9,320 quarts of milk, and the \$402.52 receipts at the institution were \$261.61 in excess of the expenses.

Colonel William J. Elliott, of Philadelphia, has been re-elected president of the Board of Trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown, and Oscar L. Schwartz elected steward.

A fine big doe deer was chased off the mountain at Clearfield by a hound, and entering the river near Moose Creek, swam across, coming out below the New York Central station. It crossed the railroad tracks and went over the hill. There was a large crowd of people at both the New York Central and Pennsylvania stations, many of whom thus got their first the Pennsylvania tracks the deer narrowly escaped being struck by a passenger train.

Although married 28 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. James McLane, of Oil City, have just returned from their "wedding trip," at least this is what the husband classifies it. They left Oil City two weeks ago to attend the Grand Lodge meeting of the Odd Fellows at Gettysburg, and went from there to Philadelphia and other points of interest in the eastern part of the State. When Mr. and Mrs. Mc-Lane were married in Oil City they started housekeeping at once in Forest county, and since have never found time to take an extended trip together until the present.

William M. Croll, of Reading, appointed naval officer of the Port of Philadelphia, is getting his bond of \$10,000 in shape and will go on duty within a week.

George C. Nye, of Scranton, has been advanced by the Lackawanna Trust and Safe Deposit Company from the position of head teller to assistant treasurer, a newly created place. Twelve years ago Mr. Nye entered the employ of this company, of which Frank Hummler is treasurer, in the capacity of bookkeeper.

# COL. J. J. ASTOR LEFT \$88,000,000

Largest Ever Appraised in this Country.

REAL ESTATE \$63,000,000.

Ante-nuptial Agreement For Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, Amounting To \$1,-738,000, Terminates and Goes To Vincent Astor.

New York .- The estate of Col. John Jacob Astor, who perished in the Titanic disaster, was officially appraised at close to \$88,000,000, of which Vincent Astor receives \$68,964,499; Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, \$7,678,896; Muriel Astor, \$4,856,758, and John Jacob Astor, son by his second marriage, \$2,922,672.

The estate is declared to be the largest ever appraised in this country. The cost of determining its value was made remarkably low owing to an understanding by which the Astor estate derstanding by which the Astor estate bore one-half the expenses and the State of New York the other half. This made it unnecessary for each side to employ experts, with a possibility of having to engage neutral appraisers in event of a disagreement.

the amounts that revert to the heirs, there are two features of special interest in the appraisal. One is the affidavit of the examiners that the property embraced in the ante-nuptial agreement for Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, amounting to about \$1,738,000, which was to have reverted to her at the time of her husband's death now ter- Was Fired From a Rifle By a Mis- General Pershing Says He Will Conminates and goes to Vincent Astor, for the reason that the youth's mother, although once Colonel Astor's wife, was never his widow. Mrs. Ava Willing Astor divorced her husband, whose legal widow is Mrs. Madeline Force Astor.

estate saved a large sum by paying low Annapolis, the Wright machine in which the American casualties were said that the law affects more than in height, squinty-eyed, baldheaded \$3,150,000 to the state last October, B-1, operated by Lieutenant A. A. Cun- six killed and 12 wounded. greatly exceeds any amount ever paid while at a height of about 500 yards. can advance. The attacking forces is declared.

The appraisers placed the real part of the machinery. estate value at about \$63,100,000 and Astor's Fifth avenue home and his fixed by the appraisers is about 20 per flying at all. cent, above the amount it was assessed by the city in 1912.

Including both real and personal property the estate is divided approximately as follows: Owned by J. J. Astor absolutely,

\$51,300,000. Life interest under trust funds

established by William Astor, \$33,240,-Ante-nuptial trust, Mrs. Ava Willing

Astor, \$1,758,000 (which reverts to Vincent Astor).

Two ante-nuptial trusts, Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, totalling \$1,450,000. Property in trust created by William Astor, life interest by J. J. Astor, and which passed to Vincent Astor, \$236,-

FIVE DEAD; MANY INJURED.

ously, as the result of a rear-end col- thrower was wounded by a splinter York, New Haven and Hartford Rail the hospital he declared that he wishroad, opposite the local passenger ed to commit suicide. depot, when the second section of the Springfield express, west bound, was just leaving the station. Accord- Combination Of Eleven Companies glimpse of a wild deer. When crossing | ing to an official statement given out by the railroad, the indications are tion ran by both the distant and home signals.

Suggestions Come From Prominent Woman Suffrage Leaders After

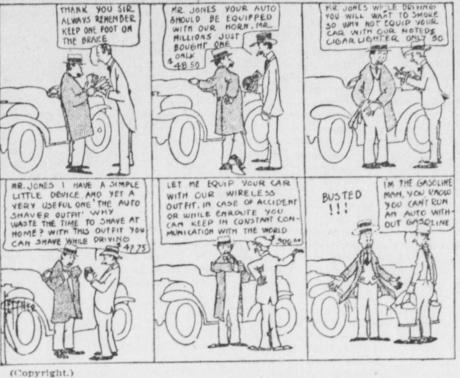
Victory. Chicago.-For Mayor of Chicago in 1915-Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, on the Progressive ticket. The chise to the women of Illinois.

MILLWORKERS IN RIOT.

sons Wounded By Bullets.

Ipswich, Mass.-One woman was shot and killed, seven other persons anything that floats can pass through sey, cashier in a grocery at Eighth were wounded by bullets, and many the Panama Canal between the At- and G streets Northeast, reported to Nicoletta Paudelopeulon, aged 27.

ESSENTIAL THING OVERLOOKED



### FIERGE BATTLE LET HITS A NAVAL AIRSHIP WITH THE MOROS

Aside from the announcement from Pierces Propeller at an Altitude Main Position of the Savage of 500 Feet.

WRIGHT MACHINE SAILS ON. SULTAN OF JOLO LED THEM.

creant, But Did Not Interrupt the Flight Of the Machine.

Annapolis, Md .- One of the officers attached to the staff of naval aviators rebellious Moros under the Sultan of The second feature concerns the in- here was actually under fire while Jolo at Bagsag were taken by the heritance tax of Colonel Astor. The operating his machine some miles be- American forces after a fierce battle, within six months of Colonel Astor's ningham, of the Marine Corps, with The casualties are regarded as few States. death, this payment earning a five per Mechanician Green as a passenger, be- in view of the stubborn resistance cent. rebate. The sum mentioned ing struck by a bullet from a rifle which the Moros made to the Amerito any state as an inheritance tax, it The propeller of the machine was had been made up unusually strong as

the value of the personal property of the occupants of the machine and scouts, two companies of constabulary close on to \$25,000,000. The real they distinctly heard it when it pene with a battery of four mountain guns estate is located on Broadway, upper trated the propeller and struck the and a machine gun platoon Fifth avenue, Harlem, the Broax, the machinery. They did not, however, The main position of the Moros was East and West Sides and in Rhine hear the discharge of the rifle on ac completely taken. Although there re-

home estate, Ferncliffe in Rhinebeck, were about a mile and a half above in a position to shell it easily. part of the old Astor House estate Galesville, which was their destina- Brigadier General John J. Pershing, and of the Waldorf-Astoria, the St. tion. The machine, with three others, commander of the Department of Min-Regis and Knickerbocker Hotels and proceeded on the way and did not danao, who led the forces, declares he other hotel and office building prop- touch water until the return to An- will continue operations in Jolo until erties. The value of much of it as napolis. The injury did not affect the all the tribemen's guns have been

There was indignation over the af- ful. fair and every effort will be made to catch the offender. There seems to be no doubt that a deliberate attempt was made to hit one of the aviators Attacked In His Motor Car In Conor to ruin the machine. It is believed that the act was that of a miscreant and not by anyone having any definite ill-will against the aviators.

The trip, about 35 miles, was made by the four machines in 36 minutes.

ONE KILLED: MANY HURT.

Bombthrower Wounded By Splinter From His Bomb.

lyric poet, Luis de Camoens. The of union and progress (Young Turks). the court quoted from the report of A Fatal Rear-End Crash At Stamford, bamb throwing occurred while the parade was passing through the Rua do Carmo, the principal business dead and many injured, some seri- street of the capital. The bomb Wife and Mother Confesses To Ter- knowledge of current events, by means the garment workers' and other lision on the main line of the New from his own missile. When taken to

LAKE STEAMER MERGER.

With \$16,000,000 Capital.

and the St. Lawrence River were sion two days in an attempt to place President Will See Big Ditch At the merged here into the Richelieu and the responsibility for the murder. Ontario Navigation Company, with MISS JANE ADDAMS FOR MAYOR. \$16,000,000 capital, three-fourths of which is preferred stock.

25 MEN KILLED.

And More Than Hundred French Wounded In Battle With Moors.

ceived here.

READY JANUARY 1, 1918.

Through Panama Canal.

New York .- "By January 1, 1915, into it," continued the chief engineer. men entered.

Filipinos Taken.

tinue Operations Until Peace Is Wholly Restored On Island Of Jolo.

Manila.-The entrenchments of the

pierced and a glancing blow struck a a precaution, there being, in addition to the company of regular infantry, a The bullet passed within a few feet troop of cavalry, seven companies of

beck, N. Y., and includes Colonel count of the noise mad by the engine, mains one point still occupied in the The incident occurred when they mountain, the mountain guns will be

taken and the island is wholly peace-

VIZIER OF TURKEY SHOT.

stantinople. was assassinated by two men armed privileges accorded by the secondwith revolvers who attacked him class classification. while he was proceeding in his motor | The court declared further that the car to the Sublime Porte. Ibraham requirement that newspapers should Bey, the aide de camp of Mahmoud disclose their true owners was in line Schefket Pasha, was also killed by with the "great public purpose which the assassins. It is understood that induced Congress to continue in favor the men who committed the crime are of the publishers of newspapers, at Lisbon, Portugal.—One person was civilians. It is believed in govern vast public expense, the low postal Killed and a number of others wound- ment circles here that the assassina- rate as well as other privileges aced by a bomb thrown at a procession tion of the Grand Vizier was the out- corded by the second-class mail in honor of Portugal's great epic and come of a plot against the committee classification." To emphasize this,

GUILTY OF DOUBLE MURDER.

rible Crime.

Harrisonville, Mo. - Mrs. Arthur to be the real and substantial own-Kellar confessed that it was she who ers of the publications, and to enable killed her husband, a railroad laborer, the public to know whether matter and their daughter, Margaret, seven which was published was what it puryears old, last Tuesday. Kellar and ported to be, or was, in substance, a the girl were slain with an ax as they 'paid advertisement.'" lay in their beds. The confession, which was signed by Mrs. Kellar Montreal.-Eleven steamship com- brought to a quick termination the that the engineer of the second sec- panies operating on the Great Lakes coroner's inquest that had been in ses-

STUDYING BATTLEFIELD.

Army Officers and Troopers Encamped At Gettysburg.

where they compose this year's class. | ways construction.

ROBBERS GAG AND BIND WOMAN.

Woman Killed and Seven Other Per- Then Anything That Floats Can Pass Daylight Thieves Then Take \$70 From Grocery Till.

Washington.-Mrs. Laura A. Hal-

# PUBLICITY LAW UPHELD BY COURT

Declares It To Be a Postal Regulation.

OPINION OF CHIEF JUSTICE.

The Objectionable Features Said To Involve No Restriction Of Rights Of the Press.

Washington.-As interpreted by it, the Supreme Court upheld the corstitutionality of the Newspaper Publicity Law enacted as a part of the postal appropriation act of 1912.

The particular section attacked was to bar every newspaper and periodical from the mails unless the editors or owners filed with the postal authorities semi-annual sworn statements giving the names of the editors, officers, stockholders and bondholders and the average daily circulation and thereafter immediately publish the statement. It also forbade, under penalty of a fine, the publication of paid-for articles without marking them "advertisement."

law. The Journal of Commerce and It sought to have the United States District Court for Southern New from enforcing the act on the ground the second-class mail privileges.

25,000 publications in the United and bow-legged."

Chief Justice's Opinion.

Chief Justice White interpreted the objectionable regulation as being not | Harry K. Thaw will be held in the a restriction of the freedom of the press, but merely as affixing additional conditions for admission of petition granted by the Federal Court, newspapers to the special privilege of asking that the estate be reopened, the second-class mails.

In the course of his opinion he said: to supplement the existing legislation | ruptcy law. relative to second-class mail matter, or was it enacted as an exertion of Girl Takes Gas to Die. legislative power to regulate the press, to curtail its freedom, and the Eastland Land Terrace, East Glenunder the assumption that there was olden, after writing a note in which a right to compel obedience to the command of legislation having that | ing a young man of her home town for object in view to deprive one who re- her action, placed a gas tube in her fused to obey of all right to use the

mail service? its solution is free from difficulty, since by its terms the provision only regulates second-class mail and the exclusion from the mails for which it provides is not an exclusion from the Constantinople.-The Turkish Grand mails generally, but only from the Vizier, Mahmoud Scherfket Pasha, right to participate in and enjoy the

> the Senate committee stating that the intent of the legislation was "to secure to the public in the dissemination of the apparent, but of what might prove

> > TO VISIT PANAMA.

Close Of Session Of Congress.

Washington.-President Wilson told Chief Engineer Goethals of the Panama Canal that he would certainly visit the big ditch at the close of Congress, and gave an indication of when Gettysburg, Pa.-Twenty-five com- he expects the session to end by missioned army officers, under com- adding that this would probably be in mand of General Liggett, arrived here September or October. Goethals said Algiers.-The French lost 25 killed, for a technical study of the Gettys- if it were necessary he would hold suggestion came from the lips of a including two officers, and 109 wound- bury battlefield. They are accom- back the letting of water into the score of prominent woman suffrage ed, in the recent fighting with the panied by an escort of troopers and canal for a couple of weeks so that leaders in Chicago, rejoicing over the Moore in the region around Tadia, are completing a tour of study pre- the President might be on hand to witpassage of the bill that gave the fran- Moro, according to a report just re- scribed by the Army War College, ness this final chapter in the water-

THEIR SALARIES RAISED.

More Money For Executive Officers Of Firemen and Enginemen.

Washington.—Salary increases were voted to all the executive officers at the session of the Brotherhood of others, including several policemen, lantic and Pacific Oceans," declared the police that she was driven to the Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. were hurt by flying missiles in a strike Col. George W. Goethals, chief engi- cellar by two unknown men and gag. The new schedule was not made pubriot outside the Ipswich Hosiery Mills. neer of the Canal Zone, who arrived ged and bound with a clothesline to a lic. A spirited contest is expected to Fifteen persons, including leaders of here on the steamer Pastores, from post. The men then robbed the store, develop over the selection of permanthe Industrial Workers of the World, Colon. "I shall send a vessel through taking about \$70 in cash. Mrs. Hallent headquarters for the Brotherhood. were arrested. The dead woman was the canal just as soon as we let water sey was alone in the store when the St. Louis today entered the race for the next convention.

## WRITES HIS OWN WEDDING NOTICE

Correspondent of Newspapers For Forty Years

FROM HAYSEED VIEWPOINT

If Plump Bride Has to Chop Wood, He Says She Can Return to Her City Home, Says Author of Lies.

Franklin.-Describing himself as an "old hayseed," and "a writer of lies about his neighbors," Oliver C. Sigworth, one of Venango county's best known farmers and a country correspondent for forty years, wrote his own wedding notice, and sent it to the newspapers. It was his second marriage, and his bride is Mrs. Emma J. Ludemig, who got her decree in divorce an hour before she applied for the marriage license. Mr. Sigworth writes about the principals of the wedding as follows:-

"The bride is as fine as silk, and is a good cook, though as to this the groom reserves the right to amend his petition later. She is fat, fair and 40, and weighs 170, dressed. I am not aware that she has ever figured much in social events and she is not a member of the 400. Nor do the records A bitter fight was made against the show that she was ever arrested. She has a nice home in Oil City and her Commercial Bulletin of New York led. friends think she is foolish for going out to a farm, where she will probably have to chop wood. Wisely, however, York enjoin the postmaster general she leaves her home furnished, and if chopping wood and feeding the calves that it was unconstitutional. The ob- become too strenuous she can return jection then raised was that the law to her home. The bridegroom is a abridged the freedom of the press by charter member of the Correspondseeking to regulate the newspaper ence Club, and did not go outside the business. The government defended club for a wife until all old maids in the law as a regulation of the use of the club had turned him down. He has written the biggest snake and na-The New York court sustained the ture fake stories published in the validity of the law in this case, as it State, and is the author of more lies did in that brought by the Lewis Pub- about his neighbors that any other lishing Company of New York. It is man in the country. He is sawed-off

Scale Another Thaw Claim.

Pittsburgh.-A meeting of creditors of the former bankrupt estate of office of the referee in bankruptcy in this city, to elect a trustee, under a and alleging that \$21,000, the claims of Attorney Clifford Hartridge, bad Was the provision intended simply | not been adjudicated under the bank-

Chester.-Miss Rhoda Dormas, at she declared she wanted to die, blammouth and turned on the jet. She was found in an unconscious condition and "When the question is thus defined sent to the Woman's Hospital, Phila-

delphia, where she may recover.

Elopes With a Boy. Doylestown .- Virtually on the eve of her marriage to a young man from Youngstown, Ohio, Miss Mary Farego, an eighteen-year-old Bristol girl, experienced a change of heart and eloped with a lad nearer home, Joseph Jence, a seventeen-year-old Bristol boy. A search has been instituted by the parents of both youngsters and the prospective bridegroom has been

Girl Strike Breakers Egged. Hazleton. - Rotten eggs were thrown by strikers at Hazleton girls who were being taken in an automobile truck to their places in the Gerhardt shirt factory here. Autos are being used now to prevent interference with the operatives by pickets of

Slays Thieving Hawk.

Bethlehem .- While Joseph Freiling, a farmer of Williams township, was doing chores around the house he saw a big chicken hawk swoop down, seize a fancy bred chicken in its talons and soar away. He shot the hawk, and the chicken escaped injury.

Motor Club Wants Read Repaired.

Altoona.-Because work on the State road between Altoona and Buckhorn has been abandoned, owing to difficulties between the contractor and the State Highway Department, leaving the highway almost impassable, the Altoona Motor Club addressed a protest to Commissioner Bigelow.

Elkins' \$50,000 for Hospital. Abington.-Captain Robert Sewell, of Rydal, treasurer of the Abington General Hospital, announces that George W. Elkins, of Chelten House,

Elkins Park, has contributed \$50,000. Elopes to Wed Stepbrother.

Pittsburgh. - Telling her parents that she was going to the commencement exercises at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Miss Helene Myers, stepdaughter of Congressman A. J. Barchfeld, left Washington and went to Philadelphia, where she met her stepbrother, Attorney Elmer A. Barchfeld, a son of Congressman Barchfeld, and then both went to the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, where they were married. A telegram was received at the home of the bride's brother, Gilbert B. Myers, telling of the elopement.